

Lake Quilters News

November 2025

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

October has been a great month! As a guild, our members have been very busy participating in the 2026 Retreat, Bees, and working on new projects. Personally, I have been making baby quilts for the coming "grand-twins," a quilt for a dear friend that needed a "warm hug," eco-dyeing with some friends, and cleaning up my studio. The completion of the last-mentioned task remains somewhat incomplete. Something left for another month, I suppose. As most of you know, in addition to our "Quilts of Honor" sewing days, November is the traditional business meeting for the guild, where we all take stock of what we accomplished and how we are setting up for success in the new year. There is a great deal of exciting news coming from Laura Cox and her committees about the 2026 LQG Quilt Show, CORE opportunities from Jan Brothers, and some fantastic 2026 learning opportunities from our Programs Chairperson, Flo Hayes. You won't want to miss this November meeting! Back to the sewing room (it's a mess!),

~Arlene

November General Meeting is on November 18, 2025 from 1p-3p at Water Authority

OFFICERS 2025

President: Arlene Blackburn

President Elect: Judy Edgeworth

Membership: Bev Seaver

Membership Elect: Cindy Regan

Programs: 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 vbros88@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.

Membership Update: Now is the time to begin thinking about renewing your Guild membership for next year! The updated form is included later in this newsletter and can also be found on our Website. *We will begin accepting your dues as early as the November meeting but keep in mind that we will not deposit the funds until January 1.* Welcome New Members Lee Minnix and Joann Lindholm!!



Newsletter Quick Links

- [Calendars and Programs](#)
- [Board Minutes](#) and Free Patterns!
- [Call to Action](#) - Community Outreach
- [Charity and Fundraising](#)

Calendar and Programs



- **November 17, 2025 9:30a - 3:30p**
Quilts of Honor at the Bedford Regional Water Authority - Day 1
- **November 18, 2025 9:30a - 12p**
Quilts of Honor at the Bedford Regional Water Authority - Day 2
- *General Meeting will begin at 1p on November 18, 2025*
- *Like the pattern pictured? Check out the [free pattern link!](#)*



Need some inspiration for your Quilt of Honor? Check out this video!

Holiday Party and Challenge Vote - December 16, 2025 1p - 3p

Come celebrate the season with all your Guild friends on **Tuesday, December 16th at 11:30 a.m.** Please RSVP by **December 9th** and sign up sheets for the dish you plan to bring (appetizer, main, side or dessert) will be out again at the November meeting - the 17th and 18th. If you are unable to make it and haven't signed up yet, please contact Peg Gorman at peg.gorman13@gmail.com or text Linda Pote @ 201-396-6198.

Remember ***all challenges must be finished in order to be shown and compete in the popular vote contest. Please have your quilts checked in by 11:15am*** to allow us time for setup and voting.

Like the panel? Check out the link [here!](#)



LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 4th, 2025

Arlene Blackburn - President
 Lyn Coleman – Secretary
 Veronica Church - Treasurer
 Joy Shannahan – Advisor/Past President
 Laura Cox – Quilt Show
 Judy Edgeworth – President
 Elect/Beekeeper

- Mary Colby - Charity
- Janet Webster – Web
- Flo Hayes – Program
- Cindy Regan - Membership
- Jan Emerick Brothers – CORE and newsletter with Ginger Brothers
- Beverly Seaver - Membership

