

LAKE QUILTER NEWS

September 2026

Serving Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

President's Address

Judy Edgeworth

SUMMERS LAST HURRAH

Wow, this week has been a real scorcher! I'm sure many are hoping that this is the last of the very hot days and looking forward to the seasonal changes. I welcome some cooler temperatures and the leaves changing to their vibrant colors.

Arlene's class in August for the Bull's Eye Quilt was well attended and we had fun as usual. There were many variations completed and hopefully we will see them at our September show and share.

I am excited to be teaching the Jelly Roll rug class on the 14th and 15th. There are 13 signed up for the class, which is impressive. I know there was quite a bit of homework for the class, but the end results are so satisfying. We will be playing Bingo at the Tuesday meeting with prizes for all the winners. This was so much fun the last time, so hopefully you will plan to attend.

As you will see in the minutes from the Board Meeting, the Quilt Show was a big success. Therefore, we filled our Vision Statement, as stated in the By Laws. We definitely stimulated interest in the community with over 500 attending and the addition of 16 new members to the Guild. A new committee for the 2028 show will be formed soon, as well as a Finance Committee. There will be more training on the use of the Square app, which was needed at this year's Show.

The Guild has paid for the Global Quilt Connections Fall Sampler Platter that will take place on October 24th and 25th. These virtual classes are always informative and taught by nationally known quilt instructors. I highly recommend them to expand our quilting knowledge. The videos will be available to watch for 7 days if you are unavailable on the 24th and 25th.

Our October Guild meeting will have instructors teaching the making of Christmas ornaments.

The November meeting on the 16th and 17th will be a charity sew in.

Do Something To Make Yourself Happier Everyday:

Our natural inclination is to regret or run from the difficulties of life. Rather than dreading problems, I want to be able to view them as opportunities. Life is fleeting, so make your life spectacular.

The 2025 Financial Review was completed on July 21 by Arlene Blackburn and Janet Webster. Their review of the Guild's detailed financial documentation revealed that the 2025 Lake Quilters Guild financials are accurate. All documentation from the Financial Review is included in the Guild's financial records.

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

Programs Flo Hayes

Sept. Workshop is Jelly Roll Rug taught by Judy Edgeworth on Sept 14 9am to 3:30 pm and Sept 15 is 9 am to noon at Resurrection Catholic Church. Class is full

Meeting 1 pm on Sept 15. Program is a surprise activity.

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October Workshop is Oct. 20 9.30 am to noon. We will have demonstrations of some Christmas ornaments in a Round Robin format. Location is Resurrection Church

Meeting is at 1 pm. Program TBA

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Nov. workshop is the annual Charity sewing activity. Nov 16 930 am to 330 pm , Nov 17 930 am to noon. Resurrection Church.

Meeting at 1 pm on Nov. 17. This is our annual business meeting,

September 2026 LQG Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2026 1:00 Moneta Library

Meeting brought to order by President Judy Edgeworth

Attendees: · Judy Edgeworth - President · Lyn Coleman – Secretary · 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 · Veronica Church - Treasurer

President –

· Judy indicated some thoughts on using Resurrection Church facilities, and shared the contract that needs signed. The President should sign the contract, and the requirement to have a Church member present at our functions predominantly refers to making sure lights are turned off, no water running, etc.

Treasurer - Report

· The July checkbook balance is \$24,735.05

· Veronica presented the financial results of the 2026 Quilt Show, and a reminder comparison with 2024. The 2026 net income from the show was 6,017.96. The boutique brought in \$1,908 (which equates to one year of our fixed expenses).

· Since our Quilt Show expenses ran about \$6,500, Veronica suggested setting aside \$10,000 for the 2028 quilt show. Veronica made a motion to place \$10,000 in a money market fund, Jan E-B seconded, and motion passed. Veronica will handle that.

· We also discussed that our annual fixed expenses are about \$2,000 (storage unit, insurance, website), so we need to keep those funds in reserve.

· Lyn made a motion, Veronica seconded, vote carried to pay for the Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter weekend event October 24 & 25. This overlaps the guild Retreat, but it includes a week to watch it.

Programs –

· Workshop for Quilts of Gratitude and red, white, and blue will take place 2/15-16/2027. Jan E-B will arrange the use of Saunders Fire Hall. This cost \$75/day in 2026 but the cost may increase in 2027. Jan will negotiate.

Resurrection Catholic Church is available the rest of the year.

· Discussed upcoming programs/workshops. September workshop is jelly roll rug with Judy, and the program is Bingo social and discussion of the quilt show results now available. October is a round robin of Christmas ornaments. Spirited discussion/explanation of planning 2027 workshops and programs.

BeeKeeper/CORE – There is an organizational meeting of a new Rocky Mount bee on 9/14/26 at 9:30 at Fork Mountain. Laura will contact the names who indicated interest in that bee. CORE is being planned with the Moneta Library for 2027.

Charity – Mary indicated that many stocking kits are ready to be sewn. The Stitch and Chat Bee has committed to make the 30 red/white/blue ornaments requested for the Bedford Visitor Center. There are only 4 charity quilts at Mary's house. February we will make Quilts of Gratitude and the presentations will be at the November 2027 meeting. There is info on our website and applications to nominate recipients, who will be selected in July.

