

# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

**December 2020**

## **Message from the MLQG President**

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*1 December 2020*

With a heart-felt sentiment, I miss in-person meetings. As I prepare for the coming Christmas season, I hope everyone finds a safe way to connect with family and friends.

I thank all of the ladies who have made children's quilts for the Christmas project. Marge's fabrics were used wisely in this endeavor. Susan Sweet was instrumental in collecting the fabric, creating kits, and in turn collecting the donations. I also thank others who may be helping her.

Adrienne has been working on membership cards. The decision had to be made to have more cards printed; therefore, cards will be available for members as soon as she receives the new order. Distribution of the membership cards will be decided when that time comes.

As time flies by, it has crossed my mind that there needs to be a nomination committee to recruit next year's officers. Let me know if you are willing to fulfill this role. I had rather have volunteers instead of appointing three members to serve on this committee. If you wish to volunteer to be an officer next year, let the Executive Board know.

I look forward to our zoom meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be a Show and Tell of everyone's "Christmas Quilts or Decorations: Past or Present". I'm meeting with Kathy this coming Monday to set things up. The link will be emailed to you as soon as possible.

Managing to be...  
Linda Seamster,

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## **From MLQG President**

### **December & January Activity**

#### **SECRET SANTA PEN PAL**

##### Guidelines

Week of Dec. 13: Each person will receive the name of your Secret Santa Pen Pal via email.\*\*\*

Week of Dec. 20: Send a letter describing a childhood Christmas memory; include 2.5 inch square of a Christmas fabric.

Week of Dec. 27: Send a letter about a New Year's Resolution you plan to make; include 2.5 inch square that represents the type of fabrics you like.

Week of Jan. 3: Send a pattern of your favorite quilt block; include why and 2.5 inch square you would use.

Zoom meeting on 14 January 2021: Those who participate will find out who their SSPP was.

\*\*\*If you wish to participate in SSPP, **email me by 12 December 2020.**

To: [seamster@charter.net](mailto:seamster@charter.net)

Subject: Secret Santa Pen Pal

Message: Include your first and last name AND your mailing address.

Note: The return address on your envelope should read

MLQG SSPP

Post Office Box 2963

Boone, NC 28607

### ***February Activity***

There will be a "Made-in-Blue Challenge". I'm not sure of specifics; however, information will be forth-coming.

Just in case you haven't tried our page; here is the link.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/761772814562937/>

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November 12, 2020

We met on zoom. 21 members participated. President Linda Seamster welcomed everyone and wished us a safe Thanksgiving. She then turned the meeting over to Susan Payne and Susan Sweet.

## **Christmas Project**

Susan Payne learned of an App Kids project to buy Christmas gifts for children who may not receive gifts due to covid or economic conditions. She suggested to Susan Sweet that our guild might make children's quilts for this project. Alan Zelf has offered the guild some of Marge's fabric. Susan Sweet will be using some of Marge's fabric to make kits for this project. They hope to get as many as 20 quilts. Quilts for this effort should be dropped at Sew Original by December 1<sup>st</sup>. (**Update:** AppKids is unable to accept our offer. We will make quilts for kids in foster care. See email from Susan Sweet dated 11/15).

## **Program**

Linda turned the meeting over to Cath Evans of High Country Quilts in Butler, Tennessee who presented her program on Quilt Markets virtually. Quilt Market happens twice a year. It is an opportunity for quilt shop owners and staff to meet with fabric companies and preview new fabric designs. There are classes and contests. In many cases the fabric designers display finished quilts and new patterns for the new fabrics. In particular it is a chance to see and handle new or unfamiliar fabric lines. It is an exciting time with many give-aways. This year some of the fabric designers presented by zoom or sent the fabric samples to be examined. On Cath's website- High Country Quilts- you can view some of the new fabrics presented. At the end of her program Cath offered us a contest to win a bag of Sewology notions. The winner was Chris Zimmer.

## **Next Meeting**

Next zoom meeting will be December 10.  
Respectfully submitted.

