



Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

January 2022

Presidents Message

President's Message:

Happy New Year Ladies! We are off and running for another year. Our first meeting will be this coming Tuesday January 4 from 1-3pm at the Senior Center. Masks are still required by the county.

Our guest presenter will be Sue Corcoran assisted by Patty Blanton. the title is Accidental Landscapes. We hope to see you in the New Year. In the mean time perhaps this thought below will help jump start your 2022 goals and direction.

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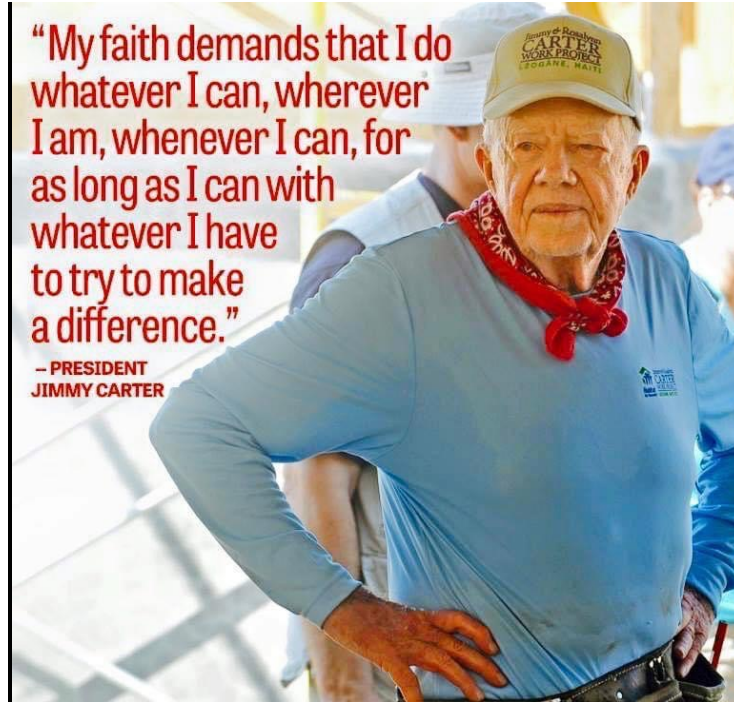
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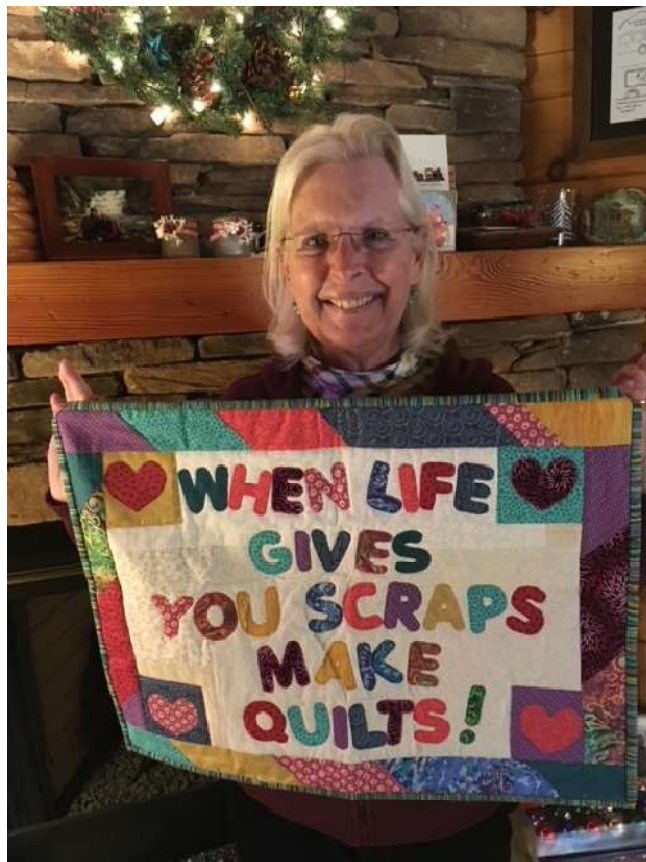
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Sent to me from a very precious friend!!!!



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

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Sew Original:

Happy New Year from your Sew Original team!

If you missed the great presentation by Martelli, they will be returning March 11 for another event! Sew Original will be carrying Martelli products starting very soon!

In case you haven't heard, Sew Original is no longer going to carry Accuquilt. They love the product, but the company has made it impossible to sell the product and cover costs. Sew Original is liquidating their current inventory at a 45% discount!!!!

Sew Original is working on their 1st quarter class plan. If you have input as to what classes you would like to see offered, they would love to know what you would like!

The color challenge will continue in 2022 with new options and colors!. Join Sew Original for the fun and submit a quilt you've made.

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Mountain Thread Company

No news for this month

HIGH COUNTRY QUILTS:

Not much new on the “new items” front this month as we are trying to stay ahead of the expansion work. We ask that you “pardon our mess” a while longer as floor tiles are contemplated before the new shelving is moved in!

The new website is up and running – you can enroll in classes and find out what’s new anytime.

Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

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January Program

The program for January will be Accidental Landscapes. This is a technique developed by Karen Echmeyer 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.

