



Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

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Toccoa, GA 30577

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IN PERSON MEETING-
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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VFW
174 Cornelia Crossing
Cornelia, GA 30531

Meeting & Program for March 2023

This month's meeting will be Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, at the Grant-Reeves Veterans Community Center (hereinafter referred to as the VFW Hall) in Cornelia. Doors will open at 11:30 am.

Our program for March will be "Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing, plus Needle and Thread Know How" presented by a representative from Sulky of America. She will be talking about different threads, needles and stabilizers and the best ways to combine and use them in our projects. Each of us will receive a folder of goodies as well as a chance for a door prize of Sulky products!

Need your computerized or non-computerized machine serviced or your scissors sharpened? What a convenience to have it done during our meeting! Michael DeGrave will have your machine cleaned and purring like new! Text or call JoAnn Valanzola at 732-232-5145 for an appointment by March 18th.

Circle of Hope

Please bring diapers and wipes next month.

Thanks,
Gail

Mission Statement

The purpose of the guild is to promote and perpetuate the art of quilting. The work of the guild is designed to benefit and educate those interested in preserving, continuing, and advancing this art. The guild is a Not-for-Profit Educational organization.

President's Message

Many of you may know already that on Thursday, Feb. 23, my son's and his fiancé's house burned to the ground.

As you can imagine, this has been devastating. I won't dwell on that. Instead, let me tell you about the absolutely amazing good that has come from this.

We live in a community where when bad things happen, people stand up. So many people.

Fire departments from both Georgia and South Carolina worked tirelessly through the night trying to save whatever they could. Mind you, these men were ALL volunteers. Many of them were our neighbors who know Tonia and Evan and really put their all into this enormous job in front of them.

For more than two hours other neighbors and friends searched the surrounding area for their little dog, Olive, who we thought for sure was trapped in the house.

Imagine the celebration when we found her hiding under a neighbor's porch.

Finding little Olive put everything else into perspective. While Evan and Tonia loved everything that was in their house, only Olive mattered. The tears of joy carried relief and love.

Unlike Olive, most of the things that were in the house - and the house itself - can be replaced. We are beginning that very big task ahead of us. But we are not doing it alone.

We all are amazed and in awe by the community that has come forward to make the rebuilding of their lives happen. Evan and Tonia are a little embarrassed and extremely overwhelmed by this show of love and support. The messages, the donations, the prayers and the love does not go unnoticed. We are already talking about ways they will be able to pay this forward.



To you, my guild sisters, who have reached out, I can not thank you enough. This group is a family and I love each and every one of you dearly. The very first new thing they were given is a gorgeous quilt made by our own Sharon Ruth. They have looked at it, touched it and hugged it a hundred times already. It will be a cherished addition to their new house. It already holds a story of its own and I know that one day, my grandchildren (fingers crossed there will be many) will sleep under the comfort of this quilt. Sharon, I can not thank you enough. Please hold your loved ones close and appreciate all that you have. It only takes a spark.

"My barn having burned down, I can now see the moon."

Mizuta Masahide, 17th Century Japanese Poet and Samurai.

Barbara



Guild Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened by Barb Westbrook, President at 12:30pm.

Cheers went up upon the arrival of Marge Striggow! Great to see you Marge! Thanks Brian, for special delivery.

DONATION QUILTS SHOW and TELL

Sharon Ruth - QOV full size, red, white and blue. friendship star and strips, quilted by Pam McBride

Pat Mahoney - blues, dark centre cross, wheelchair size

Katie Thomas - 1. Pink/turq youth size 2. Green/orange youth size 3. Red /turq youth size

Sandra white - 1. flannel blanket, small. 2. free table fabric, small

Barb has batting donated by Warm And Natural - Twin size for Clayton Orphanage. Let her know if you have a top that size.

GENERAL SHOW and TELL

Cheryl Stewart - 3D Pinwheel table runner from last month's Workshop - reds and silvers

Sandra White - Santa book made for resident of senior centre request for new zipper in a fanny pack - advice : buy a new one!

Sharon Ruth - Kaffe Fassett fabrics quilt made at Hinton retreat - zigzags - Kaffe backing too. Quilted by Pam McBride

Silke Cliatt - 1. negative painting with gold. Trees and rounded corners. Gold difficult to quilt but beautiful

2. poster for St. James Flower Festival - all creatures great and small - fun! penguins in the tree! Flower Festival at ST. James Episcopal in Clayton : great displays, classes and workshops 23- 24 June 2023

Kathy Igmundson - clever use of all sashings and cornerstones!

