



# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

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## February 2019

<u>Officers</u>	President	Kathy Hill
	Vice President	Patty Blanton
	Secretary	Sue Stell
	Treasurer	Chris Zimmer

Dearest Guild Members,

Wow, here we are rolling into March already. Days will be getting longer and our seasonal friends will be returning. So very exciting!

I have a serious issue for your consideration. It also requires your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION please. May will be here before we can blink an eye. AS a Guild to continue, we must elect new officers. At the present time, we have no one who has agreed to either lead or serve on a nominating committee , and more importantly 3 or possibly all 4 spots to fill and no one volunteering to take those positions. THIS IS SERIOUS! Without a board, we cannot continue as a guild quite simply!

Let me first speak to the president role. When I was asked to fill this position last February, I was no working and did not anticipate working full time for sure. As you all aware I am full time @ Sew Original acting as their team leader. This means I have not had the time I think is necessary to do this position justice. Additionally, I think a number of members view my role @ Sew Original as a conflict, even though that is truly not my intention. That being said. It will be up to you the membership if i should continue in a 2nd term. If you decide (vote for me to stay) I will still have the same limited availability in the coming year, but I will continue to serve as able. Please know that I will not be the least bit offended if someone else steps up and is voted in to serve in this capacity.



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Now let's discuss officers. I have spoken to Patty, Sue and Chris. All 3 have served this guild well for 2 terms. I am most grateful for their selfless contributions as I am sure you are. They would like to become regular members and have time to PLAY in the GUILD! This means we need to fill all 3 spots / roles. All officers meet with the president and and vote on matters (financial and otherwise) acting as your board.

Secretary : Attends all meetings (or finds sub if unable), records the minutes, and turns over minutes to the Newsletter for publication

Treasurer: Keeps the financials, files the taxes, manages the bank account and reports all activity.

Chris has also been doing the website; however this job can be moved to a committee head.

Vice President : Fills in for president when required and is responsible for planning and securing programs for meetings.

If you are interested in ANY of the 4 officer roles, PLEASE SPEAK UP NOW! don't wait for us to ask!

We do need to have a nominating committee. Again I was hoping someone would volunteer to lead but that has not happened even as I have approached several people. We need 3 to 4 members to serve on this committee and help us find candidates. I am willing to serve on this committee but need HELP!

OK that's my message...do I have volunteers? Thank you for your consideration

Kathy



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## Minutes

February 5, 2019

President, Kathy Hill, called the meeting to order. January minutes were posted on the website and were approved by the membership. Treasurer, Chris Zimmer, gave the financial report which was approved.

**Programs:** Patty Blanton reported that Lisa Allen will do a trunk show in May. In June we will have a lunch meeting with installation of officers. Gail Lund volunteered to arrange use of her church. Patty reported that we have joined the Quilt Alliance which documents the history of quilting. We can have them do a half day workshop in which any of us who wish can bring a quilt and have a video record of it made. Patty is not yet sure when this will take place. In March Mary Ann Caplinger will present the program. On April 30 at 7pm Kaye England will do a trunk show. This will be at the library.

**Workshops:** Susan Sweet announced that the workshop this month on 2/19 will be making fidget quilts for the Foley Center long term care facility in Blowing Rock. She showed an example and asked us to bring items such as buttons, snaps, zippers, lace, ribbons, Velcro, fake fur, etc. She will also bring some such for us to use. If you are working ahead the blocks will be 8 ½" which finish to 8" but if you have already made some other sizes that is okay. These quilts will be small, lap size. Bring sewing machines.

Susan announced the challenge for the year will be outrageous colors or colors you never work with. Winners will be chosen at the December meeting.

The guild has bought new accuquilt dies which are 2 1/2 " strips, tumblers, and 8" cube. To use the Accuquilt get the key to our closet from someone in the building office. Occasionally, but not often, they will not want to let us in if the room is in use. We cannot take the Accuquilt out of the building.

