

# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

September 2021

## President's Message for September

It's September and hopefully the feeling of Fall will soon be in the air. I have seen several trees starting to turn color already. This month we will be installing our new officers and taking the time to thank our outgoing officers. Please come and say thank you to those exiting their positions, who have so diligently worked, planned, learned new technologies, and stayed supportive during the past TWO years. We will celebrate the board officers from 2019 - 2021. Then we will bring in the new....minus one position the Vice President, more about that later. Please welcome the new officers, and committee persons, let them know what you are interested in that the MLQG can present, share, or participate in. Also how you will be able to help make that a reality.

We, as a new Board representing you the membership, look forward to working together to fulfill our mission statement developed in 1993 to educate, serve the community and provide fellowship thru quilting. We cannot do this without your help. Here's to a great 2021-2022.

Thank you  
Chris Zimmer President  
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Vice President Needed!!!!!!

We still need a Vice President..... 90% of your job has already been completed by your Board and several devoted members. The last part is just being available if the President is out of town and I can tell you I have no travel plans. Not a full time resident in Boone? That is NO problem. Participate as the VP while you are here. Be available by phone if the Board needs your vote. Ask a friend to cover while you are away. We really are a fun bunch of ladies to hang with. Please think about your participation, what the Guild has offered you and what is your responsibility to the women who have consistently served you. Installation will be September 7 and we would love to have YOU there. Please call Chris 585-615-6551.

CALLING ALL BIG SPENDERS!

Hello Friends,

It's time for Mountain Laurel to make out a budget for the year. So if you are on a committee or are an officer please send your anticipated expenses to [MountainLaurelQuiltGuild1@gmail.com](mailto:MountainLaurelQuiltGuild1@gmail.com). This is the main email for all written correspondence among the members. This request is for those anticipating spending any monies on luncheon supplies, postage, fleece, members presentation fees, speaker fees, membership fees to National Organizations (Kathy don't we belong to something?) Copier costs of any paper passed out at meetings, etc. Gifts? Cards? Pattern fees? gift cards and scholarships.

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## Donation News

Donation placemats have been given out to the home delivered meals. Members of the guild seem to enjoy making them because we received another 40 to give out. These are being given out at the Feeding Avery Food Bank. People living alone or with one other person have been thrilled with them. They stroke them and pet them and say “Oh how pretty, for me?”

Some MLQG members have asked about holiday placemats for food delivery or nursing home recipients. I will follow up on those inquiries and will let you know. Please feel free to make additional placemats for upcoming holidays or children.

Donation quilts of the teen size were delivered to the Red Cross for victims of a recent house fires. With Fall around the corner this need for blankets and quilts will only increase. I was also in conversation with Irene Sawyer who does the Breast Cancer Run in Blowing Rock. She said they can use quilts for the breast cancer patients who are now receiving the new “frozen scalp” treatments to keep breast cancer patients from losing their hair.

Her group is fund raising for this treatment because insurances will not cover the costs. The quilts would be a wonderful addition to the warmth of the treatment. Please let me know if you want any of your quilts to go to this program.

Lastly anyone have any other projects for donation ideas please share by posting on FB or writing a paragraph for our next Newsletter to come out October 1. Anyone interested in doing more heart pillows for October Breast Month? Just let me know and I will get them to Dr. Beaver’s office and the Cancer Center.

Thanks  
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## **Shop News**

### **Mountain Thread Company**

1) New seasonal fabric arrivals from Art Gallery Fabrics, Free Spirit Fabrics, Moda Fabrics, and Ruby Star Society are rolling in  
(2) Book signing with quilter and pattern designer Lee Chappell Monroe of May Chappell on Thursday September 2 from 4-7 PM. Sign up at this link: <https://www.themountainthreadcompany.com/events/book-signing-party-with-author-lee-monroe-of-may-chappell-jump-into-sewing> or by visiting the "Events" tab at [www.themountainthreadcompany.com](http://www.themountainthreadcompany.com)

### **High Country Quilts**

High Country Quilts will be closed until 9/27/21. Please stop by after that date. Happy sewing, Cath Evans

## **Sew Original**

Patty Blanton reported for Sew Original. There is a sale on Bernina machines through 8/31. Bernina has introduced an air threader on sergers. There will be some sales on sit down long arm Q16. The Q16plus coming soon. The Bernina 790 and 880 have crystal faceplates and lots of extras. Sew Original has lots of Halloween fabric and lots of panels, including Christmas, and National Park themes. Only Smoky Mountain National Park is in now and it has 4 different pictures in a panel.

