

Lake Quilters News

March 2026

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

HOPEFUL FOR SPRING

I certainly hope any severe winter weather is over for this year. Guess I am driven by the seasons and so looking forward to warmer temperatures of Spring, as I imagine many of you are also. It is lovely to see the daffodils and crocus breaking ground and early shrubs bursting with buds.

As we look forward to positive changes in our seasons, our Guild will also progress this year. We have many things to accomplish this year and with all of you, I am sure we will be successful.

The Quilt Show is another way for the Guild to grow. At the 2024 show, I believe, we increased our membership by 7 new members. Our new location this year gives us a new audience to showcase the Guild and talents of our awesome quilters.

The emphasis on the love of quilting and new techniques is always the goal of our Programs Committee. They have planned exciting workshops for us for the remainder of this year, Learning something new is so rewarding for our growth as quilters. An added bonus is that learning something new is good for our brain. I don't know about you, but my brain can use all the help it can get. At our March meeting, I will be addressing some of the feedback comments made on the membership renewal form.

Don't forget to bring your Boutiques items to the March meeting labeled and suggested price.

To Be Happier Each Day: Do Something Kind!
Doing good is good for you. Giving to others seems to take away our own pain and brings joy. Acts of kindness makes us happier. Think of a few people and find a way to brighten up their day
- Judy

**March 2026 Meeting is on
March 17, 2026 from 1p-3p at
Resurrection Catholic Church
Workshop March 17 details below**

OFFICERS 2026

President: Judy Edgeworth

Membership Chair: Cindy Regan

Program Chair: Flo Hayes

Secretary: Lyn Coleman

Treasurer: Veronica Church

Publicity and Newsletter: Marsha Melkonian

WebMaster: Janet Webster

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

**If anyone is interested in joining the Guild
please fill out the [2026 Membership Form](#).**

March - Hug Workshop at Resurrection Catholic Church 9.00 to noon, Mar. 17.

If you signed up you should have received a material needed email from Lyn Coleman. If you did not receive that email, please let Lyn know immediately. You will need to have the prep work done so you can complete the project on the 17th.

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Calendar and Programs

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Hey, Quilted Huggers! Just a reminder to check the email with prep for the workshop 3/17 morning. Even if you don't get around to making the quilted rectangle 66.5"x32.5" and/or binding, come to see the method and get inspired for your quilted hug. Check our recent directory to call, text, or email Lyn Coleman with questions. Example of a beautiful one from Pinterest (to aspire to).



April 21, 2026

April 21 9:30 am to noon Round Robin.

We have 5 presentations:

- 1 Prairie Points by Laura Cox
2. Applique techniques (wool/felt) by Marsha Melkonian
3. Getting ready for Jelly Roll Rug (workshop in Sept) by Judy Edgeworth
4. 1/2 square triangle tube and other methods for 1/2 square triangles by Lyn Coleman
5. Mounting quilt blocks by Cheryl Nylund

There will also be shopping of ways and means table.

Sign up sheets at March Meeting, No cost for this program

May 15 AND 16-AT MONETA LIBRARY

Fearless Improv Curves. This is our first offering using the video equipment. It is a fun and exciting adventure. The videos are by Cindy Grisdeta, a Nationally recognized quilting instructor. More info to follow



Quilt show committee heads(or a volunteer) to meet at the Moneta Library big meeting room with Laura Cox at 1 PM on Monday, April 13

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!

CORE events are created to expand possible meeting times and days for members of the guild that cannot attend our regular guild meetings, as well as introduce the public to our art form and our guild's activities.

These are the CONFIRMED CORE events for the first quarter of 2026; they will be held at the SML/Moneta Library. All events are open to the LQG members if they register with the library, as well as the interested public.

CORE Updates

- Tote Class: The March 12th tote class at the library is now full.

