

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

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Presidents Message:

We have had many weeks off, so I anticipate a very lively show and share at our February 7th meeting. My only regret is trying to share the outcome of my decluttered sewing room compliments of a YouTube challenge by Karen Brown at Just Get it Done Quilts. Decluttered – yes! A reduction of scraps? I only wish it was so, nope.

Lots of extra info in this first 2023 Newsletter so be sure to read it all the way through.

Election Committee:

It's time to form our Election Committee for next year's officers and committee people. Please step forward to help if you haven't done so previously. This is a good committee to be on as you get to meet and interact with all the Guild members. Being on the committee does not mean you yourself have to run for office. We just need your help in talking to other members about their contributions to the guild. Please let Chris Zimmer or Sue Corcoran know if you can help.

Election Committee will put together a slate of officers to be presented to the Guild at the April meeting, elections will be held in May and installation of officers at our June luncheon.

Donation News and Opportunities:

Donation quilts are requested for the follow groups.

1. Hospitality House and Pregnancy Center
2. Hugs Program
3. Children's Advocacy Center
4. Mediation & Restorative Justice Center for Western NC – Boone

For further information on any of these groups please check with Chris.

Donations will be delivered by Linda Steele, Diane Ward, and Chris Zimmer.

Meeting minutes: None for January due to not meeting.

Treasures Report: Checking account Balance \$5675.81 as of January 26, 2023

Birthdays:

Jean Smitherman - 5
Betty Minick -10
Selina Anderson -13
Sue Corcoran - 28

Upcoming Programs

February: Guest presenter Cozette Spears will be presenting her reversible quilted jacket at the February 7 meeting with follow up assistance at the workshop on February 21 for making your own masterpiece.

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March: Our own Darby Logan will be presenting her Rag Doll at the March 7 meeting following up at the March 21 workshop with instruction and assistance for making the doll and how to add a pocket for the doll to a donation quilt.

Workshop News

The guild holds workshops the Third Tuesday of each month from **12:30 – 4:00 pm. Note new time.** Everyone is welcome. On **February 17th** we will be working on the jackets that will be present by Cozette Spears at our February monthly meeting.

At any workshop, you are welcome to come and participate in that month's project or bring something you are working on. It is a great time to get together and get to know your fellow quilters, so don't miss the opportunity to sew with friends. If you have any questions about workshops, email Susan Sweet at sssweet@bellsouth.net

SHOP News

High Country Quilts – Cath Evans

I worked with Fabric Café to pay a single license fee for a couple of the patterns to use with Hugs projects, Veteran's quilts, and selected other charity efforts. Fabric Café patterns are the three 1-yard quilt projects.

To this, I am making a pattern plus fabric available for \$10. We have "curated" the fabrics, men's projects, veteran's fabrics, kids quilts, throwing in a fourth yard in case a larger quilt is needed. Someone simply needs to come by the shop, sign up, letting me know the guild, and pay \$10 plus tax, with the promise of turning this

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into their guild's charity efforts. The only additional fabric needed is for backing. Limit is 1 at a time.

What I need from the this guild, is the name of someone I can coordinate with (the person who accepts the Hugs (etc.) quilts) for the guild. I will supply them the list of gals who should be turning in a charity quilt with fabrics from the shop. We'll use the honor system with a little shaming added to make sure quilts are turned in. This process has worked exceeding well with another guild.

Let me know if your guild is interested at Cath Evans cath@highcountryquilts.com

Please let Pat Miller know if you personally are interested in Cath Evans offer.

SHOP NEWS at High Country Quilts

As it snows outside, three things always happen at High Country Quilts: spring cleaning and rearranging the shop to make room for new collections; new classes postings to the website; and starting a new Mystery Quilt (finally).

New Maywood, Moda and Art Gallery collections are on the shelves, while we make room for Java batiks and Stof moderns. To do this we have added to our Yarbies (four, 1-yard cuts of fabrics for \$19.95) introducing 3Bies – three yards of Northcott solids for \$15. These are great for borders and background fabrics.

To start the new Mystery Quilt, come by the shop to enroll, receive instructions and material requirements, and get your first clue. After that, you'll just need to email a photo of your finished step to receive the next step via e-mail. As always, you can use our fabrics or your stash fabrics for this project.

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Posted classes include:

Orion's Star - Updated techniques are added to an old favorite. Focus is on how to port these techniques to other quilt projects.

Machine Embroidery – A series of four classes of what you need to start embroidering with a machine. If you have a machine with an embroidery unit that has gone un(der) used or are contemplating purchasing an embroidery capable machine, this class is the place to start.

Finish Up Friday – A sit and sew on steroids, get help with those PhDs (Projects half Done).

As Cath is back teaching. Please call or check the website for hours. If you need a weekend visit, let us know and we'll try and work around shop classes.

Sew Original news:

There will be two challenges this month at Sew Original. One is a **bag challenge** where you can enter a favorite bag you have made and the **quilt challenge for February is a Log Cabin quilt**. Winners of each will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

There are many new fabrics coming in daily. Come check out the huge collection of Tilda fabrics (over 50 bolts) as well as the new Kaffe Fassett fabrics.

Our classes are now listed on the website, and you can see descriptions and register online if you want. You can also fill out a request form for any class you would like to see us offer. Just go to Boone classes to see the calendar on the **Seworiginal.org website**.

We'll be making hearts for the **"I found a Quilted heart" program on Feb. 6 from 10 to 1**. Come join us and let's see what we can create.

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There is a new garment construction class being offered by a talented seamstress. Check out the website for details. We will also offer a class on painting Barn Quilts if there is enough interest. Check out the samples at the shop.

Mountain Thread – We will be vending at the Quilt Con Atlanta 2023 February 23-26 featuring Chawne Kimber. We will be at Booth 1513 with all the supplies, kits and rope for your coiled rope projects as well as signed copies of [Zigzag Rope Sewing Projects](#) by Katherine Lile.

Other Guild News

On behalf of the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN, I am inviting your guild to enter their quilts in our 2023 Quilt Show. Deadline for entries is April 22, 2023. We hope to see you.

42nd Quilt Show & Competition Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee

DEADLINE TO ENTER: APRIL 22, 2023

**Show Dates:
Friday, June 23, 2023, 9-5
Saturday June 24 9-5
Knoxville Expo Center
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