

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

OCTOBER 2023



Presidents Message October 2023

Greetings to Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Members
I hope this finds you well and that you will plan to attend our meeting, Tuesday, October 3 at 1:00pm.

The program involves the “Some Kind of Wonderful” ruler and I’m looking forward to learning what that’s all about!

I don’t know about you, but I rather enjoy this time of year; the transition between summer and winter. The days are cooler and the weeds in my flower beds have slowed down their spreading. Students of all ages have settled into a routine, and I can begin to see the colors start to return to maples, hickories, and other favorite trees. There’s a lull in the days when I really can enjoy life before the panic of the approaching holidays takes hold. It’s time to say goodbye to the hummingbirds and fill the other kind of bird feeder, then fill our own pantries to be prepared for that first unexpected snow (I have 7 buttons in my August fogs jar! How about you?) It’s a wonderful time to spend planning projects to be taken up later in the winter and for learning new skills. I encourage you to slow down with the approaching the season of Fall and enjoy the process it allows us.

If you’re a “snowbird” and planning to head south to warmer climates, know that we will miss you and already look forward to your return. Safe travels and keep up with us through the newsletter and our email account. We’d love to hear from you. Several of us met for our

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“Workshop Tuesday” and prepared new member name tag kits. If yours is lost or you never made one, seek out Sally Hills, our membership chair. She’ll fix you up. And please enjoy the information shared in this newsletter, especially the report from the Donations Committee. Those girls have been busy, and our community is the recipient!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,
Beth

“I cannot count my day complete ‘til needle, thread and fabric meet.”

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September Minutes

Minutes from Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild –
September 5, 2023

Beth Reavis, President called the meeting to order at 1:00.

The August minutes were approved as posted.

The Bank checking account balance is: \$5,838.50.

Announcements:

Becky Shipley was a guest.

There were 8 baby flamingo quilts, 4 crib size flamingo quilts and 2 twin size for donations.

Jill Sanders, a long-time former member, is in Foley Center, Blowing Rock in Room 208. Her number there is (828) 898-7165. She has a birthday coming up. Other September birthdays are Sally Hills and Darby Logan.

There are now 34 paid members.

Program/Workshop Committees:

Sue Corcoran:

Passed out a list of members’ ideas for programs and workshops including those who would be interested in teaching them.

Sue Sweet:

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The September 19 workshop will be for making donations or bringing anything you would like to work on. The October program is about curved piecing using the “Sew Kind of Wonderful” ruler. Kathy Heisler – Quilts of Valor in two sections- future program

Website:

Chris Zimmer: If you have information for the newsletter, send it to her by the 18-21 of the month, announcements or sale items may be included. The website has a new look, check it out.

There’s some men’s shirt fabric in our storage quilt room.

Christmas Luncheon:

Gail Lund:

The December Christmas potluck will be at the Grace Lutheran Church on King Street on Dec. 5th. At the Oct. and Nov. meetings, there will be a signup sheet sent around to sign up for a main dish or dessert. The guild will provide drinks: lemonade and tea.

Members are encouraged to make something gnome related or make a gnome.

Show and Share:

Sue Corcoran – Sewed a pocket to pink donation quilt & added a doll.

Diane Ward- Made a T-shirt quilt with gray background and pinks, blues, & purple hues

Susan Payne - Made a Kaffe Fassett fabric quilt using half square scrappy triangles in a diamond shaped pattern and a lap size pineapple quilt

Elmyra Morris – made a disappearing 9- patch with 6” squares from the workshop, a 48” youth size donation.

Beth Reavis – made a ministry wall hanging quilt and a donation quilt from Men’s shirt fabric in a heart-

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shaped design. Shared her grandson's free motioned quilt sandwiches.

Chris Zimmer – Showed a Shaw quilt with pocket for use in a wheelchair, maybe for Foley Center

Betty Minick – Made rag dolls from previous Workshop.

Sandy Livingston – made donation dolls.

Guest Speaker:

Our September program guest speaker was Cindy Stuart from Maryville, TN. She is a certified quilt appraiser for the state of TN. She said she mostly appraised antique quilts from the 50's back. In the Victorian era 1880's, quilter's sometimes put a spider on their quilt for good luck. One reason to have your quilts appraised is for insurance purposes. Quilt values have gone down in part because of the increase in minimalists.