- Free Commuter Retreat: There are two openings remaining for the retreat on Saturday, March 21st, and Sunday, March 22nd. The event runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day at the SML/Moneta Library. Please use the side door for entry, as the main library doors do not open until 10:00 AM. If you would like to attend, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

- Save the Date: Lyn Coleman will lead our next CORE event on May 7, 2026, from 5:00 PM to closing at the SML/Moneta Library. She will be teaching how to make fabric landscape cards. Registration through the library begins in April.

CORE General Information

CORE events are free to the public as part of our community outreach. While we have funds budgeted for materials and virtual instruction fees, we were unable to schedule a proposed virtual event with the Virginia Quilt Museum this year. These funds will be reallocated to other needs.

If you have any questions concerning CORE events, or have ideas to be included, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers by email at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

BEE INFORMATION

I will be contacting Fork Mountain to discuss hosting a Rocky Mount BEE. If you are interested in attending an event at that location, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com. Knowing the level of interest will help when I speak with Melissa and Todd.

If you are interested in joining an existing BEE or starting a new one, please contact our BEEKEEPER, Jan Emerick-Brothers by email at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

BEE display Schedule for 2026

March- River Queen BEE

September- Stitch-n-Chat BEE

May- Be Artful BEE

November- Kept in Stitches BEE

July- Worker BEE

Charity and Fundraising

Thank you all for supporting the Sew In and all the help on the quilts of honor. Just to give you an update which includes quilt tops made in November and February. We donated/gave four QOH this year. We have an additional 5 complete. We have 9 in/ready for longarming and binding. We have 7 kits with members and 3 kits available at the March guild meeting. This totals 27 QOH given or in process. Great progress. We'll continue to bring a few kits to each guild meeting. Everyone who attended had a great time. We had a couple of teams and a lot of individuals working on quilts.

In March Lyn Coleman has agreed to lead the workshop to make hugs. After the workshop and with the input of the participants, we will decide whether the guild wants to offer these to the organizations to which we donate.

Thanks to all the bears made we were delivered to Oakwood Health and Rehab (previously known as Oakwood Manor). They were very thankful!

Through reviewing our current inventory and our open requests continue to be fidget quilts. We deliver as soon as we receive. We welcome donations of everything! So as the winter keeps you indoors feel to create! As a reminder, we have backing and batting so all we need are tops (and bindings).

Mary Colby and Ann Hoar

Charity Co-chairs

We've had requests for help with fidget quilts. Carole Thommen and I will be at Moneta Library on Wednesday May 20 at 1pm and Wednesday June 10 at 3pm to help. Bring your base layer and we'll have things to add (zippers, velcro, cording, beads, bling,etc...) and will help with design.

**Thanks,
Mary**

Charity Photos



As you know, we provide quilts of honor, fidget quilts and lap/throw quilts to Carillion Hospice in Rocky Mount, VA. The hospice covers the lake area. If you are interested in volunteering to help with their mission please contact them.

https://www.carilionclinic.org/specialties/hospice?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=18407080798&gbraid=0AAAAAD6KYqZ3zRjZmfdPMLAlukRJguMuf

WAYS and MEANS

HELP WANTED!!!

\$0 Pay and 100% Job Satisfaction!

Ways and Means is looking for a third member. As our role has grown so has the work. Please let June or Cathy know if you would be interested in joining them in the fun!!

And thanks to all who made our Ways and Means UFO Challenge such a success last month.

We have lots of new UFO's for this month, so pick one or more and get your name entered to win the \$100 gift certificate from Fork Mountain.
June, Cathy and ????

Have you joined the Ways and Means Challenge yet? Two of our members brought their completed projects to the February meeting! Their names are now entered in the drawing for the \$100 Gift Certificate from Fork Mountain Quilting. The winner will be chosen at the December Social so there is lots of time left to get creative and join the fun!

This month we will be loading our cars to bring you fabrics, notions, patterns and all things quilting at bargain prices.

P.S. We are still looking for a volunteer to help with Ways and Means!!

Good Luck and Happy Sewing,
June and Cathy

2026 Challenge

The 2026 Challenge is based on the song "My Country Tis of Thee". This song celebrates liberty, freedom, and the concept of being proud to be an American.

