

# Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

## January 2024



### **Presidents Message January 2024**

### **Happy New Year Friends!**

A new year is upon us. What are your plans? Do you set resolutions? Are you a bit superstitious?

Well,

I can say resolutions don't work for me and I try not to be superstitious but sometimes I do get caught up in the moment. For instance, there's a Scottish tradition called "First Footing" that claims the first to enter your house following midnight on New Years can either bring good or bad luck to you and yours. Apparently, if a dark haired man (always has to be a man doesn't it!) is the first-footer, you'll have the best luck in the new year. Fair haired men brought bad luck (something to do with those fair-haired Vikings who invaded and warred with Scotland). I'm wondering if it would work if I were to pay someone to be my personal first footer??? I do have to tell you that I take no chances when it comes to what I do on New Year's Day. I always make time to spend on things I most enjoy doing. Usually that includes a bit of stitching and spending some time with my family. After all, what you do on New Year's Day is what you'll be doing all year, right?

Let's give a huge thank you to our hostesses, Susan Sweet and Gail Lund Schuette, for our delightful December luncheon. Congrats to those who participated in the Gnome contests...so much creativity! I can't wait to hear the plans that are already in the works for next year.

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## Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

### **Looking ahead to our TO DO List:**

Complete a guild inventory (items housed in the closet and cabinets at the senior center that are available for member use)

Revise our guild bylaws (in progress-update at February meeting)

Complete a new member packet (also in progress)

Assemble committee job descriptions.

Please let me know if you are available to help with any of the above projects. All input is welcome.

Join us on January 16 for our workshop as we prepare quilt kits to be made into donation quilts.

The new year is a great time to take a breath and prioritize. I hope in that process, you find all that matters to you and that you have the time to celebrate that which is dear. And be sure you spend a little time stitching, just in case!

Fondly,  
Beth

“Kindness is like snow – It beautifies everything it covers.”

Kahlil Gibran

### **Minutes, December 5, 2023, Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild**

President Beth Reavis presided:

The checking account balance is \$5,406.63.

There was discussion about donating to High Country Care Givers to sponsor an angel. A motion was made, seconded, and passed by the membership to donate \$150.00 which would likely cover the cost of new clothing, shoes, and toys for one needy child.

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Selena Anderson, a former member, is returning to the guild.

December birthdays include Patty Blanton - Dec. 13 and Brenda Murry, Dec. 31.

Beth Reavis left some completed tri-fold flyers about our guild on the table for those interested in picking up.

### Show and Share

Gail Lund: a strip pieced donation quilt

Sue Corcoran: two Christmas Lap size quilts (donations)

Sew Original per Lois Stewart: a donation in black, white & pink

Beth Reavis: Christmas wall hanging.

Thanks to Gail Lund for providing arrangements for our Christmas potluck. Delicious food was provided and enjoyed by members. The fellowship hall was decorated with gnome figures, gnome quilts and table runners mostly made by members. Sue Sweet conducted the contest and various fabric, and gnome prizes were given to winners of the contest. Sue also hosted a Christmas trivia game where members played in teams; it was a fun time.

### **There will not be a meeting on January 2, 2024.**

At the workshop on January 16, 2024, the guild will bring in the die cutter and cut fabric kits for donations.

Happy Holidays,

Lois Stewart, Secretary

**Donations:** 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.

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Delivered three child sized and two adult sized quilts to OASIS this morning. Emily, the housing coordinator, was thrilled to have the quilts on hand for clients!

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Five quilts with babies delivered to The Children's Council of Watauga. They were tickled with them.

### **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.

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### **Membership**

We are currently at 35 members. If members haven't picked up their membership cards, I will have them at the business meeting, along with name tag directions and kits for those that need them.

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### **Treasures Report:**

Checking account Balance \$ 5,374.19

### **Birthdays:**

Lea Ann Williams. Jan. 3

Susan Burnett. Jan. 6

Lynda Steele. Jan. 8

Claudette Jacobs Jan.21

Amy Stewart. Jan. 3

### **January Meeting – no meeting the first Tuesday of January**

#### **Programs**

We will be starting off the new year at our **February 6** meeting. Patty Blanton will tell us all about color so we can better understand its use in our quilts.

**On March 5**, Susan Payne will demonstrate "Modern Stack and Wack for Donations" then be at the workshop on the 19th to help us complete some quilts using this technique.

#### **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.

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### **The Mountain Guild Workshops**

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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](mailto: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.

**SHOP NEWS:**

**IraRobi Quilts:**

“IraRobi Quilts has recently introduced a delightful array of fabric collections, along with new notions and complimentary downloadable patterns. The anticipation is building for the exclusive launch of the Windsong Block of the Month in January 2024, with limited quantities still up for grabs. Explore the offerings at <https://irarobiquilts.com/> and ensure you’re in the know by subscribing to their monthly newsletter. Your quilting adventures just got a whole lot more exciting!”

**The Cotton Quilt, Granite Falls**

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

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

Martha will be a vendor at the Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza Expo in Statesville, January 26-27.

The Guild has been gifted two admission tickets that will be available at the January Workshop. Call Chris if interested. 585-615-6551

**High Country Quilts:**

The shop has returned to a garage – a sad situation that only my Expedition is crazy about. For the first time since the shop opened in 2016, Bark Ark is parking in the garage. The business over the years has made me many friends, for this I am most thankful. The future of the shop is my project for post-move. The new location will be close to my home (TBA). I will help get it up and running, and then back off from day-to-day involvement.



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My new address is [338 Woodbriar Dr, Sugar Grove, NC 28679](#). My house phone will change to 828-287-8287 (this one is a tongue twister ). Cath

**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](http://www.quiltcon.com).

### Other Quilt News

With sadness that we share our long-time member **Jill Sanders** passed away just after Christmas. Her family has shared the service will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Linville Land Harbor Rec Center. More info to follow in April newsletter.

**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.

FULL DETAILS HERE [Art Quilts Renewal Prospectus](#) and <https://www.paqa-south.org/>

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**The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza** at the  
Statesville Civic Center, 300 South Center St.

Statesville, NC

Friday January 26 and Saturday January 27

\$5.00 admission

A complete list of vendors and details at

[www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net) 704-376-2531

Two free tickets have been sent. If you are interested please let Chris know before our workshop and if three or more want them we will come up with a creative way to give them away. 585-615-6551.