

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

May 2024



Presidents Message:

May! May! Marvelous May!

What makes May special for you? I remember picking wildflowers we found in the neighborhood on May Day, tying them together with ribbons, then leaving them at the door of an older neighbor, ringing the doorbell and running, hiding close by to witness their surprise. Hopefully the flowers didn't come from their yard! And don't forget getting tangled up in the long ribbons of the Maypole. It's harder than it looks! I'm sure many of you have memories of celebrating Mother's Day with family, picking out that gift that hopefully makes Mom feel special, planning that special meal, remembering those we lost too soon. Which brings us to Memorial Day and the unselfish service and sacrifice made by so many. How to express our gratitude for all who gave their lives for our freedom?

May...a month-long opportunity for celebrations and commemorations. Remember and relish. Join us on Tuesday, May 7, 1:00pm at the senior center for our business meeting and program. Chris Zimmer will offer honoring K9 service animals with an intro to Quilts of Honor and Quilts of Valor. Come and be inspired! Also on the agenda, we will elect officers for the upcoming year, hear a recommendation concerning honorary memberships and get an update on our June luncheon. Hope you can join us!

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May...A month full of celebrations and remembrances and finally a chance to plant those annuals, after Mother's Day of course!

Enjoy!

Beth

MINUTES April 2, 2024

Beth Reavis, President called the meeting to order at 1:10. The minutes were approved.

Amy Bailey was a visitor, who has experience in making T-shirt and memory quilts.

Lee Ann Williams, Treasurer, reported that our current checking account balance is \$4,916.48.

April birthdays: Pat Carson, the 21st and Sue Sweet, the 29th Sally Hill reported that we have 36 members, 28 are on Facebook. The dues are \$20 and due in May or June. Let her know if you need a nametag.

Sandy Hicks passed out labels to those who needed them. They are kept in a manual in the guild supply room on first floor and are sew on labels. Sue Sweet reported that we should not need to bring cutting mats to our workshops because the guild has plenty to use. There are also rulers, hoops and 6 dolls to put with donation quilts and an Accuquilt die cutter for 8" blocks. Susan Payne suggested that batting be purchased for the guild in lieu of compensation for her workshop. The guild purchased 3 yds of batting. Programs and workshops: April workshop - paper piecing birds At the May meeting Kathy Heisler will present a program on Quilts of Valor and the workshop will be on making Quilts of Valor.

The June 4th meeting is a luncheon meeting at Grace Lutheran Church fellowship hall at

11:30. Sign up to bring food if you haven't already.

The Slate of Officers includes Sue Sweet as Treasurer and Diane Goff as Co Vice President with Sue Corcoran. The meeting will include installation of officers.

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July meeting will be about technology, facebook, EQ8, a design quilt program.

Shop news:

Patty Blanton - April is National Serger Month. Kathy at Sew Original has various free projects to learn what can be done with a serger, for example, a table runner.

Check out the displays.

On Tuesday 4:30-6:30, they have meet the teachers who teach their workshops.

Patty is teaching English paper piecing (hand stitching) using the Tilda fabric, grandmother's flower garden.

Irina Robinson uses some Jason Yenter fabrics and will have a booth at the quilt show in Shady Valley, TN on April 12-13.

Show and Share: Diane Goff - donation, Susan Burnett - donation, Susan Sweet - baby quilt donation, Beth Reavis - shamrock set of placemats, Lois Stewart - donation.

Sue Sweet presented the program on paper piecing. She passed out material about how to paper piece the birds and provided the candy blue Kona cotton background fabric to use. She suggested that participants might want to get a couple more yards at Hobby Lobby in case those who are participating decided to make bigger quilts. She demonstrated how to sew the units and gave suggestions.

Batiks work well.

The Christmas competition will be on making something out of nutcracker fabric that Sue Sweet will provide.

