

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

March 2021

Message from the MLQG President

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26 February 2021

I thank all the members who have kept the spirit of the Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild safe. Hopefully, we are through the worst of what the lack of in-person meetings has created; the need for multiple forms of tech communication may soon be eliminated. LOL

During the last Executive Board meeting, there were three important decisions made. The first was adding a question to the Facebook page. People were requesting access to the page; however, they were not forthcoming with the membership dues. The second was the request to make quilts for a funeral home. It was decided that we did not think it wise to support a for-profit business and that we currently do not have enough members to support our current donation interests.

Last, the Executive Board is genuinely concerned that no one has yet volunteered for officers or the nomination committee. I am open to suggestion from membership about how to solve that conundrum. (Our current VP has shown interest in being the treasurer starting July 2021.)

It was brought to my attention (before C-19) that "Blue Christmas" quilts were to be exhibited at the Christmas Party that we could not have. I hope everyone got the invitation to send pictures to Pat to put in the newsletter. I will ask everyone to vote for a favorite. I have a jelly roll that will be given to member with the most votes.

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I look forward to our zoom meeting. The link will be sent out the day before.

Topic: MLQG March General Meeting

Time: Mar 11, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641923416?pwd=dXEwdkR1MHVGZjQyWWxydTZZYVVkdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 4192 3416

Passcode: 511793

Just in case you have not tried our page; here is the link.

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

Staying cozy.

Linda Seamster,

MLQG President

July 2020-June 2021

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February 11, 2021 (zoom)

Announcements

Chris Zimmer took more pit pillows to Dr. Beaver's office. Sue Sweet took several quilts to the Red Cross. Chris is authorized to get more fleece. Sue Sweet says camel and baby blue have been most popular colors and we usually get 5-6 bolts. Sue suggested using a workshop to put together patchwork backings from the fleece scraps. Sue will be going to Hickory and will check prices at Joanne's and call Chris with prices.

Chris reported about the Quilt Shop. They have lots on sale. They have a new juvenile area and have new rustic flannels. Charlene Wilson has 2 featherweight machines for sale at the Quilt Shop.

Sue Sweet has lots of donated fabric now. Really use it and put together donation quilts. Come to her home and spend time selecting fabric.

Elmyra Morris brought up a request from a funeral home for quilts to be given to family members of deceased. Linda said that the Executive Board discussed this. This could be a "can of worms" where other funeral homes might want the same. We don't want to neglect other organizations that have counted on us. Also we have supported non-profits whereas the funeral home is a for profit business. So the board decision is to not do this at this time.

Patty Blanton reported information from Sew Original. One of our members (Susan Payne) has entered the February Color Challenge. We can view the entries and vote on them. Other members noted that green is the March color and blue is April. There is a list of colors by month at the store and there will be discounts on fabric and thread in that color each month.

They have kits for the Nebula Block and will have classes. They will also do something for the "My Favorite Color is Moda" quilts.

They have new Accuquilt dies. There are 2 new serge machines that feature air threaders. Kathy Hill is starting a "Quilts of Valor" group. Sue Sweet says there is lots of fabric in patriotic colors. Susan Payne volunteered to make kits for quilts of valor.

Send pictures of your finished quilts to Pat Gustafson (mountainlaurelquiltguild1@gmail.com) to be included in our newsletter. Write up a blurb that she can easily cut and paste into the newsletter. Send between 23 and 28 each month.

Linda Seamster reported that when we can meet in person it will be 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Senior Center.

Diane Ward will do our April program. It will be on a small purse suitable for going to a wedding. We could later have a workshop to make them.

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Program

Susan Sweet provided a program on being inspired by purses or bags she saw in quilting magazines. She showed bags she had made using her imagination and bits of fabric, buttons, rick rack and lace. You would of course do it your own way but she described a simple pattern. You can make handles using fabric or belting and get d-rings at stores. Or you can put in a zipper. You can put the zipper between 2 pieces of fabric. That is the top of your bag which you can then attach to the body of the bag. Diane Ward suggested putting small pieces of fabric to cover ends of zipper. You can use pony tail hold on one side of bag and then a button on the other side for a simple closure. A bag would also be a good way to use and display silk ties. Susan sad she did put batting between the outside and the lining.

Chris Zimmer showed how she changed a pattern to make a different bag.

Patty Blanton recommended Amanda Murphy's "Thoughtful Thursdays" on her (Amanda's) Facebook page and the Bernina "We All Sew" site.

Show and Share

Alexis Molenda showed a bunny pillow top on which she used trapunto. She is participating in a Small Town Charm quilt on Facebook live. She showed her blocks for a quilt shop and a sweet shop. Each has a 3D awning and other cute details.

