



Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

November 2021

Presidents Message

President's Greetings for November

The month of November is upon us, with it comes the cooler temperatures and earlier sunsets. It's a good season to sew, stitch and quilt. Patty Blanton will be our presenter at the November 2 meeting. She asks that you bring **white board erasable markers**. The lesson will be on new free motion techniques and designs. The markers will be for your doodle practice.

There will be no workshop in November due to Thanksgiving. Please keep working on your something Blue competition for the December luncheon. More details will be provided.

Have a Great Turkey Day!!!!

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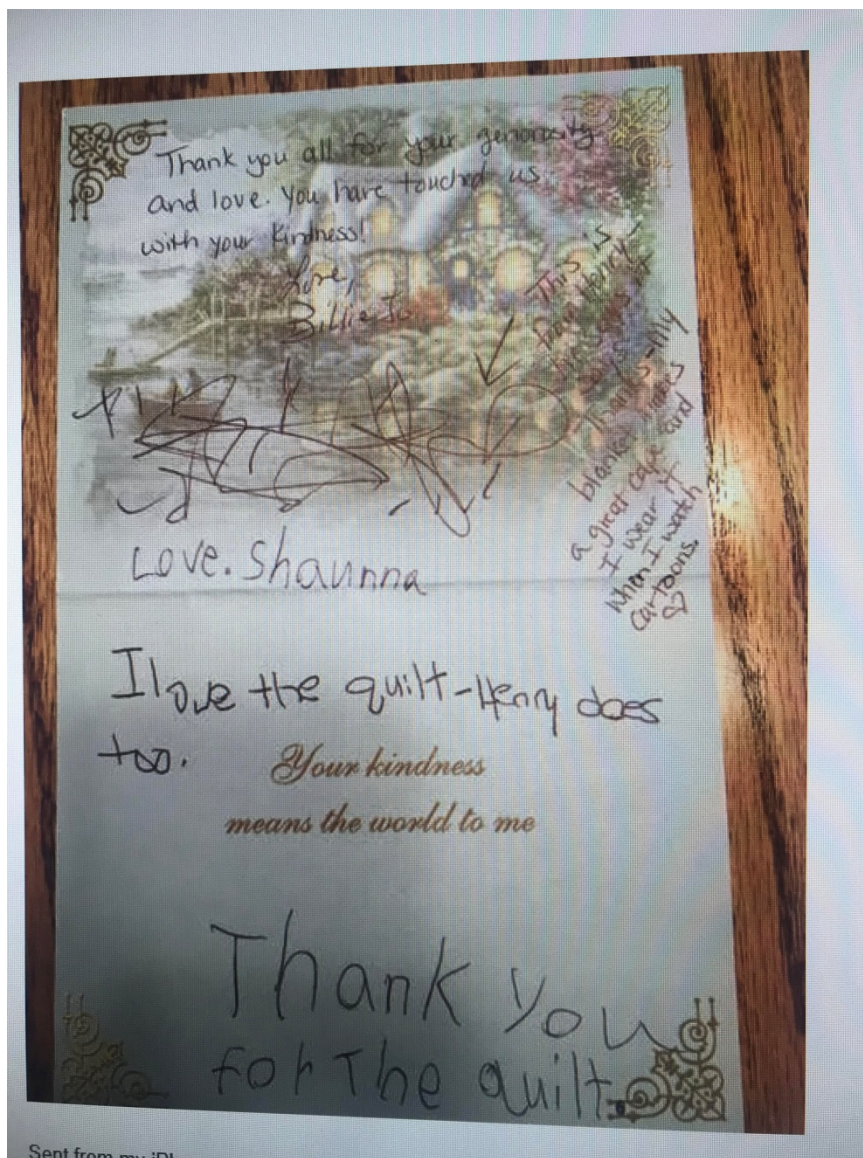
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This is a thank note from Billie Lister's grand children Shaunna and Henry

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SHOP NEWS

Shop News for Sew Original:

50 new bolts of Fabric have arrived...come and check it out!

In addition to the Q16 long arm (available for rent), they now have a Q16 plus on a Studio frame and they will also renting this...come in for a demo and more info! The new Bernina Crystal edition 790 plus has arrived and so have the Bernina 770 upgrades to plus!

Quilts of Valor work day: Volunteers please join Kathy Friday November 5th for a Quilts of Valor work day at Sew Original. They will be putting together all the wonderful quilt squares they have received into quilts and planning the next blocks and quilts!

New FREE Quilt Along! (FROLIC IN RAIN) Get ready! BERNINA is sponsoring a Quilting Daily free quilt-along and free pattern from **November 10 – December 15**

Visit www.QuiltingDaily.com. To clarify the pattern won't actually be on the site until November 10th...guess they got a little excited and they can't wait to make this quilt along with you!

Color challenge update...

color challenge December we'll take any Christmas Quilt not just Christmas solids!

For November the color is brown.

It's time to plan for next year and we'd like to know if you have enjoyed the color challenge? Do you want to do this again next year? What criteria do you think we should use in 2022? Please click here to give us your feedback)

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High Country Quilts:

The last Saturday of October (the 30th) is Open House. We'll demonstrate the nifty finds in new notions and show off the new lines fabrics that have arrived. Join us for coffee, tea, and Halloween treats!

