

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild



March 2025

Message from the President:



Top o' the Morning to You!

I hope this finds you well and beginning the Spring thaw. Of course, there's always the chance of several more inches of snow but it seems we might be on the other side of Winter!

My heartfelt thanks to those of you who participated in the APP State quilt display in early February. We had a great group of quilters who shared their knowledge and enthusiasm for quilting with many interested folks who came out. We were fortunate to live up to our mission and express our purpose to the greater community. Let's hope we get invited back and more of you can enjoy the experience.

Join us on Tuesday, March 4, 1:00 at the Senior Center for our business meeting and program. We always look forward to seeing you and what wonderful creations you've worked on since last time!

Bring a friend, share our fellowship!

Be safe, enjoy the sunshine and let me know if you find that pot of gold!

Slainte,

Beth

"May your troubles be less, your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door." An Irish Blessing



Our Next Meeting
1:00pm Tuesday, March 4th
Lois E. Harrill Senior Center
Weather permitting



Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Minutes, February 4, 2025, 1:00 pm

Beth Reavis, president, presided:

The guild has a checking account balance of \$5,233.95.

There were no minutes to approve since the January meeting was cancelled.

The fat quarter basket was passed around for those who had January birthdays. February birthdays include: Betty Minick 2/10, Selina Anderson 2/13, and Sue Corcoran 2/28.

Sally Hill: The membership cards that had not been picked up were passed around. The Guild has 34 members. Let her know if you need a name tag kit.

Concerns: Sandy Hick's mother is having health issues as well as Pat Carson, guild member. Keep them in your thoughts/prayers.

Announcements: The guild needs a committee to work on a list of officers for next year. The officers selected will be sworn in at our June meeting.

Beth Reavis has batting to bring for donations. Let her know if you need batting.

Carol Turner sent out email about the quilt display on Saturday, February 8th at Plemmons Center at ASU.

Participants will display their quilts on tables. Set up is at 9:30 am and quilts should be removed by 12:00 noon.

Lunch will be provided.

Program and Workshop: Betty Minick gave instructions about making the 12" design wall at the upcoming February workshop. Requirements include at least a 63" long piece of fabric cut 2.5" wide for binding, 100% cotton batting cut into a 15" square (warm & natural works well), card stock, 15" square. Betty will bring the 15" card stock or it can be bought at Hobby Lobby. Participants can share a sewing machine to sew a zigzag stitch on the raw side of the binding or use the one from our storage room.

Program: Diane Goff presented an entertaining and informative program on how to make small treat bags and various valentines. The bags measured 6" wide by 9" long and used a casing to hold a drawstring closing. The size of the bag can be changed by increasing or decreasing the measurements. The hearts had a small pocket and could be made with a hanger for an ornament. Handouts with instructions and materials were provided.

Shop news from Sew Original, Patty Blanton: They are having an ugly fabric contest. Participants will receive a fat quarter and it all has to be used in the project. The projects are due on July 31 to be displayed for the month of August in the fabric challenge. If interested see Kathy or someone at Sew Original for more information and to pick up the ugly fabric (The winner gets a \$50 sew original gift card & 20% discount on fabric).

Sew Original is encouraging quilters to complete their UFO's. Sew Original will provide a form on which to list 12 of your UFO's. If they are big projects, participants may want to break them up into parts. When you submit the form, sew original will draw a project # from your list and let you know on Facebook which one you need to complete.

The Breakfast Club meets the last Thursday of the month, Feb. 27 at 9:00.

Show and Tell: Patty Blanton showed the historic panels that are being made to be displayed next year. Susan Payne, artist, had made the pioneer figures. Participants had made good progress.

Irina Robinson has a block of the month batik expression quilt kit for sale, \$55. It's for 6 months and would be finished in Sept. Visit her website for more information. She also showed a tree quilt.

Susan Burnett- quilts: Tuskar Kit (elephant) made with the Sew Kind of Wonder ruler, black & white quilt with snowflakes, wreath quilt with autumn colors. Lois Stewart -blue stars bed-sized quilt; Amy Bailey- the paper pieced bird quilt with blues and greens; Susan Payne -two wall hanging landscape quilts, one with a banjo player and one with a fiddle player; Gail Lund- scrappy donation quilt , a red, white and blue quilt for Ron; Sally Hill- triangular star quilt, and owls kit quilt; Diane Goff-gift bags & hearts.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Stewart, Secretary



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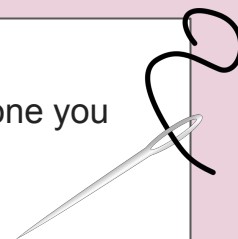
Programming

March 4 - We will be sharing a couple of quick Easter ideas. If you also have one you want to share, contact Diane Goff or Sue Corcoran and we'll allocate the time.