Factors considered in appraisal are name of maker, when made, overall condition, holes, stains, fading, wear on binding, reconstruction cost, amount you paid, secondary patterns or visual appeal, embellishments. If possible, the appraiser looks at the back side as well. The appraiser may take photos and find comparable sales from auctions and from various quilt organizations, for example, the American Quilt Society.

Appraisal of art and modern quilts are harder to value, the process involves value from other similar quilts and comparable from patterns of other art quilters. They are in a separate category from traditional quilts. A source for appraisal art quilt information might be The American Quilt Museum in Puducah, KY.

Sue Sweet brought her beautiful crazy quilt that she purchased to have appraised. Sara Pedroni brought a quilt to show that was handed down by family with small prints and a design that radiated out from the center of the quilt.

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To become a certified appraiser requires application, and both oral and written examination, and to continue appraising, they must recertify every 3 years. Cindy Stuart's phone is 865-386-0940.

Cindy gave information on how to care for quilts including: Don't fold the quilt in the center. Refold about every 6 months.

Keep out of direct sunlight & humidity.

Store in acid free tissue storage chests, can be bought from MSQC for \$21 or may cost as much as \$35. Wrap tissue around the quilt, then line with old cotton sheets. Low vacuum old quilts to get the dirt off. Washing takes years off an old quilt's life.

Remember to sew labels on the back of your quilts using white cotton fabric to tell their story, writing with fabric markers is best.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Stewart, Secretary

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

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when the senior center is open. Please take only what you absolutely need.

Membership: Currently 34 members. If anyone hasn't picked up their membership card from me for the 2023-2024 membership year, please see me at the October business meeting. Also, if anyone needs a kit or pattern to make a guild name tag, please see me.

Treasures Report:

Checking account Balance \$ 5406.63

Birthdays:

Sherry Elderfield	October 5
Leann Lofaro	October 17
Gail Lund	October 29
Melinda Wright	October 29

Upcoming Programs

October - Sheri Stout will teach "Sew Kind of Wonderful" Curved Rulers. She will work up a sample block of a table runner.

November - With Veterans Day this month it is the perfect time for Kathy Heisler to tell us all about the Quilts of Valor program.

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 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:

October

Kathy Heisler will lead the workshop making a pillow cover or table runner from the Holiday "Fun Poinsettia" pattern and curved ruler. More on this next month.

SHOP NEWS:

The Cotton Quilt, Granite Falls

www.thecottonquilt.com

Mark your calendars....I will be closed at the Granite Falls Location from Sept 24 through October 4th. I will reopen on October 5th. We will be vending at the Asheville Quilt Show on September 28th, 29th, and 30th. I hope you can join us there.

The Mountain Thread Company, Blowing Rock

The Mountain Thread Company will be presenting in the demo hall at the Asheville Quilt Guild Show on Saturday, September 30 at 10:30 AM. Stop in for this

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one hour demonstration of coiled rope basketry resources, tips, and techniques! More information about the show can be found here:

https://ashevillequiltguild.org/quilt_show

High Country Quilts:

The store reopens on a more “normal” schedule On October 2. Thanks to all for working with Dona while I danced with whales, fished (and caught) cod and lobster, and put the icebergs to bed this summer. To celebrate my return...a sale of the month for October – 25% off all Christmas (a.k.a. Holiday) fabric.

Fabric shipments have been held since late July, so there are daily arrivals of new collections from Moda, Art Gallery, and Northcott, along with great Riley Blake precuts.

We have four classes posted (and should post two more in the next couple of weeks).

Sept 30 – Small and Miniature Quilt Techniques
– Choice of miniature from Bolts or a double Pinwheel in two sizes.

Oct 14 – Pieced Bench Pillow

Nov 3 – Strippy Fold Over Bags

Nov 17 – Projects for the Holidays – Folded Danish Star, Scandinavian Star, Fanfold Star.
Demonstration of making bows for wreaths from fabric.

TBA – Road Trip

Sew Original

All Carolinas Shop Hop passports are available now.

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Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South announces
Call for Entries -- Art Quilts Renewal

Submit art quilts December 1, 2023 - February 2, 2024

Three \$500 prizes will be awarded April 26, 2024

FULL DETAILS HERE [Art Quilts Renewal](#)

[Prospectus](#) and

<https://www.paqa-south.org/>

Please share this with your Guild! Thank you,
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