

Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

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IN PERSON MEETING -
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

VFW
174 Cornelia Crossing
Cornelia, GA 30531



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April 2025

Meeting & Program for April 2025

This month's meeting will be on April 15, 2025, at the Grant-Reeves Veterans Community Center (hereinafter referred to as the VFW Hall) in Cornelia. Doors open at 11:30 am. Bring your lunch and join the community.

For our April program, we will welcome Quilt'n Kaboodle, located in Cleveland. They opened in September of 2017 with a 2,000 sq ft shop. Since then they have grown to over 8,000 sq ft and pride themselves on their selection of fabrics, notions, wool, thread, classes, and retreats. They will be talking about their store, classes and programs they offer, and they will be bringing a pop up shop with them.

Going forward Michael DeGrave will be available to repair machines if we have at least three (3) machines to be repaired. Please contact Beth Fannin (352) 816-3074 at least one week prior to our guild meeting. This month that date will be April 8th.

APRIL WORKSHOP NEWS

Our April 2025 workshop will be led by Libby Armstrong, our current guild President, showing us how to make a Ruler Bag. We all need one of these to carry our rulers of all shapes and sizes to sewing workshops and classes. Libby has previously led this same workshop and there have been several requests from new and long-term members for an encore. This project is easy enough to be great for beginning quilters and will be great fun for our experienced members as we enjoy the camaraderie and banter that usually ensues. Workshop participants will need 2 yards of pre-quilted double-sided fabric and $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of coordinating fabric for the binding. Libby recommends size 16/100 denim or sharp sewing machine needles. We will have a completed bag and a signup sheet at our April meeting. There is no charge to members for this workshop; the fee for non-members is \$15.00. Pat

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.

New Members

Please join me in welcoming our New Members.



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May 17



Ashlie Poole
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December 22

I often think how much piecing a quilt is like living a life. You start out with a happenstance of material, but when it comes to cutting out or choosing a pattern you must make a choice. It is interesting to think that given the same materials no two persons will choose exactly the same pattern. One will make a "Friendship Ring" or a "Garden of Eden." The other will make a "Crosses and Losses" or a "Dutchman's Puzzle."

Quilting Daily

Celebration of Life for Linda Lloyd



When - Sunday, April 6, 2025
Time - 1 pm - 5 pm
Where - Grant-Reeves VFW Post 7720
Cornelia, GA 30531

For those of you who didn't know Linda, she was a big part of Mountain Laurel Quilters for many years. She is greatly missed. Her daughter, Kiki - pictured here with Linda, is still active in our Guild. Personally, I love this picture of them.

Instant Church Directory - Please Read

We hope this will help members understand the capabilities of Instant Church Directory. We are discussing making a video since a phone demo is difficult for a guild meeting. Janice asked me to do a demo at the Bee Artful retreat.

Roster - Do you want to call, text or email another member? Connect with a new member and drive to her house to sew together? Can't find your 2024 paper Roster??? So many functions are literally at your fingertips when you use the MLQG Roster tool. Instant Church Directory is the website Bev used to enter all member information, print the Roster and help up all stay connected.

Curious? Here's more information

Step 1: Create an account (smartphone, tablet or computer) Need to make these links clickable

Members can log into the Online Member Directory at

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

Links to Member Apps

Apple App Store: Get the iPhone / iPad app [here](#)

Google Play Store: Get the Android app [here](#)

Follow the instructions sent via email separately.

Step 2: Check your member information; if any changes are needed, use the Edit My Member function to submit a change request to the Roster admin team.

Step 3: Browse the MLQG directory using the Alphabetic Index or use the Search feature

Step 4: Get to know the Bees by clicking on groups

Step 5: Check the Birthday list and send a member a birthday greeting via text, email or phone call.

Step 6: Need to contact an officer or committee chair? Click on Staff

If you still love the paper Roster, save your 2024 version and print the Full Guild PDF from the Members Only page on the mlqg.org website.

Do you know we have 12 new members since May 2024? Try to meet them all at the next meeting and welcome them to MLQG! Bev has used her fabulous documentation skills and created a PDF with all new members since May 2024. Bev will bring copies to the April meeting, Betty will send this document via email and it will be on the website under Members Only.



