

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

March 2024



Presidents Message

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Greetings Members,

I'm not sure I put much faith in the groundhog's prediction of an early spring with the temps around 10 degrees this morning, but I hope this finds you well and able to enjoy the afternoon sunshine. My apologies to those of you who got my message that our workshop was canceled because of the two-hour school delay. Several of us managed to meet on Tuesday afternoon and were able to assemble kits for donation quilts. You'll hear more about that at our March meeting. Thanks to everyone who braved the sunshine to come out and prep kits!

You should have gotten an email sharing the amended bylaws that we will consider at the March meeting. Please look over the changes and let me know if you have any questions. The changes as you will see are relatively simple and are recommended to clarify a few of the articles. Thank you again to Lois Stewart and Sandy Hicks for helping with this effort and to Chris Zimmer for working with me to get it to you. I am grateful.

I'm delighted to share with you that as the weather improves, many quilt shows and opportunities are once again being scheduled. In fact, there are so many that the board has made the decision that the announcements should be shared on our private Facebook page rather than in our newsletter. We encourage you to post appropriate announcements as you learn of them.

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Intimidated by technology??? Never fear. We tentatively plan to hold a technology workshop in July to share our collected knowledge of our Facebook page and our website. I know, I know...I am a VERY recent member of our Facebook page. But I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the ins and outs and have found it to be easy (I know just enough to be dangerous :) We're thinking that some of us might benefit with a little push in that direction. What I've noticed is that other guilds post quite a lot. So, if you have some free time, post a picture or comment and let us know what you're up to in between meetings or those important show announcements. Technology is here and we might as well take advantage of it! Please notify Chris Zimmer if you'd like to be included on our private Facebook page.

Susan Payne will thrill us with some of her quilting skills at our March program so be sure you mark your calendars. I'm looking forward to her presentation and seeing you on March 5!

Best,

Beth

"If you're not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you're determined to learn, no one can stop you."

SPECIAL NOTE:

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.

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MINUTES - February 6, 2024

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

The checking account balance is \$5,101.29.

The membership is currently 35. Sally Hills reported that she has one member application.

February birthdays include:

Betty Minick 2-10, Selena Anderson 2-13. Sue Corcoran 2-28

A candle was lit for Jill Sanders, a former guild member who passed away. A Memorial Service will be held May 19th at 2:00 pm at Linville Land Harbors Rec/Memorial Center, Newland, NC

The Guild received a "thank you" card for the donation of \$150 to High Country Caregivers.

Chris Zimmer will post guild information on our website or Facebook if we send it to the guild's Mountain Laurel e-mail address rather than her personal e-mail.

Beth Reavis has taken the Guild's information tri-fold brochure to Sew Original and the library. Members may take them around to other places.

She displayed bylaw's flyers with proposed changes for members to pick up, and there was some discussion about them, but nothing finalized.

Susan Payne will discuss and demonstrate cutting for making a quilt at our March 5th meeting. It can be made from 15" or 18" squares from fat quarters: 9 fat quarters needed for baby quilts, 12 for lap size and 18 or more for bigger quilts.

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Sue Sweet - The workshop will be Feb. 13th at 1:00 pm this month. Members are to bring cutting board, ruler, and rotary cutter for cutting donation fabric to make kits.

Gail Lund has reserved Grace Lutheran Church for the guild's meeting/ luncheon on December 3rd. The challenge project is to make anything with nutcrackers. The nutcracker fabric was passed around to be included in the project. Officers will be installed.

Quilt Shows:

Festival of Quilts, Shady Valley, TN, at Shady Rock School, April 12-13, 2024

43rd Smoky Mtn. Quilters, June 21-22, 2024, Knoxville Expo Ct., Knoxville, TN The deadline for entering quilts is April 12.

Art Feeds the Soul Workshop, March 6-9, 2024, W-F 10-5, Sat 10-4 Donate can goods, Elon Community Church, 221 N. Williamson Ave., Elon, NC

Capital Quilters Guild, March 15-16, 9-5, Kerr Scott Bld., NC State Fair Grounds, Raleigh, NC, Admission \$10

Show and Share:

Gail Lund – Donation Quilt in blue and green fabrics, placemats, and a pretty bed star quilt in blues & greens for her granddaughter, Emily's wedding. Was sending the quilt to Colleen Eskridge in TX for long arm quilting.

Pat Carson – showed the Carolina Lilly wall hanging that she designed for the Hickory Guild, an adorable gnome in a red convertible wall hanging, and a Christmas bulb wall hanging with free motion quilting.

Sue Corcoran- donation quilt from the guild's donation panel fabric, donation quilt in red, blue and

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browns and a UFO from Mtn. Quilt camp with pinks, burgundy and greens.

