

The Running Stitch

stitches bind us together

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 40, Issue 6



From Our President, Damaris Lane

What is fellowship? It means more than simply coming together. It refers to close association or mutual engagement and active participation. Our monthly guild meeting is our time for fellowship. I look forward to our meeting every month and the opportunity to talk with our guild members, to see the projects you've made and to hear any news you have to share.

One of our guild members came by my house today, and it added such a bright spot to my day to have some one-on-one time with her and share our projects together. Who better to have as best friends than ladies who share your passion for quilting? If you've skipped a few meetings, come back soon. We miss you!

Our guild is making a difference in our community with the quilts and bags we donated to The Haven last year and the quilts we are currently donating to The Children's Advocacy Center. It gives me a sense of accomplishment to find out how many we've given so far this year and how many more we plan to donate.

Looking for a fun quilt relating outing? The Art Center of Moultrie is hosting a quilt exhibition from June 20th - July 31st. You may even see quilts by some of our members!

June 2024



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June refreshments

Connie Syford

Laurie Rowell

Diane Melendez

July Program

Kathleen Haehnel

Will be doing a demonstration

Minutes of the Withlacoochee Quilt Guild June 10, 2024

The June 10, 2024 Withlacoochee Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00pm by President Damaris Lane. Damaris welcomed everyone. Mary Ann MaGee gave the blessing before the meal. Kathleen Haehnel will provide the prayer for July. Damaris thanked the hostess committee (Jerry McGuffin, Chris Summers and Elaine Taylor) for the wonderful food which was enjoyed by all. July refreshments will be provided by Dianne Melendez, Connie Syford, and Laurie Rowell.

Birthdays: Ava Best, Lee Brooks, Sherry Dorminey, Mary Joyce Greene, Chris Summers, Marsha Tyson, and Teresa Smith. We all joined in singing Happy Birthday to our June birthday quilters.

President Damaris Lane reminded the members that we no longer have Rainbow outreach but did inform us of several members who have experienced loss or have medical concerns. Hedy Parrish's son passed away unexpectedly on June 4; Elaine Southhall's mother also passed away on June 4. Jean Ellen Mason passed away May 15. Floye Luke is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery June 10.

Minutes: A call for approval of minutes as written in the newsletter was made; motion to accept the minutes as written was given by Jerry McGuffin and seconded by Linda Bacon. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Patti McGuffin provided the treasurer's report. The report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

Hospitality: Brenda Myrick and Jerry McGuffin each received a hospitality gift.

Members present: 28: Damaris Lane, Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Connie Syford, Chris Summers, Sandy Willis, Kathleen Haehnel, Marsha Tyson, Barbara Jordan, Barb Linares, Teresa Smith, Ann Bussey, Ann Hoover, Mary Ann Magee, Diane Kelley, Heather Dixon, Gail Posey, Joyce Herrin, Lynn Ross, Linda Bacon, Judy Loveless, Elaine Taylor, Joy Bass, Ava Best, Brenda Myrick, Arianna Crane, Laurie Rowell, Teresa Lavind. No guests this evening.

Membership: Chris Summers reported we have 70 members which includes new members who recently joined. New members: Pat Seco (returning member), Cooky Lundy, Heather Galvin, Brenda Myrick, Lynn Ross, and Arianna Crane. Membership cards were given to current members.

Round to it: Teresa Smith shared her project and Marsha Tyson is the happy recipient of the *Round To It* for July

Old Business: Members were reminded of the following dates for upcoming retreats:

Fall Retreat: October 11-13, 2024 Spring Retreat: April 11-13, 2025 Fall Retreat: October 17-19, 2025

Children's Advocacy Center project: Hedy has delivered 20 quilts to the center. Damaris has 6 kits available to use for making the quilts and distributed kits at the meeting. Guild Library: Please look at the books and take any home that you would like. The plan is to dismantle the library and to donate or discard remaining books. Barb Linares has offered to lead another Bingo Night in October. The question was presented as to whether the theme should be Christmas or other fabric. Since it is a donation quilt the guild decided to go with other fabric, not a themed collection of fabric. Please bring six (6) 2 ½ WOF fabric strips for the Bingo game.