We will be starting TWO new Mystery Quilt projects in November – one a traditional layout, one a modern layout. The format will be the same as in the past. You must only come into the shop to pick up the instructions and the first “clue” and figure out fabric layout (lights-darks, etc.). Shop fabric kits are optional. We hope you build your own using a combination of your stash fabric and ours – that turned out some fabulous quilts last time. Once you e-mail a picture of the completed “clue”, we e-mail the next “clue”. You work on your schedule, a “clue” a month, a “clue” a week, whatever. And you can do both quilts!

There are boxes of new batiks from Banyan, the bright colors of Patrick Lose (already here), and in December the fun fabrics of Riley Blake. All fabric shipments are running behind, some as much as one year. If you are part of our *Moda* club and wondering when the pre-ordered, precuts will be available, I have “new” confirmed arrival dates on all Moda fabric lines.

And good news for us, after eighteen months on back order the IKEA shelving finally arrived that will allow us to expand. Anybody like to volunteer for “shelf assembly day”?

Mountain Thread Company:

New fabrics including some Christmas/seasonal have arrived. We have released two new DIY rope basket kits - the Basket with Handles Kit and the Nesting Bowls Kit. All kits are available at this link: <https://www.themountainthreadcompany.com/shop?category=Kits>

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The Quilt Shop

There is no news for the guild newsletter this week.

November Meeting

I'm traveling to Houston Quilt Festival the last week in October and will be sharing some of the things I learn with you. I will be taking 4 classes that focus on free motion techniques. During the meeting program, I will encourage you to try your hand at drawing various free-motion designs. If you have a dry eraser marker, please bring it and you might want a sketch pad and pencil to save your drawings. One of the classes I will be taking involves making a wall hanging called "Rising Tides" by Bethanne Nemesh. It has an applique made from Angelina fibers, uses a trapunto effect and lots of free motion fills to create an underwater scene in fabric and thread. I hope I can do justice to the pattern and can share some of these techniques with you.

Patty Blanton

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Minutes

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One guest, Georgiana Kelso, was welcomed.

The minutes had been emailed to members. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Lee Ann Williams, gave her report. Expenses paid were \$50.99 for administrative supplies and installation of officers.

Current balance is \$5606.62

All members are encouraged to sign up for committees. Chairmen are:

Programs: Brenda Murray

Sunshine: Sue Corcoran

Workshops: Susan Sweet

Christmas luncheon: Gail Lund

Audit and nominating committees will be formed in the spring. Susan Sweet spoke about coming workshops. In November and December there are none. However we will have a Christmas competition with a theme of blue. Bring completed works in blue to Christmas lunch. Susan also reminded us of the Round Robin quilt which is making its rounds. We can still sign up to complete a border.

Elmyra Morris reported on past workshop which was making dresses and shorts for children served by Samaritans Purse in foreign lands. 12 members attended. They and some others also took materials home to complete. Susan Payne made connections with two donors who donated fabric. Finished dresses were displayed along with patterns and some already cut out dresses and some kits to take home and finish. This project is ongoing and anyone interested can stay connected and continue to work on these dresses and shorts.

Program: Pat Carson described ways she has been repurposing wool and silk. The wool is washed to felt it. She also cuts the embroidered design from blouses to be reused possibly in a

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pillow. She showed some lovely wall hangings featuring wool. She also showed a beautiful wall hanging made of silk ties. Denim and used men's cotton shirts are also useful. She showed a quilt made with her Dad's shirts. Sometimes it is good to add another fabric for balance and variety. A chevron pattern takes advantage of stripe in shirts. Pat then talked about how to make needle holder books and quilt block carriers. She showed some of hers which were gorgeous. Pat brought in many cotton shirts to share. She had already cut these into usable pieces. She asked us to use these for a current project or to cut 4" and 6" squares and bring them back to be used in donation quilts.

Our workshop on October 19 will be on making quilt block carriers and needle holders.

Show and Share:

Lois Stewart showed a dress for Samaritans Purse and a beautiful table topper featuring Dresden plates. She quilted it herself.

Lee Ann Williams showed a potato zapper which is for microwaving a potato or corn on the cob. It is a simple pattern that can be found online. It is important to use all cotton materials and batting with no scrim. It makes microwaved potatoes taste oven baked.

Susan Payne showed a black and white geometric quilt. She also used blocks in the backing and quilted it herself on a diagonal grid.

Beth Reavis showed a mystery block Halloween quilt which she made for her grandson. It is quilted with glow-in-the-dark thread from Sew Original.

Claudette Jacobs showed a lovely kaleidoscope design quilt in fuschia, green and black. And she showed a quilt featuring bees, tulips on a black background with appliqued bees on the backing. She also showed a dragonfly quilt with a flange border.

Patty Blanton showed a small heart. You can make one and leave it in a public place to be found. It is featured on the "I Found a Quilted Heart" website (www.ifaqh.com). She also showed an oversized Christmas stocking and a pillow using 30's fabric and free patterns from the Tilda's World website.

November meeting will be on drawing free motion patterns by Patty Blanton. If possible bring a dry erase marker.

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Membership

Currently there are 50 members

Birthdays,

Treasurer's Report

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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.

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