

February 2018



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Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

Note from the President

Note from Pat:

Happy New Year! I hope all are staying warm and getting lots of quilting done as you 'snuggle in' from the cold temps.

At our January meeting we announced a Mystery Quilt adventure for 2018. Beginning in February, Sheri Elderfield will be leading those who choose to participate. She will distribute instructions and show a finished product each month. The big 'reveal' will occur in October which gives us time to complete our quilt by year's end.

To participate, you'll need to give Sheri \$15 for the pattern. Material and color requirements for the 58" x 58" size are the following:

1. 1 ¼ yd of a medium color fabric that is tightly scaled
2. 1 yd of light
3. 1 ½ yd of dark
4. ⅝ yd of contrasting color

Below are the fabrics Sheri has chosen. Have fun choosing yours!



See you at the workshop on Tuesday, January 16 where we will learn the Wheel-Of-Mystery pattern

Happy Birthday!!




Jean Smitherman 5
Sheri Elderfield 9
Betty Minick 10
Lynnea Jarrett 13
Anna McGuire 17
Sue Corcoran 28

Financial Report

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild			
February 2018 - Financial Statement			
Checking Account:			
	Beginning Balance		\$ 7,834.18
	Expenses		\$ 33.39
	Lois Stewart Dontion Fleece		
	Deposits		\$ 51.50
	Dues @ \$20/each		\$ -
	Nametag Fee		\$ 1.50
	Rose's Stash		\$ 50.00
	Ending Balance		\$7,852.29
	Respectfully submitted by Chris Zimmer, Treasurer		
			1/3/2018

Donation Quilts

<p>Donation Quilts Given 2017</p> <p>Hope Pregnancy Center - 31</p> <p>Dept. of Social Services - 15</p> <p>Mountain Care Facilities - 15</p> <p>Glenbridge -14</p> <p>Foley Center-10</p> <p>Red Cross- 5</p> <p>Individual/per Amy Stewart - 3</p>		<p>suggested measurements for donation quilts are:</p> <p>54"x 60" for lap quilts:</p> <p>42"x 48" for children quilts; and 40"x 40" for baby quilts.</p> <p>Call Lois at 828-264-4651 when you need fleece backing.</p>
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Donation Quilts 2017

Thanks to all who participated in helping to make our donation quilts this year. Our total for the year is a RECORD with a whopping 113 quilts made. Your hard work, dedication, and competitive spirit in the jellyroll challenge helped make this possible. Let's not forget Pat's leadership, Sue's "get it done" attitude and instruction, Sheri's fun strip quilt workshop, Amy's efforts in making Rose's fabric available to us, Marge's delivery of the baby quilts, and Chris's help in delivery of the additional quilts.

It's fun to see our talent improve each year. Some of our new members who profess to be "beginners" are making some beautiful quilts. Sincere thanks to all.

We have distributed 93 quilts in 2017, and we have 20 to give us a headstart on 2018. The summary is below:

Quilts Donated - 2017

Child Protective Services –	15
Red Cross -	5
Hope Pregnancy Ctr. –	31
The Foley Center -	10
Mtn. Care Facilities -	15
Glenbridge Health & Rehab -	14
By individual members:	3
Amy Stewart	
Lois Stewart	
Sandy Hicks	

Submitted by: Lois Stewart

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

Minutes: January 2, 2018

December minutes had been distributed by email with the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Financial Report had also been distributed and was approved. Chris Zimmer reported that we paid \$29 for Christmas luncheon. We have 58 members and budget is based on 60.

Reports from Committees:

Programs: Patty Blanton reported that she will do the program in February on fabric manipulation.

For this program bring a hand sewing needle and neutral thread. This can be made as a quilt or vest and will be the project for the February workshop.

March program will be by Becky Shippy of Sew Original on Color Theory.

Patty reported that Sunny Vincent-Ewanchew has taken a class on painting on canvas. The canvas pieces are then cut up and reassembled. She could do a program on this and members agreed that we would like that.

