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# **Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild**

## **March 2023**

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### **Message from the President**

Greetings Ladies,

Can you believe that by the end of this month we will once again be in Spring. My absolute favorite season here in the High Country. We are back in the swing of monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month from 1-3pm. Our workshops shift to third Tuesdays from 12:30 - 4pm.

Lots happening so check out the different committee reports below. Please start thinking about the change of officers and committee personnel come the first week of May. Your officers and committee heads that have carried you through the Covid years are now ready to retire. So we are asking new members and established members who have not served or not served in recent years to please step up and give back to this group that has tried hard to serve you. We cannot move forward without you. Programs for next year are moving forward and will need members to support those speakers and activities. We are also discussing joining forces with other guilds around the area for support and education. Your opinions and suggestions are always welcome!

See you soon.

### **Programs.**

March : Marisa Cornell with the Domestic Recovery Center will talk about their program and how they use our quilts. Gail Lund is going to bring back her quilt and pattern and supplies list  
Workshop :Donation quilt construction Gail's pattern or your own.

April: Program; sewing machine spring cleaning class.  
Lester from Ashe Sewing Center.  
Workshop: Patricia Cone on Big Stitch quilting technique

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May: Program: Long arm panel: Pat Miller, Patty Blanton,+1  
Workshop:?

June: Installation of officers ..luncheon

July: Program: Rag Doll- Darby Logan

Workshop: Rag doll and quilt pocket for doll

August: ?

September:?

October: Program :Candace Quilts Trunk Show...Candace Hassan

Workshop:?

November :Program :?

Workshop: Holiday centerpieces ..Sue Sweet

December: Holiday Luncheon

### Minutes

Chris Zimmer called the February 7th meeting of the Mountain Visitors Georgia McLean and Cindy Booth from the Newland Guild were welcomed as well as new member Susan Burnett.

There were no Minutes last month due to no meeting. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5675.81.

January and February Birthdays were recognized.

Membership stands at 42 members.

Name tag kits and membership cards were offered to anyone that needed one.

A newsletter correction of the February 21st workshop was noted. Correct workshop information is February 21st from 12:30 to 3:30.

Shop News included Sew Originals Barn Quilt Painting Class for \$10. Other classes from Sew Original are in newsletter. February 14th they are having a free sew day and lunch, with great deals on embroidery machines.

A quilt show in Charlotte March 3-4 was announced. The Pigeon Forge Quilt fest is June 6th and a tentative show of hands was asked for to begin exploring Guild provided transportation to it. Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee is June 23rd.

Two new requests for donation quilts have come from the Hugs program and Mediation & Restorative Justice Center. Cozette Spears presented an informative program on Quilted Vests. She displayed many examples she had made and enjoys wearing.

Pat Miller was randomly chosen as the winner of the Border Guild Quilt!

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Show and Share began with Darby Logan displaying her blanket jacket and Christmas fringe panel quilt. Chris Zimmer shared a blue and a red pillow with button snowflakes covering the fronts that she made from a subscription box she receives. Beth Travis displayed her wreath wall hanging. Susan Sweet shared her blowing Rock Alphabet Quilt. Gail Lund showed her red/black star cabin quilt and announced that the theme of the June installation luncheon will be flowers and the Christmas luncheon will be gnomes. Patty Blanton shared her Hate, three small pillows with women that had appliqued clothing, a zippered project box, and embroidery on card stock. Diane Goff had crocheted hats for donation. Susan Stell had made a baseball quilt for her grandson's 13th birthday and a donation quilt with the leftover fabric. Lois Stewart ended the show and share with her Jenny Doan triple play log cabin quilt in pink and green with April rose pentagraph quilting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Joanna Roberts

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Report from LeeAnn Williams  
Checking Account Balance (as of 2/22/23)  
\$5575.81

### **Membership**

42

### **March birthdays:**

Maggie Vilott - 6  
Kathy Heisler (Hill) - 25  
Carol Turner - 30  
Lois Stewart - 31

## **Shop News**

### **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.

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 contemplated purchasing an embroidery capable machine, this class is the place to start.

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

As Cath is back in the classroom, regular days are Monday, Wednesday afternoon, and Friday through February. In March, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday will be added back to the schedule. If you need a weekend visit, let us know and we'll try and work around shop classes.

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## High Country Quilts-

If you haven't tried Art Gallery Fabrics (AGF), you need to check out this fresh line of super high quality cottons with an extra high thread count – 200+. We have almost 400 bolts of prints and solids, and are slowly adding canvas, linens, rayons, denim, and knits to our store stash. The March shop special is AGF Fat Quarter samplers, bundles of FQs in color waves and collections of bold prints. And AGF always has the best collection of free patterns to inspire you. If something tickles your fancy from their newest catalog ([https://issuu.com/artgalleryfab/docs/reveals\\_2023\\_part\\_2\\_a\\_gf\\_shop](https://issuu.com/artgalleryfab/docs/reveals_2023_part_2_a_gf_shop)), let us know and we will include it with our order.

## Reminders:

The Mystery Quilt Tour restarts in March with Iron Mountain Flowers, inspired by the Martha's Flowers stoneware pattern from Iron Mountain Stoneware, once located in Laurel Bloomery – sort of. Pick of mystery quilt program instructions, fabric requirements (you can use your stash fabrics), and Clue 1 – the cutting instructions at the shop. Suggested size if a large throw, but if requested we will customize for queen bed quilt.

