

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

APRIL 2024



Presidents Message;

Happy Spring Everyone

Haven't the forsythia and daffodils been gorgeous! I do wish they would last a bit longer but I'm looking forward to warmer days and the chance to spend some time outside pulling weeds, cleaning out flower beds and terrorizing those darn lily eating deer. What I've come to realize is that if you are a quilter, you're probably a gardener too. I hope you're giving yourself a chance to enjoy both.

I also hope you enjoyed Susan Payne's Modern Stack and Whack program and workshop. These donation quilts will be given to a program called "A Bed and a Book" and I'm happy to tell you that a representative from that organization will join us at our June luncheon.

PLEASE get those quilts finished and bring them to the luncheon on June 4 so that they can be partnered with a bed and a book. How marvelous that we have an opportunity to participate in worthwhile programs for our community!

And I have some great news to share! You may remember that we discussed needing a slate of officers for the upcoming year at our March meeting. I'm happy to report that we have that slate: Lois Stewart will be returning as secretary; Susan Sweet has agreed to serve as treasurer; Diane Goff will serve as co-vice president with Sue Corcoran and I am happy to return as president for a second term. We will be happy to take nominations from the floor so please join us at our May meeting for elections.

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Looking ahead: April - Susan Sweet will present a paper piecing program on *April 2, 1:00* at the center. She has a lovely paper pieced bird block workshop planned for *April 16, 12:30*. Please let her know at the April meeting if you plan to participate. There will be a nominal supply fee to cover the cost of background fabric.

Speaking of opportunities, we need a favor from you: Please take a moment to let us know you received this newsletter and what you find most helpful about it. We have some thoughts on streamlining the newsletter but want to hear from you. So “if you opened this newsletter, please reply immediately so we know you not only received it but opened it. That would give us a good gauge on who reads the newsletter or instead relies on website posts, member blasts and FB.”

Have a glorious Easter and let me know how you keep those deer out of your gardens!

Beth

“By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before.”

Edwin Elliot

MINUTES – March 5, 2024

Beth Reavis, President called the meeting to order. The meeting start time is 1:00, but members may come earlier at 12:30 for set up. If schools are on a delay, the guild will meet.

Announcements: The checking account balance is \$5,101.29 minus two checks. Beth will have the balance at our upcoming meeting.

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Beth Reavis, the bylaws changes were approved as written. A motion to vote was made by Sandy Hicks, seconded by Sue Corcoran, and the vote was unanimous by the membership present.

The most recent member, Stephanie Van Der Westhuizen, needs a name tag kit. She brought her friend, Tommy, from South Africa as a guest.

The guild needs a Vice President to replace Sue Corcoran, whose term is about to end, as well as a Treasurer. Sue was thanked for doing a good job during her service as well as on the Program Committee.

List of Programs March 19 workshop: Susan Payne will be available to help with sewing the Wonky Nine Patch donation quilts.

April 16 workshop - Sue Sweet will conduct a bird paper piecing workshop on April 16th. Those who want to participate will be given a pattern and background fabric for one block, and if they are interested will make a total of 8 blocks, about 8-8.5" each block.

May 7 meeting - Kathy Heisler will present information about Quilts of Valor at the meeting and will conduct the workshop on May 21st. Also included will be quilts for K9 service dogs.

June 4 at 11:30 - Gail Lund has the Grace Lutheran Church reserved for our installation of officers meeting. Everyone is asked to bring some kind of salad for the luncheon or salad dessert to share. The theme is flowers, so bring any flowered table runners or placemats you've made to decorate the tables.

The July meeting/workshop will be about technology. Example: how to use Facebook on laptops.

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See Sew Originals e-mail for activities during March, the 16th is National Quilting Day. The Empty Bowls Project is at the high school.

Show and Share: Susan Sweet – donation (hexagon)
Irina Robinson-a baby quilt (half square triangles), a small quilt from floral panel on their website and table runner. Irina will quilt the guilds donation quilts. Amy Stewart-handmade mini quilt
Lois Stewart- designed and made a bargello heart table runner. Sally Hills- Bonnie Hunter “Chilhowie” quilt (orange and purples) Sue Corcoran- donation
Sue Stell-donation (baseball quilt) Diane Goff-donation (pinks & browns) Carol Turner 2 donations: Georgie the Giraffe (from Rose Guthrie’s fabrics) and Star Quilt (polka dots)

Sandy Hicks collected the 6 donation quilts. She handed out labels as needed for donations, they are sew-on, only stick until they can be sewn.
Susan Payne gave a detailed and interesting presentation on the history of Modern quilts. She brought 18” squares of cut fabrics (fat quarters) and demonstrated how to stack and cut the fabric and sew it together to make a Stack and Whack Quilt Block with a modern twist. She brought an example of a finished quilt and put blocks together for making another one. It’s a fast, fun way to make donations. She will conduct the workshop on March 19 using this Stack and Whack technique.
Respectfully submitted by: Lois Stewart, Secretary

Membership

We are currently at 36 members.

New members:

Stephanie Van Der Westhvizen

[320 Selma Circle](#)

[Boone NC 28607](#)

828-379-9411

Birthdate September 8

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Membership name tag kits will be available at the meetings if you need one just see Sally Hills.

Treasures Report:

Finance Report:

Checking Account Balance

as of 3/25/2024 - \$ 4973.43

Full report at April Meeting.

Submitted by LeeAnn Williams

Birthdays: April

Pat Carson. Apr. 21

Sue Sweet. Apr. 29

Program APRIL Paper Piecing taught by Sue Sweet.
See Presidents Message for more details.

May. Quilts of Valor presented by Kathy Heisler
Quilts of Valor for K9 Dogs by Chris Zimmer

Donation News

In March, the Donation Committee collected 7 quilts.
Six were donated to the Children's Council of
Watauga.

Sandy Hicks

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.

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

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I have an abundance of new fabrics in store. And the quilt show on April 6.

The Mountain Thread Company, Blowing Rock:

Spring Cleaning Fabric Sale at The Mountain Thread Company

April 11-13 - all fabric on sale!

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- Buy 10 Get 10 Free Fat Quarters
- 15-30% off all in stock fabric
- 3 Yard Stack Deals
- Additional in store specials

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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 FALL?

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

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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!

Quick Tip and other things:

When cutting a thread for binding or embroidery, always take the end you just cut from the spool and put it through the needle. Don't know why but it works....don't lick the end, grab some oil from the tip of your nose to make threading easier. Also rotate your needle as one side of the hole is larger than the other side.

Got other tips? Please send them to the MountainLaurelquiltguild1@gmail.com