For the February Workshop, Diane Goff and Sandy Hicks will be leading a Sewing Journals class/session. You will need 2-3 coordinating fabrics (2pieces 12x 9, 4 pieces 11x8), matching thread, button and elastic for a fastener; optional: ribbon, lace, appliqués or buttons for decoration. They will have examples and additional details at the February meeting.

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Membership

There are presently 50 members.

If anyone needs a name tag kit please
let me know.

Adrienne

Birthdays.

Jan 3-Lee Ann Williams

Jan 8 -Linda Steele

Jan 30-Amy Stewart.

.Treasurer's Report

Finance Report from Lee Ann Williams:

The Balance in the Checking Account is \$5556.62

No Deposits

No Expenses

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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.

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Donation News

Thank you and Holiday greetings from two of the places we have donated quilts and backpacks this past year. This has been a banner year, despite COVID for donations of masks, breast pillows, placemats, backpacks, quilts, shorts and dresses. Thank you dear ladies for all your participation in collecting fabric, sewing, sandwiching, delivering and designing. Many in our community and around the world have felt the love you have put into these projects. Looking forward to our next adventures in quilting.

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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.

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

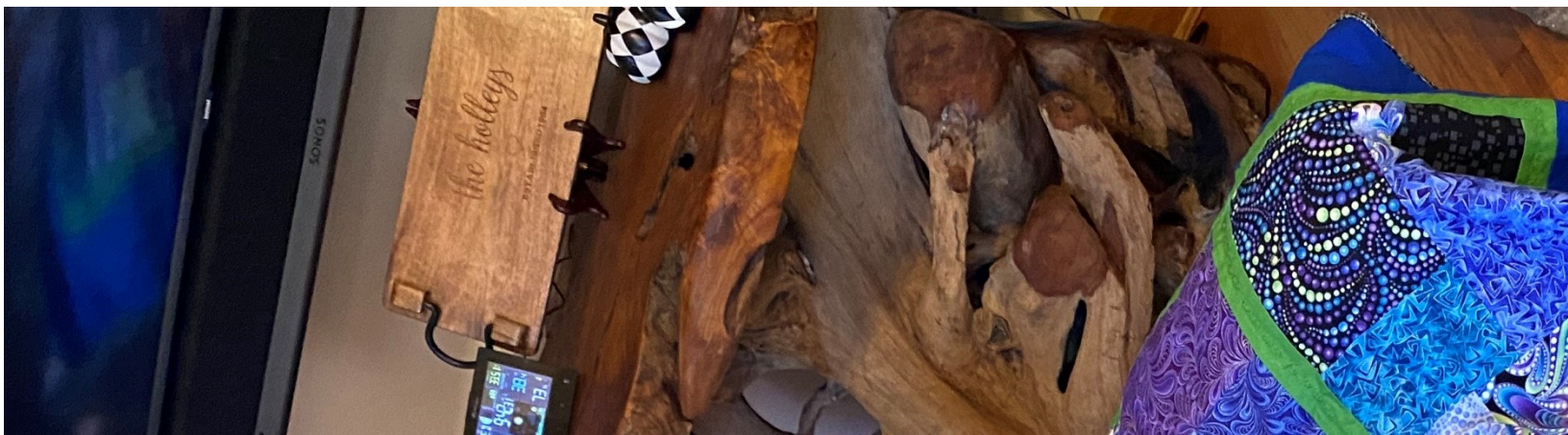


Just a sampling of donated placemats to the Senior Center for their Christmas Luncheon.

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I made this for my sister who loves cats. –Diane Holley



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Member Advertisement

FOR SALE: STUDIO I HANDI-QUILTER 12' LONGARM FRAME

I am upgrading my system by adding ProStitcher to my older HQ16; however, the original Studio I table cannot accommodate the new carriage that comes with the ProStitcher.

I will have to totally replace my table/frame in order to use the ProStitcher.

Which means that I will have a 12' Studio I table/frame available for purchase in January some time.

It will include the carriage and rails, but no machine. Perfect for someone with an older Handi-Quilter machine who wants a nice, sturdy, adjustable-height 12' table. \$700.

Local purchase only. I can deliver and set it up for you, if you like.

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Here are quilts I made as Christmas presents. The one is for my soon to be born granddaughter and the similar one for her 3 year old sister. I combined pet portraits from 3 panels and scrap strips to create log cabin blocks. The colors match the murals I painted in their rooms. –Susan Payne



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Thank you Sue Sweet for the delightful luncheon! She greeted us at the door with her Santa hat on! We all stood around looking at the blue quilts and blue projects celebrating the day. (Side note....Sew Original's color of the month for January are blue, silver and white. So take your quilts over for the competition!

We had lots to eat and the views were spectacular. We did a round robin raffle and everyone got what they wanted....right [Patty Blanton?](#)

On the way home I dropped off 35 placemats to Billie at the Senior Center and multiple back packs to the Children's Advocacy Center for their foster Children.

Billie sent a thank you card for all we have done this past year in giving to the community. Nice job Ladies, you all should be proud of what you have accomplished, produced, shared, and learned this past year

Chris

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My grandkids are now covered in Grammy love- Sandy Hicks

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I made several Placemats- LeeAnn Lofaro