Workshops: Sue Sweet reported that January workshop will be by Sheri Elderfield on “Wheel of Mystery” quilt. Sheri will do the program on this quilt today and Sue Sweet will demonstrate use of the Go Cutter. The February workshop will be on Fabric Manipulation following up on the February program by Patti Blanton. March workshop will be by Gail Lund on Presto Chango quilt. You will need (2) 5” charm packs and 16 solid 5” squares. The April workshop will be by Elmyra Morris on an American Flag wall hanging.

Membership: Adrienne Sherrow was not present but President Pat Miller reported that Adrienne has name tag kits for new members who need one.

Friendship: Lois Stewart reported we had 113 donated quilts. 30 were donated at the Christmas party and Sue Sweet was praised for the jelly roll contest. 93 quilts were distributed by Lois and Chris Zimmer to agencies including Child Protective Services. 3 were distributed by guild members to individuals in need. In addition Marge Zeliff reported that 31 baby quilts were donated to Hope Pregnancy Center. Lois also reported the committee sometimes saves special quilts for special purposes such as church raffles. Marge will see if Habitat for Humanity needs any. It was suggested that Empty Bowls might like one for their silent auction. Empty Bowls uses bowls made by preschoolers and some donated by potters and serves soup donated by restaurants. It is to raise money to fight hunger and they usually have a silent auction.

Publicity: Dolores Amoroso was not present. It was suggested that we could add notice of our meetings in the local Women’s magazine.

Newsletter: Renada will be sending the newsletter early this month.

New Business: Sheri Elderfield volunteered to start us on a mystery block of the month quilt. She has called the designer for permission to use the pattern and found that each of us who would like to do this must purchase the book for \$15. Pay \$15 to Sheri at the January workshop or the February meeting. Several of us are doing this. It can be made 36” or 58” or some larger options. You will need 4 fabrics and Sheri showed examples. Start with a medium color in a tightly packed print. You can look on the selvedge for the colors in the fabric. From that choose a light, a dark, and a contrasting color. These can be prints but not large or bold prints. For the 58” quilt need:

1 yard light fabric

1 and ¼ yard medium (print)

1 and ½ yard dark

5/8 yard contrast

Upcoming Events and Shop News:

January 12-13 – Sanford Quilt Show

January 18-20 Myrtle Beach Quilt Party; <http://mbqp.net/REGISTRATION2018.pdf>

Jan26-27 Statesville Quilt Show

March 15-17 – Susan Edmondson at the Brookstone Inn sponsored by Sew Original

May 31-June 3- 2018 North Carolina Quilt Symposium;
http://www.ashevillequiltguild.org/programs/quilt_symposium-2018/
July 2018- Watauga County Art Space Main Gallery, July exhibition
August 4, 2018-March 31, 2019 – NC Museum of History Quilt Exhibit;
-<http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/exhibits/upcoming>

Show and Tell:

Marge Zeliff showed a placemat made with disappearing 9 patch.

Georgie McKenzie showed the February block for the Wonky House quilt. Georgie is making it as a wall hanging.

Diane Ward showed a pillow made from a panel. She took just part of the panel for the top half of her pillow and pleated the lower part of the panel for the lower part of her pillow. It is an original idea that turned out lovely.

Chris Zimmer took patches given to her by an elderly woman and finished the quilt. She quilted it using the decorative stitches available on her machine. She made another smaller quilt using the same quilting method. Both are donations.

Program: Sheri Elderfield discussed the piecing method for the Wheel of Mystery quilt and showed examples of completed quilts. Susan Sweet demonstrated the Go Cutter which will be very useful for the odd shapes in this quilt. The Go Cutter belongs to us and is in our closet at the Senior Center. You can get the key from the office and use it in the building. It has several dies. The die for this quilt is Winding Ways. It takes a 9 and ½” fabric square and can cut 4-5 layers at a time. Push it until it stops and then crank it. Fabric can be face up or face down but should be all the same way.

If you are cutting batiks, Sue Sweet asks you to save any small scraps of fabric for making a dragonfly quilt later. They are also good for making a confetti quilt.

The “Wheel of Mystery” workshop is January 16.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Stell, Secretary



