



Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild



2024 January Newsletter

Current Meeting & Workshop Schedule *Adelaide Carpenter, Programs*

Meeting Time: 2:00 PM (1:30 PM social time) / 1st Monday of each Month
 Workshop Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Workshop / bring your own lunch
 Place: Episcopal Church of the Ascension
 214 Northampton Rd. Seneca, SC

Schedule At A-Glance

Jan. 2024	Meeting:	Jan. 8, 2024	Installation of Officers & Looking Forward to 2024 Programs New officers please attend Executive Board Mtg.
Feb. 2024	Meeting:	Feb. 5, 2024	Adventures with Jinny (trunk show) Linda Bryant
	Workshop:	Feb. 6, 2024	Queens Folly (English Paper Piecing) Linda Bryant \$25 Workshop Fee – LMQG \$8.00 Kit Fee – payable to teacher day of class
	Day Bee:	Feb. 20, 2024	9- 3 OPEN SEW – Bring your own project
March 2024	Meeting:	March 4, 2024	My Quiltworx Journey with Elsa Neubauer
	Workshop:	March 5, 2024	Blue Moon Placemats with Elsa Neubauer \$25 Workshop Fee – LMQG \$28.00 Pattern Fee – payable to teacher
April 2024	Meeting:	April 1, 2024	Machine Maintenance with George Pennington
	Workshop:	NO WORKSHOP	

Program Details by Month

- January 8, 2024** **1:00 Executive Board Mtg. (New & Old Officers)**
2:00 (Program) -Installation of Officers & 2024 Programs
(Workshop) – No Workshop
- February 5, 2024** **(Program)** -Adventures with Jinny – Linda Bryant
- February 6, 2024** **(Workshop)** – Queens Folly (English Paper Piecing)



Workshop Fee= \$25 LMQG
Kit Fee = \$8 payable to teacher

- February 20, 2024** **(Day Bee )** - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Bring your own project &
Sew with friends
- March 4, 2024** **(Program)** -My Quiltworkx Journey – Elsa Neubauer
- March 5, 2024** **(Workshop)** – Blue Moon Placemats – Elsa Neubauer
Workshop Fee = \$25 LMQG
Pattern Fee = \$28 payable to teacher

Supply List for Quiltworx Class

- Pattern – purchase from instructor
- Fabric – separate information coming on quantity and preparation for workshop.
DO NOT starch your fabric.
- Add-a-quarter ruler – 12"



- Fabric glue pen and refills ** (Sewline, Quilter's Select, Bohin, Fons & Porter, etc).
The pen and the refills can be different brands – the refills will fit any glue pen

- New blade in your rotary cutter**
- 70/10 needle for sewing machine
- One Gallon Ziploc bags (to organize papers and fabric)
- Box of large paper clips (100 count) (not binder clips or project clips) (office supply)
- Scotch tape (Scotch brand preferred)



- Basic sewing supplies – machine, scissors, seam ripper, thread, pins

Available from instructor for purchase:

- Template plastic 3” x 12” or 3” x 18”(used as a folding template)
- Scotch restickable glue stick (used for positioning fabric to the foundation paper) – I do not recommend any other brand – I have observed the brands leaving residue on the fabric. Available at office supply stores or Amazon or from instructor.
- Acorn Precision Piecing Products Easy Press Pen and Solution (highly recommended) **



LMQG RETREAT – Mark your calendars now! **October 23-27, 2024** The 2023 Retreat is behind us and we’re looking forward to 2024. The food was awesome and sewing with friends.... well what more could you ask for?



RETREAT – October 23-27, 2024





President's Corner

Pat Huggins, President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Quilters! I hope your holidays will be filled with family, friends, food, and other blessings of the season (quilting included, of course!)

Thank you to Nancy Porter, Ellen Levesque, and Carolyn Harris's granddaughter for the wonderful Christmas party! The games, decorations, door prizes, and FOOD were wonderful! Thank you!

As we come to the end of another year, I reflect on memories of 2023: new friends and new quilting techniques, retreats and workshops, fabulous LMQG programs with super presenters, fellowships grown stronger through our shared love of creating art with fabric, and so much more!

It has been a pleasure and a treat to serve as your President for the past two years! My, how time has flown! It seems only yesterday that Carolyn Harris called me and asked me to serve! And yet, two whole years have passed! I must say it has been a thrilling, yet challenging (at times), ride! I have learned so much about YOU and your passion for quilting. Even better, I have learned so much FROM YOU, too!

As I turn the reins over to Denise, I look forward to continuing to learn and grow in this quilting journey with you!

It's been REAL! It's been FUN! And it's been REAL FUN!

Stay calm and Quilt on!

Pat





Member News

Cheryl Keith, Membership

Renewal Time!

Membership cards can be picked up at the monthly meeting from the membership table.

Dues may be paid at any meeting or mailed to LMQG, P.O. Box 22, Seneca, SC 29679. Dues are \$30.00. You do not need to fill out any new forms, but please let Cheryl know if any of your information has changed. The updated membership list will be provided to the new Membership Chairperson at the beginning of 2024.