For this challenge, you are to make a quilt portraying what fascinates or intrigues you about America through the last 250 years. Your ideas for the quilt can depict patriotic themes, historical figures, landmarks, or Iconic symbols. It can also represent freedom of speech, freedom to vote, freedom of religion or family heritage,

Attach to your quilt a short note on why you chose the topic for your quilt.

After doing more research, the largest size for this Challenge Quilt will be 45" x 60" (lap quilt size). From what I have read, the average size for a lap quilt to use with a wheelchair is 30" x 42". Wall hangings can be all sizes. To make it easy, I know there are a lot of different numbers on the internet, I am going to limit the size for this year's Challenge quilts from 24" x 24" (wall) to 45" x 60". Anything in between these two dimensions will be acceptable. Have fun!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Jan Brockman, at jmbquilt2024@gmail.com.

March 2026 LQG Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026 1:00 Moneta Library

Meeting brought to order by President Judy Edgeworth

Attendees· Judy Edgeworth - President · Lyn Coleman – Secretary · Veronica Church - Treasurer · Arlene Blackburn – Advisor/Past President · Laura Cox – 2026 Quilt Show/President Elect · Jan Emerick-Brothers – Beekeeper/CORE · Mary Colby – Charity · Janet Webster – Web · Flo Hayes – Program · Cindy Regan - Membership · Marsha Melkonian - Publicity ·

New Business:

President —

Judy enquired whether individuals in leadership had job descriptions and if changes needed to be made. Mary (Charity) called attention to the phrase “sanitize” which will be expanded to add “by request.” It was discussed that recipient organizations can follow their own protocols.

- Judy initiated a discussion about the historian documentation process for records, and we will check with Sue Whitney for what she needs and if there is a need for attendance count at each meeting, and whether documents can just be archived digitally.

Treasurer –Veronica provided financial reports, which indicated that the December balance available was \$21,087.32, and the January funds available were \$20,222.40, with a bank balance of \$21,087.32. It was discussed that an audit committee usually performs an audit in March, and a small committee should form.

2026 Quilt Show –

- Laura provided the draft vendor contract and a cancellation policy was discussed, typically two weeks. The cancellation clause and indemnity clause will be added and the contract will be mailed out to the list of potential vendors, many of whom were very interested. The booth fee is \$75, no corners available for a higher fee, and Fork Mountain will be provided a double booth free for their in-kind donations.

- Laura provided a tentative schedule for the Thursday of the show, which will be firmed up in the future.

- The Moneta Library Show is May 16th, and our raffle quilt will be displayed and tickets sold.

- Boutique – Lyn indicated that a committee is now active and will place an announcement in the newsletter about the process to donate beginning with the March meeting. Clipboards will also be circulated at that meeting to get informal feedback regarding guild member intentions for donations.

- A planned Quilt Parade for the Rocky Mount Farmer’s Market will be planned and scheduled at a future Board meeting. A committee is needed to organize it.

- The Viewers’ Choice selection will be announced at the July Guild meeting.

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Training on the use of Square can be done at a meeting closer to the Show, and everyone will need to download the app prior to the training. (The last show sign-in is no longer valid.) Veronica will need to individually provide the sign-in info, so individuals will need to text her – with their name – to get that info.

- Lyn suggested that since there is no Rocky Mount quilting guild, we have a sign at the entrance suggesting membership at our Guild with a Bee specific locally to Rocky Mount. We could ask Fork Mountain to participate.

- Laura suggested that members who volunteer for at least three slots at the Quilt Show have free admission. Veronica motioned to accept the suggestion, Cindy seconded, and motion passed.

- There was discussion that the April 21 deadline to enter quilts was fast approaching, and Laura indicated that the important information needed is the dimension and colors so that space can be allocated to hang the quilt.

BeeKeeper/CORE –

Jan indicated that only minor expenses and funds are used to provide CORE events, mainly reimbursement for preparation of the supplies needed. The upcoming event is filled and accepting a waiting list.

