

Ladies of the Lakes History

The first meeting was held May 1, 1995 at the Lakeland Square Mall. The guild was started by Charlotte Gates, Jolene Wilcher, Carolyn Girvin, Nila Gorham, and Jacqui Anderson.

Original members were Mary Sterling, Victoria Zazarine, Connie Rowland, Linda Brimigion, Laretta Onachilla, Bonnie Hawker, Gretchen Worth, Dorothy Slack, Naomi Peddle, Jeanne Simmons, Wilma Roberts, Lynn Van Wormer, Belle Andrade, Dorothy Conger, Sharon Bigelow, Sharon Horton, Sheila Lowe, and Millie Booker.

Past presidents:

Charlotte Gates 2 years 1995-1997
Mary Sterling 2 years 1997-1999
Jolene Wilcher 2 years 1999-2001
Jacqui Anderson 2 years 2001-2003
Jeanne Simmons 1 year 2003-2004
Teddy Wenner current president

Programs have been presented in the topics of art quilts, traditional quilts, fabrics, and threads. Our speakers have included:

June Colburn
Carol Meyers
Ruthie Miller
Michele Hart
Monica Calvert (twice)
Nancy Prince
Ruth McDowell
Carol Ingraham
Linda Frantz
Pauline Salzman
Jan Wildman
Anthony Jones

Other activities include mystery quilt midnight madness, workshops in thread painting, landscape quilts, embroidery, and stack & whack.

Near and dear to our hearts, charity projects have included:

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Quilts for Churches, Baptist Children s Home, Lakeland Police
Department Public, and Public Broadcasting System (PBS)
Teddy bears for Salvation Army
Easter baskets for Baptist Children s Home
Baby shower for mothers-to-be in crisis

We have had great fun going on several different mystery bus trips. Many of our members have gotten to go to many places they otherwise would have missed. We always leave early in the morning. There are games, prizes, and fun for everyone! We have lunch somewhere nice, shop til we drop (or melt our credit cards!) ..then back on the bus to be home by evening.

Places we have visited:

Mt. Dora
Ocala
Bradenton
Leesburg
Belleview
Palmetto
Tavares
Dunnellon
Deland
Longwood

Come and join us ...we welcome you into our guild of energetic and dynamic quilters!

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