Patty showed 2 examples she has thread painted.

They also have the Song Book quilt kit featuring words of inspiration from Hymns. She showed a kit for a Christmas table topper that is made with fabric strips and uses the 60 degree diamond ruler.

Betty Minick reported for the Quilt Shop. They will have a beginner paper piecing class by Carl Stevens. There will be only 4 students per class and only 1 spot is left in each class.

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The All Carolinas Shop Hop begins October 1 and runs through November 30. The magazine with the Passport is now available at Sew Original for \$9.95 and includes seven patterns. Each shop that you visit is giving out a block for their shop. Collect them all! There are over 60 shops and 100s of prizes to be won! For more information, call Sew Original or go to [www.allcarolinasshophop.com](http://www.allcarolinasshophop.com)

Regarding the Cotton Quilt in Granite Falls: maybe we will be able to plan a field trip after the first of the year.

## Minutes August 3, 2021

Chris Zimmer called the meeting to order. Chris has volunteered to be President. A vote was taken and Chris was unanimously elected. She will be installed at next month's meeting.

Adrienne Sherrow reported we have 50 members.

We have one guest. Elmyra Morris brought her old friend Cindy from nursing school.

In the absence of Kathy Hill, Chris Zimmer read the treasurer's report from the last newsletter. It was passed without correction.

Chris Zimmer said to let her know if you are not getting the newsletter.

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Chris Zimmer reported on donations:

Suggested sizes for Quilts: Baby- 40"x40" These go to the birthing floor of Watauga Hospital and the Boone Pregnancy center. A few to Ram's Rack in Newland if we are asked.

Child quilts: 42x48- go to the Children's Advocacy Center, Healthy Child in Avery, special child requests, foster care, and others as requested.

Teen/Adult: 54x60- go to Cancer Center, Red Cross, Fire Department, Advocacy Center, Foster Care, and others.

Both Chris Zimmer and Susan Sweet spoke about how much these are appreciated. These are suggested sizes.

Chris has some fleece, batting, and some backing fabric. Let her know which you prefer to work with.

40 additional placemats have been distributed. They were carefully selected and set aside for individuals including husband and wife sets. 24 were made at our last workshop.

Completed donation quilts can be put in our closet at The Senior Center. In that case let Chris know it is there.

## New Business:

Chris said if you are part of another guild, put their information in our newsletters or announce it at meetings. Pat Gustafson sends out the newsletter each month.

Chris said at each meeting we will have an exchange table. Put out any quilting products or fabric. If it is not taken, you take it home when you leave.

Program: Susan Sweet gave the program on how to make a reversible quilt as you go quilt. Hers is a patriotic theme. It will be auctioned by the Rotary Club so this is our last chance to see it presented. You can also use a different theme such as Christmas. Each block is made separately and in the process it is quilted. The blocks are then put together using sashing. It is somewhat complicated but Susan says after you have made the first set of 4, you will get the hang of it. At our workshop on 8/17 from 10-2, she will help us with this. Or we can bring any other project to work on. For appliques, Susan suggested using a cookie cutter.

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## Show and Share:

Georgie McKenzie showed a cute small 3 part wall hanging in a frame. It is mostly applique with 3 dimensional aspects. She got the kit at the Wake County quilt show and there are other designs.

Pat Miller showed a commissioned quilt of cheerleading uniforms and jackets. She thought it would be t-shirts and she shared how difficult it was quilting such heavy and unusual fabrics.

Amy Stewart showed 4 pretty placemats she made for donation.