Instant Church Directory

Social Networking

Update

Linda

President's Message

Good morning to all! I am enjoying these bright shiny days. I want to give a big thank you to Beth for the great speaker we had at the March meeting. Chris Stephenson shared some great information on each quilt that was shown. She shared many quilts that had been in large Quilt Shows and won in various categories. I found her journey as she shared going from Hand Quilting, to quilting on her sewing machine, to a sit-down Longarm machine, to her current Longarm on a frame and creating the beautiful designs with free motion quilting amazing!

MARCH IS NOT OVER! Make plans to join all your quilting friends at the Workshop on Friday, March 28 at the VFW. We will be making Comfort Quilts, pillowcases, and charity quilts for donation. Kits will be available for you to sew or bring your own to sew; cut from your Stash (you know you have one!) and join in.

It looks like April will be a month of retreats!!! YAY!!!!

Bee Sharps will be hosting a retreat at the Sky Valley/Scaly Mountain Fire Station the week of March 31 to April 4. (Contact Gini Cawood) Bee Artful will be hosting a retreat at the Lakemont/Wiley Fire Station the week of April 7-11. (Contact Janice Chiaffredo) QOV will be hosting a retreat at Ebenezer Methodist church in Clarksville from April 10-12. (Contact Karen Trombley) If you have never attended a retreat, now is the time. Bring your projects and plan to sew without worrying about doing the laundry, and other household chores.

A vote will be taken at the April meeting regarding continuing meeting at the VFW for the remainder of the 2025 year.

Also, ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to wear their Name Tag. Our guild is growing and this will help everyone to be able to get to know each other without having to ask, "What is your name?"

Until next time ---- That's all folks!!! Libby

Circle of Hope

Donations for April -

Baby needs

Diapers all sizes

Baby lotion, shampoo and wipes

Teething toys and pacifiers

Onesies and pajamas

Guild Meeting Minutes 18 March 2025

12:30 pm OPEN MEETING

Libby Armstrong, President, opened meeting

MARCH BIRTHDAYS - Terry Wright 6, Beverly Daubenspeck 7, Belinda Gill 19, Jeanie Whitworth 22, Marge Striggow 26 and a celebratory cake and song for Marge!

Everyone not wearing a name tag, please stand and introduce yourselves (+/- 15)

DONATION SHOW AND TELL Please fill in forms with details. Note DONATION.

Betty Massey 1. purple large star, youth 2. pink and purple, 3 yard, youth 3. yellow and green, youth; all quilted by Betty

Sharon Ruth - QOV, wheelchair, quilted by Sharon

Bev Mannes 1. QOV panel, large quilted by Linda Coulombe 2. Little Squares, First Responders, quilted by Bev

Jeanie Whitworth 1. Statue of Liberty, wheelchair, 2. Spinning Roads, both quilted by Jeanie 3. QOV, large, quilted by Ginny Fagan

Barb Westbrook - Foxfire Festival strip piecing, by public, assembled and quilted by Barb.

SHOW AND TELL

Betty Massey - Water Wheel from MLQG Workshop, navy and white, quilted by Betty

Bev Mannes - tiny, hand dyed, quilted by Bev

Carol Gardiner - Triangles, quilted by Carol, by hand and machine

JoAnn Valanzola - Wind Drift, 60 x 60, quilted by JoAnn

Jan Pitman - Seven Leaves, quilted by LuAnn Luedtke

Jeanie Whitworth - 1. USA map, panel and pieced for Emma Grace Cole 2. USA map, panel and pieced for Baby Baker 3. black border stash buster hoax, for bingo prize, all quilted by Jeanie.

Kathy Igmundson - Granny Squared, adaptation of pattern done on diagonal, quilted by Kathy

Linda Coulombe asked her WS students to show their bags as a group.

