

# Lake Quilters News

## May 2025

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Happy May!

My hope is that as many of you as possible were able to participate in our first ever Lake Quilters Guild Virtual Event, the Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platter. It will be interesting to hear about your experience and your favorites. There is another program that is usually scheduled in the Fall, so we are looking into participating in that one, as well. I want to thank those of you who took the time to write me a quick note and share your thoughts. We will certainly be discussing this at the next guild meeting on May 20 th (1-3pm) at the Water Authority.

The Programs Committee, in their planning for 2026, are looking at the possibilities of hiring a couple of the presenting instructors from the Sampler to teach for our guild. Be sure and share your opinion on your favs with Flo. It is a great time of year to be a quilter in Virginia. With all of the shows and exhibitions in the next few months there should be some great inspiration and shopping on your horizon. The new Road to Virginia show in Richmond will feature a few familiar vendors such as Fork Mountain Quilt Shop (Rocky Mount) and Threads Run Thru It! (Brookneal). If you get to the show, be sure and stop by their booths and say a big LQG "hello."

Thank you for being the wonderful group of quilters that you are. I want you to know that you make this job pretty easy by just being so supportive. Thank you!

Back to the sewing room,  
Arlene

**May Meeting is on  
May 20, 2025 from 1p-3p at  
Water Authority**

#### OFFICERS 2025

**President:** Arlene Blackburn

**President Elect:** Judy Edgeworth

**Membership Chair:** Bev Seaver

**Membership Elect:** Cindy Regan

**Program Chair:** Flo Hayes

**Secretary:** Lyn Coleman

**Treasurer:** Veronica Church

**Publicity:** Marsha Melkonian

**WebMaster:** Janet Webster

**Editor –** Ginger Brothers and Jan Emerick  
Brothers

**If you have a question about a program,  
or a submission to the Newsletter please  
email [vbrother88@gmail.com](mailto:vbrother88@gmail.com) before the  
10th of each month.**



#### Sunshine Updates:

Keep your fellow members in mind  
for any reason to request a guild  
card contact Ruthe at  
[rploskunyak@outlook.com](mailto:rploskunyak@outlook.com).

**Welcome to our newest members, Kathy Hippeli, Stephanie Woods and Wendy Short!! If  
anyone is interested in joining the Guild please fill out the [2025 Membership Form](#).**



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## Calendar and Programs

### May 20th, 2025

General Meeting held from 1p - 3p at the SML Water Authority. Speaker for meeting is Catherine Vance from Bedford County Nursing Home.

**Please remember, there is to be no "propping" of the door. Work in teams to bring your items in.**

### May Program - Wallet Making

**Time:** 9:30a-12p

**Instructor:** Joy Shannahan.



### 2025 RETREAT

***The Annual Retreat has only 5 spots left! All Day Spots have been filled!***

Our annual Retreat will be held at the 4H Center here at the Lake Wednesday, October 22 through Sunday, October 26. New this year, we will offer day passes for those who wish to sleep in their own beds and bring their own food! We will offer 3 and 4 night options for those who wish to stay overnight with 2 meals each day.

**Bee Artful Quilters** have a temporary change to the June meeting. They will meet **Thursday June 12th (second Thursday) at the Moneta Library at 12:30-4:00.** The plan is to fold fabric in preparation for shibori indigo dyeing. Call Lyn Coleman if more information is needed.

### June 17th, 2025

General Meeting held from 1p - 3p at the SML Water Authority.

Andrea Whitney will be presenting to the Guild on the topic of "Caring for Historical Quilts". Andrea was fortunate to take a class on this at the Smithsonian Institute. Please join us for this fascinating program.

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### July 15th, 2025 - Fellowship Day

Judy Edgeworth will offer a Rope Basket Making class at this fun day. Sign up sheets will be at May meeting. A day of fun and fellowship with your quilting friends.

**Bee Update**

## LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 6th, 2025

May 2025 LQG Board Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2025 1:00 pm

### Attendees

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Arlene called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

### President's Report (Arlene)

- 1) Arlene received several positive comments about the Global Connections virtual learning sessions held this past Saturday and Sunday. She is compiling information from members to determine who we might consider for upcoming virtual learning classes for our own Guild.
- 2) Arlene led a discussion confirming planning details for the upcoming May 10 SMAC event. Jan, Cindy and Joy are in the lead for set up, and Cindy reported that we have volunteers signed up for every 2 hours. We discussed the idea of selling leftover boutique items to our own membership at meetings and decided it best to hold the items for public events where the revenue can be used to meet the Guild's "external" income IRS requirements.

### Secretary's Report (Bev for Lyn)

Bev circulated the draft of the Board / Committee Chair listing for review and final edits. The approved document will be sent out to all Board and Committee Chairs.

### Treasurer's Report (Veronica)

- 1) We discussed this year's budget with recast membership numbers (slightly lower than plan). Original budget stands.
- 2) Veronica distributed last month's financial statement; balance is currently \$19,691.40.

