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Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

March 2022

Ladies:

I just spoke to Billie and all is healthy, open and active once again at the Senior Center. We will hopefully see many of you with your fabric pieced bingo cards in hand for our March meeting this next Tuesday March 1. Remember we will be taking your bingo patched square to make donation quilts out of, unless yours is lucky enough and you want to take it home to frame to go with your Bunnies that Susan Sweet is providing. We also will have a presentation on Sewing Journals. Our March workshop will be making the journals.

<u>Presidents Greeting for March</u>: Hello Ladies

We will be back at the Senior Center on March 1. I am so looking forward to seeing many of you at the center. Masks are still required and please touch base with Billie regarding orientation. I know I sound like a broken record - wear a mask and get oriented- but some of you are venturing out after a long hibernation and I don't want you to miss anything.

Our schedule for programs and workshops are filled almost through November, but if you want to present and teach a topic we can easily make room for you. Just let Brenda Murray our current VP know or Susan Sweet who chairs the Workshops.

Chris President 585-615-6551

SHOP NEWS

<mark>Sew Original</mark>,

1542 G Hwy 421 South, Boone, 828-264-1049

Quilt Club begins in March. Call the shop for more details.

March11th @ 11am Martelli ! FREE Please call store to register March15th @ 12pm Applique Event by DIME Free! Register here: https://inspired-by-

dime.myshopify.com/products/applique-affairvirtual-embroidery-event-17

Lots of new fabric in the shop - come by and check it out!

The Mountain Thread Company:

- New fabrics! We have the Camont line from Rifle Paper Co, along with other new spring florals from Ruby Star Society, Moda, and QT fabrics.
- New/updated website -<u>www.themountainthreadcompany.com</u>. Check it out - it's redesigned to be easier to navigate and see new products.

High Country Quilts:

<u>High Country Quilts</u> has finished our expansion and reorganization. I can't find anything, but that's half the fun. There's more room for super high thread count fabrics that piece so beautifully from Art Gallery and M&S textiles. And we have more room for precuts, collections from Moda, Maywood, Robert Kaufmann are on the shelves in Fat Quarters, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, and 10" squares with project ideas to match. And there is a price tag on everything in the shop.

Bring a paint stick to the shop in March and Anthology Batiks are \$4.00 per yard! We'll explain the paint stick when you get here.

Classes for March have been posted to the web for signup – <u>Sea Salt Quilt</u> using Moda toweling from Australia and <u>Basic Machine Maintenance</u> Class (yes rerun by popular demand).

<u>March Birthdays:</u>

March 6 Alice Johnson 25 Kathy Hill 30 Carol Unglesbee 31 Lois Stewart







Don't forget your Bunny Bingo cards for this coming Tuesday's meeting!!! Becky and Chris are ready to go!

Sewing Journal Workshop

Ladies,

Need a sewing kit you can grab and go, an ER kit for the office, a personalized Mother's Day, housewarming or hostess gift? Let the February Workshop provide some inspiration. We'll be constructing a fabric "journal" with pockets and plackets to keep your needles, pins, small WIPs, tweezers, etc together. Journals can be tailored to the purpose and individual. We'll have some examples at the February meeting. See Sue Sweet's article on the February Workshop for a list of materials.

Our February workshop will be on Tuesday, Feb. 15th from 10 - 3:00 at the Senior Center. We will be working on "Sewing Journals" made from fabric. Diane Goff and Sandy Hicks will be leading us in this project. There is no cost for the workshop. This should be a great workshop to bring out your creativity. Please join us and have fun sewing together.

If you have any questions, call Susan Sweet at 828 263 8399.

MATERIALS:

Felt - 4" X 5" piece, decorative edge optional Lightweight fusible interfacing

2 scraps 7" X 10" piece (for pages)

1 scrap 8" X 11" piece (for the cover)

From coordinating fabrics

2 9" X 12" pieces (for the cover)

4 8" X 11" pieces (for the pages)

- 1 6" X 12" piece (for the inside cover pocket)
- 4 11" X 5" pieces (for the pages' pockets)

Also needed:

Thin Elastic 3.5"- 4" exact measurement will depend on button size and placement.

Button for closure.

Optional: elastic, ribbon, extra pockets, extra felt, decorative lace, appliques, buttons, etc.

Suggestions for fillers: needles, pins, buttons, threads

March- Bunny Bingo program and workshop This was supposed to be done in 2020! But Covid happened. Sue Sweet will do both program and workshop. You may already have your bingo card made.

