

The Running Stitch

stitches bind us together

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 38 Issue 9



From Our President, Chris Summers

Greetings Quilters!

What a month it has been! I hope that everyone is fully recovered from the devastation of hurricane Idalia. It was the storm of the century. I hope. It really got me thinking about all the conveniences we have. Television? Didn't bother me too much. Internet? Bothered me more than I thought it would. Now I can't keep denying that I am one of those people! Air conditioning? How did people live in south Georgia without it!! The refrigerator? Worried me the most! Sewing machine? Of course. Cell phone? I'm starting to believe they are the devil! They are so darn handy and I have sure come to depend on it for so many things. Water? I filled a bunch of containers and thought I was so smart, until I looked out into the pasture and saw my horses who consume at least 10 gallons a day! Yeeks! Cooking? I have a gas stove. No worries! Exactly what is an electric igniter? It took me two days to think of lighting a match like they did in the days of yore. I'm glad everything is getting back to normal but it will be a long time before I quit saying a little prayer of thanks every time I flush the toilet!

Joy, Floye, Damaris, and I loaded up and went to Quiltfest a few weeks ago. It was so much fun. Kinda like Disneyland for quilters. The quilts were amazing and there were a lot of them. We loved checking out the vendors. We looked for that certain kind of fabrics we can only find at shows, the new notions that haven't made it to our quilt stores yet, the very inventive things that other quilters have come up with that we need to try, and my favorite, seeing the things people have done to repurpose old quilts. The ride over and back is almost as fun as the show. We do a lot of talking and reminiscing. My favorite story took place a few years ago on the way to Quiltfest. The girls in the car were laughing and talking and having a great time and realized that they'd missed the turn for I-10 and were in Gainesville! Good times.

- Chris

If you'd enjoy a little road trip, check out pg.6!

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Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes — September 11, 2023

The meeting of the Withlacoochee Quilter's Guild was called to order by President, Chris Summers, 7:08pm.

September Birthday wishes were sent to Ann Bussey, Joyce Herrin, Kathy Singletary and Pam Whidden.

Minutes: Damaris L. moved to accept the minutes. Jerry M. seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report: Joy Bass presented the treasurer's report as provided herein.

Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report August 2023	
Balance Forward as of 7-31-2023	1842.59
Income	
Total Income	0.00
Expense	
Total Expenses	0.00
Balance as of 8-31-2023	1842.59
Respectfully submitted, Joy Bass	

Refreshments: Refreshments were wonderfully provided by provided by Hedy P., Lynn P., Lee B. and Sandy W.

Hospitality: 30 members were present: Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Judie Loveless, Barbara Lindner, Chris Summers, Barb Linares, Ann Bussey, Ann Hoover, Joyce Herrin, Pat Hawkins, Damaris Lane, Sue Johnson, Joy Bass, Dianne Melendez, Diane Kelley, Teresa Smith, Elaine Southall, Elsie Crane, Elaine Taylor, Sandy Willis, Connie Syford, Marsha Tyson, Gail Posey, Heather Dixon, Barbara Jordan, Becky Berry, Lee Brooks, Hedy Parrish, MaryAnn Magee, Dianne Dees. We had 1 guest.

Door prizes were won by Jerry M. and Sandy W.



Sue Johnson showed her completed UFO! The new owner of the "Round To It" is Elaine Taylor.

Membership: The guild has 65 members

Rainbow: We received 2 thank you notes from the QOV recipients.

Community Projects:

Not Forgotten Initiative — No more tote bags are needed, but small quilts are still requested.



Quilt of Valor at 2025 WQG Annual Show — We are planning to do a Quilts of Valor award as part of the opening ceremony to our 2025 Quilt Show. See Barb Linares for more information on how you can help.

New Business:

Retreats:

The fall retreat dates are October 13-15, 2023. Next week!!!!

The spring retreat will be April 18-20, 2024.

The fall retreat next year is tentatively set for October 11-13, 2024.

Guild Quilt Show: Viewers' choice will be announced at the October meeting.