Susan Barrett - Octopus quilt

Libby Armstrong - 1. found cat pizza box full of crazy blocks in comfort quilt bin so made a quilt!

2. had "mile-a-minute" blocks - made a second one

3. 3D Pinwheel 3 x 3 quilt made at January Workshop

4. granddaughter, Emory Shirley, visiting and showed large turquoise BOM quilted by Libby

5. Turquoise and White Layercake quilt, quilted by Libby

Caroline Warren - 1. Big heart

2. lots of hearts - got alot done during Covid

Treasurers Report - Betty Massey - as printed in Newsletter - motioned; Linda Lloyd, seconded;

Sharon Ruth. Approved by vote

Last Month's Minutes - Virginia Cawood - as printed in Newsletter - motioned; Kiki Williamson, seconded; Rita Sander. Approved by vote

DOOR PRIZES - Linda Hynninen - \$162 - great job to all! great prizes - Thank you Linda.

1. Cake Mix book, layer cake fabric 972 Barb Westbrook

2. Quilt hangers, book, basting pins 900 Mary Murelle

3. Jelly Roll batiks and patterns 868 Linda Lloyd

4. FQs rusty reds 954 Alene Kempton

5. FQs and patterns 962 Gail Routt

6. BIG PRIZE: Pattern and fabric kit 913 Rosale Bolstad

Thank you to Chris, Marge's daughter from Germany for pulling numbers!

AUDITORS - Linda Lloyd, Kiki Williamson - no report

BASTING - Sharon Ruth - no requests at present, let her know 2 weeks before next meeting if needed.

CIRCLE OF HOPE - Gail Routt - Thank you for cleaning supplies. Please bring diapers and wipes next month.

COMFORT QUILTS - Katie Thomas - Workshop this Friday 24 February 9:30 set-up 10:00 start. bring sewing supplies, kits available. Thank you to Libby Armstrong and JoAnn Valanzola for cutting kits. Bring a small container if you would like some of the millions of pins Katie has! 5 pounds from 1950s! Available at WS Friday.

FACILITATOR - Pat Statler - thanks for setting up the coffee station!

HISTORIAN - Jeannie Whitworth - not present but interesting piece of history via Marge Wall Hanging with members names, 2009

HOSTESSES - Bev Mannes and Jan Pitman - not present. Jan recovering well after a knee replacement op - Thank you to Bev for looking after her for 2 weeks in her home!

NEWSLETTER - Betty Massey - deadline 25 February 2023

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Lucia Scroggs - ok all on our best behaviour!

MEMBERSHIP - LuAnn Luedtke - 42 members present. 2 visitors : Emily Shirley and returning Janet Horn and Susan Barrett. Every member expected to purchase 12 tickets for \$10 for the Opportunity Quilt as part of their membership. Please see LuAnn. March, next month, is the Deadline to rejoin for the year.

PROGRAMS - JoAnn Valanzola - March Program is by Sulky Threads. Great educational opportunity - invite visitors!

OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Gini Cawood - Our quilt will be displayed at the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo 9 - 11 March 2023. Volunteers are needed to man the booth and sell tickets. Free admission is included. The schedule after March is open and we are looking for venues to display and sell - if you are participating in any festivals or have/know a business that will display for us - please let me know.

WORKSHOPS - Terry Wright - not present (Gini Cawood)- 24 February - this Friday Comfort Quilts. Still time to sign up. 24 March is a UFO Workshop but we will be concentrating on 2 Service Projects: Donation Quilts and pillowcases. We used to donate many pillowcases and as a member of ours was in the foster care system, we are reminded of the importance of the pillowcase program. Many children need pillowcases to move their limited belongings. We will be making kits (please bring a few gallon zip bags) for both and plan to sew as time allows. Sign up sheets available today.

PUBLICITY - Kiki Williamson - January photos now on Face Book. February photos to be posted soonest.

QOV - Sharon Ruth - great last meeting at Ebenezer Church in Hollywood - next month on St. Patrick's Day 17 March : third Friday of the month. "Wear GREEN and sew RED WHITE BLUE" - also wheelchair 45" quilts needed.

WEBSITE / ROSTER - Bev Mannes - up to date membership, programs, workshops, service projects, etc. great resource.

