

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

November 2020

Message from the MLQG President

Dear Members of MLQG,

I often fantasize about a world where I'm in charge. All fabric is free and quilting makes you skinny.

For everyone's information, there will NOT be a MLQG meeting on the first Tuesday of November. Besides not being ready, I did not want to do a meeting on Election Day. I take full responsibility for this decision. **Instead, there will be an Executive Board meeting on Thursday, November 5th AND there will be a regular zoom meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 1PM.** The description of the regular MLQGzoom meeting will be later in this newsletter.

I spoke to Billie at the Senior Center recently and the building is still closed. Thanks to a friendly reminder, I asked for dibs on the first and third Thursdays of each month for the 2021 MLQG meetings and workshops. I was reminded that we used to meet on Thursdays and proceeded to pursue them. This is not set in stone yet because Billie was going to contact me as soon as she has the go ahead to create a schedule for 2021.

The Executive Board will discuss the immediate need to purchase a zoom account for the rest of the fiscal year. Other topics will be forming a nominating committee and future dates for zoom meetings.

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If anyone has additional concerns that you would like for us to discuss during the board meeting, please email them to me at seamster@charter.net. Put the words “rustproofing” in the subject line; that will get my attention prior to Nov 5th.

Susan Sweet is working on updating a directory. If you are a new member this year, please send me a photo and your information to the email above and I will be sure to pass it on to her.

Sew glad to be...
Linda Seamster, President
July 2020 – June 2021

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Our first Zoom meeting was a success. It was nice to see some friendly faces, if only on screen.

President Linda Seamster led the meeting with Kathy Hill doing tech support.

Linda called out 2 names of people who want to join our Facebook page. One was recognized. Facebook requests will be removed at the end of the month the request was made if dues are not received.

Susan Sweet showed the quilt made for Watauga Parks and Recreation. They do want her to add sleeves on the back. It will be hung behind plexiglass with a wood frame. There will be a plaque with names of the quilters. They don't know yet when they will open the new building.

Susan Sweet also said we have been asked to make pillows to be used as support and comfort for women who have undergone breast surgery. They are shaped almost like a large heart and fit underarm. She will make some kits of fabric and pattern. You provide stuffing. Stuff them full and tight so support is adequate. Susan will leave some kits at Sew Original to be picked up by anyone who can do this service. Please drop finished pillows at the Quilt Shop for Chris Zimmer to pick up. They should be washable fabric and have no zippers, buttons, lace etc.

Chris Zimmer received 4 small children's pillow inserts. If you want to make a cover or case for one of these let her know. She has put the dimensions on Facebook. Also if you make a child's quilt it would be nice to add a pillow case. If you complete any donation quilts leave them at the Quilt Shop for Chris to pick up.

Linda encourages all of us to use our Facebook group to show what you are working on.

Susan Sweet said we were appreciated recently by the Red Cross. They went to a fire where 2 older ladies were burned out and were each wrapped in a quilt. Susan will make up project bags and bring them to you if you are willing to make donation quilts. The guild has fabric for this.

Program:

Patty Blanton presented the program on how to make a thread painting from a photo. This is based on a class by Teri Henderson on iquilt.com. Patty used baby pictures of herself and her husband. First use something

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like photo shop to increase the contrast. On a light box or against a window, put soft fusible fabric over the photo. Use a water soluble pen to trace the shading onto the fabric filling in the shaded areas with an up and down motion. When done put the whole fabric in water to remove pen marks. Dry it without wringing. Stretch or block the fabric to remove wrinkles. Patty used wool batting which seems to work best. Use backing large enough to accommodate borders. Patty outlined her picture with piping. She used Susan Cleveland's hot piping tool. She used straight line quilting with no quilting in the border.
Respectfully submitted.

Sue Stell, Secretary

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Message from the Vice President

THE IN's and OUT'S of the QUILT MARKET

High Country Quilts Shop owner and quilter, Cath Evans from Butler TN, will provide a ZOOM Program for MLQG on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

The program is on “The In's and Outs of the Quilt Market” based on this year's Pandemic Fall Market. Cath will work with Northcott, In The Beginning, Art Gallery, and Moda Fabrics.

These manufacturers have given Cath the ‘go ahead’ to show the Look Book in advance of release dates for ads. The topics included in the zoom program will be:

- 1) what a shop does at market;
- 2) how a shop buys fabric
- 3) new fabrics at the market.

Cath will also post a link on her website to step through the presentation so that anyone who cannot attend the Zoom Program can browse the new fabrics.

The Zoom link will be emailed to members before the November 12th program.

Thank you to Susan Payne for helping set up this exciting program.

Lee Ann Williams, VP - MLQG

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Message from Friendship Committee

Donation quilts and Breast Cancer Heart Pillows.

Donation quilts continue to be collected and distributed to Fire departments, cancer centers, child advocacy groups and newborns born at Watauga Hospital. We have also received several Breast Cancer Pit pillows. Some of these will be delivered next week to Dr. Beavers the surgeon and Seby Cancer Center. Kits are still available at Sew Original. If anyone is interested in adding a small child's pillow to a Christmas Quilt for donation, I do have the pillow forms and would be happy to get them to you.

Remember your quilts should have a MLQG label on the quilts before dropping them off. I would be happy to snail mail them to those who need them.

Chris Zimmer

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Shop News

The Quilt Shop news is: Tula Pink Fabric has arrived! Elastic for continued mask making is available also. More Gallery Fabric is expected in the next few days. Todd regrets that she is still not hosting classes or sew ins at this time. She is enjoying seeing the quilt guild members when they stop in to drop off donation quilts and breast heart pillows. She thanks everyone for their continued support during this time.

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Donation quilts to go out for the holiday season.

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Additional Notes

Good Morning,

Just thought it would be nice if our guild could help with the local school holiday program this year. I would be willing to make a child's quilt and possibly donate some cash for gifts. The article below asks for cash to purchase needed clothing. However, maybe a quilt gift would bring added comfort for our community kids. What do you think? Susan Sweet has been a liaison with the school system since her neighbor is in central administration. Let's use one of our workshop days dedicated for an at home workshop.

Chris, we would not want to deplete your donation pile. Is this a project worthwhile? If you ladies and other guild members are interested please ask Susan to contact her neighbor to see if the school system is interested. If not, let's still have a virtual workshop to motivate us for more donation quilts.

Thanks, as a former teacher for inner city kids in Charlotte, helping school kids in need touches my heart.

Susan Payne

https://www.wataugademocrat.com/community/donors-wanted-for-school-holiday-adoption-program/article_65154445-fca7-5863-b1fc-017a58c24660.html

All members are invited and encouraged to post pictures of their work on the Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild FaceBook page.

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