### Charity (Mary and Ann)

- 1) Veronica confirmed that she has everything she needs to close out the 2024 Charity report.
- 2) Quilt labels will be ordered as soon as Veronica has a fully functioning debit card.
- 3) Veronica reports that the Rocky Mount Police Department has requested stuffed owls and pillow cases for situations where they need to take children from their homes. She will send the owl pattern to Ann.
- 4) Ann reported that two cutting party dates have been put on the calendar at the Moneta Library: June 16 and July 23, 1 - 4 pm. Details will be in the upcoming Newsletter.

### Membership (Bev)

We currently have 76 members (69 regular, 7 at large).

Beekeeper / President Elect (Judy): nothing to update

### Community Outreach (Jan)

- 1) Jan reported that the small quilt show signs we used outside of the Moneta Library have gone missing. Next year's quilt show group needs to replace them if needed.
- 2) Jan is requesting help for upcoming CORE events as she is pretty much running things solo. Judy has volunteered to assist but other members are also welcome.
- 3) Next CORE event is September 27 th at the Westlake Library where the 9-Patch block will be taught.

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### Programs (Flo)

- 1) The August program needs to be changed due to health reasons for the speaker. Flo has reached out to an alternate and is waiting for confirmation.
- 2) The 2026 Programs calendar is being planned
- 3) At the upcoming May meeting, Judy will have a signup sheet and supplies list for her July Rope Bowls class.
- 4) Melissa and Todd from Fork Mountain Quilting will be doing a workshop and program, respectively, in October. We will contract with them shortly.

2026 Quilt Show, Ways & Means, Web, Publicity – no updates

### Retreat (Veronica)

We have 5 overnight spots left and 0 day spots; we will consider opening up the event to neighboring guilds in July.

### Newsletter (Jan)

We agreed with Jan's recommendation to replace the existing calendar (which is cumbersome and time consuming to produce) with a list of dates. We will replace the Bee dates with the blurb that has historically been in newsletters which indicate which Bees are open, location, standing dates and lead person's name and contact information. We will also post this at the sign-in table at meetings in case anyone is interested in getting involved. (This was a motion made by Veronica, seconded by Judy and unanimously voted in).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm..

Minutes taken by Beverly Seaver in Lyn Coleman's absence

May 6, 2025

No, my sewing room is not messy.



I just have everything out on display.  
Like a museum.



# Upcoming Events and Call to Action

## Community Outreach

- CORE= Community Out Reach Events! This is different from charity where we give items. Community out-reach is trying to reach out to people who are interested in joining our quilting community. All of these events are open to the general public, invite friends, family and neighbors to join in! If you have friends who are interested in quilting, invite them out for a friend hangout!

Many thanks to those guild members who showed up to help with the library show take down! Huge thanks to Bev Seaver and Laura Cox who went the extra miles to get quilts back to their creators!

Thanks also to those who participated in the community sew in! This event allows for a few folks to get concentrated efforts on their projects. If you have thoughts on how to do this in 2026, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers!

### CORE FACTOIDS

- Events and venues are planned 6-9 months in advance to reserve spaces
- Events take place on weeknights or weekends to encourage those folks who work to participate in guild events, and meet guild members
- CORE events have been solely planned and largely executed by Jan EB for almost 3 years. Help would be most appreciated in this effort!

SAVE the DATES! On August 23 and September 6<sup>th</sup> (both are Saturdays). Ginger Brothers. will be instructing how to make a Lone Star Top from Jelly rolls. The cool thing is that if you participate in both dates and do your homework, you will have a top DONE on 9/6! For more information about this event and what will be required, please contact Ginger Brothers.

1 to 2 guild members are needed to support a CORE event on Saturday, September 27, 2025, 9am to 1pm at the WESTLAKE library. WE will be instructing the public (who sign up through the library) in learning how to make a 9-patch block. Please email Jan EB if you can help!

### Connections Challenge:

Share to the editor something you would like to know more about in the quilting world. The sky's the limit!

**Bonus Challenge:** Write and submit a tip or trick you have learned about quilting to help other members with their projects.





# Charity and Fundraising

## Charity Report

All the guild members should be proud of our charity efforts. We can provide lots of details but thought you'd all like a summary. In the first quarter we have made and delivered 58 items. These include quilts and pet beds. We are positively impacting our communities.

As Ann reviewed at the last guild meeting, our 501c status requires some paperwork. We are continuing to work on making this process as simple as possible. Suggestions are welcome. The photo to the right shows the steps we need to follow. At the end Cheryl Nylund keeps a record of what has been delivered!

At May's guild meeting we will be presenting 20 fidget quilts and 20 walker bags to Catherine Vance from the Bedford Nursing Home. Thank you all for contributing these. We've noticed that some members enjoyed making more than one. Feel free to continue making as we get requests throughout the year.

