

# The Running Stitch

stitches bind us together

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 40, Issue 7



## From Our President, Damaris Lane

The year is more than half over! Where did the time go? The older I get, the faster it seems to fly. We have two months of summer left. I hope your days have been filled with joy and mostly quilting. My summer has been very busy, but I surely miss my time in my sewing room and can't wait to get back there. I enjoy thinking about and planning my next project. I think of my brain as being elastic, and I want to stretch it and learn new things. There are so many new techniques and designs and ideas we have yet to discover! Fun things!

I know we all enjoy making quilts and gifts for our family when there's a new baby on the way or a wedding or just any event really. My niece had a really nice shower (a deluge really). She loved the baby quilt and Christmas stocking I made for my new grandnephew Uriah.

With the weather outside being so frightful (hot), time spent in our sewing room is so delightful! I can't wait to see your new projects at the August meeting.

"One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love."

July 2024



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## August refreshments

*Dianne Kelley*

*Gail Posey*

*Diane Dees*

## August Program

*Hedy Parrish*

# WQG Minutes July 9, 2024

The July 9, 2024 Withlacoochee Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00pm by President Damaris Lane. Damaris welcomed everyone. Kathleen Haehnel gave the blessing before the meal. Diane Kelley will provide the prayer for August. Damaris thanked the hostess committee (Dianne Melendez, Connie Syford, and Laurie Rowell) for the wonderful food which was enjoyed by all. August refreshments will be provided by Diane Kelley, Gail Posey, and Dianne Dees.

**Birthdays:** Kathleen Haehnel, Diane Kelley, Connie Syford, Laverne Walker, Mandy Moore. We all joined in singing Happy Birthday to our July 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 Mary Ann MaGee and seconded by Barbara Jordan. 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. A copy will be available in the newsletter.

**Hospitality:** Ann Bussey received the hospitality gift.

**Members present:** 23: Damaris Lane, Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Connie Syford, Chris Summers, Sandy Willis, Kathleen Haehnel, Barbara Jordan, Teresa Smith, Ann Bussey, Ann Hoover, Mary Ann Magee, Heather Dixon, Joyce Herrin, Lynn Ross, Elaine Taylor, Joy Bass, Laurie Rowell, Teresa Lavind, Dianne Dees, Elaine Southall, Dianne Melendez, Patti Hawkins. No guests this evening.

**Membership:** Chris Summers reported we have 70 members which includes new members who recently joined. New members: Doris Brinkman. Membership cards were given to new members.

**Round to it:** no round to it this evening.

**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

President's Challenge quilts were on display. A non-member quilter friend of Damaris was asked to judge the Challenge quilts. Winners of the Challenge Quilt Project: Elaine Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Joyce Herrin, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Ann Bussey, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who contributed to the Challenge Quilt Project. Those who participated were invited to share their quilts in the upcoming 2025 Quilt show.

Children's Advocacy Center project: 35 quilts have been delivered. Damaris has five kits available for members to make more quilts and all were given out at the meeting.

The Guild Library has been dismantled and Damaris expressed thanks to all who assisted with the project.

Barbara Linares is planning another Bingo night in October. Those wishing to participate need to contribute six (6) 2 1/2 X WOF strips. Several members turned in strips at the July meeting. August meeting will be the last opportunity to turn in strips for the Bingo night.

The Moultrie Arts Center 2024 Quilt exhibit will be ending July 31. Damaris encouraged all to visit the exhibit in Moultrie.

## **New Business:**

Chris Summers will be providing members' names and other information in the upcoming newsletter. This will be used as the yearbook. Please print out for your use. Jerry McGuffin will also be posting the newsletter/yearbook information to the website (quiltcrazy.biz). If you prefer to not have your information posted on the website, please let Jerry know.

Bylaws and Standing Rules: There is work in progress to revise and update the current Bylaws and Standing Rules. They will be published in the next newsletter and will be voted on at the August meeting. Please print these for your records.

**Program:** The August program will be given by Hedy Parrish and in September a trunk show will be given by Hedy Parrish and Sandy Willis. Tonight, our program was given by Kathleen Haehnel: Chain Stitching on Steroids. Kathleen provided a very detailed and interesting program using the chain stitch method to completely assemble a nine-patch block/quilt with very little thread loss or cutting thread. Then the nine-patch was cut to demonstrate how it becomes the disappearing nine patch.

## **Show and Tell:**

The following members shared lovely and creative work during Show and Tell:

Dianne Melendez, Chris Summers, Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Ann Hoover, Dianne Dees, Damaris Lane, Ann Bussey, and Teresa Lavind for Elsie Crane.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Dees, recording secretary

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

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>as of 5-31-2024</b>	<b>2,496.29</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Spring retreat fees	1,303.00
	membership	20.00
	seminar fees	977.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,300.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Spring retreat	2,307.56
	Membership cards	81.00
	Grace Bible Church	50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>2,438.56</b>
<b>Balance as of 6-30-2024</b>		<b>2,357.73</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti McGuffin  
Treasurer

