



Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild



2023 December 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

Dec. 2023	Meeting:	Dec. 4, 2023	Christmas Party & Vote on Officers
Jan. 2024	Meeting:	Jan. 8, 2024	Installation of Officers & Looking Forward to 2024 Programs
Feb. 2024	Meeting:	Feb. 5, 2024	Adventures with Jinny (trunk show) Linda Bryant
	Workshop:	Feb. 6, 2024	Queens Folly (English Paper Piecing) Linda Bryant (\$8.00 Kit Fee)

Program Details by Month

December 4th, 2023

(Program) – Holiday Party & Vote on Officers

(Workshop) – No Workshop

January 8th, 2024

(Program) -Installation of Officers & 2024 Programs

(Workshop) – No Workshop

February 5th, 2024

(Program) -Adventures with Jinny – Linda Bryant

(Workshop) – Queens Folly (English Paper Piecing)



President's Corner

Pat Huggins, President

Happy Holidays, Fellow Quilters!

It's party time, LMQG! Wear your ugliest sweater, your brightest Christmas smile, and bring all your "show and tell" projects this coming Monday for our yearly Christmas meeting! We'll have snacks, give aways, and maybe some caroling!

Most importantly, we'll be electing officers for the coming year(s)! Please come, cast your vote, eat something yummy, and have a good time with our quilting friends!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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](mailto:LMQG@sc.rr.com). 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!

***Please Note: Links do not work – please use the links provided in emails, etc. as a reference.**

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