With all the good work that we are doing we need to replenish the kits for quilts.

To accomplish this we are scheduling several cutting parties at Moneta Library. Dates for LQG Charity work sessions are Mon June 16th 1-4pm & Wed July 23rd 1-4pm at Moneta library.

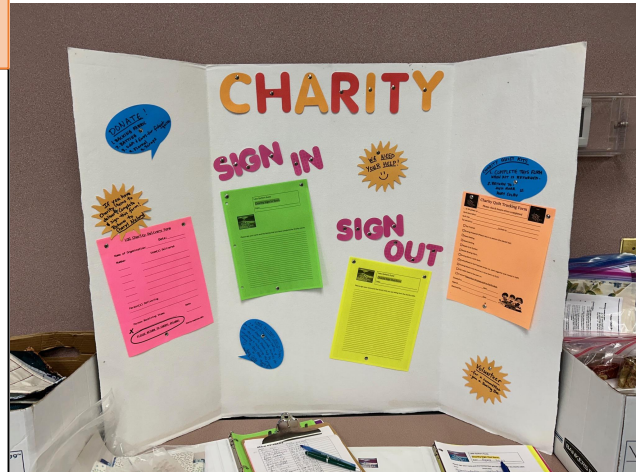
This activity is for anyone who enjoys cutting fabric and/or planning quilts.

If you are looking for something to do on the hot days of summer don't forget we need NICU hearts, queen sized quilts, Christmas ornaments and stockings.

Fork Mountain Quilting provided a huge stash of fabric that will be the foundation for our cutting party. Thank them personally when you visit.

Additional thanks, Charity received large donations from Sue Whitney, Alie Hersh (Peg Gorman's sister), Madeline Demchak, & Kay Abbott (Ann Hoar's friend).  
POSITIVE GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE!

Mary Colby and Ann Hoar  
Charity Co-chairs



## Survey Says . . .

Our members report that they De-lint or clean their machines:

9 do this after each project, 3 do this weekly, 5 do this monthly!

Survey SEZ will be on Hiatus until July. Please consider submitting your favorite "hack," trick or quilting method to the newsletter during this hiatus. By sharing your thoughts, it may help another guild member!

## Ways and Means

Thanks to a huge estate sale donation Ways and Means has hundreds of new fabrics! Sized from Fat 1/4s to 3 yard and larger pieces you won't want to miss the May sale. We will also feature a "Boutique Table" with hand picked fabrics, patterns and books to inspire your projects for the Boutique sale at the 2026 quilt show. We will set up by 11:30 so come early for the best selection. Also, we regret that Ways and Means can no longer accept donations of sewing machines. See you on the 20th!! June and Cathy

## Connecting Threads - Hidden Worlds of Quilting

Once upon a time, humanity began stitching hides together to shield themselves from the elements. In my anthropology classes, this along with the setting of bones marked a change in the culture of humanity. As this culture developed it has gone deeper than the fabric, it's in our language and even hidden in plain site. According to quilting lore and Dr. John Oldani, the classic limerick "ennie, meenie, miney, moe" was initially used as a way to teach others how to build squares. Each of the variations of this folk limerick reflects the area that it is based in. My personal favorite is,

"Ennie, meenie, miney, judge  
Catch a quilt with a yellow smudge  
If the stain is big and messy  
Use the quilt to warm ol'Bessie"

Isn't fun to think about how we are connected to the stitchers before us and the ones yet to come through our words, fabric choices, and quilts?

When I took over this newsletter, I hoped this would be a space for use to share our ideas and thoughts. I get it, writing a blurb or presenting in front of others is scary, but this community does not exist without our members. I have no problem researching ideas and being creative, but playing to crickets is just as terrifying as speaking up. Please email me ([ybrother88@gmail.com](mailto:ybrother88@gmail.com)) topics (quilting history, pattern lore, fabric choice, color play, etc) you would like to know more about.

### Quilter's Superstitions, Hexes, and Customs

- As you are "frogging" (ripping) say one person's name as a mantra. This serves as a hex on the person you name and therapy for you, the quilter.
- If you drop your quilting needle and it sticks straight up on the floor, company is coming.
- If you make a quilt for your child with "wandering" or "tracks" in the pattern name, they will travel away from home.
- It is customary for the quilter to sleep under a quilt they made for the first night to ensure good luck to the new owners.
- Use a small piece of yellow in all your quilts. The yellow symbolizes the sun and will give the owner good luck.
- It was customary that all brides should have 13 quilts in their hope chests, the 13th was intended for her to use with her husband.
- Every quilt should have a piece of silk in it. Silk is considered to be the luckiest fabric.



### Challenge - Anything with a Panel

**Don't forget, panel challenges are due for the December Social and Meeting. Don't miss out on this opportunity to show your work. All projects must be finished to be voted on for Guild favorite!**