

September 2017



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Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

Note from the President

Note from Pat:

Hello to all. MANY thanks to Sheri Elderfield for presenting the Jelly Roll Pinwheel Pattern at our August meeting as well as leading our August 17th workshop. I counted 18 in attendance which means a lot of beautiful donation quilts as well as new techniques experienced by many.

September's meeting is the live auction which will be our 2018 fund raiser. Be sure and bring your 'cleaned out' goodies along with your \$\$\$ for bidding. As Susan Sweet explained, \$5 cash will get you \$100 in monopoly money that enables you to raise your paddle and bid away! It should be a fun time. To allow sufficient time for the auction, we will have a condensed meeting September 7 at 1:00 and move 'Show and Share' to October.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.



Marty Gambrell 5

Jill Sanders 7

Joyce Cantrell 19

Marianne Rooks 28

Financial Report

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild			
September 2017 - Financial Statement			
Checking Account:			
	Beginning Balance		\$ 6,943.20
	Expenses		\$ -
	Deposits		\$ 142.50
	7 Dues @ \$20/each		\$ 140.00
	Nametag Fee		\$ 2.50
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	Ending Balance		\$7,085.70
Respectfully submitted by Chris Zimmer, Treasurer			
8/16/2017			

Our Sept. meeting will be an auction of quilting supplies. Members are asked to clean out their work rooms and bring in anything they have no use for. For instance:

- extra fabric from a finished project
- fat quarters never used
- an extra ruler
- a jar of buttons
- lace or trim that has been sitting around
- patterns that you no longer need
- UFO's (unfinished projects)
- a book on a quilting subject


any extra tools you would like to get out of your work room
use your imagination!

The fun part begins when our auctioneer (Mr. David) gets his gavel out. Be sure to bring your money. You may purchase \$100 in auction money for \$5.00. No refunds, so get ready to bid. You can always purchase more during the auction.

You will be given a paddle with a number on it to use to bid. Things get competitive, so jump in there! All money raised will go to buy fabric for donation quilts. It is going to be a lot of fun, and there is no telling what you might go home with.

Any questions? Call Susan Sweet at 263-8399 or email at sssweet@bellsouth.net.

Donation Quilts

<p>Donation Quilts Given 2016</p> <p>Hope Pregnancy Center - 35</p> <p>Dept. of Social Services - 15, also 7 dolls</p> <p>Mountain Care Facilities - 15</p> <p>Glenbridge -12</p> <p>Home Delivered Meals - 12</p> <p>Blowing Rock Extended Care - 6</p> <p>Blowing Rock Fire Dept. -1</p> <p>Individual/per Amy Stewart - 1</p>	<p>Suggested measurements for donation quilts are: 54"x 60" for lap quilts; 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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Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild

Minutes: August 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Patty Blanton.

New members were introduced and welcomed: Alice Johnson of Banner Elk and Cindy Baur of Beach Mtn.

July minutes were published in the newsletter. There was one correction: Patty Blanton described a label using a monogram. Where the minutes said the pattern can be downloaded from Bernina it is actually a software program. The minutes were then approved with that correction.

Treasurer Chris Zimmer presented the budget for the upcoming year and reported \$6943 on hand. The budget was also presented in the newsletter. A question was asked as to why we are saving over \$6000. Chris explained we are increasing the budget for programs.

Reports from Committees

Workshop Committee: Susan Sweet reported this month's workshop will be led by Shari Elderfield on August 17. It will be on making a jelly roll quilt and can be used to make the jelly roll quilts we are all making as donation quilts. It is from 10am to 3pm, but you may come and stay as long as able. Bring your sewing machine and bring a lunch.

September workshop will be an overnight bag and October workshop will be a snowman wall hanging. Both will be led by Susan Sweet.

Christmas Lunch: Gail Lund asks if you made a Christmas wreath table decoration please bring it for the luncheon. It will be at Grace Lutheran Church in Boone. It will be pot-luck and on December 7 at 11:30. More details and sign-up sheet for food will be coming.

Membership: Adrienne Sherrow said this is the deadline to pay dues so bring or send them to her now.

