

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild



January 2025

Message from the President:



Greetings and Happy New Year to All!

I hope your holidays have been all that you imagined and there was plenty of merry making with family and friends. As we enter this new year, I hope you'll have time to reflect on what has become important in you life. For me, I'm enjoying the friendships I am making after joining our hand bell group at church. I have a new respect for the musicians that make up our group. I hadn't looked at a piece of music for forty or so years so there has been much anxiety and color coding of the notes I'm responsible for playing. I began playing last year on Easter Sunday (no pressure there!) and am just now feeling like I know a little better about what I'm doing. That's after practicing at home each and every day! It's funny that as a teenager, I took piano lessons and detested practicing, would find excuses to avoid it and would barely get through any performance. Now days, I look forward to spending time working on my ringing, re-learning tempos and all that goes with a piece. This effort has brought a newfound sense of calm and confidence and I appreciate that! I hope you find your love in this new year and the time to devote to it. I guess you can say I'm ringing in the year in a new way!



On a frustrating note, I've received several spam/scam emails recently, one rather disturbing. I want to remind you that no one from the guild will email you asking for help or donations of any kind. It's unfortunate that there are those who attempt to take advantage. Please be cautious and report any questionable requests to the authorities AND DO NOT RESPOND!

Join us on Tuesday, January 7, 1:00 at the Senior Center for our meeting and program. It's not too early to give some thought to a slate of officers and to consider what you might offer in one of those positions! Any questions? Please see one of us and ask away!

Best Wishes,

Beth

"Keep company with those who make you better."

___ English saying

Our Next Meeting
1:00pm Tuesday, Jan. 7th
Lois E. Harrill Senior Center
Weather permitting

*Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Minutes, December 3, 2024, 11:30 am,
Grace Lutheran Church*



President Beth Reavis, presided.

Beth had received an e-mail from Ilene Williams from the coastal area of North Carolina. She had listened to the flood news in our area and said she had a Elna 2110 sewing machine. She stated she would be in our area and could drop it off if the guild could use it. Since our sewing machine had disappeared from our storage space, it could be a replacement.

Donations: Sue Sweet had taken 10 donations to Vicky Hawkins with the Red Cross who had taken them to Avery Elem. School for distribution. A two-year old girl was delighted to choose a quilt with matching doll made by guild member, Betty Minick.

Sue also donated some of her quilted items to the Blowing Rock Library fundraiser, which raised \$1,000 and a neighbor matched it, making \$2,000.

Meeting: Beth Reavis - the guild will meet on January 7, 2025, weather permitting.

Workshop: Betty Minick - will conduct a workshop in February on how to make a small private board. It's made from paper card stock, 100% cotton batting and binding fabric cut 2.5".

The meeting included a nice potluck, nutcrackers stood proudly at each place setting, and the challenge projects were displayed. Sue Sweet lead us in a Christmas trivia game.

Guild members voted on the nutcracker (ugly fabric) projects displayed; the following winners received donated fabrics or kits as prizes:

1st place -Sue Corcoran designed a Christmas wall hanging.

2nd place- Patty Blanton embellished the bottom of her sweat shirt with a row of nutcrackers, and also embroidered a motif with nutcrackers.

3rd place - Lois Stewart made a table runner with half-square triangles of nutcrackers and scrap fabrics.

Gail Lund will reserve the church for our 2025 Christmas luncheon and may reserve a backup date (two days, one after the other) to allow for inclement weather. As a part of the program we need to save a Christmas ornament that's special to us to bring.

Show and Tell: Susan Burnett - lap size quilt 65 x 72 - donation; Beth Reavis - teal/yellow colored donation made from blocks in our storage room, made 14 Christmas ornaments; Patty Blanton - hand embroidered a wall hanging, Sally Hill hand pieced a hexagon quilt backed with Tilda fabric, and participated in a Jelly Roll Race, a free pattern where the dark green background fabric formed a friendship star surrounded by colorful fabrics.

Shop News: Patty Blanton - Sew Original sells Aurifil thread in groups of colors and with different weights. She hand embroidered a wall hanging from beautiful cotton floss, and embellished a Bridget Cross Ireland white shirt with variegated floss. Patty is doing a workshop on paper piecing a snack rug Christmas tree on Monday, the 9th at 10:00 am. Patty showed some items that Sew Original had made at workshops including a HO HO HO gift bag and a Judith Neimeyer paper pieced small quilt. A group of quilters in the Quilt Club meet monthly on the 2nd floor of Sew Original at 9:00. They will be working on two block of the month quilts, Copper Mountain and Seagrass Stars. Kids Can Sew workshops have various instructors, one is Sally Hill. She teaches the class on Mondays 4-6 pm and other classes meet on Thursdays 3-5.

Joanna Roberts made 10 iconic stars from her mother-in-laws clothing to gift to her nieces. Betty Minick said ties could be used to make vests. Sue Sweet said if anyone needed ties to make a project she has some.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lois Stewart, Secretary, MLQG



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Happy Birthday

<i>Lee Ann Williams</i>	1/3
<i>Susan Burnett</i>	1/6
<i>Lynda Steele</i>	1/8
<i>Claudette Jacobs</i>	1/21
<i>Amy Stewart</i>	1/30



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.



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Photos from the Christmas Luncheon





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Susan Burnett's
donation quilt



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