Respectfully submitted by: Lois Stewart, Secretary

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Membership

We are currently at 36 members.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual June luncheon! We will be collecting membership dues at the luncheon for the coming guild year. Dues are \$20. A membership form will be available for you to fill out, so we can be sure to keep your contact info up to date. For those not attending the June luncheon, we can send you the form by email. It is anticipated that the pictorial membership directory will be available in September.

Please give a thought as to which standing committee you'd like to serve. Our committees are Audit, Communications, Donation Quilts, Luncheon, Membership, Newsletter, Programs, Publicity, Sunshine, Website, and Workshops.

New members:

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

Treasures Report:

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Checking Account Bank Balance = \$4826.55 (as of
April 25, 2024)

Birthdays: May

Elmyra Morris May 7

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Program:

May: K9 Quilts of Honor and discussion of Quilts of Valor and Quilts of Honor by Chris Zimmer.

June Luncheon:

Tuesday June 4 at 11:30 we will meet at Grace Lutheran Church for our salad luncheon. Bring any kind of salad to share and a flowered placemat. The Guild will furnish provide the drinks.

We hope everyone can come. Any questions call Gail Schuette 828-264-1943

Donation News

Donation Committee received 6 donation quilts. Several of these are being held to add to the Modern Stack and Whack donations quilt project that members will be bringing to the June 4th luncheon.

Publicity

Photos and more information are available on our website.

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

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:

THE COTTON QUILT | 4900 Troy Rd. | Granite Falls, NC

We are getting in new fabrics each week and need to make shelf space. I am going through a shelf or two each week. The fabrics on the sale table are \$5 per yard. All these are of great quality, I just need the room.

The Mid Carolina Run Shop Hop is June 22-29. There will be lots of new fabric.

The Mountain Thread Company, Blowing Rock, NC

The Mountain Thread Company invites you to mark your calendar for the Mid Carolina Run Shop Hop, happening June 22-29. Passports for the Mid Carolina Run Shop Hop are now available for \$3 at The Mountain Thread Company in downtown Blowing Rock. Get a free pattern with your passport purchase and visit participating quilt shops during the shop hop week for freebies, door prizes, and the chance to win big prizes like a basket of fat quarters or a retreat for four! It's a fantastic summer event, and a great opportunity to visit quilt shops in our region to get to know their specialties and services. For more information visit www.midcarolinarunshophop.com or www.themountainthreadcompany.com/events.

Other Quilt News:

Reminder:

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 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 Quilt fest – 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:

Fighting with your quilt when sandwiched or free motion quilting? Is you binding slipping? Try quilting gloves for stability and less stress on your hands. Don't want to spend \$\$\$ then try some of the garden gloves with rubber palms from the dollar stores or Walmart.

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Inventory of Equipment Available to MLQG Members – March 20, 2024

Found in closet at Lois Harrill Senior Center:

3 cardboard cutting boards

2 Ironing boards

Rulers: 12 ½" square

60/120 square in a square

6 ½" square

Easy circle cut

10" slice

clear view triangle

easy angle triangle

KaleidoRuler

8" 60 triangles

Dear Jane triangle

Wonky triangle

Easy 6

Lazy Angle

Multiple quilt templates

Rotary Cutting Mats: 12 x 18"

24 x 17"

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24 x 18" (2)

Bins of fabrics: fabrics, felt, fleece.

Quilting hoops: large circle, large ellipse

Misc: Mini cut n press

magnifier

mark smart ruler.

6 dolls (to go with quilts)

These items are stored in cabinets and require Kristy to unlock them:

Accuquilt Go Cutter: instruction manual.

10 x 10" cutting mat (2 - 1 brand new)

5x6 isosceles triangle

double wedding ring

value die

8" winding ways

8 ½" rag square

2, 3, 5" hexagon

feathers

2, 3, 4" hearts

round flower

3 ¾ x 3 ½" parallelogram w/ cutting mat.

4 ½" tumbler

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cutting mats

2" strips with cutting mat

Go Cube 8" block mix and match.

iron (2)

2 rotary cutters

archives/history

birthday basket of fat quarters

meeting supplies