





Greetings Quilters and Makers,

It seems that Spring has finally arrived in the High Country. I hope you've had a chance to enjoy the weather and do a little gardening!

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, May 6, 1:00, at the Senior Center for our business meeting and program. We will elect officers from a slate of willing folks:

Gail SchuettePresident-electDiane GoffVice President-electBeth ReavisSecretary-electSusan SweetTreasurer (serving her second year on 1st term)

Diane welcomes an additional partner to serve as VP with her and I am most willing to step aside if someone wishes to serve as secretary. Nominations will be taken from the floor :)

And put our June 3 luncheon on your calendar. Held at Grace Lutheran Church, King Street, 11:30. Bring a salad, floral placemats, your Santa challenge and come enjoy inspiration and fellowship. Officers will be installed at the luncheon.

As always, I'm looking forward to your Show and Share items and seeing many of you who have arrived back to the High Country. Bring a friend!

Fondly, Beth

"I think the proper term for 'senior women' should be: Queen-agers. That is all. Carry on."



<u>Our Next Meeting</u> 1:00pm Tuesday, May 6th Lois E. Harrill Senior Center 132 Poplar Grove Connector



Minutes of Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild meeting, April 1, 2025, 1:00 pm

President Beth Reavis presided.

The minutes were approved from the March meeting. Sue Sweet gave the Treasury report: There was a \$250 deposit and no expenses, leaving a balance of \$5,483.95.

The main topic of discussion was a slate of officers to serve for next year beginning in July:

Gail Lund Schuette: president-elect

Sue Sweet still has another year as Treasurer

Beth Reavis - Secretary

Diane Goff will share the spot as Vice President with another person so the Guild needs to elect another person for Vice President and someone for the Sunshine Committee.

Amy Bailey will continue with the newsletter.

Sally Hill will continue with the membership and will begin taking dues in May. Dues are \$20 and free if you are over 80, just check that box on the form.

Sandy Hicks is leaving the Donations Committee to help care for her mother. Beth thanked her for serving.

April Birthdays: Pat Carson -21st, Sue Sweet, 29th

Concerns: Pat Carson, guild member, is having health issues. Sandy Hick's mother just turned 89 and is having health problems. Jackie Christain's husband died. Patty Blanton's daughter has had a foot problem, but is getting better. Sally Hill's mother in Missouri has kidney and other problems. Please keep them in your thoughts/prayers.

Joys: Sandy Hicks had a kidney transplant almost three years ago and is doing well. Amy Stewart's son is getting married.

On May 2-3 there is a Quilt Show in Winston-Salem, and one on April 11-12th in Shady Valley, TN which is 15 crooked miles or so miles beyond Mtn. City. Irina Robinson will be attending that one.

Gail Lund presented a scrap program for our meeting. Tips: work with a small amount of scraps at a time, cut scraps in order of size: fat quarters (18x20), 10" squares, 5" squares, 2.5" strips, take some pieces and make fabric.

Susan Payne - Bonnie Hunter has a website for how to use scraps.

April workshop: Participants will cut up fabric provided & make baby donation quilts, size 40-42", will have fleece for backing. Sue Sweet said Childrens Council for new Mothers could use some. Fema didn't want quilts. May Program: Discussion about donation quilts, where they have been delivered and what's needed. May workshop - Amy Bailey - crumb quilts

June meeting: Installation of officers, Sue Sweet handed out Santa panels for an ugly fabric June contest, make anything you want to out of it, table runner, placemat. There will be nice prizes and bring it to our June 3rd, 11:30 am luncheon meeting. Gail Lund Schuette has reserved Grace Lutheran Church and the theme is flowers. Bring a flowered place mat or two for decoration as well as a salad or dessert to share, be creative.





Sew Original Shop news - Patty Blanton - discussed and showed samples of various uses for a serger, a wonky log cabin block that could be put on a tote bag, diary of a quilter, baby quilt using strips for a diagonal block, sashiko stitched quilt.

Students can take classes using the serger to make an apron. A binder tool can be used with the serger, decorative stitches as well as overlock can be made. "Bloom and Grow Book" has patterns that uses a serger. Patty will be giving a workshop on a block of the month pattern from the book.

April 10th from 4-7 pm - meet the teachers and learn about their workshops and projects available. Refreshments, prizes and drawings. Let them know ahead if you can attend.

Sew Original has passports for Shop Hop, a regional activity. (See their website for more information on any of their activities and workshops).

Show and Share: Patty Blanton, a green and blue quilt sample using Sashiko stitching, apron and some smaller samples that demonstrated serger work; Amy Bailey -two quilts (blues and colorful) made with crumbs; Gail L. Schuette - child quilt donation; Beth Reavis - two baby quilt donations, one with penquins; Susan Payne - bed size quilt made with Fassett fabrics; Amy Stewart, piecing that will be a baby quilt, Easter egg with pocket, pattern from Domestic Engineer.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Stewart, Secretary



**May 6** - May program will be about what and where the guild has donated. There will also be a chance for members to briefly share about any organizations they like to support. Please feel free to bring information sheets or brochures to share.

**June 3** - June program will be our potluck salad luncheon, at Grace Lutheran Church. The theme is flowers. Everyone is encouraged to bring placemats, table runners, etc to help decorate.

Don't forget to bring your Santa panel project. It can be anything you like, a pillow, wall hanging, purse, quilt, placemat, etc.

July 1 - July program Amy Bailey will do a presentation on t-shirt quilts.

August 5 - August program will be about bindings by Sue Corcoran.

**September 2** - September program by Irina Robinson will be on using the mini curves template.



# May 2025

### Membership

Hello Fellow Guild Members,

"April showers bring May flowers"--we've certainly seen the April showers part, and I'm ready for the May flowers! Flowers are the theme of our upcoming guild luncheon in June, which starts the new 2025-2026 guild year. We'll be collecting dues for the new year starting at the May business meeting. Dues are \$20 annually (for those under age 80). There will be a form for all members to sign, to verify your contact info and agree that your picture may be taken. I look forward to seeing you there!

Happy sewing, Sally



Treasurer's Report

Treasury Report - no activity - balance \$5,483.95

submitted by Susan Sweet, treasurer, Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild



Newsletter submissions are due on or before the 25th of each month to: <u>MountainCaurelQuiltGuild1@gmail.com</u>

Please include "Newsletter submission" in the subject line.



## May 2025

Happy Birthday

Elmyra Morris 5/7 Amy Bailey 5/11

#### 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."







Join us Tuesday, May 20th at 12:30 for workshop sewing. Bring your scraps of fabric and learn to make crumb blocks or work on your own project.

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.



### Donation Quilts





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.



Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild



#### 2024-2025

#### Officers & Committee Chairwomen

President - Beth Reavis

Vice President Programing Sue Corcoran Diane Goff

Secretary - Lois Stewart

Treasurer - Sue Sweet

Membership - Sally Hills

Newsletter - Amy Bailey

Sunshine -

Donations - Amy Bailey Diane Ward Lynda Steele

Workshop - Sue Sweet

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