**Donation Quilts**

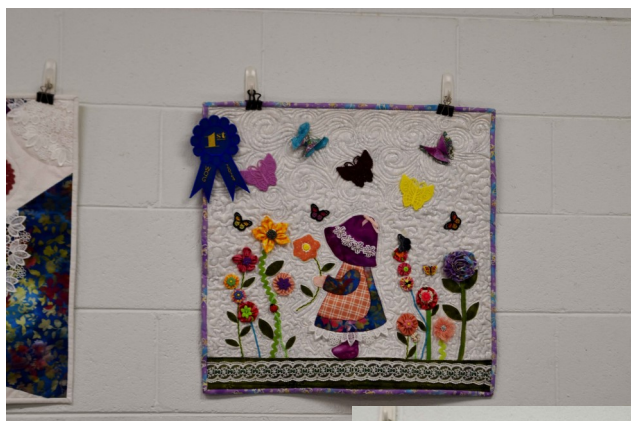
Our guild has chosen the Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County to be the recipients of our donation quilts for 2024. Their program councils at risk children and they will be very appreciative of the quilts we give them. If you have a quilt that you have made and want to donate, you can drop it 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.



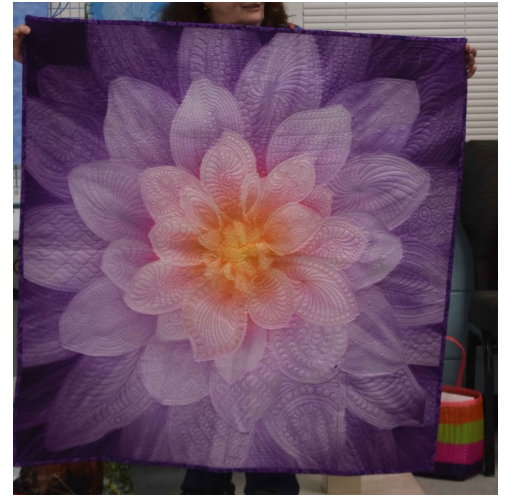
*July Program*  
*Kathleen Demos Chain Piecing on Steroids*



*Challenge Winners!*

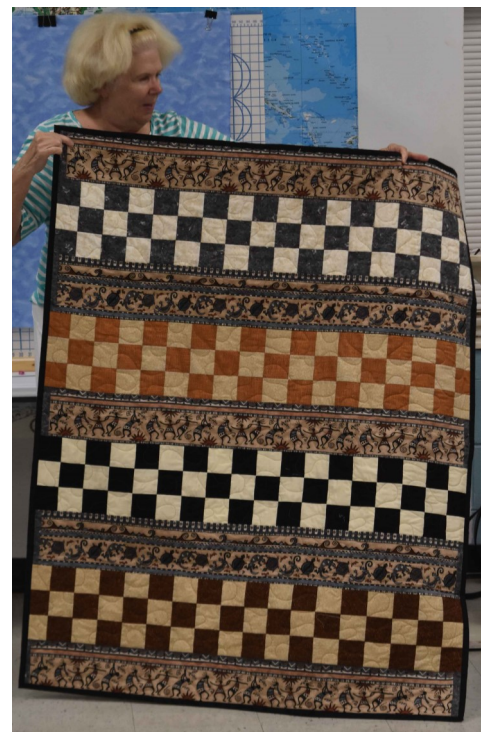
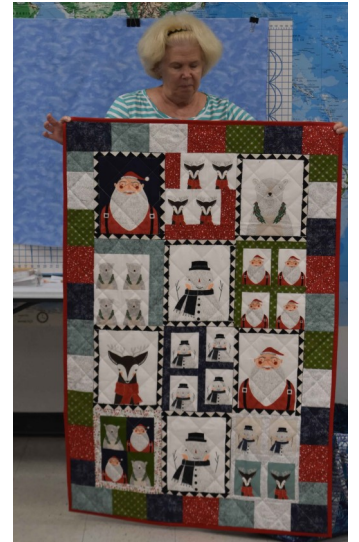






*Show and Tell*





## Revision of By-Laws and Standing Rules

An attachment of the revised by-laws and standing rules of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild is included in the email with the newsletter. All members are encouraged to read over this revision and be prepared to discuss and vote on the changes to be made at the August membership meeting.

## 2024 WQG Yearbook

An attachment including the name, email address and phone number of every current member of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild is also included in this email. As the guild will no longer provide members with a printed copy of this information, you are encouraged to print a copy of this attachment and keep it for future reference. Any new members added after this date will be printed in the newsletter so you can add the information to your yearbook.



If you haven't done so already, bring your (6) 2 1/2" x WOF strips to the August meeting so Barb can get them ready for Bingo in October.

## Retreat Dates

Fall

*October 11-13, 2024*

Spring

*April 11-13, 2025*

Fall

*October 17-19, 2025*



We enjoyed member, Laurie Rowell's version of Mississippi Pot Roast at the July membership meeting. There is no better solution for an easy delicious dinner when you want to spend all day in your sewing room!

### Mississippi Pot Roast

1 stick butter	1 packet ranch dressing mix
1 3 lb chuck roast	1/2 jar pepperocinis with juice
1 packet au jus gravy mix	

Throw all the ingredients in the crockpot, cover, and cook on low for 8 hours.



## 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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