

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

December 2023

Presidents Message December 2023

Good Morning Quilters and Friends,

I'm looking out the window at this foggy morning, having my last cup of coffee and listening to favorite Mannheim Steamroller CD, thankful for all the above and for time to just dwell in the moment. My plan this morning is to finish a holiday donation lap quilt for the Foley Center. It's not true to size for a lap quilt but I'm hoping it will bring some comfort to the lap of a smaller resident. I'll be bringing it to the luncheon and am hoping that you will take a few hours from your busy schedule to make one for a resident as well.

Speaking of our luncheon, please join us on Tuesday, December 5, 11:30 at Grace Lutheran Church on King Street for our Gnome Festival and Gathering of the Quilters. Fellowship, food and prizes will be plenty! Contact Susan Sweet or Gail Lund Schuette if you have questions. See below for a reminder of food sign ups. Please join us whether you've signed up or not!

Special thanks to Sue Corcoran for sharing her handmade gnomes, a bit of history and patterns at our November meeting. This served to get us in the mood for our luncheon festivities.

Reminder: no December workshop and no January meeting. We'll get back to our schedule on January 16, weather permitting, remember if the schools are closed we are cancelled. Workshop starts at 1:00 and lots of "Show and Shares" that



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I'm sure you'll be creating in the mean time. No matter how you celebrate, wishing you and your families much joy and happiness during the coming holidays,

Beth

Blessed be your holidays, cozy be your hearth, merry be your family, peaceful be your hearts.

Irish Blessing

Food Sign Up for December 5 Gnome Festival and Gathering of the Quilters

Sara Pedroni pasta dish
Betty Minick pasta dish
Gail Lund Schuette main dish
Lois Stewart main dish
Sue Stell main dish
Patty Blanton casserole
Pat Carson salad
Sue Corcoran salad
Kathy Heisler layered salad
Sally Hills salad
Carol Turner dessert
Susan Sweet dessert
Irina Robinson dessert
Beth Reavis dessert
Chris Zimmer tea and lemonade

Minutes November 7, 2023

Beth Reavis presided.

The checking account balance is \$5,406.63.

A \$30 expense for one Sew Kind of Wonderful Ruler will be charged.

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Sue and Beth sorted bins of fabric (color coordinated) in the storage room and there is limited space.

Our former member, Adrienne Sherrow, who passed away earlier this year left her fabric to the guild. Adrienne's attorney's assistant brought the fabric to the Sr. Center and members enjoyed going through several piles of fabric selecting whatever they could use. We are appreciative of her gift to our guild.

There was discussion about when our program meetings and workshops would be held, and it was decided that both will meet at 1:00 in the Sr. Ctr. Members may come earlier to socialize.

Christmas luncheon is December 5th at 11:30 at Grace Lutheran Church on King Street. If you find you can come but haven't signed up, call Gail Lund. The gnomes are coming. Bring anything you wish that's gnome related. Bring a dish.

There will be no workshops in November or December 2023. A meeting will be held January 2, 2023 if weather permits. If school is cancelled due to bad weather, the meeting is cancelled.

The foldup brochure is ready to make copies to be distributed for advertising our guild.

November birthdays of guild members are: Beth Reavis - 17th, Chris Zimmer - 18th, Joanna Roberts - 20th

Donations: Sandy Hicks reported that one quilt was donated to Green Valley School for their health room or sick bed; 3 were donated to Children's Advocacy Ctr. Sandy read a nice "thank you" card received from the Birthing Center for our donations.

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The Foley Center has asked for lap size Christmas quilts.

Georgie McKenzie, a former guild member, is feeling well, getting around well with a walker, more cancer was found and will be treated.

Membership: Sally Hills reported that we have 34 members. If you need a kit for a name tag, let her know.

Show & Share:

Gail Lund - baby jelly roll quilt, and quilt made from fat quarters. Patty Blanton- used Sachiko stitching to decorate jeans, made a small purse, a felt basket, wall hanging with covered panel with puzzle pieces cut out. Sue Sweet - read a Thanksgiving poem.

