

# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

## August 2023

### **Presidents Message**

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Greetings Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Members,

Summer has finally arrived in the high country! Even so, I'm finding time to do a bit of quilting and handwork and I hope the same for you. Our August meeting (seems like forever since I've seen some of you) is on the calendar for Tuesday, August 1, 1:00 at the senior center. We plan to hold a brief business meeting and enjoy our featured program. A time for remembering Adrienne Sharrow will also be a part of our gathering. I hope you will join us and please invite a friend!

A "thank you" goes to Darby Logan who presented her adorable collection of rag dolls at our July workshop. She also shared a rag doll pattern she designed to fit into the pocket of a donation quilt. I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to try making one or two.

Earlier that same morning, your officers and committee chairs held a joint start up meeting (mainly to answer a bunch of questions I have :) and to set some goals for the upcoming year. Some of those goals include:

- attract new members to the guild
- develop/revise a member info packet
- ensure consistency throughout our documents and communications

Officers and committee chairs were asked to provide a budget for expenses for the upcoming year.



### **Officers & Committee Members**

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<https://mountainlaurelquiltguild.com>

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Committee chairs were asked to write a short job description for their committee to be included in the developing member info packet.

Healthy and productive conversations were held and much was accomplished. Please contact an officer or committee chair if you would like to join these conversations. We welcome your thoughts and your input.

I'm looking forward to working with you and learning from you. See you soon,  
Beth Reavis

"I will not buy any fabric until I use my fabric stash at home," I said. And then I laughed and laughed.

### **July Minutes**

No minutes because there was no business meeting attached to our workshop presenter.

### **Donation News and Opportunities:**

The Donation Committee has 6 baby quilts and one large quilt on hand. No quilts were delivered this month.

### **Thank you to everyone who donated.**

Sandy Hicks – Diane Ward – Lynda Steel – Chris Zimmer will be your contacts to get labels and batting. Labels are available at the Senior Center in an envelope taped to your shelving. They are available when the senior center is open. Please take only what you absolutely need.

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**Membership:** 32 current members. Those who have not renewed for 2023-24 are being dropped from communications and FB postings.

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### **Treasures Report:**

On line balance

Checking account Balance \$ 5798.50

### **Birthdays:**

Sara Pedroni August 13

Patty Dale August 26

### **Upcoming Programs**

**August.** Irina Robinson will be returning (she was on the Long Arm Panel in May) for a presentation on her new online quilt shop. We look forward to how and why she started the business and to finding out more about what the shop has to offer.

**September.** Cynthia Stuart, a quilt appraiser, will be with us to talk about how quilt appraisals are done. After the meeting she is offering appraisals of your very own special quilts. A consultation fee of \$25 will be charged for quilts appraised at less than \$250. A formal written appraisal of \$55 will be charged for more valuable quilts. Bring your treasured heirloom quilt, your best personal work or anything in between and find out what it is, how old it might be and what it is worth.

### **Publicity**

The Mountain Times has a standing order for our ad. They do not need for us to contact them unless we have a change to our meeting time or want to change our ad in some way.

The Mountain Times  
584 State Farm Rd., Suite 105  
Boone, NC 28607

**Phone:** 828-264-6397

## **The MLQG workshops**

Third Tuesday of each month from **12:30 – 4:00 pm**. 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](mailto:sssweet@bellsouth.net)

### **Workshops:**

Our **August** workshop will be making Donation Quilts. For those of you who missed our last workshop, we will have information and patterns for making simple stuffed dolls which can be put in pockets in baby quilts. We will have fabrics available at the workshop, or you can bring something that you are working on. Come and enjoy the fellowship of sewing together for a good purpose.

## **Shop News**

### **The Cotton Quilt:**

4900 Troy Rd

Granite Falls. NC. 28630

[www.thecottonquilt.com](http://www.thecottonquilt.com)

[thecottonquilt@yahoo.com](mailto:thecottonquilt@yahoo.com)

828-244-7797, Hours are Thursday through Saturday 10-3. Follow me on Facebook for information on special sales and news. I will be vending at the Asheville Quilt Show Sept 28-30. Stop by to visit!

**High Country Quilts:**

The shop will be open Mondays thru mid-September. Dona is going to take charge the shop (not that she hasn't already. Please email her if you would like to head this way at [Dona@highcountryquilts.com](mailto:Dona@highcountryquilts.com), so she can space the workload.

We have new collections in the shop – starring Northcott's Northern Peaks and Art Gallery's True Blues. It is not often we order the complete collection, but we splurged on these two. North Peaks are landscape fabrics in teals and brown, with panels, tote bag, and two quilts that we can kit (<https://issuu.com/northcottfabrics/docs/sept-lookbook-lettersize-usa-lowrez/68>). The subtle blues in classic designs are featured in the premium cottons of Art Gallery (<https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/true-blue-fabric-collection/>).

And jumping ahead to the fall collections from Moda, we have Honey & Lavender, Woodland & Wildflowers, Etchings, and Bluebell on the way. Scroll through Moda Piece [https://issuu.com/modafabrics/docs/cat\\_moda\\_pieceissue58](https://issuu.com/modafabrics/docs/cat_moda_pieceissue58) (yes it is the May issue, but Moda's prints based on shop orders gives a normal 6-9 month lead time). The M&S aboriginal fabrics with some unique new designs for blenders will also be arriving in October and November.

Planned upcoming classes include a miniature class that includes how to downsize favorite larger quilts into miniatures and making a quilted bench pillows. Exact dates to be determined.

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### **Sew Original**

Upcoming classes:

Sentiments- a Kay England BOM

Kool Kaleidoscope Aug 2, 9 & 16

Floral Felicity Aug 8- taught by Sheri Stout

Crystal Snowflake- Ricky Tim's paper pieced quilt-  
Aug 23 & 30

Shirley Bailey, co-owner of Sew Original in Boone and Winston Salem, is celebrating her 75th birthday by offering lots of store specials (July 22- Aug 4th), including 7.5% off of everything in the store.

All Carolinas Shop Hop passports are available now.

Please vote for the Christmas in July challenge quilts online or in the store

### **The Mountain Thread Company:**

The Mountain Thread Company is celebrating a new rope bowl pattern release by hosting an inaugural **Rope Along** during the month of August! Participants can get all the details on this fun do-it-in-an-afternoon rope project at [www.themountainthreadcompany.com/ropealong](http://www.themountainthreadcompany.com/ropealong). This pattern launches August 1 and the official Rope Along - with weekly prizes - runs through August 31! *(this link won't be active until later in the week, so if you check it now it won't take you anywhere. We'll update that later this week).*

### **Around the Town**

Every year the Mountain Piecemakers Quilt Guild in Burnsville NC makes an opportunity quilt to raise funds to help with making Hero quilts for veterans

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and Project Linus quilts for children in crisis. These quilts go to residents of Yancey, Madison, and Mitchell counties. The Hero quilts are presented to local Veterans at the Veterans Day ceremony on the Burnsville Town Square, and the Project Linus quilts are donated year round. The photo is of our 2023 quilt, and the winning ticket will be drawn on Veterans Day. If you would like to support our efforts and have a chance to own this beautiful quilt (96 by 96 inches), you can purchase tickets online (3 for \$5) at

<https://mountainpiecemakersquiltguild.org/ticket-purchase/>

P.S. Did I mention we will mail it to you if you are outside our area??

