

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

February 2024

Presidents Message **February 2024**

Greetings! I hope this finds you safely on the other side of Old Man Winter's snowfall and frigid temperatures. Winter has arrived in the High Country! I'm thinking of a book my grandson and I enjoy reading each winter, SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY it's about a fellow who grew up in rural Vermont in the 1800's and was absolutely in love with the beauty, originality and rarity of snowflakes. This passion led to his capturing images of over 2,000 snowflakes and publishing his book, SNOW CRYSTALS. This book is in local and university libraries and continues to inspire designers and artists. Looking at Bentley's images, one can see the symmetry and patterns created by simple molecules of water. Quilts are like that too, aren't they? A maker takes the simple scraps of fabric, places them together in patterns, some symmetrical, some not, and creates a beautiful and one-of-a-kind piece of art. As we continue our journey through the winter season, I hope you take some time to celebrate your creations, your creative process and your passion for quilt making as much as Snowflake Bentley enjoyed those snowflakes, he found so irresistible.

I do a lot of hoping in winter: I hope we are able to meet on Tuesday, February 6, 1:00, upstairs conference room for our monthly meeting. I'll have some minor revisions to the bylaws to share (thank you to Lois Stewart and Sandy Hicks for working on this task) along with our fabulous "show and share" which should be awesome since



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it's been ages since we have gathered. And I hope we can reschedule our January workshop to put together some donation quilt kits.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our February workshop is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 1:00 (set up 12:30) due to a scheduling conflict with the center. I hope the weather cooperates so that we can get back on track with our meetings and workshops!

And one more reminder: Our meetings or workshops are always canceled if Watauga County Schools are closed or are on remote learning due to inclement weather.

Wishing you time to spend on your passions and hoping to see you soon,
Beth

"I love snow..... especially through a window...while I am under a quilt...drinking hot chocolate."

MINUTES – No meeting or minutes for January 2024 due to weather.

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.

Treasures Report:

Checking account Balance \$ 5101.29

Birthdays:

Jean Smitherman Feb 5
Betty Minick Feb 10
Selena Anderson Feb 13
Sue Corcoran Feb 28

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Programs

We will be starting off the new year at our **February 6** meeting at 1:00. 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.



Donation News

The guild currently has pieces of fleece that can be combined for backings and batting pieces that can be combined. There are no large pieces left at this time. What we have will be available at the workshop.

One large throw quilt was donated to the Children's advocacy center on 105 in Foscoe. 3 donations

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(2 to Harvest Recovery & 1 to Glenbridge resident)

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Publicity

Photos and more information are available on our website.

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

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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.

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Currently February workshop will be using our accuquilt cutter, guild fabric and patterns to make up donation quilt packets for members to use. Come help make our big fabric into little fabric so we can sew back into big fabric.

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

SHOP NEWS:

IraRobi Quilts:

"IraRobi Quilts has recently introduced a delightful array of fabric collections, along with new notions and complimentary downloadable patterns.

Explore the offerings <https://irarobiquilts.com/>
Ensure you're in the know by subscribing to our monthly newsletter. Your quilting adventures just got a whole lot more exciting!"

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The Cotton Quilt, Granite Falls

www.thecottonquilt.com

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

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.

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.

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 19th at 2pm at the Linville Land Harbor Rec Center. More info to follow in April newsletter.

Interested in forming a Quilt Retreat locally this Spring?

Dave Cohn the Director of Holsten Camp in Banner Elk, NC has expressed interest in having quilters come for retreats at Holsten Camp Banner Elk, NC. 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.

Other Quilt Camp Retreat News

Quilter's Week Camp Linn Haven Camp Sunday June 2 – Saturday June 8th. Is now accepting reservation 50.00 deposits for camp. For more information contact Teirsa Lane Camp Manager at 828-320-2840.

A Mountain Quiltfest – Quilt Show in Pigeon Forge, TN

June 4 – June 6. If interested in a road trip please check with your guild members and have fun!