Programs –

Flo reported that the Program committee is meeting Friday, March 6 to review the schedule for workshops and programs. It's important that members know the distinction between workshops and programs, which has been announced but a reminder might be helpful, along with communication to the guild members regarding the pricing of instructors. Many instructors are no longer traveling, so we need to make use of the virtual opportunities. The Round Robin plan for April is ready, and Judy reminded that the Board had decided to present scissors to non-paid volunteer instructors/presenters. Lyn indicated she and Karen were making scissor fobs to go along with the scissors. Flo also reported that Emily at Threads Run Through It had not signed a contract for her presentation of wearables at the March meeting but everyone assured that she would be there.

Membership –

Cindy provided collated information from the comments members provided on their membership forms. There are 70 membership renewals, and a membership directory was sent out in March. There were several suggestions for leadership, and many requests for programs, which the Program committee will review at their upcoming meeting. The leadership suggestions will be addressed shortly.

Meeting Minutes

Charity –

Mary reported that the placemats for Meals on Wheels were successful, and possibly we could include Lake Christian Ministries and Bedford Meals on Wheels.

Veronica will give a description of the pillowcase project for her husband to share with the police departments he communicates with.

Lake Christian Ministries would come speak to the guild, and they would appreciate baby quilts.

28 Quilts of Honor kits are out, and Mary will continue to cut the fabric for the kits to make them easier and quicker for members to prepare. There was a discussion about nominating future recipients for the Quilts of Honor that we present at a meeting and it was agreed that we should set ground rules for nominating and choosing recipients and how to select the final honorees. There was also discussion regarding which month to present...possibly make in February and present in November, skipping November 2026 since we already had a presentation in 2026.

Ways and Means – Judy shared that Cathy was able to sell for \$133 the gold bracelet unclaimed from a recent donation.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 3:07.

Quilt Show

Lake Quilters Guild of Smith Mountain Lake

JULY 10-11, 2026

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Over 100 quilts
with awards

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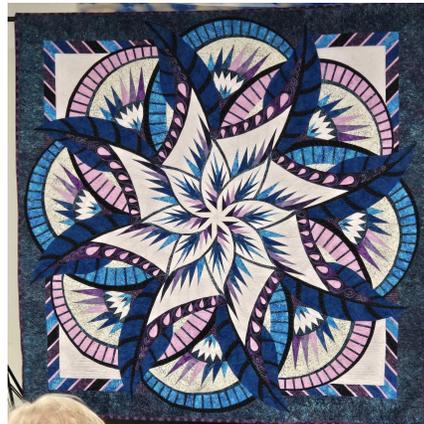
Laura Cox will demonstrate this method of adding a sleeve to the back of a quilt at the general meeting in April. Here is a video link for reference for anyone to use. <https://youtu.be/bF81VRK4ilw>



Go to our website to keep up to date on all things Quilt Show!

<http://lakequilters.org/quiltshow/quiltshow.htm>

Quilt Raffle tickets are available for you to sell to friends and family.



Boutique Booth 2026 Quilt Show

Let's begin planning for a successful Boutique Booth at our 2026 Quilt Show. We will pass around some clipboards at the March Guild Meeting to get a flavor of what handmade items are being planned. This is not a firm commitment, but will give us some information of what may be coming in. We will be available before and after the Guild meeting to collect items as you finish.

Please place donated items in a bag or box with your name, an item description, and a suggested price so that we can keep items organized. Some suggestions our committee has come up with include book bags, placemats, purses, Carole's beautiful birds??, Christmas stockings & ornaments, luggage tags, pet items like ties/scarves, notebooks/journals, greeting and post cards, door decorations & wall hangings, various fabric bowls like rope, pillows, small stuffed animals & kid items, embroidered dish towels, etc. The cuter or prettier or more current the fabric... leads to more interest. This year we may have more general public than just quilters. Under \$10 best, then under \$20, but some higher end items may also be appreciated by the public.

Boutique committee: Jan Brockman, Lyn Coleman, Cathy Deagle, Patti Lively, Karen Taylor