

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

SEPTEMBER 2023



Presidents Message

September 2023

“T’was the last week of summer and we’re home from the beach with nothing to do...I know, let’s stitch!”

I hope summer’s end finds you able to spend some quality time with your families. Mine went something like this:

Ransom, my 7.9 year old grandson was spending those last few afternoons with me while his mom got caught up on things at her office. I could tell he was feeling a bit bored, being in that few days left of summer vacation phase. We were in my workroom when he sat down at my sewing machine and said, “Nana, I want to sew.” “OK, let me get some needles and you can pick out some fabric,” I replied thinking he wanted to do some hand sewing. “No, I want to sew with your machine,” he said.

“Oh, OK,” I answered not knowing exactly how this was going to turn out. Then my mind immediately flew back decades ago when my grandmother sat me down at her foot pedal Singer, showed me how to begin, and trusted me to my own devices. She always had a project ready for me when I would visit and was patient as she encouraged me to learn by doing new projects. I owe her for my love of fibers and determination to become a self-taught seamstress. Now I have come full circle. It didn’t take him long to begin feeling confident. He started out with small quilt sandwiches, stitching with his fingers away from the needle and presser foot. He would stitch to his liking, cut

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the threads as I showed him, using the cutting blade on the side of the machine and ask for another. We spent an afternoon together with the gentle buzz of the machine and a growing stack of “mug rugs”. As the squares got larger I was convinced that he would stop, want a snack and ask for my computer. But no, he continued throughout the afternoon. I have to admit I am a bit envious of the ease in which he made swirls and designs on his quilt sandwiches. It seemed to hold his focus and allowed him to concentrate in a way I had not noticed before. If only I had that much confidence when I sit down to machine quilt! He came back the next day and wanted to do more. I showed him how to clean and oil the machine knowing that he would be interested in that. We talked about what we could do with the pieces he had created and decided to make a small blanket for the animal shelter. He took one of his mug rugs to his new teacher at his school’s meet and greet. I feel so very blessed that I was able to share these moments with him. I hope the same for you as you share your talents with family and friends.

Wishing you well and hoping to see you at our
September meeting
Beth

“We didn’t realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.”Winnie-the-Pooh

September Minutes

Minutes from Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild – August 1,
2023

Beth Reavis, President called the meeting to order at
1:05.

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It was noted that if members wanted to e-mail the entire guild membership regarding programs or workshops, they should send to: Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild 1@gmail.com.

The checking account balance was: \$5,798.50.

A candle was displayed in memory of Adrian Sherrow, a long time guild member who passed away recently. Claudette Jacobs and other members shared their knowledge and experiences with her, stating that she was extremely talented in various crafts & fiber arts : she made dolls, beautiful jewelry and did beading work on various projects, such as small purses and was happy to share her knowledge with others about items she made. She was also involved in the Ashe County guild for many years.

Irina Robinson from Sew Original became a new member of the guild and conducted our program about her online store for selling fabric, gift cards, kits, patterns, quilts, table runners and some sewing notions: wool ironing mats, pin cushions, etc. The web address:IraRobiQuilts@gmail.com She showed three quilts using patterns, panel, and fabrics that they sell. They plan to do long arming. Irina had a drawing for a tote bag; Kathy Heisler won it; she conducted a survey to determine various preferences of quilters.

Program committee:

Sue Corcoran

Passed out cards for members to write their ideas for workshops or projects and what they might be interested in doing.

Sue Sweet

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The August 15 workshop will be for making donations or charity quilts or bring anything you would like to work on. More rag doll patterns will be available if you are interested and didn't get one at Darby's workshop.

For our September program, Cynthia (Cindy) Stewart, quilt appraiser from Tennessee will do the program. So guild members may bring heirloom or quilts they would like to have appraised. Appraisal fee for a quilt worth less than \$250, will be \$25 and the appraisal will be done at the program. Appraisal fee for a quilt worth more than \$250 is \$55. A written, official appraisal will be mailed at a later date.

Announcements:

Betty Minick showed a panel with power rangers suitable for making children's quilts. If anyone is interested, there are a number of these panels.

Patty Blanton is having knee surgery.

Brenda Murry - Our former member, Jill Sanders, is not doing well. Suggested that the guild send her a card.

Sally Hills -33 members at present

Sue Sweet - Susan Payne is exhibiting her paintings, some quilts and art quilts at the Jones House, downtown Boone, during the month of August and at Edgewood Cottage in Blowing Rock from Aug. 21-27.

Quilt Expo at HUB Station in Hudson, NC - \$10 for one day, \$18 for both days Date: Aug. 4-5, 2023

Chris Zimmer: Will e-mail updated guild mailing list, will provide copies if needed. Patty Dale updates our website.

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Show and Share:

A number of members made dolls from Darby's free pattern.

Susan Payne - a 9 patch lap quilt with 18" squares with angular cuts

Lois Stewart - purple bed quilt for cousin, monkey madness baby quilt - Fons & Porter magazine pattern

Sara Pedroni - lap quilt in greens and brown

Quilt with various blocks from time past (30's prints) coming together.

Sandy Hicks - a woven table topper

Linda Steele - heart baby quilt

Amy Stewart - donation dog baby quilt, stripped pieced with assorted reds.

Various mini quilts, some hand stitched, improvisational, fun to make and share.

Betty Minick - appliqued wall hanging with prairie point hanger treatment, hand stitched flower wall hanging, free motion quilted.

Melinda Wright - Exploring space quilt made at quilt retreat for a family member.

Sally Hills - prairie point pinwheel wall hanging in red, white & blue.

Beth Reavis thanked the committees for their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Stewart, Secretary

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Donation News and Opportunities:

Donations report: From both the workshop, flamingo project and monthly meetings, we have collected the following quilts for donations:

8 Baby quilts (including 4 flamingo quilts)

6 Crib quilts (including 4 flamingo quilts)

1 Twin Quilt

2 wraps with sleeves (suggested donation to the Foley Center that has assisted living and hospice care)

The donation committee will be deciding where these quilts will go.

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.

Membership: 34 current members. Those who have not renewed for 2023-24 are being dropped from communications and FB postings.

Treasures Report:

On line balance for July, no August update.

Checking account Balance \$ 5798.50

Birthdays:

Darby Logan. 11th

Sally Hills. 13

Upcoming Programs

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.

Cynthia Stuart is from Maryville, TN. She is a licensed quilt appraiser. Her presentation should be very interesting and you should invite friends to come with you. She will be appraising quilts for some of the members who have signed up to bring quilts. Don't miss this opportunity to increase your knowledge of quilting.

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.

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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

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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

Workshops:

Shop News

High Country Quilts:

While Cath is gone to Newfoundland and Labrador with the dogs in September, the shop will remain open on Mondays 9-3 by popular request. Dona would appreciate a heads up in an email – dona@highcountryquilts.com so that she can know that you are coming.

Sew Original

All Carolinas Shop Hop passports are available now.

The Mountain Thread Company:

The Cotton Quilt :

The Cotton Quilt is a NEW addition to our SHOP NEWS this month. They are located in the foothills at 4900 Troy Rd, Granite Falls, NC. We carry a wide variety of fabrics from reproductions to modern. Hours are Thursday through Saturday 10-3 each day. Always call to check before driving a distance. Our number is 828-244-7797.

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