

Lake Quilters News

October 2025

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

OCTOBER - the month of community and quilt retreat! This will be my first time participating in the LQG Quilt Retreat at the 4-H Center. I have either been traveling to Houston for Quilt Festival or something family-related comes up. How did I get so lucky this year? At retreats it is fun to see what everyone is working on and to sit and stitch listening quietly to all of the conversation "humming" all around. Usually, I am working solo in a quiet studio but the opportunity to be part of the creativity of a larger quilting community is inviting. To those who can't be with us, I hope you have a delightful and colorful October doing something you love. We will see you at our October meeting at the Water Authority on Tuesday, October 21 st at 1:00pm.

Back to the sewing room,

~Arlene

**October General Meeting is on
October 21, 2025 from 1p-3p at
Water Authority**

OFFICERS 2025

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**If you have a question about a program,
or a submission to the Newsletter please
email vbrotther88@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.

Welcome to new members Cynthia Willis and Debby Sowers!!



Newsletter Quick Links

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Calendar and Programs



October Programs

October 13 & 14, 2025 Water Authority 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Melissa Cassell from Fork Mountain Quilting is teaching the Catch All caddy. The cost of the pattern is included in the price of the class. There will be a need to prep some fabric prior to the class. Instruction will be sent to those who have signed up for the class. Space is still available for this class. Melissa will also be teaching us how to read the By Annie patterns as some folks have indicated they have difficulty following the instructions in the patterns. **The cost is \$25.00**

October 21, 2025 - Water Authority 1 pm. Todd Cassell will talk to us about how to keep our machines in good running order. There will be some limited items from the Fork Mountain Quilting available for sale on that date. If you know of something you want from the shop, call Melissa or Todd at the shop and ask them to bring the item on that date. They can be reached at 540-671-8234.

- **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!](#)**



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

Please join us for a potluck luncheon and bring your panel challenge to show and share. 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.

Sign up sheets will be at the next two meetings. Please RSVP and sign up for one of the dishes: Appetizers, Side Dish, Main Dish or Dessert. Please talk to Peg Gorman in October if you're interested in volunteering with decorations, set up and clean up. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

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

LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 7th, 2025

Arlene Blackburn - President
 Lyn Coleman – Secretary
 Veronica Church - Treasurer
 Sharon Cullen – Challenge
 Laura Cox – Quilt Show
 Judy Edgeworth – President
 Elect/Beekeeper

- Marsha Melkonian - Publicity
- Janet Webster – Web
- Flo Hayes – Program
- Cindy Regan - Membership
- Jan Emerick Brothers – CORE and newsletter with Ginger Brothers
- Beverly Seaver - Membership

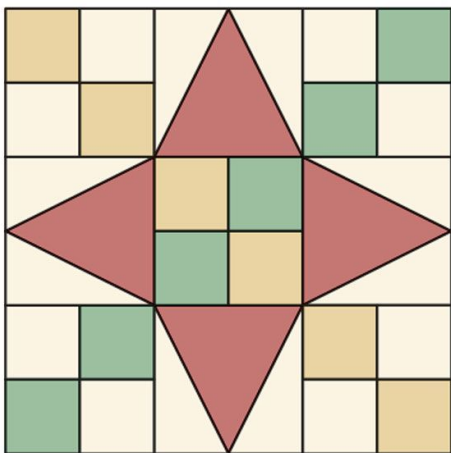
- Laura opened the meeting with a discussion of the 2026 Quilt Show. The first discussion centered around the pros and cons of four venues: Eastlake Church (hasn't given us any available dates yet), Franklin County HS (many positives but uses Big Ass Fans...an air circulation; cooling system used in HS gyms...instead of a standard HVAC system. The Harvester (hasn't gotten back to us for weeks), Montvale Elementary School and Staunton River HS was suggested as other potential location. Motion by Flo to lock in Franklin County HS July 9,10,11 2026 dates, Bev seconded, further discussion then unanimous vote to pay \$200 deposit to hold the location. We can still continue quickly to review other options, but Arlene appointed Veronica to write the \$200 check.
- Laura also handed out a simplified tentative list of quilt categories for the show, along with a submission form. A hold harmless statement needs to be added. Of particular interest was the Rising Stars kids' category, which will be limited this first time to relatives of guild members, and judged. Arlene will research another category named Mixed Technique and write up a description, and suggested a Whole Cloth category which may be considered, along with a possible Vintage/Rescued category (not judged). And perhaps a display only of this year's challenge quilts.
- Laura also shared the new raffle quilt committee members (Kim Middleton, Sharon Cullen, Kath Hippeli) which will be part of the Quilt Show committee. We should start selling raffle tickets as soon as possible, with expenditures for tickets/posters to be approved by the board.
- This led to a discussion surrounding a paper Program for the Quilt Show, with Marsha suggesting a tri-fold brochure type which could list times/locations for demonstrations and a bio of the judge, and be less costly than a full program. Arlene will be the go-between with the judge to firm up the date and bio.
- Arlene will inquire about if Fork Mountain is available for the November board meeting.
- Arlene reported that Resurrection Catholic Church will be available Tuesdays next year but probably no Mondays. Workshops will probably need to be at the Moneta Library/Saunders Fire Dept. Jan EB motioned that she will explore/nail down that location, Veronica seconded, unanimous vote to accept.
- Veronica showed an LQG balance available of \$19,140.06 after subtracting Retreat funds collected. Bank balance 8/31/25 is \$24,223.66. While this seems like a large sum, this budgeting allows us to go into a Quilt Show year with a cushion, which Veronica can explain at the next guild meeting.
- Flo handed out and reviewed the programs already planned for 2026 and agreed to continue as Program Chair for 2026.
- Bev handed out a new membership form with a few clarifications added.
- Jan EB will look for volunteers for the 10/16 3-6:00 CORE Friendship Star at the Moneta Library, and the 11/13 3- 6:00 CORE charm pack tote at the Library. The drop off for the Moneta Library Craft show items table is Friday 11/21 at 4:00 with set-up after. She also needs volunteers to work shifts that Saturday. She will also meet with the library manager to schedule a potential commuter retreat 2026 to reach out to guild members and community.
- Laura accepted President-Elect for 2026/President 2027.
- We will need a new Bee-keeper next year since Judy is 2026 President.

LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 7th, 2025

- Janet and Marsha will make sure the new finalized Quilt Show entry form is on the website and publicity on Facebook.
- Peg Gorman will plan the Christmas party.
- Jan Brockman will plan next year's challenge, and can explore having a display of this year's challenge at the Quilt Show. There was a reminder to bring this year's challenge pieces to the Christmas party by 11:15, and Jan will share information on what each person needs to provide to hang the quilts there.
- Meeting ended at 2:54.

The LQG Board has voted (unanimously) to select the Franklin County High School – Main Gymnasium as the location for the 2026 Lake Quilters Guild Quilt Show. After reviewing the Venue Facility Agreements for various locations and consideration of certain logistical restrictions, the Board decided that the best fit for our guild show would be this new-to-us venue. A special thank you to Laura Cox for gathering the information to allow us to come to an informed decision.

Free Block Pattern



Block Assembly Diagram

For the main and cutting directions please visit the [Millennium Chain Quilt Block](https://www.millenniumchainquiltblock.com) site.

Quilters Humor

They say size doesn't matter...



but have you ever tried to quilt a **king**?

Please be kind and remember to get your Christmas gifts to the longarmer as soon as possible, unless you want to quilt a king quilt.

Upcoming Events and Call to Action

Community Outreach

- **CORE=**We had a great turnout for the first ever event at Westlake library on September 27th! 🧑🧑 Many thanks to Marsha M. and Gail M. for adding their machines and quilt stories to our novice learners making 9 patch pads! 🧡

FRIENDSHIP STAR block on Thursday OCTOBER 16th 4-7 pm

Since this is a public event, it is free and registration is required at the library. Call 540.425.7004 to register. If you would like to help with this evening event please contact Jan EB at janebsingsnnews@gmail.com.

November 13 4pm to 7pm at the SML/Moneta Library making tote bags from charm squares. This is another public event, so it is also free and registration is required. Call 540.425.7004 to register. Help at this event is also needed, see note above to help out!

November 21 4-5 pm we will be setting up for the Library's One Stop Holiday Shop held on Saturday November 22 from 10 am to 3 pm. This is a craft sale that helps the Friends of the SML Library as well as promotes our guild and makes us money that will assist us in our 501c3 status. Please plan to bring your small quilted items to the Library on Friday (already priced and ready for sale with your initials on the price tags- in case the items need to be returned to you!) We will be needing help in 2 hour shifts for Saturday's event. Please contact Jan EB (see note above) or sign up at the next guild meeting.

Jan EB is in the planning stages for COREevents for 2026. If you have a suggestion for events, please let her know! 😊

Connections Challenge:

Compliment a Guild member that you don't know well on their work. You can also ask them what inspired them.

Ways and Means

Please note: **Ways and Means will not be available on October 21st, 2025.**

Fork Mt. Quilting will be bringing some items for sale. If you have something you want them to bring, please call their store and ask that item be included in what they bring.



Tips and Tricks: Time Management

Note from the Editor:

While I love October, it is a gateway month to the holiday season. If you are like me, time is becoming more and more precious and the list of holiday gifts and responsibilities is growing. The video attached has some great tips and tricks on how to get more time in your workroom. One of my favorite tips is to spend at least 15 minutes a day in your workspaces a day. Micro habits like this one are gateways to big changes even if you don't feel like it.

Charity and Fundraising

Charity Report

In September we delivered over 45 fidget, lap, twin, full, and queen quilts, and walker bags. We delivered in both Franklin and Bedford counties, including hospice and rehab centers. The three queen quilts were delivered to Fostering Champions. All recipients were amazed by the beauty of the quilts. The domestic abuse shelter is using one of the quilts as a door prize; they were very impressed with the colors, design and details.

Thank you all!

At the open sew day on September 15th, we were able to make 16 flannel blankets for the STEP Preschool Program in Franklin County. The request is for 20 and we currently have 18. As you'll recall, we kept these blankets two pieces of flannel. Currently, we have 36 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. Christmas ornaments. We have over 40. Some of the fabric might smell like mothballs when ironed. If you toss in the dryer with a dryer sheet the smell is dissipated. In storage we have the Christmas fabric separated.
2. Quilts – we delivered all but four quilts. We have over nine in long arming queue.
3. Bears – We continue to have requests for bears. We are working on making kits with easy patterns.
4. Walker bags and fidget quilts – we are down to less than five of each.

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

