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Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

April 2022

Presidents Greeting for April:

Hello Ladies

Happy Spring Quilters!!!!

The warmer weather hopefully is on its way and Covid numbers are continuing to go down.

Restrictions at the Senior Center have been listed regarding masks. You are still welcome to wear masks if that makes you feel most comfortable among your sewing peers. Orientation is still required and Billie is happy to accommodate our members so please call her at the Senior Center at 828-265-8090.

We have an exciting April meeting and workshop with Katherine from Mountain Threads in Blowing Rock. The workshop requires pre registration so don't miss that. See summaries below.

April is also our time of nominations for officers for the next year. Are you interested in sharing your special quilting interests with your fellow members? Are you interested in serving on a committee or board position? We can use your help! Just let me know at crzimmercsn@gmail.com or call if you have a question 585-615-6551.

**Chris
President
585-615-6551**

WE Need Your Help and Participation:

April is the month we look for nominations for our Board of Directors and Committee Heads. We have a delightful Board of members who enjoy working together and would love to mentor any of our new members who would like to participate. This year we need to fill the slots for Vice President, Secretary, and Donation Committee Chair. Please let one of the current Board members know if you are interested or have any questions. E;mail Chris at crzimmercsn@gmail.com.

Notices from local groups

Good day Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild folks,

I'm Hope Brawley the Program Support Specialist for a program called Family Connects Northwest. Family Connects is a nurse home visiting program that supports new moms, babies, and families.

We go into the homes of families with new babies around 3 weeks. We provide a wellness assessment for mom and baby, screen for post-partum anxiety and depression and help with lactation if desired. These are just a few of the services our program provides. Our program is a safety net in our community that makes sure families have the resources they need to be successful. We have been giving families a gift bag filled with goodies. We give every family 25 diapers, a book, a sleep sack swaddle, a baby blanket, and a meal. We have a phenomenal woman in our community that has been knitting baby blankets for every family, but our program has grown. We were

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given the name of your organization from Kelsie Summers at HOPE pregnancy center and told you might be able to help provide our program with additional baby blankets.

Our program is federally funded so it's at no cost to everyone which is amazing but the gifts we give are mostly donated by the community.

Here's a link to our website so you can get a better idea of what we do.

<https://www.familyconnectsnorthwest.org>

We would greatly appreciate any donations from your organization.

Please let me know if anyone within your organization is willing to donate baby blankets for our program.

Thanks,

Hope Brawley

Program Support Specialist for Family Connects

([She/her/hers](#); [what's this](#))

Children's Council of Watauga County

225 Birch Street, Suite 3 | Boone, NC 28607

(828)262-5424 Office

<https://www.familyconnectsnorthwest.org>

A Garden of Quilts

“A Garden of Quilts” Show, presented by Western North Carolina Quilters Guild

May 20, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday

May 21 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Youth Activities Building located in the Bonclarken Conference Center

in Flat Rock, NC. Admission is \$5 with free regular and handicap parking.

Over 100 quilts, quilt raffle, dozens of vendors, raffle

baskets, plate lunch vendor, Quilts of Valor display

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and a Guild boutique.

Visit www.westernncquilters.org or www.facebook.com/GardenofQuiltsShow/ for more information.

Minutes

March 1. 2022

New members Michelle Hart and Becky Kennedy were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer Lee Ann Williams reported our balance is \$5386.62. She wrote a check to reserve the Foscoe Community Center for June luncheon.

President Chris Zimmer said there is no required number of donations per member. Nevertheless we are a charitable organization and wish to use our skills to benefit the community. Next year we will have a donation theme per month. We can plan to have an appropriate quilt for the month. Adult and teen quilts are always needed.

Our noon luncheon and officer installation will be at Foscoe Community Center on June 7 at 11:30. It will be potluck. This location will make a shorter trip for members at Linn Haven Quilt Camp and for members who live on that side of town. Weather permitting we will be able to eat outside.

Shop News:

Sew Original: Patty Blanton showed an embroidered flower block and described the Aurifil pack of the month club. Each month you get the pattern and thread to make it. A Martelli representative will be in the store on 3/11 demonstrating tools. Patty will be teaching a thread painting portraits class. Next Saturday 3/12 the Quilt Club Block of the Month begins at 9:00.

