LAKE QUILTER NEWS
October 2026

Serving Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

President's Address
Judy Edgeworth

Where does all the time go? The years went fast, but the days sometimes go slow. I've definitely noticed that the years seem to fly by as I age. The woman in the mirror is older than me. I still feel young in my mind, but my body tells me something different. But there are roads yet to be taken and we will find them, because we are curious as to what lies ahead. Hopefully wonderful adventures. We all have our time machines don't we? Those that take us back are memories. And those that carry us forward are dreams.

Our October meeting on the 20th is making Christmas ornaments beginning at 1pm at the church. Instead of a round robin, the presenters will use our new projection equipment. Handouts will be available and finished ornaments will be displayed on a table for us to examine.

November will be our annual sew in at the Catholic Church beginning at 9:30 am on the 16th and 17th. I'm sure Mary will have kits available that need to be sewn to continue our charity projects. The yearly business meeting will be at 1 pm on the 17th and we will be announcing the new officers for 2027.

Christmas is fast approaching! The Christmas luncheon will be on the 15th at the church. Please sign up to bring a dish. This is always a fun time for fellowship.

As we have added many new members this year, please get to know them. Take a few minutes to greet them, chat, and answer any questions they may have. We are thankful that they have joined the Guild, so make them feel welcome.

Do Something to Make You Happier Everyday:
Whether enjoying nature and the changing seasons, reading a good book, spending time with family, or learning a new quilting technique

Judy Edgeworth, President

OFFICERS 2026

President: Judy Edgeworth

Membership Chair: Cindy Regan

Program Chair: Flo Hayes

Secretary: Lyn Coleman

Treasurer: Veronica Church

Publicity/Newsletter: Marsha Melkonian

WebMaster: Janet Webster

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Welcome to New members:

If anyone is interested in joining the Guild please fill out the 2026 Membership Form**.**

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Sunshine Updates:
Keep your fellow members in mind for any reason to request a guild card contact Ruthe at rploskunyak@outlook.com

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Programs
Flo Hayes

The October Guild meeting will begin at 1pm at Resurrection Catholic Church. The Christmas ornament Round Robin presentations will begin at 1pm.

Please note that there is NO MORNING WORKSHOP, so don't show up at the Church at 9:30am!

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November workshop is the annual Charity sewing activity.
Nov 16 9:30 am to 3:30 pm , Nov 17 930 am to noon.
Resurrection Church.
Meeting at 1 pm on Nov. 17. This is our annual business meeting

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Let's get a jump on some 2028 Quilt Show ideas for the BOUTIQUE. Lyn Coleman volunteered to lead some early thoughts. Maybe meet for lunch every couple of months with casual commitment. If you would like to join in, please email Lyn at coleman.lyn@gmail.com.

October 2026 LQG Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026 1:00 Moneta Library

Meeting brought to order by President Judy Edgeworth

Attendees

● Judy Edgeworth - President

● Lyn Coleman – Secretary

● Jan Emerick-Brothers – Beekeeper/CORE

● Marsha Melkonian – Publicity

● Cindy Regan - Membership

● Mary Colby – Charity

● Janet Webster – Web

● Flo Hayes – Program

● Sandy McNamara – Incoming Program

President –

● Judy indicated that budget numbers must be turned in by November 1 for 2027 budget.

● The August checkbook balance is $33,824.55, with LQG available funds of $27,037.66 (after outstanding checks and designated retreat funds).

● Cindy made a motion to include the 2026 Quilt Show actual financial results in the October newsletter, Marsha seconded, and motion passed. (Marsha dropped the ball on getting this input from Laura, oops sorry, I just asked her now)

● The November Board meeting will be held at Vinnie's since the Moneta Library will be closed that day for voting.

Programs – Flo (with input by Lyn and Sandy)

● Workshop for Quilts of Gratitude and red, white, and blue will take place 2/15-16/2027. Jan E-B arranged the use of Saunders Fire Hall for $75/day in 2027. A donated quilt will be given to the Fire Company to raffle in thanks for the use of the Fire Hall.

● Quilts of Gratitude will be presented at the October 2027 meeting as the program.

● Charity will provide a speaker for the November 2027 meeting, prior to the annual business meeting.

● Discussed potential programs/workshops. Spirited discussion/explanation of planning 2027 workshops

and programs. Program chairs will meet October 27 at 11:00 at Vinnie's with the full committee at 12:00 and discussion over lunch. By-law committee will visit the language of the guild covering some of the expense of workshops, in addition to programs.

● The Global Quilt Connection link that describes upcoming speakers in October will be included in the October newsletter, and the actual link to join will be provided as soon as available in an email to everyone.

● The October guild meeting will be a program presentation of making Christmas ornaments instead of the round-robin workshop. Lyn purchased some inexpensive equipment that will allow the individual demos to be projected on the screen for easy viewing. Presenters will be requested to come early to have some experience on this new presentation method, and Lyn will set up the equipment at the Stitch and Chat Bee at the Moneta Library to give it a test run.

BeeKeeper/CORE – Jan

Jan presented the proposed schedule of CORE events for 2027. One addition suggested by the Friends of the Library (FOL) Moneta Library is the opportunity to have viewers vote with dollar bills on their favorite quilt hanging at our Small Quilt Show typically hung in September and October 2027. Lyn made a motion, Flo seconded and after discussion and clarification, the motion passed to have the public vote with FOL handling and receiving all funds raised. Jan will provide information on quilt sizes, etc for the Small Show.

