

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

December 2021



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Presidents Message

Happy December!

We look forward to seeing several of you at Sue Sweets house on Dec. 7th at 11:15 for our Christmas luncheon. Her address is 762 Oak Ridge Drive (828-263-8399). There will be no general meeting or program in December. Please enjoy your time with family, friends and the Spirit of the Season. Hopefully you will have lots of time to enjoy your creative quilting. See you all back at the Senior Center on Tuesday January 4th.

Shop News

High Country Quilts

Lots of new happenings at High Country Quilts. Everything is under construction! The shop is expanding to make home for fabric and quilts to display. The work will be done the first week in December – we need additional lights installed to make this work. The website has been overhauled, it has classes and events through February 2022.

And we have added a regular event to the shop. New Stuff Saturday, held the last Saturday of the each month from 9AM – 1PM. We'll introduce you to (and demonstrate) what is new to the shop – fabrics, notions, patterns, whatever. This month will be especially fun as we have a new fabric line to debut – launched in Spring 2020. They have provided non-fattening goodies to share. And we

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have been given a special honor – to be revealed at New Stuff Saturday.

Cath Evans
High Country Quilts
711 High Country Private Road
Butler, TN 37640-5241
423.768.0768

Sew Original:

Martelli FREE event !

Friday 12/17 11 am. Lots of special sales and door prizes.
Please RSVP! <https://forms.gle/dK1zU66fNdbnQ2gc6>

Did you see the new Kaffe Quilt 3rd Weekend in October?
Details and info link in our store email. We will be ordering based on reservations only Kaffe Third weekend in October kits...please let us know if you would be interested in a kit. Reserve your kit button <https://forms.gle/U6nxdfk5WfLkd66s9>

We will be continuing our Color Challenge in 2022. Details to be published soon. Thanks to all who provided great feedback.

We have managed to get 2 more Nebula kits if you missed it when first offered.

We have new Bernina Software and lots of great items for your Christmas wish list! Come and see us!

Mountain Thread Company

No news for this month

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January Program

The program for January will be **Accidental Landscapes**. This is a technique developed by Karen Echemeyer and is a fun and easy way to produce quick, simple (or not) landscapes. Sue Corcoran and Patty Blanton will be explaining and demonstrating the method at the January meeting and providing more detail at the workshop. A supplies list will be provided at the meeting to anyone interested in trying this method at the workshop.

Christmas Luncheon

December 7, 2021 11:15

At: Sue Sweets home
762 Oak Ridge Drive
Boone, NC.

Her phone # is. 828 263-8399

Please bring your blue items and placemats.
This is a pot-lunch luncheon so bring what you signed up to bring, or appetizers, salad, dessert, or casserole.
If you have signed up to go and have had a change of plans please call Chris Zimmer and let her know 585 615-6551.

Thanks,
Brenda Murry

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Minutes

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$5556.62 after paying one expense.

Minutes: Minutes for October meeting were distributed via email. No corrections.

Donations: Chris Zimmer reported quilts and placemats have been donated. Susan Payne took fabric home and made more dresses for Sewing Seeds. She also obtained more donated fabric. She has cut more dresses ready to sew.

Elmyra Morris cut more shorts. She reported that the 9 bolts of homespun donated for shorts have been tested and approved for ability to launder. There are scraps that can be used for binding edges and some kits available. There are blank forms to complete if you would like to get newsletter from Sewing Seeds or to volunteer.

Chris reported that instead of dropping quilts and placemats at the Quilt Shop we can put them on our quilt guild shelf in classroom 3 of the Senior Center. Let Chris know to pick them up there. Be sure to put on MLQG label and let Chris know if you have a preference where they should be donated.

Membership: Adrienne Sherrow has membership cards. Christmas luncheon will be December 7th at 11:30 at Grace Lutheran Church. Gail Lund and Susan Sweet are coordinating. A signup sheet was sent around to indicate who was planning to attend and another sheet to sign up to bring a food item. There will be 2 contests: a Blue contest. Bring any item featuring blue. Another contest for placemats featuring blue. You can enter both.