- Arlene opened the meeting with our decision that there will be no December Board Meeting and with reminder that the November Guild meeting on November 18, 2025 will be our annual business meeting, voting on the proposed slate of officers, with only the Hospitality Chair position still open. Also, Committee Meeting Reports are due to Arlene for the current year ending 2025.
- Laura led a discussion of the 2026 Quilt Show plans. There was a reminder that our general guidelines require that all expenditures need Board approval. The first discussion centered around a proposed budget, primarily for the printing expenses needed for raffle quilt tickets and signage for that purpose as soon as possible. All printed materials are required to include the 501c(3) information. Laura made a motion to proceed with the quote for Savvy Promos, Veronica seconded, vote passed unanimously. We will try to consolidate all printing with that one vendor, except the programs. The subject of show programs was widely discussed with many opinions regarding the need, the cost, the quantity, and the Quilt Show Committee will make and present a proposal going forward. After discussion regarding the quantity of tickets to advance to each guild member, Arlene made a motion to have the packet of tickets distributed to include 30 tickets in each envelope, which math allows the 6/\$5.00 or individual tickets for \$1.00. Flo seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Laura will get a quote for printed envelopes to hand out tickets. Cash will be handed in to the raffle quilt committee as members sell all their tickets. Signage was also discussed, and again the quilt show committee will need to consider using our existing signage as well as new signs for the location needs for Rocky Mount. We also need contact information for individuals at the Franklin County HS since the show will be held during the two weeks the building is generally closed to students and employees.
- Laura will request sign-ups at the November guild meeting for the November Lakeside Local Market and SMAC opportunities to begin to sell tickets. Jan EB proposed selling tickets at the Moneta Library craft sale in November.
- Arlene provided a copy of the contract for quilt judge Scott A. Murkin at a rate of \$550 for the whole day, plus reimbursement for meals and travel. The show committee will create the judging form, with examples provided by Arlene.
- Joy suggested using mini fabric quilts as signage for “do not touch, etc.” Another suggestion was to have the raffle baskets displayed with ticket sales for them and the quilt at the Farmer’s Market the weekend before the show. And discussion centered around signage on quilts for sale, consignment fees, and using Square for Master Card and VISA only (no American Express or Discover due to high fees).
- Veronica showed LQG funds available of \$19,264.61 and the bank balance 9/30/25 is \$26,719.21, and reviewed both the 2025 budget/actual, the proposed budget for the first half 2026, as well as the 2026 Quilt Show budget.
- The charity quilt label stamp is on its way in the next 2 weeks.
- Flo reviewed the in-depth programs schedule for 2026 with proposed locations. There was discussion that Jan
- EB will find out the future cost of Saunders Firehouse and schedule availability, and Laura will nail down
- Resurrection availability for the completed Program schedule for both the Mondays needed as well as Tuesdays.
- Melissa (Fork Mountain) is donating back the \$100 for her workshop but is owed \$45 for patterns provided. At the November guild business meeting the committee chairs will be asked to provide brief overviews from their committees. Two patriotic quilts will be selected then for presentation in February to two selected individuals.

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- Lyn will create specific individual labels for those quilts and will provide cupcakes for that presentation. Flo will email information copies of the program schedule to board members who are not on the Programs committee.
- Bev handed out the new membership form.
- Jan EB will review information at the November meeting for the Moneta Library Craft show items table (drop-off Friday 11/21 at 4:00 with set-up after) and review the volunteer schedule for that Saturday.
- Jan Brockman will chair the 2026 Challenge, still looking for Hospitality Chair, and the suggestion was made that we ask members to volunteer and sign up in teams of two to be greeters and schedule for one meeting for each team to greet and look after new members at that meeting.
- Arlene closed the meeting by thanking the Board for making the meetings easy and enjoyable during her tenure.
- Meeting ended at 2:59.



Free Block Pattern



For the math, cutting directions, and several other block ideas please visit the [Block of the Month Patriotic webpage](#).

Quilters Humor



Have a safe and happy holiday season folks!

Upcoming Events and Call to Action

General Announcement

- Please plan to pick up your Quilt raffle tickets at the November meeting. These are raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt that will be raffled at our show in July 2026. Each guild member is expected to sell a few raffle tickets. Hint: raffle tickets make great presents for your friends during this holiday season!

CORE 2025

Community events are completed for 2025. Plans are currently being made for 2026! If you have any ideas from your "wannabe" quilter friends, please let Jan Emerick-Brothers know as soon as possible at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com. Thanks to those folks who have helped out during the 2025 events. Thanks also to those who signed up for the Library (SML/Moneta) Holiday Stop and Shop on Saturday November 22- 9 am to 3 pm, shopping starts at 10 am. This is how we work to educate our community about our artwork, as well as meet our 501c3 status!

Survey Sez

The question was to Steam or NOT to steam!

11 members use steam, 1 uses a dry iron, and 6 use a combination of mist and dry iron!

WORKER Bee Reminder

The WORKER Bee will not be meeting in the month of December. See you in January of 2026.

Ways and Means

Black Friday Deals at the November Ways and Means!!!!

Sale items, new fabrics and notions, UFO's, kits and more. We will be setting up by 11:30. Come ready to shop for bargains at the last Ways and Means of 2025.

June and Cathy

Charity Report

The prior months were very busy with lots of deliveries and replenished walker bags and quilts. Currently, we have 72 placemats toward our goal of a 100 for meals on wheels. So get creative and remember, they don't have to match.

What's next?

1. Bears – We continue to have requests for bears. We will have kits at the November meeting.
2. Fidget quilts – We are down to less than five.
3. NICU hearts – Always available

As a reminder, we have backing and batting available when your top is ready for quilting. As a reminder, our 501(c) requirements require us to keep track of what we are making and what we are delivering. So please sign when you commit to making something and fill out the donation form when you return the project.

Ann Hoar and Mary Colby
Charity Committee Co-chairs