

May 2021

Message from the MLQG President

President's Message 29 May 2021

I am writing my last message as President of the Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild. As I do so, there are many things that I would like to express to the members who helped keep our group going through the thick of things.

I appreciate the time and attention that this year's officers gave to the cause. LeeAnn Williams, Susan Stell, and Kathy Hill were the ones keeping me inspired to continue moving forward. The membership should give them a thumbs-up whenever possible. I also feel extra gratitude to Chris Zimmer and Susan Sweet. Chris kept our donation program afloat and Susan made an excellent sounding board. A special shout out goes to the members who provided such lovely and useful donation quilts; it was great to see the creations posted on our Facebook page and in the newsletters. Speaking of newsletter, Pat Gustafson is the bee's knees; she did a wonderful job keeping the information flowing. I could not have done this without these Ladies of the Quilt. I give them a heartfelt, "Okey Dokey".

I hope everyone read the message that was sent to membership on 28 May. The first Tuesday meeting in June was cancelled in hopes that MLQG can meet in person on the third Tuesday of June. I have yet to receive final notice on that fact, but I will let you know as soon as I get "the word".

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I will share any guidelines that may be put in place for the use of the Senior Center. Since our zoom account does not end until November 2021, I have scheduled zoom meetings until September 2021. It was thought that in-person meetings could be available online temporarily.

Dues for July 2021 through June 2022 will be prorated as per the By-Law approved by membership. Current dues-paid members will receive a new membership card at the June meeting and will be available the next few consecutive months. The amount of the dues will be determined by when a member joined the group this year.

There is probably more to say; however, details elude me. Take care, keep sewing, and I will SEE you soon.

Linda Seamster Mountain-Laurel-Quilt-Guild President July 2020-June 2021

Message from Sue Sweet

Our next "in person" meeting, hopefully on the third Tuesday, will be a FABRIC GRAB. The walls will be lined with tables full of fabrics, kits, tools, books, patterns, and magazines. You will be able to shop for free and fill your sacks up with enough quilting items to keep you busy all the rest of the year. If you have a couple of LARGE bags, bring them with you. We will have some bags available, but we would not want to run out. If you have anything you would like to add to this stash, feel free to bring it and add it to a table. Any questions? Call Susan Sweet at 828 263 8399.

<u>Minutes</u>

Mountain Laurel quilt guild

May 4, 2021 (via zoom)

President Linda Seamster announced that Jill Sanders is considering being Chair of Program CommitteeIF people will volunteer now to be on committee andhelp.

Lee Ann Williams has volunteered to be Treasurer.

No one has volunteered or been nominated to be President, Vice President or Secretary.

Linda detailed her efforts to find people for these positions. Linda asked for any nominations to be made today and there were none. It was moved and seconded that we table this issue for now.

Note that our zoom account will end November 28. Hopefully we will be able to have in person meetings by then. If not, then this zoom account will have to be renewed.

Elmyra Morris suggested that we continue a zoom option for people who cannot attend in person.

Susan Sweet said that Blowing Rock has a community house but they charge for its use. She will check on availability and suitability.

Pat Miller said also the new fire station has a community meeting room. Susan Sweet reported that she attended the opening of the Watauga Parks and Recreation new building. The quilt made by our members was prominently displayed and much appreciated.

Program: Diane Ward and Lee Ann Williams did the program titled "You Can't Make Old Quilts".

Diane first said she bought an old quilt and when it was washed it fell apart. This quilt was from field sacks. She still wanted to make use of it and so showed us what she made with the pieces or scraps. First she showed a purse which she had used as a lesson when teaching. She made a purse using a piece of the

quilt and a piece of old blue jeans. She used a pocket of the blue jeans and so made a purse with a pocket. She also showed she had previously made a dressy purse from the same pattern. One of her students had made a pattern for the purse they made in class and Diane will email that pattern to us.

Also she made a stuffed bunny. To do this she googled "pictures to color" and then enlarged it. Then she made a journal cover. She made pillow shams and then framed a section of the quilt.

Susan Sweet said she has about 17 kits and much more fabric stored at her house for donation quilts.

The question was asked if anyone knows someone who does long arm quilting for others. Colleen Eskridge is moving to Texas and Todd is selling the Quilt Shop. Todd may or may not continue quilting.

Sue Stell said that Sheri Elderfield has done some edge-to-edge quilting for her.

Show and Share: Georgie McKenzie said she used an old pattern to make a sundress and had to use a 5/8 seam. Georgie showed a beautiful quilt she made from a kit using paper piecing. The center was from the kit and she added borders to make it queen sized. It was called "Solstice". Alexis Molenda said she had finished a baby quilt but it was already mailed to a great niece. The parents did not want a baby or little girl theme.

Susan Payne said there are things she has done but are too big to show. Lee Ann Williams showed a quilt and shams made for her daughter using "shimmer" fabric. She got the fabric on a trip.

Pat Miller showed a wall hanging of a mountain and forest scene. She said it was the hardest she has ever done and honestly it looked hard with lots of flying geese. She has made several donation quilts

and quilts them herself on her own long arm. She uses big pieces of fleece and loads 3 small quilts at a time.

Elmyra showed blocks on her flannel board. These are pieces she got from Rose's stash.

Linda Seamster made several large blocks using a disappearing 4 patch design.

Door Prize was won by Diane Ward.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Stell, Secretary

Shop News

The Quilt Shop will be open on Monday June 17th. Its to celebrate the Mid Carolina Run 11th Annual Shop Hop.

Donaton Quilts



Announcement

The meeting originally scheduled for June 1 is cancelled.

I am hoping to meet in-person on June 15 @ 1PM at the Senior Center.

I will let everyone know when I get the approval from Billie.

Thanks Linda Seamster

The Quilt Shop Todd will be retiring and the shop may be for sale

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.

Donation Quilts





May Birthday Ladies

5 **Georgie** McKenzie 7 Elmyra Morris 28 Jerra Unglelsbee

Donation Placemats



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