Patty Blanton showed her log cabin hearts on a shirt quilt. The backing also is pieced shirts.

Leann Lofaro has her new sewing machine. She showed pin cushions and a towel. Also an impressive first quilt she made in a class with Kathy Hill.

Highlights of Executive Committee meting

The Executive Committee met on February 8.

We discussed the request to provide quilts to a funeral home as noted above.

People sometimes would ask to join our Facebook group and then never pay dues. It was decided to ask them at the outset if they intended to join and pay dues and would they provide us with an email address. If they don't pay dues within a month they will be blocked from the Facebook page.

We discussed planning for future programs and workshops. Anyone who has a suggestion for a program or workshop or could do one please contact Lee Ann Williams.

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Chris Zimmer

News from the Quilt Shop:

We hope you and your loved ones are well. We have stayed busy through the holidays, and are tolerating the winter weather. Spring cannot come fast enough! It is amazing how much new fabric we have recently received. There is now a Juvenile Section and the fabrics are as cute as can be. A lot of spring and summery fabrics have also arrived: Figs Shirtings - Fig Tree Quilts (MODA), Shine On - Bonnie & Camille (MODA), and Spring Brook - Corey Yoder (MODA).

I have seen many opportunities to give back to the community through our sewing and quilting. Before I pursue other venues is any of our members interested in making place mats for the meals on wheels activities (not called Meals on wheels anymore) where they deliver the place mats for clients to keep. Or pillowcases outside of the Linus umbrella? Please let me know your thoughts.

Items were delivered to Watauga newborns, Blue Ridge Child advocacy center, Dr. Beaver's office with Breast pillows in February. Sue Sweet did deliver to the Red Cross also.

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FYI

Dues are to be sent to
Kathy Hill
124 Sunny Lane
Deep Gap, NC. 28618

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

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Christmas Party Quilt

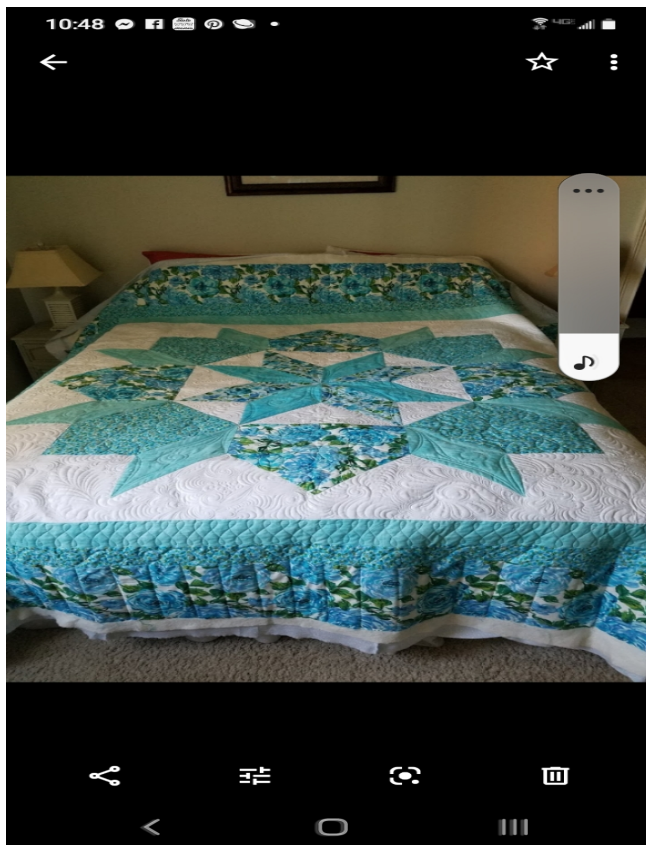
Blue Ridge Mountains in Winter.



Susan Sweet

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My blue quilt, unfortunately, packed and boxed in Texas, ready for our move in July most likely, so the only photo I have made with giant 10 inch squares and borders. I may have been working in this one at Camp Lynn Haven, making the half square triangles. Colleen



Colleen Eskridge

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Message from Sue Sweet

The Capital Quilters Guild is holding their annual show at the Kerr Scott Building in the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The show will be from 9-5 on Friday and Saturday, March 19-20. Admission is \$10.

There will be a silent auction of mini quilts to benefit the Wake County SPCA.

I hope that members of your Guild will join us. I have attached a flyer with additional information about the event.

Capital Quilters Guild
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Capital Quilters Guild Quilt Show



March 19 & 20, 2021
9:00 am-5:00 pm
\$10 admission per day



Kerr Scott Building
North Carolina State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, North Carolina

View exquisite quilts from miniature to traditional to
modern and beyond!

