

# The Running Stitch

*stitches bind us together*

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 40, Issue 5



## From Our President, Damaris Lane


As the weather gets hotter, it means more time indoors. More time indoors means more creative time. It seems that I just can't wait to head upstairs to finish my latest project or start a new one. There's one good thing about that: I have plenty of fabrics to do many, many projects.

I hope you're putting the finishing touches on your challenge quilts. I can't wait to see the FUN quilts you've created. I have also spoken to someone about judging them for us.

We have had a new windfall of fabric, so we have the materials to make many quilts for the Children's Advocacy Center. I will have an updated count of completed and delivered quilts to them at our June meeting.

Remember YOU are the guild. Without members, there would be no guild. We need and want your participation in ideas, in workshops, and in attendance at the meetings. The camaraderie we have together as quilters is special!

May 2024



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### June refreshments

*Jerry McGuffin*

*Chris Summers*

*Elaine Taylor*

*Challenge Quilts are due at the  
June Business Meeting!*

# Quilt Guild Business Meeting Minutes of the Withlacoochee

May 13, 2024

The May 13, 2024 Withlacoochee Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00pm by President Damaris Lane. Damaris welcomed everyone. Dianne Dees gave the blessing before the meal. Mary Ann McGee will provide the prayer for June. Damaris thanked the hostess committee (Heather Dixon, Kathleen Haehnel, and Barb Linares) for the wonderful food which was enjoyed by all. June refreshments will be provided by Jerry McGuffin, Chris Summers, and Elaine Taylor.

**Birthdays:** Barbara Jordan, Loretta Brock, Becky Berry, Pat Hawkins, Henrietta Traynor. We all joined in singing Happy Birthday to our May birthday quilters.

## **Minutes:**

A call for approval of minutes as written in the newsletter was made; motion to accept the minutes as written was given by Sandy Willis and seconded by Mary Ann McGee. Minutes were approved as written.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The proposed budget for the coming year was presented in the newsletter and copies were available for review. Motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Chris Summers and seconded by Barb Linares. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Patti McGuffin provided the treasurer's report. The report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

## **Hospitality:**

Damaris Lane and Mary Ann McGee each received a hospitality gift.

**Members present:** 22: Dianne Melendez, Damaris Lane, Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Chris Summers, Sandy Willis, Kathleen Haehnel, Dianne Dees, Marsha Tyson, Barbara Jordan, Barb Linares, Pat Hawkins, Teresa Smith, Ann Bussey, Lee Brooks, Hedy Parrish, Ann Hoover, Mary Ann Magee, Diane Kelley, Heather Dixon, Elsie Crane, Gail Posey. No guests this evening.

**Membership:** Chris Summers reported we have 66 members which includes 3 new members who recently joined.

**Round to it:** Elsie Crane shared completed projects with the group and Teresa Smith was the happy recipient of the *Round To It* for June.

## **Old Business:**

The bank account signatures have been updated so that Joy, Patty, and Damaris are on the account. Judy Hart and Carla Goldie were removed from the account.

Hedy delivered some quilts to the Child Advocacy Center and reported that they would like to have 100 quilts to give away in December.

Border Magic class is coming up soon (June 1, 2024). Chris Summers will be the instructor. Kits were available for purchase (15.00 or 20.00 kits) and registration for the class (25.00) was available at the meeting. The class registration fee will be donated to the Guild. Chris provided several examples of what the quilt block would look like and had sample quilts using this technique. Chris plans to check with the Wednesday Sit and Sew group to see if anyone else would like to participate. Lunch will be provided.

Damaris reminded everyone that the President's Challenge Project will be shared at the June meeting. She wished everyone success in completing their projects. Ribbons will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Cash prizes will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. Damaris will be contacting potential judges for the challenge.

## **New Business:**

Damaris requested a motion to make Carla Goldie, Laverne Beardsley, and Marian Garber honorary members of the guild. Kathleen Haehnel made the motion to designate them as honorary members with Chris Summers providing the second to the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Damaris indicated a need to dismantle the Guild Library. There is limited use of the library, and the space is needed for storage for items such as donation project resources. There is still a need for volunteers to provide demonstrations at the meetings. Damaris encouraged everyone to sign up to share their knowledge and expertise. Barb Linares suggested we have another Bingo night for an upcoming program, possibly in October. She invited all to bring one to six 2 ½ inch strips WOF in different Christmas fabrics by the September meeting.

## **Show and Tell:**

A lovely assortment of projects was shared during Show and Tell. Sandy Willis, Barb Linares, Mary Ann McGee, Dianne Melendez, Kathleen Haehnel, Pat Hawkins, Barbara Jordan, Marsha Tyson, and Damaris Lane shared their works of art with the members. Damaris purchased large fabric rolls from the Salvation Army that can be used for backing for donation projects.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Dees, recording secretary.

**Withlacoochee Quilters Guild  
Treasurer's Report  
April 2024**

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>as of 3-31-2024</b>	<b>3,083.65</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Membership	200.00
	Challenge	5.00
	Misc	10.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>215.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Challenge	31.08
	Seminar	247.28
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>278.36</b>
<b>Balance as of 4-30-2024</b>		<b>3,020.29</b>

Respectfully  
submitted,  
Patti McGuffin

**Donation Quilts**

Our guild has chosen the Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County to be the recipients of our donation quilts for 2024. Their program councils at risk children and they will be very appreciative of the quilts we give them. If you have a quilt that you have made and want to donate, you can drop it off at the Grace Bible Church on Wednesday mornings or bring it to the monthly business meeting. If you would like to make a quilt top, we have fabric available at the church. Some of our members have volunteered to quilt and bind donated tops.

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## June Program

Be sure to attend our June business meeting when one of our newest members, Linda Bacon, does a trunk show!



## Show and Tell









## For Sale

Sewing/quilting table. 32 x 70 with a 16 x 70 folding extension. The table has a recessed platform for your sewing machine with an opening to fit a sew steady table.

Well loved. \$150.00

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> each year, are \$20 per year for adults. Youth membership (ages 6-16) is \$10. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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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