DOOR PRIZES Ginny Fagan, Pam McBride. Earned \$139

Winners - Gail Routt, Libby Armstrong, Bev Mannes : twice, Vicki Volpi and guest

TREASURER REPORT Betty Massey - approved as printed in NL, motion : Sharon Ruth, seconded Mitzi Lantz, approved by show of hands

MINUTES Gini Cawood - approved as printed in NL by show of hands, motion : Barb Westbrook, seconded Janet Horn

MEMBERSHIP JoAnn Valanzola - 46 signed in with two new members: Ashlie Poole and Lisa Parker and 4 guests. Please renew your membership and buy 2025 Raffle tickets.

TOOL TIME - Chopsticks, won by Carol Gardiner

AUDITORS Gini Cawood, MaryAnn Prue, Mitzi Lantz - Jan, Feb, March to be audited in April

BASTING Pat Mahoney - 8 basted, will be basting April, not in May - let Pat know size & quantity

CIRCLE OF HOPE Rosale Bolstad - thank you for donations, next month - baby products

COMFORT QUILTS Pat Statler - Workshop next week, 28th, pillowcases, donation & comfort quilts

FACILITATORS Gini Cawood and Sharon Ruth - please use small bag to dispose of products in ladies room.

HISTORIAN Jeannie Whitworth - several newspaper articles, QOV x 2 and officers elected
HOSTESS Mitzi Lantz - May Luncheon will be catered, wear a hat or fascinator, celebrate Spring!

NEWSLETTER Betty Massey - deadline for articles 25 March

OFFICIAL HUGGER Rita Sander - not present, now Hawaii? repairs on condo continue

OPPORTUNITY QUILT Janice Chiaffredo - Thank you to volunteers at Expo (x 18 or 20!) \$735 for the three days. Thank you gifts presented to Bev Mannes, Gini Cawood, Vicki Volpi, Libby Armstrong and Caroline Warren. Thank you to Linda Barron for selling \$80 to friends. We have extra tickets for all members to sell to friends. Festival in Clayton in April and will show and sell at September Bingo meeting at VFW.

PARLIAMENTARIAN Lucia Scroggs - Lucia joined us today and looked wonderful!

PUBLICITY Barb Westbrook - taking photos of today's events, new members and newspapers

QUILTS OF VALOUR Karen Trombley - meeting this Friday 21 March at Ebenezer Church, Hollywood. April Sew-in on 10, 11, 12 and celebrate Karen and Sharon birthdays 11th and 21st (numbers end in "0"). All welcome, we have supplies. Start at 10 am. See GA QOV FB page. There was a pilot program, sponsored by Poppie Cotton and Juki at the EXPO and +200 blocks were made to make quilts for our group and others. Don't forget the wheelchair quilts, any colours, 45" x 45", with flannel back, presented at Vet to Vet Cafe. QOV quilts were presented to the VFW Commander and Quartermaster, pictures and write-up in Clayton Tribune newspaper.

ROSTER/WEBMASTER Linda Barron - Please send photos of donation quilts, items. Join FaceBook and go to website for corrections to roster.

SUNSHINE MaryAnn Prue - all birthday cards have been mailed!

PROGRAMS Beth Fannin - TBA

WORKSHOP Pat Mahoney - Service projects for 28 March: comfort quilts, pillowcases, donation quilts. 19 pillowcases were donated last month. Please see website. April will be Libby Armstrong with Ruler bags, and May will be Disappearing 9-patch. Sign up sheets available and information on website. Proposed Jacket WS for 26 September 2025 by Kelly of Log Cabin Quilters, Clayton. Some of her beautiful jackets are displayed at Isadora Popper, Clayton. If interested, please let Sharon Ruth know and have pre-quilted fabric ready that is large enough to cut out the jacket pattern (purchase old quilt at thrift store or sew your own).

BEE ARTFUL Janice Chiaffredo - Retreat 7 - 11 April at the Lakemont/Wiley Fire Station. Contact Janice for details. All members are welcome.

BEE SHARPS Gini Cawood - Retreat 31 March through 4 April at the Scaly Mountain/Sky Valley Fire Station. All members welcome. For details contact Gini.

BEE HANDY (Woolies Group) Caroline Warren - meeting at Blue Creek Restaurant, 4412 Hollywood Highway, Clarkesville GA. 11 am until 2 pm on Thursday, 17 April 2025. Buy your lunch and Sit and Sew. All members welcome. Contact Caroline Warren, 770.656.4846 or warren.caroline@gmail.com

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting 18 March 2025, 11 am, for agenda please contact Gini Cawood.