Christmas Party:

We have \$0.00 budgeted for the Christmas party. A sign-up sheet will be created for a pot luck dinner. So dust off your favorite recipes and decide what yummy dish you'll share!

Name Tags:

Sandy W. made and presented a name tag to our new member, Gail Posey. Don't forget to wear your name tags. If you don't remember, add a quarter (or two), to the bucket.

Newsletter Advertisements

As a fund raising idea, it has been suggested that we sell ads in the newsletter. Chris S. will check the by-laws to see if this is allowed. A pricing structure will need to be determined that takes into consideration already designed advertisements versus advertisers that submit information but need design services to turn them into ads when requests are placed, in addition to whether we want to sell ad space by size.

2024 Slate of Officers

- President – Damaris Lane
- Vice President – Barb Linares
- Secretary – Diane Dees
- Treasurer – Patty McGuffin
- Assistant Treasurer – Joy Bass
- Members at Large – Sandy Willis & MaryAnn Magee



Program of the Evening:

- How to prepare your quilt for your longarm, by Barb LinaresNV
- October program – Trunk show by Floye Luke
- November program – Installation of officers

Show and Tell: The following members showed their work: Elaine Taylor, Chris Summers, Damaris Lane, Sandy Willis and MaryAnn Magee.

The meeting was adjourned by President Chris Summers at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted –
Barb Linares, Secretary

Camp Weed Retreat Tips

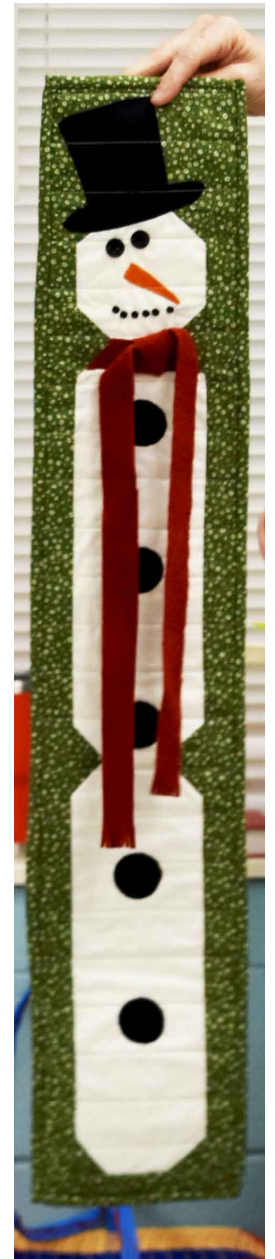
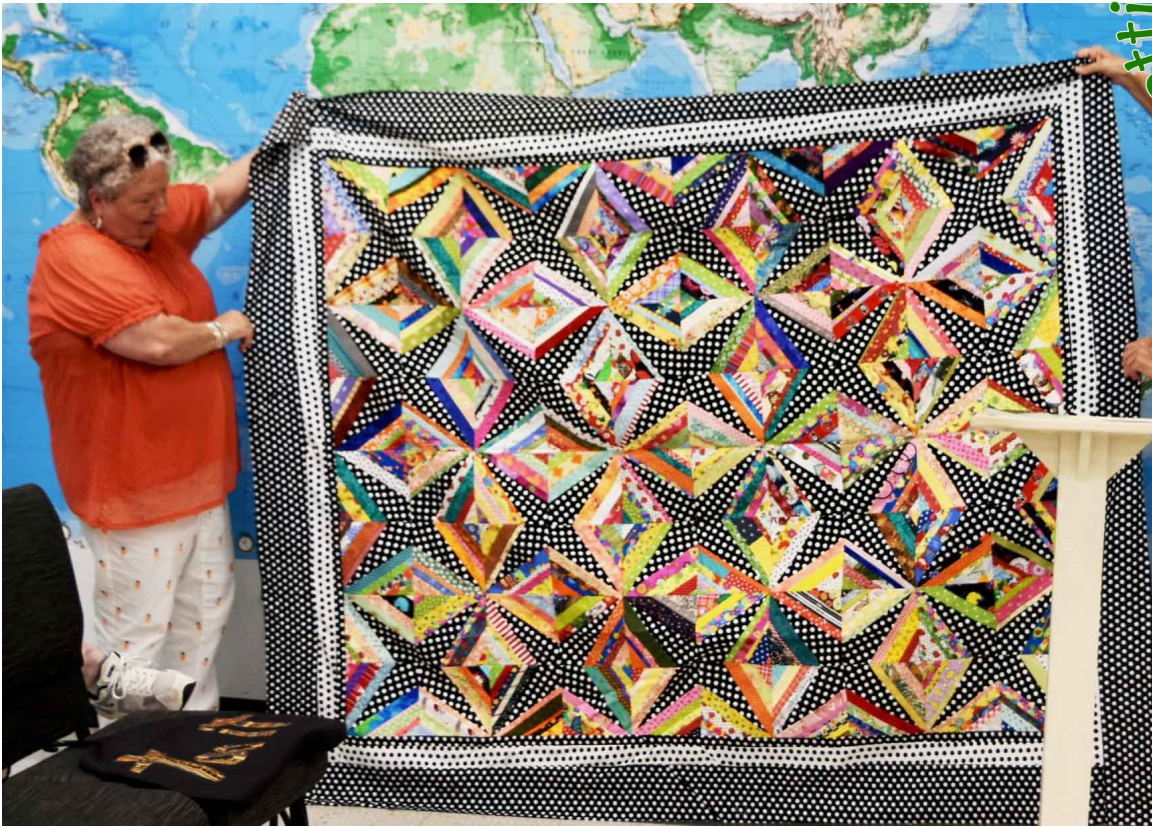
If you are joining us next week at Camp Weed for the Fall Retreat, here are some tips specific to this location that may make your retreat more enjoyable!

