

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

MAY 2023

Presidents Message:

I think I have one more Presidents message to write after this and will quite frankly miss the opportunity to say hey to you all each month. May's meeting will bring the ever dreaded election time and we still do not have a representative from those of you who have been members but not board or committee persons. Please reflect on JFK's words of wisdom as he took the presidency of the US. "Ask not what your country (guild) can do for you but what can you do for your country (guild). Please take a breath and jump in as others have done before you. I promise you will have support, fun, and a true sense of accomplishment.....that is what Pat Miller, Georgie, Sue Stell and Susan Payne promised me when I wavered on being the President. They were absolutely right because I took a second term, but your commitment would only be for one year. Those of you who are seasonal can job share with those of us here. Just ask and we will find you a partner.

Jobs to be filled either part time or full time are:

Secretary - meeting notes to record and submit to president for record keeping and printing in the newsletter.

President - Preside over board meetings and monthly meetings. Figure head mostly.

Newsletter - drop reports from committees into a preset form and mail via email to our members. Takes about 1 hour a month.



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Membership - collect dues at meetings and give to treasurer for depositing. Keep a running tally of membership and members contact info. Pass out membership cards and name tag kits as members join/rejoin.

Donation co-ordination person. Just get the donation quilts to the areas the members decide they need to go. Committee in place already with members who deliver the quilts you just need to decide where they are to go and check for labels.

If you haven't as yet served I hope you will step up and share your talents. We only survive if members do their part.

Donation News and Opportunities:

Several quilts were delivered to the Children's Advocacy Center.

Membership: 42

Meeting minutes:

The April 4th, 2023 meeting of the Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Chris Zimmer.

Lester Mullis from the Ashe Sewing Center was given the floor first for an in depth look at machine repair and the inner workings of vintage featherweight and modern machines. His presentation was very informative and entertaining as he shared how he began his career in sewing machines at his grandmother's feet all the way through present day. Guest Sally Hills was welcomed back for a return visit.

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The Treasurer's report and last months minutes were mentioned.

April Birthdays were recognized.

Membership still stands at 42.

Shop news this month was as follows:

The Hugs program is still on going. You will be given three yards of free fabric with proof you donated your project.

Sew Original announced it is National serger month and deals are in store. Animal theme will be the challenge this month.

Workshop News included Patricia Cone to teach hand stitching Big Stitch this month. The May workshop will focus on donation quilt as quilt tops need to be finished to facilitate more quilts to give.

8 quilts were donated to the Mediation and Recovery program since last month.

Elections are upcoming. Many positions need to be filled. If no one steps up to take a turn we will have to revert to a sewing circle with no dues or educational aspects. This will also create a challenge with a meeting place as senior center may not allow us to continue if not a guild.

It was announced that in September, Cynthia Stewart, a quilt appraiser, will be at our meeting. Contact Sue Sweet to have quilts appraised at that time and find out cost.

Show and Share was as follows:

Beth Reavis shared her Gold Cross quilt.

Pat Miller brought 3 meander applique wall hangings to show. Susan Sweet displayed her workshop quilt (Gail Lund provided the pattern for the workshop). Amy Stewart brought bright and colorful donation quilts. Sue Corcoran shared her blue jean quilt with red plaids.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Joanna Roberts.

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Treasures Report: Checking account Balance
\$5,475.81 as of April 29, 2023.

An audit committee will be Lee Ann and Susan Sweet.

Birthdays:

Carolyn Shepherd 25

Elmira Norris 7

Becky Kennedy 10

Upcoming Programs

May 2 This month we will be having a panel of longer experts to explain longarm quilting. Pat Miller, Sheri Enderfield and Irina Robertson will be there to tell us all about longarm quilting and to answer all of your questions. See you on Tuesday.

June 6 Luncheon, installation of officers and the “flamingo challenge” results.

July No meeting but Darcy Logan will be at the workshop on July 18 to show us how to make a rag doll to tuck into a pocket on your donation quilt.

August. Program to be determined. Ideas welcome.

September. Quilt appraisals . How they are done. Presented by Cynthia Stuart a professional appraiser. More on this program to come.

The MLQG workshops

Third Tuesday of each month from **12:30 – 4:00 pm.**
Note new time. Everyone is welcome.

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

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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

The Mountain Thread Company:

The Mountain Thread Company is excited about participating in the Mid Carolina Run Shop Hop again this year! The event will be from June 17-24 and passports are currently available for purchase in store. Get more information and see other participating shops in our area at <http://midcarolinarunshophop.com/>

High Country Quilts;

New to the shop are Art Gallery's Amy Sinibaldi collection of beautiful blooms and blossoms in both yardage and precuts. There are three new linen/cotton (mostly) no-wrinkle fabrics from AGF as well. Dona has a sample of her reversible - linen on one side/cotton print on the other - little girl's dresses hanging in the shop (oh, and she will take custom orders). Coming soon is Northcott's full collection of Northern Peaks in beautiful greens. Links to the latest Northcott, AGF (Art Gallery), and Moda are below if you want to take a look. We have been busy building quilt kits and expanding our collection of Yarbies (curated bundles of 4 - 1 yard cuts for 19.95). Most of the quilt kits come in both traditional and modern offerings.

If anyone needs batting on a roll (90" by 20 or 40 yards or 124" wide by 30 yards) from Warm and Natural/White, please let me know Cath Evans know. I'll make the trip to the Warm Company the first week in May with the trailer - eliminating freight charges.

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WEBSITE REQUEST:

Share Information about Quilt Shows with Other MLQG!

Have you heard of a quilt show, retreat or meeting coming up in our area that might interest Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild members? We'd like to include that information on our MLQG website! Please send the details (name, date, website link) to Patty Dale at daleph55@gmail.com.

Other Quilt Guild Announcements

QUILT ART by the SHADY LADIES

June 23-25, 2023

Folkmoot Center, 112 Virginia Ave, Waynesville, NC

Friday & Saturday 10AM – 5PM_

Sunday : noon - 4PM

Admission \$5.00

Raffle quilt, Boutique and Gallery

Visit us on Facebook: Shady Lady Quilting Group

Other Guilds' News:

Smoky Mountain Quilters Show

Friday, June 23, 2023, 9-5

Saturday June 24 9-5

Knoxville Expo Center

5441 Clinton Hwy

Knoxville, TN

visit: www.smokymtnquilters.com

email: info@smokymtnquilters.com

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Other Requests

Hello,

My name is Deborah Macias. I have stopped quilting but have a nice Bernina Q20 with table that I would like to sell. My sister-in-law still quilts, but she upgraded and has a frame she would like to sell.

Do you have a way for us to advertise to your guild members who may be interested?

I would like to sell the Bernina for \$7000 or best offer and my sister in law would like \$1000 or best offer.

Thank you for your help in this matter,
Deborah Macias

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Hi, I am Vickie Fuller, Interior Designer.

I have an assortment of wonderful fabrics leftover from many jobs.

I would love to donate them to your guild if you have a use for them.

Please reply or call to let me know if you have an interest.

Thank you so much!

Vickie

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