Directory: Chris read a list of people who have not provided complete information.

Shop Hop continues all this month.

Watauga Arts Council has offered space if we need it in future. It may be too small for us.

Program: Patty Blanton reported on her visit to Houston Quilt Festival. There were many vendors. She took a class on using different thread weights and one on Quilting Textures A to Z featuring Bethanne Nemish of White arbor Quilting, Gail Gerber of Gail Garber.com and Cindy Seitz-Krug of Quintessential Quilting. Bethanne likes to use ideas from nature. Patty showed her project which is a wall hanging called Rising Tides which is a pattern from Bethanne. It uses

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Angelina fiber and different thread weights. Angelina fiber is ironed to produce a non-woven fabric and the more you iron the more it changes color.

Patty showed us a book by Gail Gerber on making a paper piecing pattern.

Another book was on grid designs by Cindy Seitz-Krug. She soaks her quilts in water to remove markings and then blocks them.

Patty had us try marking grid designs. She passed out paper grid in a sheet protector. We could use a dry erase marker to draw each design. Patty had us practice several designs using a grid.

Susan Sweet showed us progress on the Round Robin quilt and passed it to the next person.

A memorial service for Marge and Alan Zeliff will be Friday November 5th at 1pm Boone United Methodist.

Show and Share:

Lois Stewart showed a lovely quilt made in memory of Rose Adrienne Sherrow showed lovely items made from wool with embellishments. She showed 3 tiny wall hangings and a purse all beautifully decorated.

Claudette Jacobs showed a king quilt called Day and Night in blue, brown and pink. It was quilted by Gillian Winterton.

Pat Miller showed a baby quilt made from pieces of t-shirts. She is working on a t-shirt quilt that will not have sashing due to number of t-shirts. She also showed a darling apron she is giving away. She made 2 for her twin granddaughters and they have outgrown them.

Betty Minick showed a Tilda doll and Tilda style reindeer.

She also showed a dress for donation to Sewing Seeds.

Susan Sweet showed placemats with Thanksgiving theme on one side and Christmas on the other.

Chris Zimmer showed a free motion quilt in which each square is a different free motion design. Then she showed a similar quilt which was her practice squares. Also 3 cute donation quilts.

Amy Stewart showed 5 donation placemats.

Elmyra Morris showed boy shorts for Sewing Seeds. She makes the patch pockets a contrasting color so kids can easily find them.

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Diane Ward didn't have it to show but she took a large size denim skirt and made a scarecrow costume for her grandchild.

Sue Stell showed her reversible quilt as you go Christmas quilt. This was from the program and workshop by Susan Sweet. She also made 2 table toppers from the scraps of the Christmas quilt.

Pat Miller currently has the community round robin quilt.

Membership

Currently there are 50 members

Birthdays.

Dec 13 Patty Blanton

Dec 31 Brenda Murry

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account balance is \$ 5556.62

No payments made in November.

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Suggested measurements for Donation Quilts

Baby quilts are 40 x 40

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.

Donation News

November donations were focused on getting 50 Holiday placemats for Billie at the Senior Center's Program on the Aging Holiday Luncheon. they will be delivered to Billie at the Senior Center prior to the luncheon on December 23. We still need about 20 placemats.

If you are working on a donation quilt and have a special place you would like to see it go, just let me know and I will get it to that person/group for you or you can take it yourself. If you deliver any yourself please let me know so that I can include it in our donation numbers.

Thank you ladies for all your expertise and donations of time and supplies for our quilts.

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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.

Community News and Requests”.

We have had a request for a sewer to make a Marionette Dress for a Children’s Art Counselor/Doctor. She had stopped in the Quilt shop and asked for help. If you are interested please contact her directly. Thanks

828 964 3356
Dr Cynthia Taylor

Facebook - Dr Cynthia’s Children’s Art