Bid on a mini quilt in the Benefit Silent Auction

Shop the Gift Boutique

Cast votes for Viewers Choice winning quilts

Try out machines and shop for fabrics
and notions at the Vendor Show

***Call for Entries will open December 15th
at www.capitalquilters.org***

Vendor Inquiries: capitalshowvendors@gmail.com

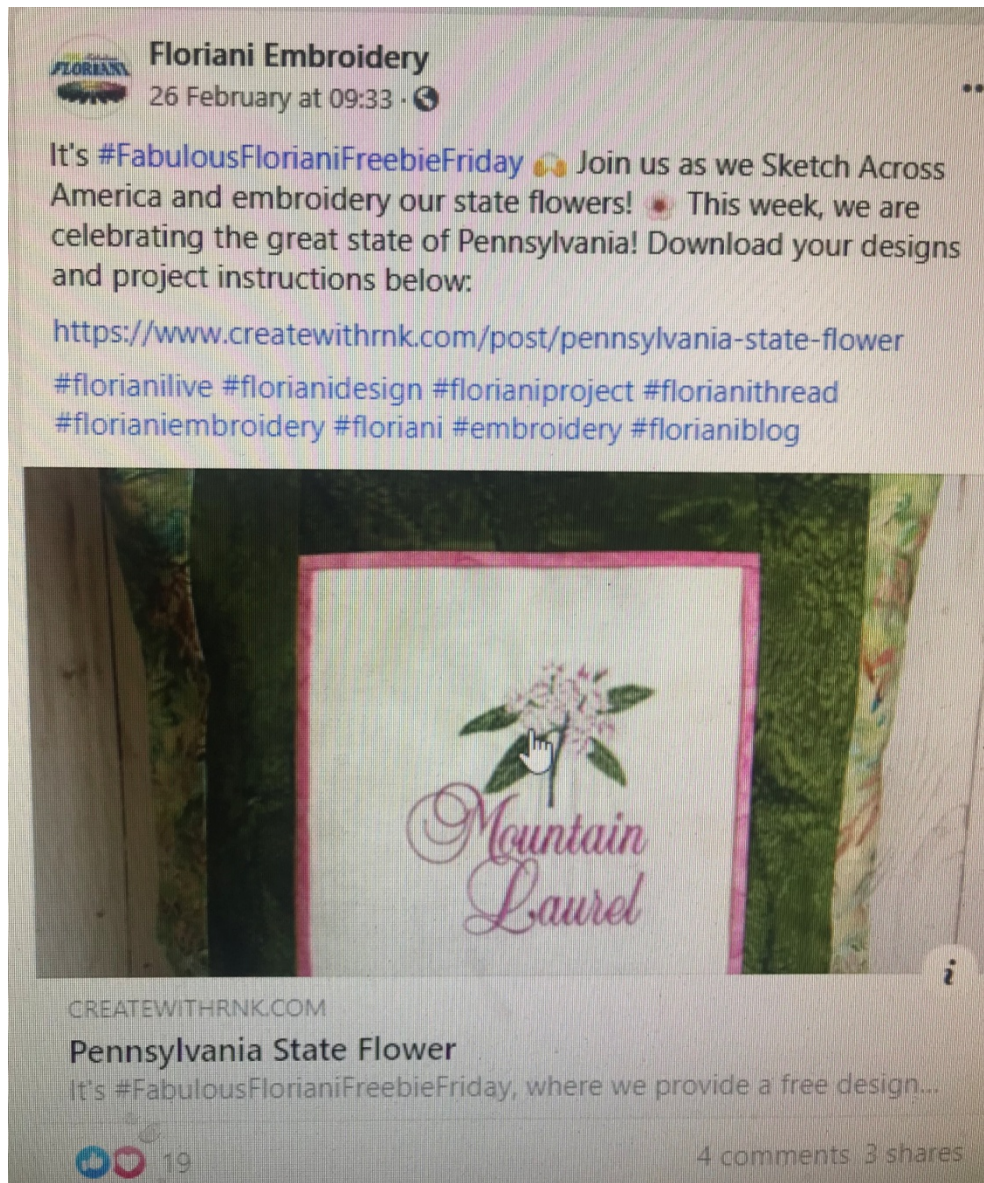
The show will follow all NC and CDC COVID Guidelines

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Message from Alexis Molenda

For those of you who have embroidery machines, I thought you might be interested in this design since Mountain Laurel grows here as well. This is the 9th free design in the State Flower series that Floriani started in January, all of which are still available for free. Designs are released each Friday morning. While this isn't quilting, it could be used in a quilting project.

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