Items discussed as follows:

1. VFW Hall : Board would like to remain for another 6 months. Membership to vote at April Guild Meeting, 15 April 2025.
2. Linda Barron and JoAnn Valanzola are working to streamline the membership files.
3. Board feels that name tags are essential for all members, but particularly helpful for our new members. A lanyard with clip name tag will be available to each member at the Membership Table: each member to pick up and wear during the meeting and return at end of meeting. Members are encouraged to wear official name tags, supplied in membership packet.
4. Microphone equipment to be updated. Trial of wearable mike scheduled for April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Jordan of Jordan Fabrics passed away and will be missed by the quilting community. Look after your health and do not hesitate to go to the doctor. Friend diagnosed with Leukemia passed away only days later.

Lucia expressed a heartfelt thank you for well wishes and cards.

All members are invited to Linda Lloyd's Celebration of Life, 6 April at the VFW Hall, 1 pm to 5 pm. Information to follow.

Pam Prosser says Magic Eraser will remove marks from your iron.

TODAY'S PROGRAM Beth Fannin introduced Chris Stephenson who has been her friend since they were 16 and in 11th grade! Chris lives in Franklin, NC and is a member of the Smokey Mountain Quilt Guild. She has taught classes on many techniques, including free motion quilting, quilting with a walking foot, applique and English paper piecing. Chris presented a varied and comprehensive trunk show covering many well executed techniques. All members present were fascinated with the various quilts, which can be viewed on the MLQG Face Book page.

Libby thanked Chris for sharing her quilts.

Libby also expressed thanks to the guild as the best guild ever, thanked Beth for organizing Programs and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Cawood, Secretary

Attention - All who have volunteered to help with the May Luncheon

There will be a meeting at 1 pm on Monday, April 14, for all those who have agreed to help with the May Luncheon. It will be held at the Blue Creek Farmhouse Cafe in Hollywood/Clarkesville, right off Hwy 441. Any questions, please call 678-654-2055 or email ms_mml@yahoo.com. Thank you, Mitzi

Basting

There will be basting at 10 am before our regular meeting.

Thanks, Pat

Treasurer's Report

Income	Budget	Income	YTD	Remaining
Door Prizes	1,500.00	139.00	294.00	1,206.00
Fundraisers	500.00		0.00	500.00
Membership	2,200.00	280.00	1,695.00	505.00
Raffle Quilt	2,400.00	895.00	1,747.50	652.50
Workshops	3,000.00	30.00	30.00	2,970.00
Expenses				
Door Prizes	1,000.00		90.10	909.90
Membership	500.00		0.00	500.00
Miscellaneous				
Achievement	300.00		0.00	300.00
Guild Activities	400.00		0.00	400.00
Newsletter	75.00		0.00	75.00
Operations	3,500.00		256.35	3,243.65
Programs	1,700.00	100.00	200.00	1,500.00
Sunshine	75.00		0.00	75.00
Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
Workshops	2,000.00	30.00	130.00	1,870.00

Membership

Reminder - It is time to renew your membership for 2025!

Renewing members - \$40 which includes the Opportunity Quilt commitment.

For members who are 80 years of age or older, renewal is \$10 for Opportunity Quilt.

Checks made to Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild. Please see me at the April meeting or mail to:

JoAnn Valanzola
501 Shackelford Rd.
Royston, GA 30662

The tickets will be filled out in your name and entered into the raffle.

Thanks,


JoAnn



BEE HANDY


We plan to meet again April 17th at 11:00 am-2:00 pm at Blue Creek. We will decide at next gathering as to how often we will meet and which day of the week/month. Everyone is encouraged to bring their handwork, such as wool appliqué, cross stitch, embroidery. Plan to share techniques and tips with others. If you need more information, please give me a call. 770-656-4846

Thanks, Caroline




BEE SHARPS

The Bee Sharps will be on retreat 31 March until 4 April 2025 at the Scaly Mountain/Sky Valley Fire Station. We will meet at 9 on Monday, 31 March to set up. Please bring your projects and your lunch. There is a Keurig machine in their kitchen - bring your pods. I will have the "team supplies" but an extra iron and ironing board is needed. Cost depends on attendance so please sign up asap. Contact Gini Cawood for details - 706.599.3263.