Patty Blanton showed a small painting of a butterfly on silk she painted with InkTense pencils. She appliqued this to a piece of ice dyed fabric that was given to her and then thread painted it. Beautiful!

Elmyra Morris showed placemats made by Lynda Steele who was not able to be present. She also showed a darling baby quilt she made for her friend Cindy's first grandchild. She shared that she always likes to use some of the backing material on the front of a quilt. Also she likes to include a crib sheet set with a baby quilt. Her directions for crib sheets: Fabric should be 42" wide and length of mattress plus 7" for each end. For bottom cut a 7" square out of each corner and sew cut sides together. Put a casing and elastic at the corners.

Diane Goff showed a donation quilt that she quilted. This month the guild had several quilts donated that only needed quilting. Diane also added a crocheted baby hat with this.

Beth Reavis showed a donation quilt top in patriotic colors. It only needs fleece backing.

Betty Minick showed a small wall hanging pieced with tiny flying geese. Then she showed her large queen quilt which she had pieced the entire top by hand. She had wanted to do the whole quilt by hand but the backing proved too tough so it was quilted by Colleen Eskridge. Both piecing and quilting were stunning. We all agreed it should be entered in a show.

## Coming Programs and Workshops:

In September we will work on children's dresses and boy's shorts for donation to emergency pediatric hospitals around the world. This is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Elmyra has picked out some appropriate fabrics from our donated fabric. Patterns are provided. There are strict standards about the fabric – no see-through, no violence or comic characters, and no religious material

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## Membership

Currently there are 50 members

## **Birthdays.**

Joyce Cantrell September 19

Jill Sanders September 7.

## **.Treasurer's Report**

Lee Ann Williams is our new Treasurer.

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

## **Suggested measurements for Donation Quilts**

Baby quilts are 40 x 40 going to the birthing floor of Watauga hospital, and the Boone pregnancy center. A few will go to RAM's Rack in Newland if we are asked for their "A time for Change" baby program.

Child Quilts 42 x 48 and these will go to the Children's Advocacy Center, Healthy Children in Avery, special child requests, foster program. And others as asked.

Teen/Adult lap throw 54 x 60 - Cancer Center, Red Cross through Sue Sweet, Advocacy Center, Foster Care programs and other areas when asked.

Please mark these suggested sizes down. I have some fleece, lots of batting and we have fabric for making an after quilt backing. Please let me know which you prefer to work with.

Thank you for all you do.

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## **Attention:**

Watauga County has gone into Emergency Status and for us Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild that means masks will be required for entrance and attendance at meetings and workshops. This mandate will remain in effect until the Senior Center requirements change.

I am so sorry for the inconvenience it has caused in the past for some members.

Ladies

“Sewing Seeds” is a local non-profit ministry started by Shirley Marsh of Linville Land Harbor soon after her move to the area several years ago. She connected with Samaritan’s Purse through their World Medical Missions division in January, 2019.

Several of our guild members belong to the group of volunteers who stitch simple children’s dresses and shorts for hospitals and orphanages around the world that are served by this Christian outreach organization.

The mission of this program is

“Sewing Seeds of God’s love through each garment made with love, to reach children around the world, who are in need of clothing and the love of Jesus Christ”.

In consideration of living conditions and cultural influences, the recommendations for a simple style and commercial free fabrics are carefully structured for laundering availability and conflict avoidance.

We’ll have patterns and stitching tips for members who want to help in this project. During our guild workshop Tuesday, Sept. 21, using donation fabrics or those from your own stash we’ll gather to craft dresses and shorts for donation to this mission.

We enjoy creating and crafting together, so all guild members are welcome to come stitch along on other projects during the workshop as well.

# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

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

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## *High Country Doll Artists*



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WE ARE A FUN GROUP CREATING FINE ART DOLLS IN A  
VARIETY OF STYLES AND MEDIUMS

All are Welcome - No Experience  
Necessary!

Professional Doll Makers Workshops

Demos and Talks with other Artists

Learn New Techniques

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COME AND VIST US AT A FREE  
MEETING

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2nd Saturday of Each Month at 10am

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