

# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

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## Presidents Message

Happy Fall Ladies!

Our newly installed Board and Committee persons have hit the road running. See the committee reports and pick a committee to help out with depending on your talents, gifts, and interests. We will be asking all members to make a commitment in one form or another over the next few months. This is a good way to develop friendships among your quilt guild members. Examples would be that Gail Lund will need help setting up for the Christmas Luncheon, if Covid does not restrict us this year, at her church in Boone, or making some phone calls to update our directory which we hope to have ready soon.

Thank you to Elmyra for our September presentation and workshop. It was a success and one where we learned so many new techniques not necessarily quilt focused. Please read committee reports to see what is coming up in and around the area.

A second Thank You goes out to Patty Dale for getting our website [MountainLaurelQuiltGuild.com](http://MountainLaurelQuiltGuild.com) up to date. Also, thank you to Pat Gustafson who is monitoring our Gmail account and if you need a notice to go out to the membership please send it to [MountainLaurelQuiltGuild1@gmail.com](mailto:MountainLaurelQuiltGuild1@gmail.com). Pat will clear all announcements with the board prior to sending out.

Have a Great beginning to Fall  
Chris Zimmer President  
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## **Donation News**

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We have once again been busy beavers this past month. We have baby quilts that have gone to the Boone Pregnancy Center, Child quilts going to the Advocacy Center, little boy pajama pants headed to the Red Cross and Dresses and shorts headed to Samaritan's Purse for their Pediatric Emergency Hospitals. Our 20 additional place mats were placed in new client bags for families seeking food for the first time at Feeding Avery Families. The look of appreciation on all the recipient's faces to our good works just makes you want to scurry home and make big pieces of fabric out of little pieces of fabric. Thank you all!!!!

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## Shop News

### Mountain Thread Company

No update from Mountain Thread this month.

### High Country Quilts -

We will reopen on Monday, September 27 at 10 a.m. after an extended teaching vacation. As always please call ahead before traveling.

### Sew Original

All Carolinas Shop Hop begins October 1 and runs through November 30<sup>th</sup>. The All Carolinas Magazine, which includes the Passport is available for sale now. Besides an Official Passport and map of stores, the magazine contains patterns, articles and other resources for sewing and quilting. The magazine notes special Shop Hop store hours and Regional and State maps that make it easy to plan your route. Each time you visit a participating store, you will receive an entry toward shop hop prizes. If you have a Passport, Sew Original will be offering something special – but you have to visit to find out what it is.

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There is an Accidental Landscape class on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call or stop by to register and pay for the class.

The Color Challenge continues through the end of the year. Bring in your quilt to the store the first week of the month for display. Customers all month long will vote on their favorite quilt. The winner (most votes) will receive a gift certificate for \$50. The colors for the last quarter are

<b>October</b>	<b>Black</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Brown</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Holiday Solids</b>

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### Minutes 9/7/21

President Chris Zimmer asked Sue Corcoran to pass out fat quarters to members celebrating birthdays this month and we wished them a Happy Birthday.

Adrienne Sherrow passed out membership cards to those who had not yet received them. We now have 50 members. Chris reminded us that we still need a VP and asked for volunteers. Brenda Murry volunteered. She will be out of town part of year but we will be able to contact her for comments and votes as a member of the Executive Committee. The programs and workshops are all arranged for the year.

Lee Ann Williams gave the treasurer's report. Our balance is \$5657.60. She has completed the budget.

### **Shop News**

**Mountain Thread Company** has materials and kits for making coiled rope baskets as well as fabrics. They offer long arm quilting.

**High Country Quilts** is closed through 9/26. After that call ahead to confirm a time to visit.

Patty Blanton reported for **Sew Original**. They will participate in the All Carolina Shop Hop October 1-November 30. She showed the panel and coordinating fabrics. The magazine has the official passport and map. Patty showed a table topper made with Halloween fabrics. It is made with a 60 degree diamond ruler. They now have Little Books for feet and needles. Coming out soon are the Bernina 790 and 880 Plus machines. A 770 can be upgraded to 790. There is now available a faster embroidery module. The new Q16plus (sit down long arm) can go on a frame. There is a new serger that has an air threader. There is a Quilt Club on second Saturday of the month at 9am.

A class will be Thread Painting on 9/24. Also there are Machine Mastery classes.

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The color of the month quilt contest is ongoing. Colors for October is black, November is brown, and December is Holiday solids.