BEE ARTFUL

The Bee Artful group will be on retreat 7 April until 11 April 2025 at the Lakemont/Wiley Fire Station. Set up on Sunday, 6 April will be early due to Celebration of Life for Linda Lloyd: there is still time to volunteer to help set up : contact Janice or Melinda. Cost to be determined by number of attendees - sign up soon. Bev has sent out the Potluck Planner to Bee Artful members for the lunch roster. Bring a gift and a project to work on. Carol and Susan will coach members on the Cabbage Rose/French Rose quilt - bring about 30 (+/-) 6" scraps and more for centres. Supply list to be sent. No massages. Thursday morning, Linda Barron will be discussing the "ICD" Instant Church Directory - All guild members are welcome. Contact Janice Chiaffredo for details 831.801.3365



Opportunity Quilt and EXPO

The 20 person team our Guild put together for 2025 EXPO was amazing. The ambassadors and booth workers did their parts and they 'hit it out of the park.' Thank you for giving your time, money and energy to this event. At the EXPO booth we met several quilters who wanted more information on how the quilt was constructed. We also talked to Ashlie Poole from Lula who decided to join our Guild. Combined with our members tickets, we are more than 70 percent of the way to the 2025 budgeted money goal. We have 9 more months and will need Guild members to help with demonstrating quilting skills and selling tickets. When you help with two events or personally sell \$50 of tickets you will receive a Thank You gift. This month Libby A, Gini C, Bev M, Vicki V, & Caroline W received Thank You's. There were smiles all around!



Left to right - Libby, Vicki, Caroline (on phone)



Left to right - Gini, Bev

Officers 2025

President	Libby Armstrong
1st VP Programs	Beth Fannin
2nd VP Workshops	Pat Mahoney
Secretary	Gini Cawood
Treasurer	Betty Massey

Committee Chairs for 2025

Auditors	Gini Cawood Mitzi Lantz MaryAnn Prue
Basting	Pat Mahoney
Bee Keepers	Gini Cawood (Sharps) Janice Chiaffredo (Artful) Caroline Warren (Handy)
Circle of Hope	Rosale Bolstad
Comfort Quilts	Pat Statler
Door Prizes	Ginny Fagen Pam McBride
FaceBook	Linda Barron
Facilitators	Gini Cawood Sharon Ruth
Historian	Jeanie Whitworth
Hostess	Mitzi Lantz
Membership	JoAnn Valanzola
Newsletter	Betty Massey
Official Hugger	Rita Sander
Opportunity Quilt	Janice Chiaffredo
Parliamentarian	Lucia Scroggs
Publicity	Barb Westbrook
Roster	Linda Barron
Quilts of Valor	Karen Trombley
Sunshine	MaryAnn Prue
Webmaster	Linda Barron



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 (Pat Mahoney) 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 form at sign in with name and size - any team quilts must include all names. Quilts only qualify.

Birthdays

Pam Prosser	6
Karen Trombley	11
Melissa Pless	14
Linda Lloyd - (in memory of)	15
Katie Thomas	18
Helen Barrett	20
Sharon Ruth	21



April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		-----Scaly Mountain - Bee Sharps Retreat-----					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Linda Lloyd's Memorial - VFW 1-5	-----Bee Artful Retreat-----			-----QOV - Sit & Sew-----			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	1 pm - Blue Creek-May luncheon helpers	10 am - Basting 12:30 pm - Monthly Meeting		11 am - Bee Handy			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Easter					10 am - Workshop Newsletter Deadline		
27	28	29	30				

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

Bee Handy - Meets 11 am - Blue Creek Restaurant - contact Caroline Warren at 770-656-4846 for more information.

Bee Sharps - Meets 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 am 2nd Tuesday at VFW. For more information contact Janice Chiaffredo, 831-801-3365.

QOV Workshop - Meets 10:00 am, 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.