Charity – Mary

● There's a need to keep the storage unit organized and codes limited. Charity and Ways & Means share a clear division of the space.

● Mary will include information in the newsletter regarding the charity sewing workshop using the cash register tapes, and the Wednesday 10/14 dog mats at the Moneta Library. There is a need for more long armers for charity quilts, so please volunteer.

Open discussion:

● There was general discussion about organizing early for the 2028 Quilt Show. We will have a "Thinking Ahead" feature in the newsletter. Lyn volunteered to get a group together to explore boutique ideas. Maybe we could have some members get together to start planning where to sell raffle quilt tickets. Other small committees can start planning other features, then if we get a volunteer to lead the Quilt Show much will already be accomplished with these early committees.

● Janet presented an email introducing Threads of the Game that encourages guilds and individuals to consider three different options to make quilts for the Olympics and Paralympics. Info will be presented and members can discuss whether to make a group quilt with the random sport assigned by the Olympic Committee, or any individual quilts. There are deadlines coming up in November, with quilts finished by November 2027. There will be a link in the newsletter and it will be briefly explained at the meeting.

Judy adjourned the busy meeting at 2:55

Charity
Mary Colby



In September a small but powerful team met and sewed 26 pet mats. An additional 12 were done by a member at home. In October, we will meet at the Moneta library on Wednesday October 14th at 1pm to make pet mats. Please join us with your sewing machine and heavy duty needle. This will leave only a couple of containers of upholstery fabric for walker bags and fidget quilts. The supply will last us three years, so we are not accepting upholstery fabric. The individual members can make beds and deliver them to the local humane societies. The website is being updated to share sizes and contact information.

At the September guild meeting, the kits for two dozen Christmas stockings were handed out. Thanks everyone! Please return so we can deliver in late November. The Stitch and Chat bee are making the requested RWB ornaments. Overall, a light year for the holidays.

Charity is preparing for the November sew-in. You can come and work on your own project or you can use the kits we have prepared. The “scraps sewn to receipts” will be incorporated into column quilts. https://nancyzieman.com/blog/quilt-to-give/. We will also have two kits where we use leftover strips to make the scrap column. Additionally, we will have lap and twin quilt kits. NICU heart kits will be available.

At the new Rocky Mount bee meeting, fidget quilts will be made. Charity is providing direction and the toppings.

This month, Veronica delivered pillowcases to Rocky Mount and Franklin County Sheriffs Dept. We welcome donations of quilts, quilt tops, NICU hearts, walker bags, fidget quilts, marble mazes, placemats, and pillowcases. As a reminder, we have backing and batting so all we need are tops (and bindings). At the October guild meeting, we’ll have lots of kits available for anyone who wants to longarm a quilt top. The kit includes top/batting/backing.

CORE Updates
Jan Emerick-Brothers

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.

All events are open to the LQG members if they register with the library,
as well as the interested public.

Registration is now open for the last CORE event of 2026. Please register at the SML/Moneta Library for the Saturday, November 7th event, which will run from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM (or until the project is finished). We will be making "Pet Pouches" featuring a drawstring pouch with simple appliques of either a dog or a cat, and samples are currently on display at the library. Please ensure you complete your registration with the library so that the appropriate supplies can be prepared.





SURVEY SEZ

This month's question was about pressing seams! Here are the results from our members:

- 10 press to the dark side
- 2 depend on the pattern/directions
- 2 press open when stitching in the ditch
- 1 presses seams open

BeeKeeper News
Jan Emerick-Brothers

Many thanks to Mary Colby! She has volunteered to provide materials and assistance to the Rocky Mount bee this month as they make fidget quilts on October 12th at Fork Mountain. Mary—you rock!

From Janet Webster --

Have you heard about the **Threads of the Games** premier international quilt exhibition debuting in 2028 to coincide with the 2028 Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games in CA? This upcoming event celebrates the powerful intersection of athletic spirit, global unity, and fine textile art. And...we (either the Guild or individuals) have a chance to be part of it, not only at the Games but also at Road to California and Road to Virginia! We'll be talking about this at the October 20 Guild meeting, but in the meantime please check out the website for additional information for this exciting event - https://www.threadsofthegames.org/



Receipt Quilts

As a reminder, we'll be doing Receipt Tape Blocks (or adding machine tape or calculator tape) to make a couple of Charity Quilts at the upcoming November meeting.

Please make as many as you'd like and bring them to the meeting to put together, or make them at the meeting! Don't tear off the receipt tape once you've made the block & be sure to leave 1/4 inch of fabric around the block (see attached photo). We'll be tearing off the receipt tape as it's pieced together. Charity is providing the sashing fabric and receipt tape fabric to use during the meeting.

Here's a couple of YouTube videos that demonstrate the process and a photo attached.

https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CcofoZrBv/ NOTE: If you don't have a FB account, just X out when the login screen comes up & it will take you to the video

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/aewcuLrtxPY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRK1pfQuZDo



Tips from Lyn Coleman:

Quick and easy way to turn fabric tubes:
https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1Bast7SmRL/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Try couching on your sewing machine:
https://www.facebook.com/share/r/14qkDcbSBs8/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter
Lyn Coleman

The Guild has purchased a ticket for all our members to view the Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter which will go live on October 24th and 25th at 3:00 p.m. Twenty-three quilting teachers back-to-back and two weeks to access the content! A list of presenters is available at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tX542TGYLwM0o2ob2VtmmbM26mO0rZTt/view?usp=drive_link

A more detailed email reminder will be sent in October, but please add this event to your calendar.