Open discussion: There was general discussion about organizing a 2028 Quilt Show committee soon, and the need to have a Finance Committee for the next quilt show. Jan E-B reminded ending board members to have a "hit-list" of notes for incoming board members.

Judy adjourned the busy meeting at 2:46.

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/viwe?usp=drive_link

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



Charity Mary Colby

Through the charity offerings, quilts, pet beds, and pet collars were delivered in August to the Bedford Hospice, Carillion Hospice in Rocky Mount, Franklin Humane Society and Bedford Domestic Shelter. Thanks for the larger quilts (twin and full), the domestic shelter sends them with the individuals and families when they move to their new homes. With the increase in Quilts of Gratitude, we have been able to have each hospice veteran receive a quilt. Bedford Hospice shared that these have been especially precious to the families. The photo shows Holly holding one of quilts.

Charity is preparing for the September and October pet mat workshops and the November sew-in. For the holidays, we have a need for 2 dozen stockings (we had leftover from 2025) and RWB Christmas ornaments. The Stitch and Chat bee will make the RWB ornaments. Kits with pre-cut stockings will be available at the September meeting. So a light year for the holidays.

Wednesday, September 16th from 1 to 3pm and Wednesday, October 14th from 1 to 3pm, we will meet at the Moneta library to make pet mats. A sign-up sheet will be at the July and August meetings, so that we can prepare for the workshop. Will need attendees to bring their machines with heavy duty needles. We will pre-cut upholstery fabric to make the beds. We will fill them with an extra layer of upholstery fabric. After these events, our focus will move away from pet mats. The individual members can make beds and deliver them to the local humane societies. The website will be updated to share sizes and contact information.

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 next 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.

We had a great turnout for the Seasonal Placemats on August 8th. For the first time ever, 100% of the people who signed up attended!

Our next event will be Pet Pouches on November 7th from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the SML/Moneta Library. We will be doing simple appliqué of dog and cat silhouettes on drawstring bags.

On September 25, 2026, I will be working with the librarian to plan our events for 2027. So far, I have only received one suggestion for the upcoming CORE events. Please consider sharing your ideas for what the community should learn next by emailing me at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

Survey Says

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey questions at our guild meetings. We had a wonderful response this month!

Our question was: What is your favorite aspect of your quilting space?

1. Lighting
2. Organization/Flow
3. Storage
4. Table/Sewing Space

BeeKeeper News

Jan Emerick-Brothers

There will be an organizational meeting for the Rocky Mount Bee on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 9:30 AM at the Fork Mountain Quilt Shop.

Please make a note of this and invite anyone interested in joining us as we plan for this new BEE.

Many thanks to Melissa and Todd for supporting this initiative!



Bee News!

Next time you're at the Moneta/SML Library, be sure to check out the new "Library" quilt hanging in the kids books section of the library.

The Stitch & Chat Bee made and presented this to the library as a token of their appreciation for letting them use the meeting room every month.

(Photo of the presentation of the quilt above)

How We're Meeting the Guild's Vision

Here's a quick list of activities the Guild currently does in support of the Vision statement in the By-Laws. Looks like the Guild is doing all the right things to be in synch with the Vision statement!

ARTICLE III: VISION

The vision of this organization shall be to promote good fellowship and the interchange of ideas among those engaged or interested in the art and craft of quilting; to stimulate interest in the community; to make quilts for donation to charitable organizations; and to promote the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting through education, sharing, enjoying, and appreciating others' work.

Promote Good Fellowship & Interchange of Ideas	Stimulate Interest in the Community	Make Quilts for Donation to Charitable Organizations	Promote Knowledge & Understanding of all Aspects of Quilting Through Education, Sharing, Enjoying, & Appreciating Others' Work
Monthly Guild Meetings Workshops (In Person and Virtual) Programs Sew Ins Bees CORE Retreat Holiday Luncheon	Biennial Quilt Shows Moneta/SML Library Quilt Shows Lakeside Locals Booth Smith Mountain Arts Council Membership CORE Activities Quilts of Gratitude	Individual Charity Quilts General Charity Sew Ins Special Request Sew Ins (i.e., Patriotic, Fidget Quilts)	Monthly Guild Meetings Workshops (In Person and Virtual) Programs Sew Ins Bees CORE Retreat Holiday Luncheon

Quilts of Gratitude Program

As mentioned during the August Guild meeting, attached is the application form for the Quilts of Gratitude program. Following are the criteria developed by the Board:

Nominations must be submitted to the **Membership Chair** by the March Guild Meeting
Board will review nominations to ensure they meet all criteria.

All nominee names will then be placed in a box, and the winner(s) chosen at random
The number of winners selected will be based on how many quilts are available for gifting
Winner(s) will be selected in July, notified in August, and quilt(s) presented in November
Nominations not selected will continue to be in the nomination pool for future selection
One nominee per Guild member per year
Nominee must be known to the Guild member (i.e., relative, friend, or neighbor)
Nominee must be currently from SW Virginia
Nominee must be either Veteran, First Responder, or Local Hero.

If you have any questions after you've had a chance to review the application form, please ask any Board member.

Quilts of Gratitude Application Form

<http://www.lakequilters.org/comserv/Quilts%20of%20Gratitude.pdf>