SUNSHINE - Mary Ann Prue - Marge said thank you for greetings.

NEW BUSINESS - Marge has moved - new address and telephone number on website. She has a Juki Myabi for sale - like new \$4000. See Barb Westbrook. Many treasures from Marge's sewing room looking for a new home - donations gratefully received.

Atlanta Sewing and Quilt Expo - Gini Cawood - Original Sewing and Quilt Expo, 9 - 11 March. Gas South Conference Centre, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth. Volunteers needed especially for Friday and Saturday. Sign up sheets today. Free admission. Two Booths - one for our Opportunity Quilt and also for QOV.

BEE ARTFUL - Bev Mannes (Gini Cawood) - regular meeting second Tuesday, 14 March at VFW Hall.

NEW START TIME 10 AM . Critique Session led by Geri Beam - information on the Website under Bee Artful. Bring a UFO that you are struggling to complete - we will have experts on hand to help you reach your goal.

We have a new and interesting service project that will use up your unused stash of flannel - you can make infinity scarves to comfort those going through chemotherapy.

Infinity Scarves for Cancer patients- take to guild for distribution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-IS2HFLH6U>

Shabby Fabrics using 4 fat quarters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmTUxhHQgcA>

Hello Sewing using a long piece of fabric 2 yards x 22"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRyCWbeOXfc>

On-line fabric site using 2 yards x 22"

Special request - Adele Steele has been diagnosed with breast cancer and we are making Infinity scarves in Adele's honor to be donated to her cancer center. Easy YouTube videos on the website.

Instructions will be available at Friday's WS. Many people have volunteered their stash of flannel. Any soft fabric will do.

BEE CREATIVE - Always first Wednesday of the month - 8 March 2023. Meet at Mary Murrelle's house this month. (**correction: 1 March meet at Lynda Hynninen**)

BEE SHARPS - Always first Thursday of the month - 2 March 2023. St. James Episcopal Church Meeting Hall. All members Welcome. Each working on project.

PROGRAM - JoAnn Valanzola - Annie's Pretty Pieces shop in Hartwell GA. Presentation of "Nine Patch and Beyond" through the use of Marty Mitchell's templates. Annie and husband, John, moved here from Vermont 11 years ago. Annie is a Marty Mitchell certified instructor. She showed many different layouts for the versatile nine patch. 80 different templates are available. Stocks many batiks. 50 minutes to VFW Hall. Bassinet size. Colour placement important to design. Show in Watkinsville 3 - 5 March - not many vendors but great quilts. 60% off sale fabrics. Coupons and email list offered. 3 yard quilts - books and bundles. Pop up Shop wildly attended.

During the shopping stampede, Barb Westbrook adjourned Meeting at 1:36pm.

Annie's Pretty Pieces

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Hartwell, GA

www.anniesprettypieces.com

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Cawood

Treasurer's Report - February 2023

Income	Budget	Income	YTD	Remaining
Door Prizes	1,000.00	162.00	297.00	703.00
Fundraisers	500.00		0.00	500.00
Membership	1,500.00	1,256.00	1,256.00	244.00
Miscellaneous	150.00		0.00	150.00
Raffle Quilt	2,250.00	220.00	220.00	2,030.00
Workshops	3,000.00		0.00	3,000.00
Expenses				
Door Prizes	1,000.00	23.15	23.15	976.85
Membership	200.00		0.00	200.00
Miscellaneous				
Achievement	300.00		0.00	300.00
Guild Activities	400.00		0.00	400.00
Newsletter	150.00		0.00	150.00
Operations	2,500.00	94.80	94.80	2,405.20
Pres. discretion	100.00		0.00	100.00
Programs	1,500.00	508.00	508.00	992.00
Pulblicity	100.00		0.00	100.00
Sunshine	300.00		0.00	300.00
Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
Workshops	1,800.00		0.00	1,800.00

Atlanta Original Sewing and Quilt Expo

March 9-11

We have a free booth at the Atlanta Original Sewing and Quilt Expo March 9, 10, 11, 2023 at the Gas South Convention Center (same place, different name).

To qualify for a free booth, we need to supply volunteers to work for the Expo.

To sign up, go to:

<https://sewingexpo.com/Volunteer>

Fill in the form, be sure to select Atlanta and put Mountain Laurel Quilters' Guild to give us credit for your help. You will get free admission the day you work.

