

# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

July 2020



## Message from the MLQG President

Dear Members of MLQG,

I thank all of you for supporting the incoming officers. I appreciate the words of encouragement I have received to date. I am finding it a very interesting endeavor; I am president of a group which cannot meet in person for now. I am missing the joy of seeing everyone and the creations that come with you. As you well know, upcoming meetings are still on hold. I am hoping for better things in August 2020; however, we will have to wait and see.

I want to express my appreciation to Kathy for assisting in transition and technical matters. I hope that the MLQG Face-Book page will give us a way of connecting until we meet again. You should have received the direct link via email. This page will be for members only. I posted two assignments to consider: placing pictures of a current UFO and any donation quilt(s) completed for the drawing on June 30.

A shout out goes to Jill Sanders for keeping tabs with our August 2020 guest speaker, Terrie from Bill's in Hildabran. Terri will keep us on the calendar until we know for sure how the wind blows.

Several questions have come my way and to be honest I'm still not sure how to answer, but here goes. Can we meet in a place where social-distancing is possible? Yes; however, the room we were using in the senior center would not be big enough. I have been researching other venues that are friendly and easily accessible; I will let you know. Why pay dues? According to the MLQG By-Laws, the new membership year starts on July 1, 2020 and members have until August to renew. I cannot predict the expenses we will or will not have at this point. I will discuss this with the executive board at our next opportunity.

In closing, I hope everyone will continue to be a member of this fabulous group of people. Keep an eye out for updated information.

Salutations,  
Linda Seamster

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## **Message from the Secretary**

June 18, 2020

Due to Covid19 we have been unable to meet as a group since March. As incoming secretary for the 2020-21 year I have typed up a summary of actions during this period.

Beginning in March many of us made face masks for organizations and volunteers. Much of this effort was coordinated by Susan Payne with Sew Original as a location to pick up kits and drop off completed masks. Susan was in contact with Darby Logan at Watauga Medical Center for advice as to where masks were needed and mask making tips. Many also made masks for neighbors, friends and family.

Outgoing President Kathy Hill and new President Linda Seamster discussed and agreed to use SURVEY Monkey to allow members to vote for officers by email. Such was done and the slate from the Nominating Committee was presented by email with the possibility to submit additional nominations.

Elected were: President: Linda Seamster; Vice President: Lee Ann Williams; Secretary: Sue Stell; and Treasurer: Georgie McKenzie.

Georgie has notified us that due to her cancer diagnosis and treatments she will not be able to serve. Kathy Hill asked for volunteers to be treasurer. Meanwhile Kathy is serving as Treasurer Pro-Tem.

President Linda Seamster emailed officers that she would like to collect dues for the new year by US mail. This was agreed and is ongoing.

The business facebook page was not working well and a new private facebook group has been set up. Members will be invited to join this.

Secretary, Sue Stell

## **Treasurer Report for the month of June 2020**

Submitted by Kathy Hill Interim treasurer

Beginning Balance \$5121.47

Membership renewals received \$280 (14 renewals)

Ending balance \$5401.47

Now accepting membership renewals for the guild. Mail your check to Kathy Hill 124 Sunny Ln Deep Gap NC 28618. Please make check payable to MLQG \$20 for the year 2020-2021

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## **Message from Friendship Committee**

Hi Quilters,

Another year is starting and I have taken on the Donation quilt section of the Friendship Committee. I am hoping we are taking some of this stay at home time to complete our two donation quilt requirements. Enclosed with this article are several patterns that can be used. A 2.5 strip race quilt is perfectly ok too. Use your imagination, learn a new skill practice and old one, use up your scraps. All of these will result in a treasured quilt.

Jenny Doan at her presentation in Pigeon Forge this past March stated that when you give a quilt to someone it changes their lives. I believe also that when you make a quilt to give away it changes your life.

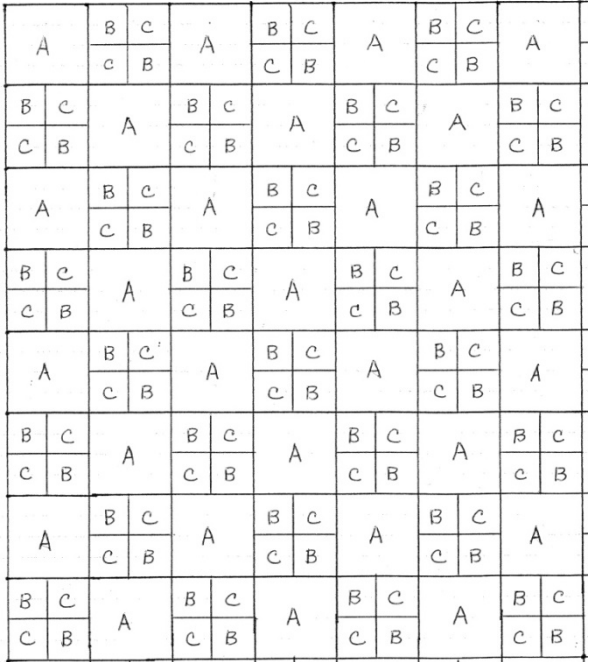
Please let me know where you would like your donation quilts to go this year. Are you interested and willing to assist me in delivery. Would you prefer to take some on your own to private individuals? I am very flexible. Ideas for places for the quilts to go based on requests are the Cancer Centers, Watauga and Canon Hospital, several of the nursing homes, three funeral homes, and several pediatric counseling centers.

Thank you and feel free to contact me at Chris Zimmer [crzimmercsn@gmail.com](mailto:crzimmercsn@gmail.com) or call 585-615-6551. Stay in your happy zone.....keep on stitching.

Chris

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## CHILD QUILTS 42" by 48"

Child Quilt: Plan 1 (7 blocks by 8 blocks)	Child Quilt: Plan 2
<p>Fabric Requirements</p> <p>Focus Fabric (A): 1 yard</p> <p>Two coordinating colors (B&amp;C): ½ yard each</p>	Suggestions welcomed!!!
<p>Focus: Cut TWENTY-EIGHT 6 ½ -inch squares.</p> <p>Colors B&amp;C: Cut Five 3 ½ -inch strips from both colors each, make strip sets, then cut into 3 ½ -inch units. Sew into TWENTY-EIGHT 4-patch blocks.</p>	
	
MLQG Members are invited to email Chris Zimmer for fleece backing; fleece will be a little larger than 42" by 48".	
Binding is your choice; however, FIVE 2 ½ -inch strips sewn together will be needed for this quilt.	

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## **Block of the Month Project**

Hello, Quilters. We started a "Block of the Month" project in Feb., and then we were hit with the virus and everything stopped. We are going to try to get this project back off the ground by using the post office until we meet in person again. This is an eight month project that will finish the quilt top at approximately 42" X 54". It is partly applique and partly piece work.

If you are interested in joining this fun project, you can still get involved. You will need to send a check for \$15 to Susan Sweet at 762 Oak Ridge Dr., Boone, NC 28607 (made out to Susan Sweet). This will take care of all the color copies you will receive monthly and a pattern book at the end of the project.

The following people are already signed up:

Mary Layton - paid  
Carol Turner - paid  
Amy Stewart - paid  
Kathy Hill – paid  
Linda Seamster  
Colleen Eskridge  
Pat Gustafson

If you do not have "paid" next to your name, please send your money or check to Susan. By the middle of July, you will receive Month 2 of the instructions. If you are a new person signing up, you will receive Months 1 and 2 the middle of July.

Any questions? Call Susan at 828 263 8399

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