



Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

January 2019

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

Dear Guild Members:

Happy 2019! Where did January go? Are you working on lots of great projects this year? I hope so!

Your board and Committee leaders are working hard to bring us great programs and workshops for the coming year. Be sure to stay involved and informed!

When looking at our budget; the board has determined to maintain our nonprofit status we should spend down some of our reserve. We have already voted on some upcoming expense including membership and program in the National quilt alliance; purchase of additional AccuQuilt dies for member and workshop use; and an upcoming trunk show for Kaye England. I would like your input on future spending initiatives. How would you like to see additional money spent?

As always your participation and membership is appreciated.

Happy Valentines all!

At your service
Kathy hill



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Minutes

January 15, 2019

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild met today because we could not meet on the first Tuesday which was January 1st.

We started with a short program by Patty Blanton showing EQ8 on her laptop projected onto a screen. This software has multiple capabilities to help us design quilts.

This was followed by the workshop portion of our meeting. Kathy Hill demonstrated the Accuquilt and encouraged us to use them during our workshop. Elmyra Morris led the workshop teaching us the Yellow Brick Road pattern. Susan Sweet brought in donation fabric for use in making donation quilts and some people brought their own fabric.

Programs: Patty Blanton announced that Diane Holley will provide the February program on needle punch work. March program will be by Mary Ann Caplinger, a well-known fiber artist. Patty will try to contact Bonnie Hunter for a future program.

We will have a speaker from **The Quilt Alliance**. We can become a member for \$200 and then the speaker cost is \$200. Otherwise it is \$600. If the guild joins then members can get discounted membership.

We could get a trunk show by Kaye England for \$500. It would have to be an evening and we need to find a location. This would be last of April or 1st of May. She would be likely to include educational comments as well as just showing. We could publicize and invite more people. Sew Original would offer a free space. Possibly could get library space which would be larger. We can only reserve the library a month in advance.

Workshops: Susan Sweet reported that February workshop will be making fidget quilts for Alzheimer patients. For this we will need buttons, zippers, ribbons, odd fabrics, snaps, sequins, lace, etc. Squares will be 8" finished.

Business: Susan Sweet asked for \$400 to purchase dies for the guild's GoCutter. There is a notebook with list of dies and instructions.

Susan says the challenge this year will be "Outrageous Colors". Use the colors on any project. We need to spend down some of our financial balance to satisfy IRS regulations. Kathy suggested scholarships, programs and workshops, trips, donations to local charities. Let her know if you have additional ideas.

Kathy apologized that the arrangements for the Pigeon Forge trip were not handled well. It will be better if we do it again.



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We have been invited to show our quilts at the Seby Cancer Center in Boone. Susan Sweet, Chris Zimmer and Sue Stell will visit and get more details.

Mountain Threads store in Blowing Rock is starting a guild for Modern Quilt.

Sew Original will be making kits of the cuttings from AccuQuilt demonstrations so this fabric will not be wasted. They have lots of new classes coming. If you sign up for a class with a friend you both will get a 10% discount on the class fee.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Stell, Secretary

Note From Susan Sweet

The guild is having a quilt hanging at the Watauga Cancer Center sponsored by the Arts Council. Chris Ritter and Susan Sweet have taken on this project and viewed the spaces available. We are looking for wall hangings and table runners to fill the spaces. If you have any pieces you would like to have on exhibit from April until June, please bring them to the next guild meeting. The Arts Council would like a picture of the quilters with their projects. We are looking for a number of hangings, so please participate in this project, and we will take a picture at the Feb. meeting of all of the people participating. The Arts Council will make up cards for each quilted piece to place next to your piece, so we need the quilts as soon as possible. There will be a sign-up sheet to identify your piece by name and size. You will not get the piece back until the end of June. If you cannot attend the Feb. guild meeting please let Susan or Chris know what you would like to have exhibited. Thanks for your help with this very worthy project.



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This is hanging in one of the offices at the Selby Cancer Center. It was hand quilted and stitched by members of the Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild 2002. Do any of our current members recognized squares that they made?





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<u>Harriet Alexander</u>
<u>Delores Amoroso</u>
<u>Claudette Jacobs</u>
<u>Lynda Steele</u>
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