To see everything available at the show, go to:

<https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Atlanta-GA>

We also need volunteers to sell raffle quilt tickets in our booth and the QOV booth.

Contact Gini Cawood to sign up for MLQG, Karen Trombley to help with QOV.

Thank you!

Membership

It's time to renew your membership to this wonderful guild. See me at the meeting or go to the website and Click to download the membership form. Complete it and send it to:

LuAnn Luedtke
85 Surrey Lane
Clayton, GA 30525

Renewal dues are \$30, associate members (out of state) are \$17.50. Members who are 80 years of age or older are not required to pay dues. New members are \$35.

Thanks, LuAnn

BEE SHARPS 2 MARCH 2023

Our regular meeting will be held at the St. James Episcopal Church Meeting Hall, 260 Warwoman Road, Clayton GA, on the first Thursday of the month - 2 March. All members are welcome. Everyone will be working on personal projects. - hand sewing or machine.

Coffee is provided, bring your lunch, a project and if sewing by machine, please bring an extension. For questions or details, please contact Gini Cawood 706.599.3263 or 864.647.7130.

BEE ARTFUL 14 MARCH 2023

We will be holding a Critique led by Geri Beam for our March meeting. Bring your challenging UFO for advice and ideas. See the information on the Website. Meeting will be at the VFW with the NEW START TIME OF 10AM. All members are welcome.

We have a new and interesting service project that will use up your unused stash of flannel - you can make infinity scarfs to comfort those going through chemotherapy. Easy instructions are linked on the website.

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Officers 2023

President	Barbara Westbrook
1st VP Programs	JoAnn Valanzola
2nd VP Workshops	Terry Wright - Oct/Apr Gini Cawood - May/Sep
Secretary	Virginia Cawood
Treasurer	Betty Massey

Committee Chairs for 2023

Auditors	Linda Lloyd & Kiki Williamson
Basting	Sharon Ruth
Circle of Hope	Gail Routt
Comfort Quilts	Katie Thomas
Door Prizes	Linda Hynninen
Facilitator	Pat Statler
Historian	Jeannie Whitworth
Hostess	Jan Pitman
Membership	LuAnn Luedtke
Newsletter	Betty Massey
Official Hugger	Rita Sander
Opportunity Quilt	Gini Cawood Barb Westbrook
Parliamentarian	Lucia Scroggs
Publicity	Kiki Williamson
Roster	Bev Mannes
Quilts of Valor	Karen Trombley
Sunshine	Mary Ann Prue
Webmaster	Bev Mannes

Basting - Pin or Thread

Basting is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am (before our monthly meeting) at the VFW Hall. Members must contact the basting chairperson (Sharon Ruth) to let her know that they have a quilt to baste. Members can have their quilts basted for free providing they help baste other people's quilts. Fees for non-members will be \$25 (single), \$30 (full/queen) and \$35 (king).

Donation Quilts

We will be tracking Donation quilts and awarding prizes at the December luncheon. Please fill in chart at front with name and size - any team quilts must include all names. Quilts only qualify.

Birthdays

Terry Wright	6
Belinda Gill	19
Jeanie Whitworth	22
Ann Humphries	23
Marge Striggow	26



March 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 - Bee Creative	2 10:00 - Bee Sharps	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time begins	13	14 10:00 am- Bee Artful	15	16	17 10:00 am- QOV St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 First Day of Spring	21 12:00 pm- Monthly Meeting	22	23	24 9:30 am - Workshop	25
26	27 Newsletter Deadline	28	29	30	31	

*Bee Buzziness - Normal Meeting Times - Check Calendar for any changes
REMEMBER, ALL MEMBERS CAN GO TO BEES*

Bee Creative - Meet 9:30 am 1st Wednesday of each month. Meet at Linda Hynninen's house this month. Call MaryAnn Prue 706-894-2201.

Bee Sharps - Meet 10 am 1st Thursday of each month, St. James Episcopal Church in Clayton. GA. For more information contact Gini Cawood, istitch18@gmail.com or call 706-599-3263.

Bee Artful - Meets 10:00 am 2nd Tuesday of each month at the VFW. Contact Gini Cawood for information at 706-599-3263.

QOV Workshop - Meets 10:00 a.m., 3rd Friday of the month. We will be meeting at the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Hollywood, GA. Contact Karen Trombley at 706-982-9396 or kltrombley55@gmail.com.