

The Running Stitch

stitches bind us together

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 39 issue 12



From Our President, Damaris Lane

Welcome to our renewing and new members. We have a few new faces.

First of all, a BIG thank you to Chris Summers for leading the guild this past year as president. We had a successful quilt show at The Turner Center for the Arts, which included our President's Challenge (bucket list quilts).

Thank you to Hettie Parrish for overseeing our Christmas party. The food was delicious, and the fellowship with our fellow quilters was, as usual, wonderful!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday, but with travel done and the Christmas decorations put away, it's time to get down to the business of quilting. I'm anxious to get back into my sewing room to finish up projects and start new ones. What will your mantra be this year? #breakintothatstash (bust out all that fabric you've been hoarding). #destash (I know there's someone who's willing to take that off your hands). #juststartsewingsomething (plug in that machine and go; who knows what you'll create). Or maybe sign up for one of our retreats that is coming up this spring or fall. We had a great time at the fall retreat, and I highly recommend attending. It's a whole uninterrupted weekend to sew with friends!

Our project, for the next six month's at least, is the Children's Advocacy Center. Hopefully, we can provide them with quilts and bags for the kids coming through the Center.

We are working on ideas for projects for the coming year, but would welcome any ideas you may have. If you would like to do a demonstration of a technique you've discovered, please let me know. We would love to learn new methods of quilting or long-arming.

As I said at the Christmas party, our guild is only as good as its members. Get involved, and let's make this year fun and exciting!

Sincerely,

Damaris Lane
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Get your membership forms turned in. I will try very hard to get everyone's email issue resolved and get a yearbook out this this year!

Community Project 2024

While the goals of our quilt guild are social, not service oriented, many of our members find it very rewarding to direct their efforts and talents toward helping others in need, especially in our own community. This year we have decided to work with the Lowndes County Children's Advocacy Center. The CAC helps victims of childhood trauma in our community. They will gladly accept donations of tote bags and small quilts to pass along to their clients. We will try to put together kits and maybe even organize sew days if there is that interest among our members. We really need a person who would be a liaison between our members and the center. Someone to collect and deliver our things, organize and distribute quilt kits, and get things quilted if needed. If you are interested in talking more about this, please see Damaris.

Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report November 2023



Balance Forward	as of 10-31-2023	1958.51
Income		
	Membership	220.00
Total Income		220.00
Expenses		
	Christmas Party	88.91
	President's Gift	150.00
Total Expenses		238.91
Balance as of 11-30-2023		1939.60

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Bass

Party decorations





What a holiday feast!

2024 WQG Officers Installed



Joy Bass - assistant treasurer



Patty McGuffin—Treasurer



Diane Dees—Secretary



Grace Burmaster standing in for
Barb Linares—Vice President



Damaris Lane—President



Show and Tell



2024 Membership Form

To renew your membership or become a new member please complete the form below. You may mail your check to the address listed or pay in cash or check to the Membership Chairperson at the monthly meeting. Dues are \$20.00 for regular members and \$10.00 for out-of-state or junior members.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____

*Email_____

Birth Date_____

Membership type:

Renewal or new member \$20

Out of state or junior \$10

Form of Payment:

Check made payable to WQG**

Cash (do not mail)

*Email address is very important as this is how you receive your newsletter. Please print plainly.

**Mail check and form to: Withlacoochee Quilters Guild

Attn: Membership

PO Box 3262

Valdosta, GA 31604

OR present it to the membership chairman.

Project for January Meeting

If you wish to Participate:

Bring 1/2 yard of red fabric cut into three 6" x width of fabric strips for an exchange.

Your fabric must be good quality and either solid, tone-on-tone, or red with white accents.

You can bring more than three and take home as many as you bring.

You will add your own white fabric, make red and white half-square triangles, and wow us with your creations at the February meeting!

(Or do whatever you want to with your red strips, they're yours, right?)

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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