Irina Robinson –showed two large quilt tops in fabrics by Jason Yenter: one had bright colors on black background, and one was made with pinks and greens. Chris Zimmer – a striking jelly roll strip quilt made with reds and white. Patty Blanton – made a disappearing 9-patch quilt with Kaffe fabric from Adrian’s stash, Sachiko wall hanging, and a picture landscape quilt. Susan Payne- made a cream, blue and green quilt Lois Stewart- Christmas quilt in Hugs and Kisses pattern Sue Stell- a colorful donation quilt, a jelly roll quilt made with triangles, and a stunning bed-sized feather stars quilt. Elmyra Morris- a colorful donation quilt, and a Dakota pattern quilt that she made in blues and browns
Beth Reavis- a quilt that she sewed from donation blocks in blues and reds. Sue Sweet needs two donations for Red Cross.

Patty Blanton conducted an informative workshop on how to select color for quilts and color theory. Color wheels, paint store chips, use of the fabric selvages, “electric quilt” on phones, taking pictures of quilt on cell phone, and red and green filters can be helpful. Color theory included discussion of complementary color (opposite colors on color wheel), monochromatic color, (different shades or tints of the same color) and analogous color (colors next to each other on color wheel).

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Lois Stewart, Secretary

Membership

We are currently at 35 members. If members haven’t picked up their membership cards, I will have them at

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the business meeting, along with name tag directions and kits for those that need them.

Treasures Report:

Checking account Balance \$ 5101.29

Birthdays: March

Kathy Heisler.	28
Carol Turner.	30
Lois Stewart.	31

Program March.

Modern Stack and Whack for Donations presented by Susan Payne. The technique is for a fun, quick and easy modern quilt. The main intention is to make great quilts quickly for donations. Susan will be demonstrating the process then we will cut fabric to be ready to sew at our workshop on March 19. Susan will also be at the workshop to help us assemble the quilts.

Materials List

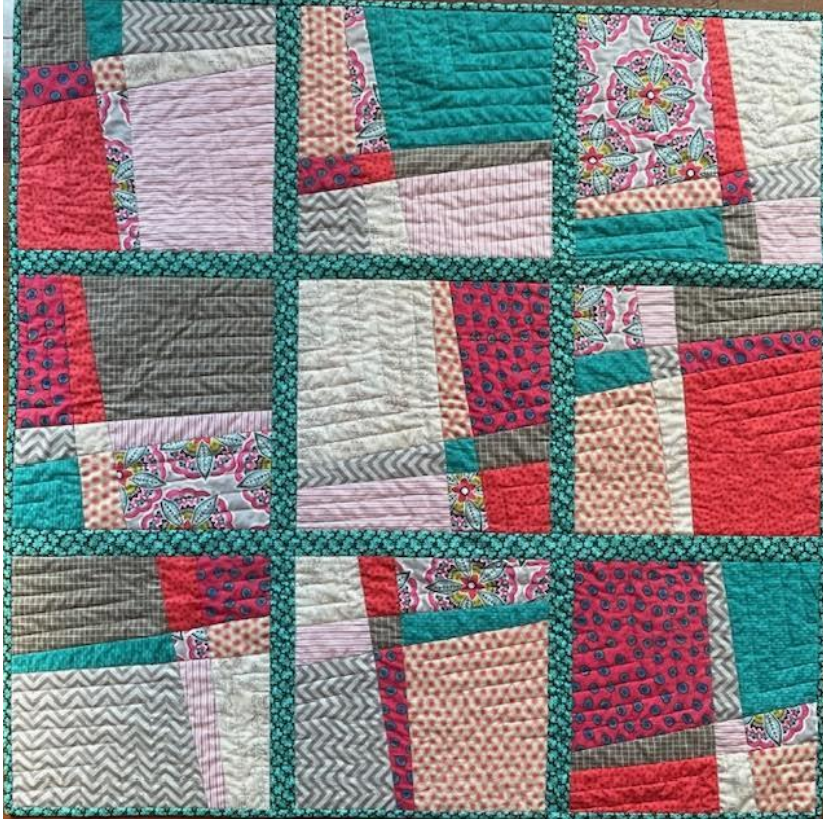
Program: rotary cutter with good blade, 9 eighteen-inch squares of print fabric and 2 eighteen-inch squares of white or solid color fabric.

Workshop for March: Will be held on March 19th from 12:30 – 4pm. Sewing machine plus basic sewing supplies plus your 18-inch squares.

April. Paper Piecing taught by Sue Sweet.

May. Quilts of Valor presented by Kathy Heisler

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Donation News

Donation Committee Report

8 donation quilts collected.

2 donation pillowcases collected.

Sue Sweet delivered 2 quilts to Red Cross.

Chris Zimmer delivered 3 quilts to Children's
Advocacy of the Blue Ridge.

3 small quilts and 2 pillowcases on hand.

Sue Sweet's contact at Red Cross is no longer there
but another agency, High Country Caregivers, would
love some quilts in the future.

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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.**

See March's Workshop under Programs

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:

Sew Original – Patty Blanton is in Daytona for AQS Quilt show and then hopping back through Raleigh for Quilt Con. Get Ready to pick her brain on new ideas and classes.

IraRobi Quilts:

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

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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!"

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,

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!