Friendship: Lois Stewart reported we have 60 donation quilts on hand. We are low on children's quilts and will also still need baby and adult quilts.

Show and Tell

Shari Elderfield showed 3 quilts as follows: An example of the jelly roll quilt she will be teaching. Also one she is quilting made from panels that she and others made in a the 2017 class for NOW Women's School of Opportunity at Lees McRea College. Shari and others spoke highly of the class. It is for unemployed and under employed women and offers help with

resumes, finding internships, starting a business, etc. Perhaps most importantly it builds self-confidence. They also take donations of professional clothing for women. Shari just moved here and is starting her quilting business here. She also showed a Bear Paw quilt top she is making for a client.

Sunny Vincent-Ewanchew brought in her finished jelly roll donation quilt since she will not be here in December. She also showed a donation quilt made with a panel for a hospital in Florida. Also a snowman quilt made with wool and a purple batik quilt that looks like stained glass. She also showed a beautiful large bed scarf. She also showed some small circles she makes with appliqued wool designs.

Linda Seamster showed the finished batik quilt that she showed us two blocks last month. It is for a raffle to benefit retire school personnel.

Jacki Ratledge showed a lovely floral and butterfly quilt called Rainbow Lollipops.

Grace Ingram showed a handkerchief she dyed at a festival in Spruce Pine using indigo dye.

Marty Gambrell showed her quilt using pink and green strip sets. Also a Giant Dahlia using bright colors on a black background. Next she showed and passed around a fidget quilt made for developmentally challenged children. It has zippers, buttons, pockets, and more for them to practice on.

Lois Stewart showed a donation quilt for a child. She then showed a beautiful queen size quilt made in rows.

Jill Sanders showed her second paper piecing quilt: Indian Summer by Judy Niemeyer,

Betty Childers showed 3 quilts: a pastel child's quilt, a scrap quilt made with strips, and a quilt featuring peacocks which were fussy cut.

Patty Blanton showed her large pink and white quilt for a baby gift. She is quilting it using curved ruler and free motion.

Announcements:

Linda Seamster had brought in announcement cards for the Wilkes County Quilt Show. It will be September 8 and 9th at 613 Cherry St., N. Wilkesboro.

Sue Sweet reminded us that the auction will be at the September meeting. Bring in your sewing or quilting items for auction by 12:30. They will be grouped in lots. For \$5 you can buy \$100 fake money and a paddle. You can buy more fake money but there will be no refunds for money unspent. There will be some of Rose's things. Bring fabric, patterns, UFO's, etc.

This is a fund raiser for the guild.

For the Wonky House Block of the Month July and August patterns are available on the table now. This is a HGTV archived program. You can find by searching for Block of the Month.

The Quilt Shop garage sale to be held on August 5 was announced.

Patty Blanton reminded us of two classes she will be teaching at Sew Original: Free Motion Feathers and Beyond on August 9 and Whole Cloth Design on August 23 and 24. Check their newsletter for other classes. The new newsletter will be coming soon. Row by Row ends September 5. After November 2 patterns can be purchased.

The Shop Hop runs October 5- 14th.

A vote was taken as to whether we wanted a program or to work on donation quilts at November meeting and it was determined we would do donation quilts. This will be November 2 from 10am to 3pm but come and work as long as you can. Bring machines and lunch. You can bring the jelly roll quilt you are completing for donation or there will be some partially finished quilts for you to work on.

Program: Jelly Roll Quilts

Shari Elderfield did the program on jelly roll quilts. She showed how we can sew two strips together. If they are 2 and one half inch wide you would sew together 2 18" strips. You can then cut that into 4 squares. Make your squares square and consistent with each other. If using a different strip width, you would use a different length and get different size squares.

You can cut your squares diagonally all in the same direction. Then lay them out in pinwheel blocks. You can use wider strips or use 3 strips. Cut your cornerstones or sashing first so you have them. Shari gave us formulas for figuring how many cornerstones and how much sashing we would need based on the number of blocks. She will show us more details at the workshop.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Stell, Secretary