**Friendship:** Linda Seamster passed out a new form to be used when we turn in a donation quilt. Twice a year she will draw from the forms turned in and the winner will get a prize. Today she has a wolf print fleece for someone to take and use to finish a donations quilt. Susan Sweet had turned in the quilt made with all of our ugly fabrics swatches turned in last year. Of course it turned into a lovely quilt and will be backed with the wolf print fleece.

Kathy reminded us they need people to do demonstrations at Art Space on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays.



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We will be displaying smaller pieces such as wall hangings and table runners at the Cancer Center. Susan Sweet, Chris Zimmer and Susan Payne looked at the space and are making arrangements. They will be on display from first of April through end of June. We will use their hanging system so works don't need a sleeve. Susan passed a sign-up sheet. If you did not bring an item today take a picture of yourself with your item and send it Chris.

There is a new Modern Quilt Guild meeting at Mountain Threads in Blowing Rock on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6pm. Dues are \$40/year,

**Nominating Committee:** We need nominations for next year's officers so they can be installed in June. We need a volunteer for nominating committee chair by next meeting.

**Shop News:** The Quilt Shop will have new classes on their website at end of February. They host a drop in session on Wednesdays from 10-2. You can bring any project including knitting and crochet.

Sew Original has ongoing Bernina Creative Studio classes. You can bring any brand machine. There is embroidery class on 2/11 or 2/12, making quilt labels on 2/25 or 2/26, making a cork wallet on 2/15. Patty will teach a placemat using free motion quilting on 2/21. These usually cost \$10 plus supplies. There will be more classes each month. Susan Edmonson will teach classes on 3/22 and 3/23. Kaye England will teach a class May 1. There are many other classes including Kimberbell and Accuquilt. National Quilting day is March 16 and Sew original will have demos, discounts, drawings and displays. A challenge is to turn a sweatshirt into something special.

Jill Sanders proposed to go back to former method of showing quilts in which we stand in place and hold up our own quilt. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Georgie McKenzie announced that her friend who gave a program for us, Connie Sue, of Apple Blossom Quilts is retiring. She is having an online sale. Also her friend Karen who was also here has had 2 strokes and is unable to sew. Thoughts and prayers for her are appreciated.

**Program:** Diane Holley gave a very interesting program on punch needle embroidery. She showed a variety of punch needles and several of her finished projects. She said threading is the hardest part and otherwise it goes fast. She says usually it is best to do the main color first. She showed examples of embroidery hoops used for this work. It is best if the hoop is deep enough to hold the work off your lap.

**Show and Share:** Gail Lund showed a donation quilt and her beautiful Tree of Life quilt from last year's Myrtle Beach Quilt Party.

Sandy Hurd showed a large quilt featuring ships and boats. She then showed a large beautiful quilt made on a cruise from a Kathy Scott pattern.

Gillian Winterton showed a lovely seascape wall hanging and Charlene Wilson's sampler quilted by Gillian.



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Mary Layton showed a quilt of colorful sampler blocks.

Diane Holley showed her quilt featuring beautiful embroidered blocks.

Barbara Piquet showed a quilt made from jelly rolls in a cobblestone pattern. It is for a friend whose sister died.

Sue Stell showed her Mystery Block of the Month quilt. It was beautifully quilted by Colleen Eskridge.

<b>Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild</b>			
<b>March 2019 - Financial Statement</b>			
<b>Checking Account:</b>			
	<b>Reconciled with Bank Statement of</b>	<b>2/25/2019</b>	
	Beginning Balance		\$ 7,141.31
	Expenses		\$ 200.00
	membership in Quilt Alliance		
	Deposits		\$ -
	1 Dues @ \$10/each		
	Nametag Fee		
	Ending Bank Balance		\$ 6,941.31
	<b>Balance as of 2/25/2019</b>		
	Respectfully submitted by Chris Zimmer		



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<u>Selina Anderson</u>
<u>Sue Corcoran</u>
<u>Sheri Elderfield</u>
<u>Anna McGuire</u>
<u>Betty Minick</u>
<u>Judy Violet</u>



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