Philanthropy

Lisa Holbrook, Philanthropy

Comfort Quilts:

Thank you to everyone who has been making comfort quilts to donate. The gifts of your time, talent and materials are appreciated. Fabric was purchased by the Guild for comfort quilts. This fabric is available during our meetings. We are asking you to sign-out this fabric because it was purchased and not donated. We hope to have a Day Bee for making comfort quilts soon.

Donated batting and fabric are always appreciated! All styles of fabric are used in comfort quilts. **Remember that scraps from the fabric used for surgical caps may be cut into squares or strips for use in comfort quilts.** There are many plastic bags of fabric squares available at our guild meetings. Please feel free to take these to make comfort quilts.

A comfort quilt is whatever size you want to make it. Most comfort quilts we receive are lap size, approximately 50" x 65". We also get smaller quilts for young children which are about 45" x 60". We have labels for the quilts. They are available at the comfort quilt table during our guild meetings. *Please contact Lisa Holbrook (holbrooklh@att.net) for questions about comfort quilts.*

Honor Their Service Quilts

Keowee Key has changed the format of their Honor Their Service program but they still give each participant a quilt. Pat Fargis is the contact person for these quilts. **Quilts need to be at least 60" x 72". They can be patriotic colors or not.** Consider making one for next year's participants. These may be given to Pat at a guild meeting. *Email Pat Fargis at farpmoose@gmail.com if you have any questions.*

Children's Scrub Hats

Greenville Memorial Hospital gives every child having surgery a "Dollar Store" toy and a scrub hat prior to surgery. Some surgical hats are also donated to Oconee Memorial Hospital. They appreciate scrub hats with kid-themed fabric. These hats are not necessarily worn into surgery (they can be). But the kids get to take them home. They love picking them out when there is fun fabric!

You can donate fun child friendly fabric for surgical caps: 1 yard makes 5 surgical caps. We take donations of yardage, cut 18" or 16" circles, caps with sewn casings for elastic, OR completed caps with knotted elastic (this allows surgical staff to adjust the size to fit child). Novelty fabrics and bright florals make great surgical caps. *Please contact Patty Smith (413-531-9275) if you have questions about the surgical hats.*

WAYS TO HELP

Donate kid-themed fabric (fat quarter, ½ yard, or a yard) for others to make scrub hats

Make completed scrub hats with elastic

Cut out & sew casing hem on 16-18" circles for others to thread elastic through

Thread elastic through the casing hem on the hats

Directions for 5 scrub hats

You will need: 1 yd cotton fabric
¼ inch elastic 26" piece per hat
Thread
16 to 18 inch circle pattern (depending on fabric width)

Fold Fabric lengthwise so that an 8- or 9-inch single layer extends beyond the 2-layer folded. Fold width-wise. You will have 4 thicknesses in main part.

Cut four circles at one time.

With remaining single layer of fabric – cut two half-circles with a ¼' seam allowance which can be sewn together to make one more circle for a surgical cap.

This gives you 5 hats. Remember that scraps from the fabric used for surgical caps may be cut into squares or strips for use in comfort quilts.

Finish off edge: Fold under ½" and sew with zig-zag or other edging stitch to make casing for elastic. Or fold under twice and sew with a straight stitch to make casing.

Other suggestions for sewing the elastic casing:

-Lengthening the stitch on that hem really speeds that part up.

-If you serge the edges, using the differential feed to slightly gather/ease the edge makes turning the hem easy. NO pressing, NO tucks.

Thread a 26" piece of ¼" elastic into casing. Tie off elastic with a simple loop knot leaving a large (1 to 3 inch) extra. This allows the nurses to easily adjust the hats according to the child's head size. [If you just want to sew hats & not put the elastic in them, we have volunteers who will do the elastic part.]

There is a small need for hats with 19" or 20" diameters. However, the 18" size can usually be adjusted to fit most kids.



Communication

Gil Huggins

Tying up loose ends for the purpose of having everyone's email correct has been a real challenge. The guild email database had to be reworked because the data transfer to my new computer was unsuccessful for all my email addresses. Hopefully all members are receiving information and articles related to the guild via email and Facebook post. If you know of a guild member who is not receiving our communications, please email me or a club officer.

I am trying to post numerous photos of members engaged in sewing projects on our Facebook page. This is in order to keep the content fresh and highlight the wonderful work done by each participant. Naturally, Show and Tell pictures are done each month, but workshop project participants also deserve recognition. Please be aware that older post are being removed on FB as content more than a year old is a little stale.

I hope to work with the webmaster for LMQG in the upcoming months in order to give those who do not go on Facebook a chance to also see our monthly photos.

Gil - First Husband



Library News

Anita Parham, Librarian

The library has lots of interesting books to check out. New books are being continually donated so the books available to you are constantly increasing or changing. Check us out!

Editor's Comments.....so long....farwell....

It's been a great four years. I have enjoyed being your editor and working on the Newsletter with you and for you. My goal was to include an abbreviated schedule of events to save and refer to as well as have a print record of what you would need for any workshop you might attend.

Please join me in welcoming **Sandy Harrison** as your new Newsletter Editor.

Judy Stech, Newsletter Editor

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