Program on April 5:

The program will be on cotton coiled baskets. We have Katherine at Mountain Thread Company coming to introduce us to making coiled baskets. I am sure many of you have visited her shop in Blowing Rock. Her baskets, trays and coasters are all beautiful.

Katherine is so helpful whenever you visit her shop. We will have samples at the meeting. Betty Minick from our guild will be helping with presentation.

Workshop on April 19:

We will be making a small cotton coiled basket. Betty Minick will show how to make a small basket. We will be sending around a list to see how many people are interested in making a small basket. The guild will provide small kits for baskets. It will include cotton coil rope and a size 16 universal needle. We will later provide you a list of what you need to bring with you to the workshop.

Donation News:

The month of February has been very quiet in regards to picking up donation items or dropping items off. We did discuss our donation committee and donations at our Board meeting earlier this month. It was brought up that many of our members were feeling over whelmed with donation request and some thought there was a minimum donation requirement in our by-laws. We have no minimum or required limit on our donation quilts. As a member of Mountain Laurel it is hoped that our members will contribute to the community through quilted items.

The Board has agreed that starting in June we will have themes for the month regarding the type of donations we will be delivering that month. A schedule will be published ahead of time so that if a member prefers to support new born receiving blankets she will know which month we will be delivering those. If a members enjoys placemats, back packs or Cancer Pit pillows we will give you advance notice on which months they will be collected. Throw size quilts and crib size quilts will always be accepted, as will quilts for the Red Cross. These have a large on going need. I look forward with my committee to continuing to deliver your donations. Our committee could use a member to pick up/deliver quilts in the Boone/ West Jeff area.

Thanks, Chris 585-615-6551

<u>Membership</u>

We now have 53 members.

Welcome: Becky Kennedy Michelle Hart

Don't forget at the June meeting I will be collecting dues.

Adrienne

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Louis Harrell Orientation

For those members who still need to orient to the Senior Center, Billie will have available written orientation to read and sign prior to our meeting on Tuesday March 1 at 12:30. Please let Billie know that you plan to attend 828- 265-80890 or call Chris and let her know you plan to attend. 585-615-6551.

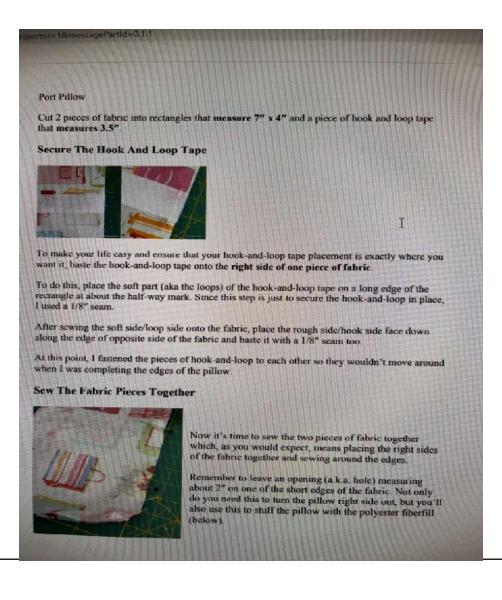
Treasurer's Report

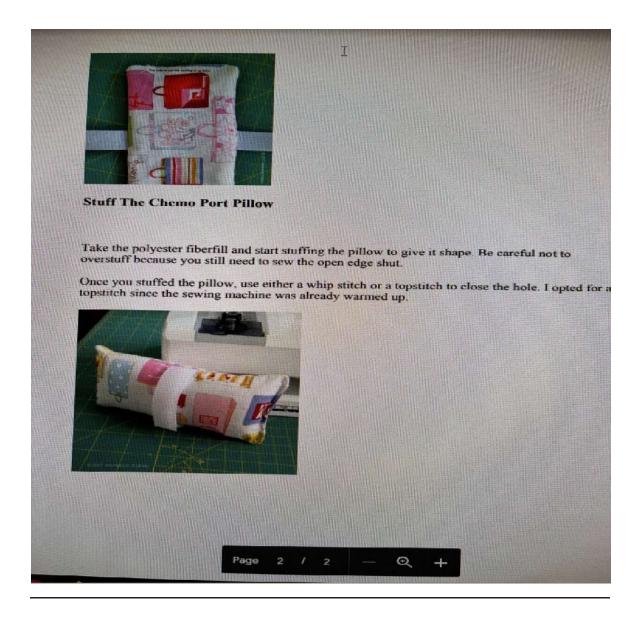
Plus \$30 for new membersNew Balance\$5586.62

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From Brenda Murry