New Business:

Damaris informed the members that we are the lucky recipients of another fabric windfall. Elsie Linde and her husband are moving, and she donated her sewing room fabric by way of Sandy Willis. The fabric was sorted and given as follows: Larger pieces of fleece and flannel were given to Dianne Melendez for quilt backs; Damaris cut some for kits; Wednesday Sit & Sew received some; fabric that might not be suitable for quilting was taken to Redland Church by Barb Lindner; Damaris has some remaining fabric that can be used for kits or donation quilts. Moultrie Arts Center is having their 2024 Quilt Exhibition June 20-July 31. Damaris encouraged all members to attend the show and see the beautiful quilts on display. Some of our Guild quilters have quilts on display. Opening reception is June 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Kathleen Haehnel will provide a demonstration at the July meeting. Tonight's program is a trunk show provided by Linda Bacon. An array of beautiful quilts was shared and enjoyed by all. The class/workshop/seminar conducted by Chris Summers was very successful. All in attendance learned a very good method was constructing a "border magic" quilt. A very tasty lunch was also provided. A total of \$715.00 was raised for the guild. Damaris expressed hope that some had brought their quilts to share this evening.

Show and Tell:

Challenge quilts were on display this evening as well. Damaris has spoken with someone who will judge the Challenge quilt entries and hopefully will have the results by the July meeting.

Those participating in show and tell this evening: Joy Bass, Elaine Taylor, Damaris Lane, Ann Bussey, Kathleen Haehnel, Patti McGuffin, Connie Syford, Sandy Willis, Teresa Lavind, Teresa Smith, Chris Summers. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Dees, recording secretary.

My thanks to Barb Linares for taking the minutes in my absence. ☺

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

Balance Forward	as of 4-30- 2024	\$3,020.29
 Income		
Membership	60.00	
Spring Retreat	53.00	
Sit and Sew	95.00	
 Total Income		
		\$208.00
 Expenses		
Grace Bible Church	500.00	
PO Box Rental	232.00	
 Total Expenses		
		\$732.00
 Balance as of 5-31-2024		
		\$2,496.29

Respectfully sub-
mitted,

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. 35 quilts have been delivered to the center. Several more quilts have been finished and are ready for delivery.

June Program

Linda Bacon shares her beautiful quilts with guild members

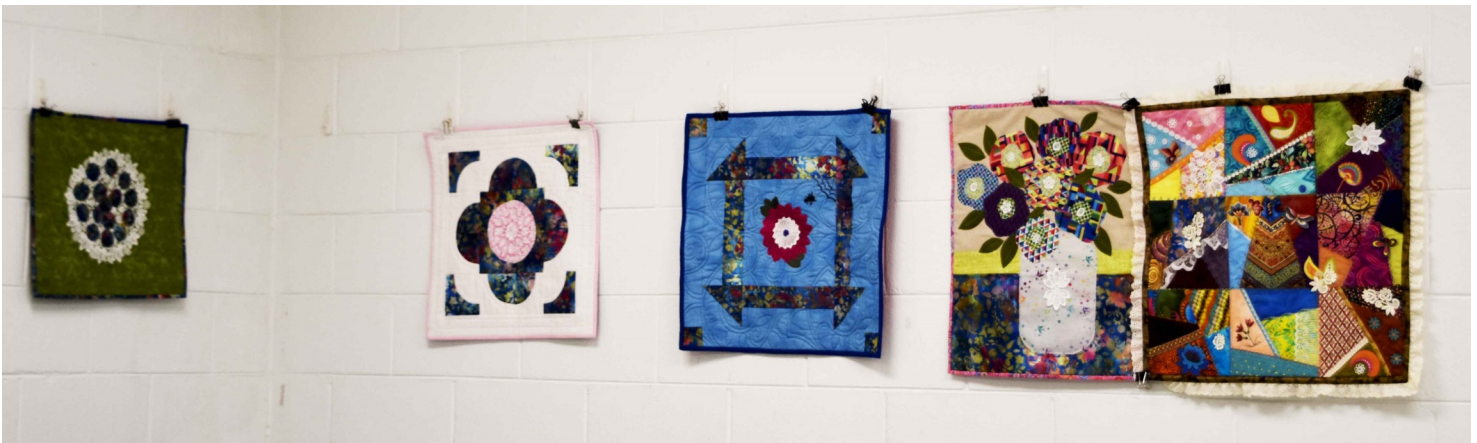


getting a round-to-it

Nice job Jeresa!



Guild Challenge Entries



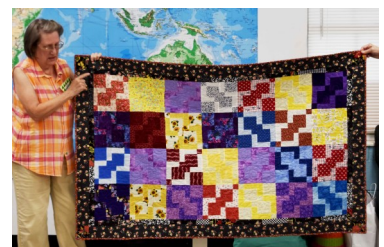


Border Magic Class





Show and Tell



Bingo Night Part Deux

We had such a good time playing bingo in April that Barb has consented to do it again in October. This time we have to bring her the fabrics and she will do the rest. Everyone who wants to play needs to bring six different 2 1/2" strips (width of fabric) to the next meeting so that Barb has time to prepare.



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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