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Sue Sweet sssweet@bellsouth.net We have had another busy month with our donation sewing. We have received a lot of fabric, batting and notions for placemats, backpacks and quilts. Sue Sweet and Georgie were able to clear out a lot of their donated fabrics and those fabrics are now on the shelf in the storage room at the Senior Center. Please know you are welcome to take that fabric as you need it for donations. Elmira has separated out fabric for little girl dresses and boys shorts for a special donation program that is in the planning stage.

A special thank you goes to Dianne Goff, Betty Minnick, Pat Miller and someone else I know I am forgetting.....who have taken comforters and wall hangings and converted them into donation quilts and placemats. Pat Miller has also taken our scrap fleece and printed panels to her long arm to form donation quilts. They are well received by the kids.

Susan Sharpe has once again graciously offered that anyone who would like the experience of long arming a donation quilt is welcome to come to her studio and she will work with you on learning to do it on her machine. Just give her a call.

Lastly 80 placemats were delivered to the Senior Center for their home delivered meals. We will continue to accept and make placemats for other county meal programs. Avery has a program and if anyone knows of a program in Ashe, just let me know.

Sew on.....we still have a lot of fine fabric to share.

Chris 585-615-6551

Our next meeting will be next Tuesday August 3 from 1-3. Please mark your calendars. If you oriented at the center, Billie has your fob or you can register with your telephone number and name at the computer. Please call Billie if you still need to attend orientation at 828-265-8090

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

<u>July 6, 2021</u>

Fifteen members met for our first in person meeting in over a year. We sorted and organized fabric that has been donated over the year. Since we had no access to the Senior Center this has been kept in Susan Sweet's and Georgie McKenzie's homes. Although Susan and others have made up coordinated bundles and passed on fabric to members, there was a lot available.

The workshop on Tuesday, July 20 from 10-2 will be working with this fabric to make placemats which are requested by the Senior Center and to take home fabric for making donation quilts.

Susan Sweet announced the program for our August meeting will be how to make a reversible patriotic quilt.

A later program or workshop may be to bring any purse you have made and share construction techniques.

Lynda Steele showed an airplane themed quilt and a cats quilt and placemats made with fabric strips.

Susan Payne showed a thread painting from Patty Blanton's class. We still are operating without a Vice President. If you can fill this role please volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stell, Secretary.

Treasurer report:

There has been no income or activity (expense) for June or July. The current bank balance is \$5657.61

Reported by interim treasurer Kathy Hill

Donations

July has continued to be a busy month for our donations. Multiple quilts in various degrees of completion have been donated, altered and finished. They will be dropped off at various places venues in the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to bring your completed donation quilts and placemats to our meeting on Tuesday August 3 from 1-3pm. We are still looking for suggestions on who and where to donate our completed projects. This past year we have made masks, quilts, backpacks, placemats and breast support pillows. I am so proud of all your hard works and your willingness to share.

Its been fun seeing many of you trying new things with your quilting such as long arm and free motion quilting. Please know that your practice pieces will be just as cherished as your perfected pieces by our recipients. I have seen the faces of these recipients and they see no difference in the perfect vs the practice pieces because the love of the donation overwhelms them. Great job ladies!!

_PROGRAM FOR AUGUST:

Susan Sweet will present a program at the August meeting on "Reversible Quilts." She has a patriotic quilt done in this style that is a "quilt as you go" pattern. You will also learn how to sash together quilted squares to make a full finished quilt.

Officers:

Since we do not have a vice president or Program Chairperson for this year YET, we will all have to pull together to keep our group going. Susan will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting, and members are asked to volunteer to take a month this year to present a program and/or workshop. We have lot of talented members, and you can team up with others to make a presentation. Think about it, and come prepared.

From Facebook



Georgie Knoll McKenzie and Betty Minick showing off their creative side.

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



If anyone is interested, High Country Doll Artists