

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild January 2020

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Message from the MLQG President

Not available at this time



I'm sure I'm not the only one with lots of wall hangings that need proper storage, so I thought I would share what I've done. The back of closet doors and back wall of closets are usually left empty, but no more. Command hooks and sash cafe rods to the rescue. Each set of command hooks have their own rod and quilt/wall hanging. Closet will still function as a guest room/winter coat closet. Inexpensive, no tools required storage solution.

Alexis Ray Molenda -

November 12, 2020

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild December 10, 2020 (zoom)

President Linda Seamster said that Sue Sweet couldn't join us but wanted to announce she has books for those who did Block of the Month.

Chris Zimmer said there will be an article In High Country Press about the number of donation quilts we have made this year. There was already an article about the 35-36 quilts for foster kids at Christmas and the pit pillows for breast surgery patients. Chris called Hope pregnancy center just by mistake and found that they now want baby quilts. Earlier they could not accept because of covid. That was a lucky call and Chris had a couple of baby quilts ready to deliver.

Sue Payne made some donation quilts using fleece for front and back. These use scraps or smaller pieces of fleece. She put the directions in the newsletter dated December 1st.

Linda will talk to Kathy Hill regarding sending a card and gift certificate to the Quilt Shop and Sew Original for their help taking and holding our quilts and pillows for pick up during the pandemic. This has been so helpful since we can't meet in person and many of us do not live near each other. At this time if we drop donation quilts at Sew Original Sue Sweet has been picking them up and taking to the Quilt Shop where it is convenient for Chris to get them.

Linda reminded us if we want to participate in Secret Santa get your name and address to her pronto.

If you have program ideas get them to Lee Ann Williams.

Show and Share:

Alice Johnson made several quilted pyramid pouches for grandchildren. These are cute and the idea is at one of our workshops and a lovely winter themed quilt and her beautiful 12 Days of Christmas quilt.

Patty Blanton showed a Tilda doll made at a class at Sew Original taught by Peggy Cerchione. She also showed a beautiful Tilda angel which was a gift from Peggy.She also had a lovely Christmas quilt to show us.

Sue Stell showed a Christmas table runner made with charm packs. Carol Turner showed Christmas stockings made for grandchildren. Alexis Molenda made a Kimber bell quilt and made coasters with extra fabric.

Patty Dale is working on a Minky quilt for a grandchild. She also has made masks for the Humane Society.

Linda introduced new member Leann Lofaro, Leann is truly new to quilting and she has ordered a sewing machine. Meanwhile she is crocheting scarves for the warming tree sponsored by Western Watauga branch of the library in Sugar Grove. If anyone wants to help with this call the branch manager at 828-297-5515.

Linda Seamster claims she is not an applique person but she made a poinsettia wall hanging.

Chris Zimmer gets a "sewers box" monthly or at least regularly. These are kits. She made a cute purse/pouch. She is also signed up for National Quilters (or Sewers) Association and is working on a pretty reindeer and snowflake design provided by them. Chris bought the Jenny Doan box from Missouri Star. This sold out in 6 hours. It is a box full of neat or helpful items. Because Chris really likes Missouri Star and Jenny Doan, for her birthday Chris' husband contacted Jenny and got a personal message for Chris.

Linda Steele showed up on the call but we couldn't see or hear her. Linda we hope you can tune in for next meeting.

While sorting Marge Zeliff's fabrics Georgie and Sue Sweet found an almost finished Christmas wall hanging. Sue finished it and gave it to Alan Zeliff and he has it hanging.

Alice Johnson said she would like to complete any other partly done projects. Georgie said there is mostly fabric sorted into coordinating groups with no patterns. Alice asked to take a few bags and make something. When we all meet together Georgie will be able to bring in more of Marge's fabric.

for you to put candy or gift cards or small toy in it.

Georgie McKenzie made a table runner for the blue challenge. She quilted it with the Big Stitch method. She also showed her lovely door wreath made Alice Johnson is looking for a pattern for a Forget me Not. Patty Blanton has a violet that might work.

Patty Blanton worked on some embroidery on fleece called sculpted fleece. It is on Embroidery Online. She also has been using inklingo by Linda Franz which prints on fabric. She is also trying Christmas trapunto which is a kind of machine embroidery. You can find these online. Alexis Molenda has several copies of Block magazine she will give away. Linda said she would like some. Adjourned until next meeting.

Submitted by Sue Stell, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report December 2020

opening balance \$5891.77 income \$20 (dues renewal) Expenses \$149.92 (Christmas project & Zoom account MLQG)

Ending balance \$5761.85

submitted Kathy Hill

Not too late to volunteer to become our TREASURER!

I have an interest in starting a Quilts of Valor group here in the Boone area. I am wondering if there are any volunteers who would be interested in participating? I am looking for a co-leader and volunteers. Volunteers / Group members would be making quilts and or quilt blocks and assisting in fundraising. I am working to learn the details of group requirements

If interested or if you have questions please contact Kathy directly at 828-355-4929 or 727-992-7983 kathyhill.ch@gmail.com

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

Donation Quilts will continue to be picked up at The Quilt Shop on Tuesday/Wednesday mornings. Please let me know ahead of time if you plan to drop off a Quilt or want to meet up to do an exchange of fleece/fabric/quilts. Chris 585-615-6551

Billie from the Lois Harrell Senior Center has put out a plea for hats, gloves and lap quilts or blankets. She is receiving requests from clients for the extra warmth. Please let me know if this is of interest to any of our members. If you crochet there are pieces of fleece that are too small for a quilt backing but the perfect size to put a crochet boarder on. These I can share with the Senior Center or Libby at the new baby floor of the hospital.

I wish to thank everyone for their generosity this past calendar year. Given our membership of just over 30 participants we have doubled our donations. Instead of everyone putting in just two quilts, the average is 4 quilts per member. Well done my friends!!!! And let's not forget at least two heart breast pillows per member were also completed.

Just in case you haven't tried our page; here is the link. https://www.facebook.com/groups/761772814562937/

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