Need fabric for your guild charity quilts, we have special curated collections – including patriotic and gentlemen themed groups – of four 1 yard cuts for \$10. Let us know when you come in and we will make these available. Please let us know the guild and the group slated to receive your finished project.

## Sew Original

- March is National Quilting Month and we are
- Planning several things to celebrate during the month. One week we will celebrate all things Kaffe Fassett...with special discounts, open sew days , and a chance to bring in your Kaffe projects for a week long display culminating in a FACEBOOK LIVE show n Tell. Prizes for participants!

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- Another week, we're Celebrating all things TILDA with open sew days, Technique demos specific to TILDA, TILDA Show n Tell again with a FACEBOOK LIVE and more prizes for participants
- Throughout the month, we'll have scheduled demos, specials and more!

JOIN the FUN ..watch for an upcoming store email for more details

We have a 2nd Ricky Tim's Quilt Luminarium scheduled for April 14th and 15th. Our 1st event held in FEBRUARY got rave reviews so don't miss this opportunity!

We've had 2 requests for Quilt alongs and would love to know if any guild members are interested...

#1 My Carolina Quilt pattern (image attached) Please let Kathy know if you'd be interested in working on this quilt as part of a group..

#2 Every year Bonnie Hunter has a Winter Mystery Quilt referred to on her blog as CHILHOWIE. Quiltville Winter Mystery begins with the introductory post being released on Halloween. The introduction includes colors, yardage requirements, special tools needed if any, along with background information.

The mystery starts in earnest on Black Friday, the day after our Thanksgiving day here in the USA.

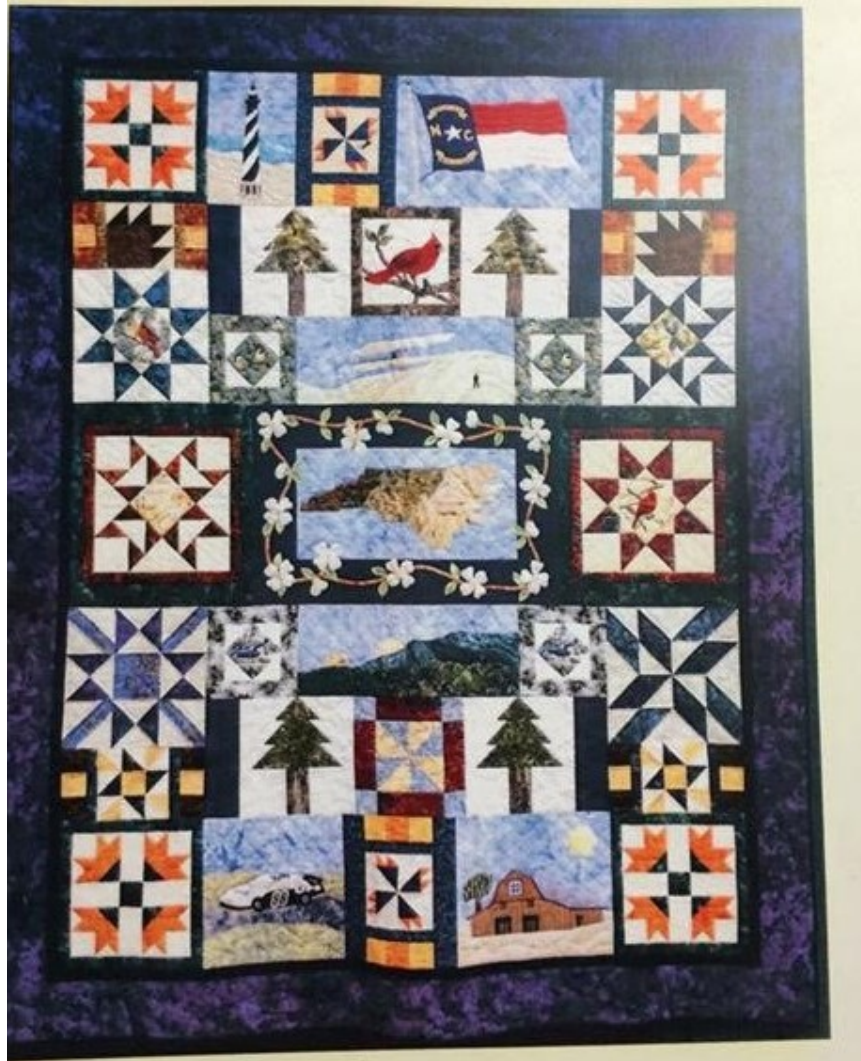
Mysteries usually run around 7 or 8 weeks with each new "clue" being released on subsequent Fridays.

A guild member has asked if I would set up a group for the 2023 mystery quilt. Please let me know if anyone is interested in participating.

Interest for either of these projects can be texted to Kathy at 727-992-7983

THANKS!

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### **Donations**

In March we will be all about donation quilts . Marisa Cornell with the Mediation and Restorative Justice Center will be with us to talk about their program and how our quilts will be used and appreciated. Also, Gail Lund will be bringing back her donation quilt and the pattern and supply list. The workshop will be for donation quilt construction and spending time with quilter friends. See you there.



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## Pictures from February workshop





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