Chris Zimmer - showed a Christmas quilt. She and Susan Payne went to Little Switzerland to crafter's week. She gave away free covid test kits from Lifecare. Irina Robinson - a king size log cabin in burgundies, greens, blues with assorted cream background. This will be available as block of the month. There's a baby quilt pattern if anyone is interested. She will quilt baby donation quilts for guild. Lois Stewart - curved piecing using Sew Kind of Wonderful rulers: pillow, wall hanging, and poinsettia table topper from the workshop. Diane Ward - had put gnomes on bras for breast cancer fund raisers, showed pictures with lots of options for decorations. Pat Carson - made lily blocks for a challenge in the Hickory Guild where she is a member. Pat Miller - used scarves for memory wall hangings. Sandy Hicks made an autumn jelly roll purse. Susan Payne large quilt with hexagons from Kaffe Fassett fabrics with white and black backing. Sally Hills - made a kit from the Fat Quarter Shop with friendship stars, small stars

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Program: Sue Corcoran presented the history of gnomes from the 1500's to present. They could be described as mythical, dwarf, humanoid, folklore creatures used for decorations at Christmas and in theme parks and gardens. She displayed a number of gnomes that she had made and provided some supplies for us to use to make them. She also suggested that we go to YouTube and search for patterns.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Stewart, Secretary

Donations



Two Christmas lap quilts were donated to the Foley Center on November 22. I called Gretchen, Activities Director, before delivering them, and she said that the Lima Bean Bingo was being held that afternoon! So, I high-tailed it over there (I live really close) and got there just in time. Very fortuitous! She was delighted with the donations and mentioned that one of the residents that won a quilted shawl jacket has worn it every day since. A very feel-good moment!

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Three throw size quilts were delivered to the Children's Advocacy Center in Foscoe. They were greatly appreciative of the larger size for their older kids. They have plenty of toddler and small child quilts. 54 x 54 is a good size for these kiddos.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

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

Membership: No changes from membership, still 34 members. If members haven't picked up their membership cards, I will have them at the November meeting, along with name tag directions and kits for those that need them.

Treasures Report:

Checking account Balance \$ 5,374.19

Birthdays: Brenda Murray Dec. 31

Upcoming Programs

December – Christmas Luncheon

We will meet at Grace Lutheran Church Tuesday December 5th at 11:30. Sign up for what you want to bring, either a casserole, salad, or dessert. The theme this year is Gnomes. If you have any questions, call Gail Lund 264-1943

January Meeting – no meeting the first Tuesday of January

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Publicity

Photos and more information are available on our website.

[Click here to view photos of meetings and workshops.](#)

Tri fold brochure is in the process of being completed. They will be printed, folded, and distributed once completed.

THE Mountain Guild Workshops

Generally, the 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

January Work Shop

Weather permitting we will meet at 12:30 on January 16. 12:30-4:00 pm. Working on donation quilts or combining fleece scraps for dog shelter.

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SHOP NEWS:

The Cotton Quilt, Granite Falls

www.thecottonquilt.com

The shop hours will be varied in December. Please check before driving down. 828-244-7797

High Country Quilts:

There is rather significant news this month. I am selling the house and the shop, and moving across the hill into North Carolina. Scheduled classes will still be held at Sugar Grove in December, January, and February (there are still a few places left – check the [website](#)). These will be moved to Watauga county once we are settled. Friends made through the shop are valued more than you know.

The Mountain Thread Company, Blowing Rock

The Mountain Thread Company is looking ahead to QuiltCon, an annual quilt show and international event that takes place in February. This year, QuiltCon is in Raleigh! This is perhaps the only time that QuiltCon will be so close to home, and The Mountain Thread Company is attending as a sponsor, vendor, and faculty instructor! QuiltCon takes place from February 22-25, 2024. Single day and multi day passes are available at www.quiltcon.com.

Other Quilt News

Dave Cohn the Director of Holsten Camp in Banner Elk, NC has expressed interest in having quilters come for retreats at. No public retreats are on the books currently but if you are interested, please let Chris Zimmer know and she can give you contact info.

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.

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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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