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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.

Presidents Greeting for March:

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

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SHOP NEWS

Sew Original,

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

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

March 11th @ 11am Martelli ! FREE Please call store to register

March 15th @ 12pm Applique Event by DIME Free!

Register here: <https://inspired-by-dime.myshopify.com/products/applique-affair-virtual-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 - www.themountainthreadcompany.com. Check it out - it's redesigned to be easier to navigate and see new products.

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High Country Quilts:

[High Country Quilts](#) 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 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 – [Sea Salt Quilt](#) using Moda toweling from Australia and [Basic Machine Maintenance](#) Class (yes rerun by popular demand).


March Birthdays:

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

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Capital Quilters Guild
Quilt Show



March 18 & 19, 2022 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
\$10 admission per day

Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds

View exquisite quilts - miniature to traditional to
modern and beyond!

Bid on a mini quilt in the Benefit Silent Auction

Shop the Gift Boutique

Cast votes for Viewer's Choice winning quilts

Try out machines & shop for notions at the Vendor
Mall

Call for Entries will open December 1st at
www.capitalquilters.org

Vendor enquiries: capitalshowvendors@gmail.com

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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)

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- 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

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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

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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.

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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

Membership

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 members

New Balance \$5586.62

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Port Pillow

Cut 2 pieces of fabric into rectangles that **measure 7" x 4"** and a piece of hook and loop tape that **measures 3.5"**.

Secure The Hook And Loop Tape



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To make your life easy and ensure that your hook-and-loop tape placement is exactly where you want it, baste the hook-and-loop tape onto the **right side of one piece of fabric**.

To do this, place the soft part (aka the loops) of the hook-and-loop tape on a long edge of the rectangle at about the half-way mark. Since this step is just to secure the hook-and-loop in place, I used a 1/8" seam.

After sewing the soft side/loop side onto the fabric, place the rough side/hook side face down along the edge of opposite side of the fabric and baste it with a 1/8" seam too.

At this point, I fastened the pieces of hook-and-loop to each other so they wouldn't move around when I was completing the edges of the pillow.

Sew The Fabric Pieces Together



Now it's time to sew the two pieces of fabric together which, as you would expect, means placing the **right sides** of the fabric together and sewing around the edges.

Remember to leave an opening (a.k.a. hole) measuring about 2" on one of the short edges of the fabric. Not only do you need this to turn the pillow right side out, but you'll also use this to stuff the pillow with the polyester fiberfill (below).



Stuff The Chemo Port Pillow

Take the polyester fiberfill and start stuffing the pillow to give it shape. Be careful not to overstuff because you still need to sew the open edge shut.

Once you stuffed the pillow, use either a whip stitch or a topstitch to close the hole. I opted for a topstitch since the sewing machine was already warmed up.



From Brenda Murry