- Dress in layers, sun coming in the windows can warm up the rooms, but the AC can give a good chill, so the temperature varies.
- If you plan to work into the evening hours, many have found an additional light to be beneficial on their tables.
- The chairs are conference style chairs and sit low, so an added cushion is quite helpful, or if you have a travel chair, even better!
- The tables are quite large, but if you like a side table, you will have room to accommodate it.
- It's always handy to have an extension cord in case the shared power strip doesn't quite reach where you'd like it to.
- Phone service is very dodgy, but the wifi is quite good.
- Wear comfy clothes with stretchy waistbands, the food is tasty!
- There is a 24 hour coffee and tea station available, as well as a soda machine, but no in-room fridge, so bring a little cooler if you need to store cold items.
- Bring a lidded cup to fill at meals and sip on while you sew.



SHOWED *and* TOLD

Getting a round-to-it
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Looking for a Little Road Trip? See the Quilts at the Georgia National Fair

The Georgia National Fair in Perry, GA opened October 5th and will remain open through the 15th, giving you the opportunity to see quilters and artisans in competition from around the state. Additionally, there are daily demonstrations of fiber arts such as weaving and hand quilting. There are even sewing machine demos and the opportunity to make quilt blocks (on-site) for veterans too! All of these take place in the Miller-Murphy Howard Building where the Georgia Living exhibits are showcased.

More information on the daily events of the Georgia Living exhibits can be found here:

<https://www.georgianationalfair.com/p/georgialiving/fair-event-schedule>

Directions to the fair can be found here:

<https://www.georgianationalfair.com/p/about/gettinghere>

And a Frequently Asked Questions page can be found here:

<https://www.georgianationalfair.com/p/about/faqs>



About Our Guild

The Withlacoochee Quilters Guild is a non-profit organization for those interested in quilts and quilting. This guild was organized to preserve and promote the art of quilting. Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Grace Bible Church, 401 East Park Avenue, Valdosta, Georgia. Guests are always welcome!

Dues, renewable by January 1st each year, are \$20 per year for

adults. Youth membership (ages 6-16) is \$10. After June 30th, dues are one half the regular fee for the remainder of the year.

Questions about the Guild? Please contact a Board Member.

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