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Workshops: March workshop Diane Goff and Sandy Hicks will demonstrate making small journal books which can then hold needles, pins, scissors etc for travel. The guild will provide fabric and embellishments. Also that day we will be sewing together the squares from our bunny bingo game. Patty Blanton showed us how to make a star block with any left over 2 ½" squares and some neutral fabric. Cut the background and center squares 1" bigger than colored squares. Or just come for the fellowship and sew whatever.

April Workshop will be by Katherine of Mountain Threads store and was arranged by Betty Minick. We will learn how to make small bowls of coiled rope and fabric. Katherine will also do the April program. Sign up for the workshop at the April program.

Susan Sweet showed us the Round Robin quilt. It has grown to be almost large enough and very beautiful. Becky Kennedy will take it this month. We played Bunny Bingo led by Susan Sweet. We had made our playing cards of colored fabrics and designs. Susan called the colors and designs and we placed our buttons. Susan had acquired and saved an amazing collection of stuffed bunnies and those were the prizes.

Show and Share:

Patty Blanton showed two donation quilts – a dinosaur and alligator design and a Windy Days quilt.

Lois Stewart showed a cute Bunny Rabbit baby quilt using paper piecing and applique.

Beth Reavis showed a disappearing nine patch donation quilt.

Gail Lund Schuette showed a large beautiful quilt of musical fabric for her granddaughter. Also an 18" x18" block Scottish Thistle wall hanging.

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Sue Corcoran showed a donation quilt in greens and yellow.

Susan Sweet showed a quilt made with Kaffe Faccett squares left from another quilt and using black sashing. It will hang at Sew Original for a while to display new Kaffe fabric.

Susan also brought donated tops and asked for someone to take them and quilt them.

DONATIONS

Donations for March were dropped off at the Children's Advocacy Center. We continue to collect any and all donations at our meetings and workshops. If more convenient for you donations can be put in the supply closet at the Senior Center Craft Room Closet on the back shelf labeled Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild. Please label them as donation items and contact Chris at crzimmercsn@gmail.com or 585-615-6551 to let her know they are there to be picked up and delivered. If you have a specific idea of where you want them to go please add that to your note. We are currently wishing to collect baby blankets/receiving blanket size or toddler.

SHOP NEWS

High Country Quilts:

For all of you who were afraid you had to cut your own fabric if you came to the shop, Cath has been doing so for a week or so, and the arm is still attached to the shoulder.

We unloaded twenty-seven boxes of new fabrics in the last couple of weeks, most of it celebrating new fabric lines (and filling in some blank spots in the old

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fabrics). I have to confess that we now carry cat fabric, the infamous No Ordinary Cats. Northcott's Lavender Market is here, many new aboriginal prints, and all my backorder Moda have arrived. And due in shortly is Soar Naturescapes from Northcott and the fun summer prints of Capri from Art Gallery – a little bit of something for everyone.

The sale fabrics for April are Northcott Bright Gradations and Anthology Batiks (absolute minimum one yard cuts) - \$2 off a yard on each.

Classes on the schedule for April:

Machine Embroidery for Quilters – multi part class

Quilt as You Go Project Workshop – select the project of your choice

Beginning Electric Quilt (limited enrollment)

Mountain Thread Company:

I'm looking forward to visiting your guild in April to share about rope, baskets, kits, and fabrics from The Mountain Thread Company!

April Birthdays:

Gail Brandt	April 3
Pat Carson	April 1
Nancy Collier	April 19
Colleen Eskridge	April 5
Sandy Jones	April 3
Mary Ann Layton	April 28
Susan Sharpe	April 2
Susan Sweet	April 29

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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.

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JUNE INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Our June Installation Luncheon is back on the schedule. Please get out your favorite salad, casserole or dessert recipes. We currently have two sites reserved for this activity. It will be themed to BRING A FRIEND and QUILT DISPLAY. One site is our usual Church site in Boone and the second is a park/enclosed pavilion in Foscoe. We need your responses regarding attendance in order to make a final decision on the site. It will be on Tuesday June 7 at 11:30 am. Please reply as soon as possible.

We are asking members to bring Table Runners as part of the decorations. Please bring your favorite ones. Gail Lund will need help with set up and tear down. Please let her know what you are willing to help her with.

Membership

We now have 53 members.

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

Adrienne

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lee Ann Williams reported our balance is \$5386.62.

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May 13-14, 2022

Friday 10-5;30
Saturday 10-4
West End Plaza

1925 Jake Alexander Blvd
Salisbury NC

Door Prizes

Basket Raffle

Granny's Attic

Vendors

Check FB or our website for details and updates
SalisburyRowanquilters.net

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