April 1 - Gail Lund will have a program on organizing our fabric scraps.

May 6 - MLQG Donations in 2024-2025, an overview of what and where we have donated, along with a brief reminder of the goals of the various recipients. As part of this program, we would welcome sharing by members of organizations where they donate quilts and other sewn items.

June 3 - Luncheon at Grace Lutheran Church.



Membership

Hello Fellow Quilters,
We had a good amount of interest from the public in quilting and in the guild at our exhibit at the Fiddlers Convention in February. Many people stopped by and asked questions, and all the guild brochures that Beth had brought were handed out.

It was requested that I resend the guild roster to you all; it is attached to this newsletter. You can print it out, or save it to your computer for future reference. If anyone has changes in their info, please let me know so I can update it.

Happy sewing,
Sally



Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$5,233.95



Submitted by Susan Sweet

Newsletter submissions are due on or before the 25th of each month to:

MountainLaurelQuiltGuild1@gmail.com

Please include "Newsletter submission" in the subject line.



March 2025

Happy Birthday

Kathy Heisler 3/25

Carol Turner 3/30

Lois Stewart 3/31



Inclement Weather Guidelines

From the Bylaws, Article VII - Meetings

"...If schools are closed in Watauga County on the scheduled meeting date due to weather conditions, the Guild meeting for that month will be canceled."



Sunshine Committee Chair



We are in need of a person to take on the responsibilities of this position.

Please contact Beth Reavis if you are interested.



The **2025 Stitcher's Showcase Quilt Show** will take place at the Winston Salem **Carolina Classic Fairgrounds** on **May 2 and 3, 2025**.

The Fairgrounds is providing a Food Truck for sandwiches and snacks at the Quilt Show. You can view the beautiful quilts, shop, and have lunch on the premises.

For more information on quilt show details, please visit www.forsythquilters.org.



Stitcher's Showcase

2025 Quilt Show

- Vendors
- Raffle Baskets
- Fundraiser Quilt
- The Quilter's Market

SCAN QR Code for show Details



May 2-3, 2025

Fri 9am-4pm - Sat 9am-3pm / Winston-Salem Fairgrounds
Bolton Home & Garden Bldg / Enter Gate 9 on 27th St

Admission \$10 Adults (includes 5 raffle tickets)
\$5 Children 4-12 (under 3 free)



Forsyth Piecers and Quilters
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
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Members of the **Blue Ridge Fiber Guild** will be teaching fiber classes once a month at ArtSpace also known as The Watauga Arts Council on Shadowline Drive in Boone. The classes will be offered every 5th Saturday from March through August. The classes are supported by a NC Arts Council Grassroots Grant.

We will have an open house this Saturday, February 22 from 10:00 am until noon at ArtSpace for the community to meet the instructors and see examples of products and processes included in the classes.



Intro to Fiber Workshop Series

Join the Blue Ridge Fiber Guild for a six-part beginner-friendly workshop series on the 4th Saturday of each month, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Watauga Arts Council. Each session explores a different fiber art technique and craft!

Open House: Meet the instructors on Feb 22 from 10am to 12pm @ WAC

- **March 22: Cardboard Loom Weaving**
 - Learn weaving tapestry-style on a take-home cardboard loom
- **April 26: Go for a Spin**
 - Prep and practice spinning with a drop spindle and other wheels
- **May 24: Wet Felted Birdhouse**
 - Make a wet-felted pod or birdhouse using wool fibers
- **June 28: Coiled Basket Making**
 - Create a small traditional coiled basket with raffia
- **July 26: Beginner Knitting**
 - Learn to cast on, knit, purl, bind off, and how to fix mistakes
- **August 23: Natural Dyes**
 - Learn about dye plants, then dye mini-skeins of wool to obtain different colors and values

When: Every 4th Saturday between March-August

Where: Watauga Arts Council

Time: 10am - 1pm

Cost: \$50 per workshop

Watauga Arts Council
828-264-1789
www.watauga-arts.org
377 Shadowline Dr
Boone, NC 28607

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE!



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2024-2025

Officers & Committee Chairwomen

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