## **Recognition of Board Members and Installation**

The following were recognized for service over past 2 years: Colleen Eskridge, Sandy Hicks, Pat Gustafson, Kathy Hill, Linda Seamster, Adrienne Sherrow, Sue Stell, Susan Sweet, Lee Ann Williams, Patty Blanton.

New Officers were installed for the 2021-22 year: Chris Zimmer, President; Lee Ann Williams, Treasurer; Sue Stell, Secretary; and Brenda Murry, Vice President.

## **Program**

Elmyra Morris explained the Sewing Seeds program which is part of the medical mission of Samaritan's Purse. It involves sewing basic dresses and shorts for children in poorer countries served by Samaritan's Purse. The gift of new clothes may be more meaningful than used and discarded clothes. She explained why she thought it would be a good fit for our guild and some of the requirements of the program and how it works. Part of our workshop this month will be working on this project. She showed some dresses and shorts already made. We can use some of our donated fabrics and bias tape. Because these go to a variety of countries they do not want any fabrics depicting violence or characters these children may not be familiar with. We will try to put pockets on all as well as many special touches as possible. Melinda Wright showed some special pockets she had added. They should be made with French seams or serged seams to withstand washing. At least 2 people can bring sergers to the workshop. Bring any rick rack or flat buttons or other trim.

For the workshop if you are not working on the Sewing Seeds come for the fellowship and work on other projects.

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**Susan Sweet** updated us on two projects. Before the pandemic forced us to do zoom meetings we started a block of the month club for those who wanted to participate. Susan sent out monthly block directions. Today she showed a finished quilt and passed out the complete pattern book to the participants. She has extra pattern books that she will sell at a discount at the workshop.

A new project will be a Round Robin quilt. Susan showed a beautiful quilt center that was donated by Charlene Wilson. It will be passed along with some coordinating fabrics and a pattern book of borders to a different member each month. Participating members will add a border or 2 sides. Each border should be no more than 6 inches. When it is finished there will be a drawing of those who participated to see who gets the quilt.

## Show and Share

Chris Zimmer used several 25 patch blocks of small hand cut squares to make a lovely quilt.

Pat Miller made a beautiful travel bag with inside pockets from a panel.

Beth Reavis made a memory quilt from her dad's ties. It will be a gift to Beth's daughter.

Claudette Jacobs made a large log cabin quilt in Fall colors. The quilting is beautiful also and made a lovely design on the back by using a different bobbin color for part.

Sue Corcoran showed baskets she has made over past 9 years. She uses clothesline wrapped in fabric. These are similar to ones made with materials from Mountain Threads. Sue also passed around a pattern book she uses.

Gail Lund showed three donation quilts.

Patty Blanton showed a large quilt depicting the American flag. It is made from fabrics from men's shirts cut into small squares and rectangles.

Susan Payne showed 2 lovely art quilt wall hangings and 2 cute smaller wall hangings.

Lois Stewart showed a large quilt featuring large and small stars on white background with a diamond border. It is called "Galaxy". She quilted it herself. She shared that she quilts from the back, tracing a pattern on the back using gel friction pens.

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Lynda Steele showed a small barn hanging and described how she made it.

Lee Ann Williams showed a small donation quilt in red, white and blue.

Susan Sweet showed a jelly roll quilt. The top was given to her and she finished it. And she showed a gorgeous king size quilt made for her own bed. It was a block of the month in Quilt Club.

Amy Stewart showed what she calls a sanity block of squares and rectangle in coordinating colors. She made it in the car while her husband drove. She uses a cardboard square as a working surface.

Melinda Wright showed a donation quilt.

Sue Stell showed a Halloween wall hanging of a cat and 3 jack-o-lanterns. She also showed a medium size quilt of 9 patch blocks. It was a fabric bundle from High Country Quilts and a happy memory of a trip there with Georgie McKenzie and Karen James.

**Fond Farewell** We all bid Georgie a fond farewell as she moves to Cary, NC. She has been a helpful and generous member and friend to all. We want her to visit often.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Stell, Secretary

## **Membership**

Currently there are 50 members

## **Birthdays,**

Shari Evans Oct. 7

Diane Holley Oct. 4

Gail Lund Oct. 29

## **Treasurer's Report**

**. The current bank balance is \$5657.61**

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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.

## 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.

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

## **October 5th, 2021**

Pat Carson, an active member and charter member of the Catawba Valley Guild in Hickory (37 yrs.) and our guild is going to do the October 5th program and the October 19th workshop (10-2:00).

Her program will be showing us repurposing of wools, silks, linens, and cottons. She has a handout for the workshop and some items that will be for sale for a small fee at the program.

The workshop on October 19th will be making a “quilt block carrier”.

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