Sue Stell, Secretary

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## **Addendum:**

Ladies,

We have a very special Christmas Project. It is a little different than what was spoken about at the zoom meeting. The App. Kids Project was not interested in quilts because they have to give each kid the exact same thing, but they referred us to the Watauga Foster Kids Program. Chad Slagle, who is in charge of this program, said that they have about 80 foster kids in Watauga right now, and 30 of them would be of the right age to love a quilt of their own. These kids do not have a lot of things they can take around with them, so this would be something special made just for them.

We can all make Christmas a little more special this year by making one or more child size quilts for these kids. The quilts should be approximately 45" X 48" or a little larger. You can use a very simple pattern like the disappearing nine patch which will make a quilt in a day. Back the quilt with fleece and quilt with a simple straight stitch. You can easily do this on a rainy day.

Alan Zeliff, Marge's husband, has donated Marge's fabric to the guild, and I am sure there will be some kid's prints in her stash. If you need fabric or fleece, let me know. I will make up a "kit" for you, and you can pick it up at Sew Original next week. Just email me at [sssweet@bellsouth.net](mailto:sssweet@bellsouth.net) if you need fabric, fleece or a pattern.

We would like to have these quilts ready around the first of December. If you are South for the winter and want to participate in this project, send you quilt or quilts to Susan Sweet at 762 Oak Ridge Dr., Boone, NC 28607. It would be wonderful if each of our members made a quilt.

Thank you for your help. I think this is a project that will help us as much as it helps the kids. Happy Holidays.

Susan Sweet 828 263 8399

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## **Treasurer's Report**

thru Nov 30th 2020

Beginning balance : \$5921.47

Expenses                      \$29.70

Income                      \$60      (renewals plus 1 new member)

Balance                      \$5951.77

Respectfully Submitted

Interim Treasurer

Kathy Hill

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## Message from Friendship Committee

### Shop News

The Quilt on 105 in Boone has been most gracious in accepting our heart pillows and donation quilts for the Children's Advocacy Center and Watauga Hospital Newborn wing. Sheri says to stop on by for some inspiration and conversation. Masks and social distancing is mandatory.



### Donation Quilts

Other Donation Quilt news is that we have made 4 trips to Cancer Center and Dr. Beavers in November with heart pillows. We still have another delivery next week on Tuesday morning if anyone has any heart pillows they wish to have me deliver. Just drop them off at The Quilt Shop.

If anyone would like to help me work on the donation quilt committee, I would welcome anyone who is willing to do pick ups at Sew Original like I do at Quilt Shop. We can make arrangements to exchange donations or do delivery. Just let me know.

Chris Zimmer 585-615-6551  
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Thank you all for your hard work.

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Good afternoon, Chris.

I just dropped off these two at the Quilt Shop. Both are cleaning out guild stash pieces!

The fan quilt is reconstructed from blocks and pieces from Rose's donated stash.

The blue hearts quilt is from a guild effort of several years ago., ,

Elmyra

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## **Additional Note**

Just sent directions for making a quilt using fleece leftover from what we have used as backings for donation quilts. Chris asked me to write the directions to be included in the upcoming MLQG newsletter. By the way, I did give scrap pieces to Susan Sweet if anyone needs more scraps!!!! Enjoy the upcoming snow. Stay warm and sew!

Susan Payne

## **EZ Piece-Z Fleece Scrap Quilt**

1. Gather your strips and scraps of leftover fleece backing from donation quilts.
2. Trim to square up one side. Measure the width of your scraps to determine the width of your blocks. This width will be the same for all blocks and subsequently the row width. The scrap measurement below ended up at a 9" width. (Any width will work)
3. Cut all blocks with the same width. For skinny strips such as a 4" scrap, cut the width lengthwise. The length could be different. Since there were few 8" turquoise scraps, they were divided into two 4" x 9" blocks.
4. All blocks are the same width, but vary in length.
5. Arrange the blocks in rows. Stagger the color blocks for visual effect- plus you will not need to match intersections!
6. Sew blocks into rows and then rows together to complete the quilt top. Use larger scraps to piece a back, if needed.

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

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