

Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

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IN PERSON MEETING -
Tuesday, August 19, 2025

VFW
174 Cornelia Crossing
Cornelia, GA 30531



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August 2025

Meeting & Program for August 2025

This month's meeting will be on August 19, 2025, at the Grant-Reeves Veterans Community Center (hereinafter referred to as the VFW Hall) in Cornelia. Doors open at 11:30 am. Our guest speaker for August is Sylvia Anderson. She is the Northeast Georgia Area Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). She and her family have been packing shoeboxes for the last 30 years. She also teaches children with learning disabilities to read. Sylvia and her husband have 5 grown children. Last year people in Northeast Georgia packed 20,000 OCC shoeboxes and the goal for 2025 is 25,000. OCC is a division of Samaritan's Purse, which sends gift filled shoeboxes to bring hope, joy and love to children in need around the world. Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine. Michael DeGrave will be available during our August meeting. For an appointment, please contact Beth Fannin (352) 816-3074 at least one week prior to our guild meeting, which will be August 12th.

AUGUST WORKSHOP NEWS

August 22, 2025 - 9:30 am til 3:00 pm

Local quilt community member, Jan Carlson, will provide instruction and insights on cutting, piecing and sewing a windowpane quilt top. Participants will start with a printed panel of their own choosing - any size, any theme. As with many things, the devil is in the details - squaring the panel is the first critical step, then deciding where to cut the panel is the next. The workshop will include a group discussion of the cutting possibilities for the variety of panels that are anticipated. The fee for members is \$15.00 for this workshop. The fee for non-members is \$25.00.

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.

MOUNTAIN LAUREL QUILTERS GUILD WORKSHOP

WINDOWPANE QUILT TOP - AUGUST 22, 2025

The fee for members is \$15.00 for this workshop.

The fee for non-members is \$25.00.

Supply List:

45mm rotary cutter and cutting mat

Sewing machine

Basic sewing gear - pins, scissors, threads, seam ripper (always!!)

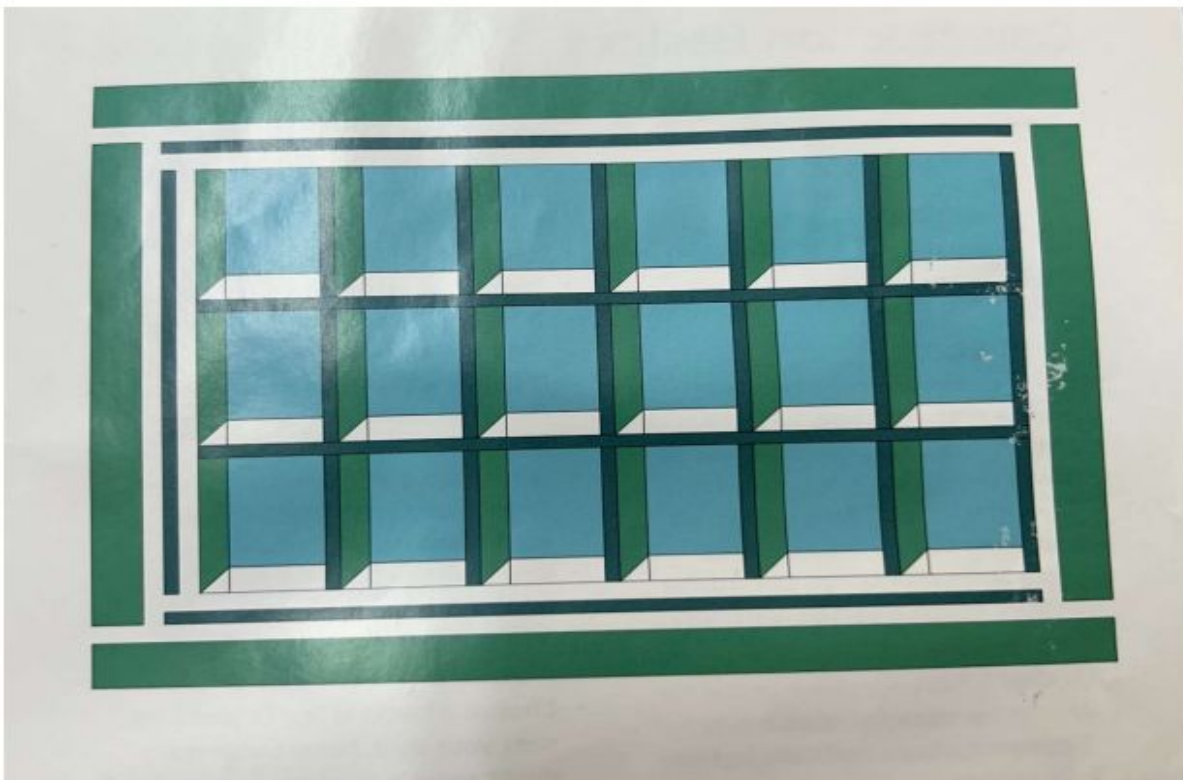
Squares and rulers (12", 16", 18", 24" - the biggest square you have is recommended for squaring the panel, and the longest ruler is recommended for the longer cuts in cutting the panel into pieces)

Fabric

Fabric panel of your choosing - any size, any theme (panel should be prewashed and uncut)

The amount of fabric needed for the window frame, the sills, the vertical shadows, and the borders will vary, depending on the initial size of the panel and the finished quilt size desired.

Following is an example: Using a 42" x 28" panel cut in 12 pieces, you will need 1/2 yard fabric for the sill, 3/4 yard fabric for the window frame and the inner border and 1 1/4 yard for the outer border and the window frame shadow pieces. A smaller panel will require incrementally less fabric for the sill, the frame and the borders, and a larger panel will require incrementally more. The photo below is provided for guidance, showing the relative placement of the panel pieces, the sill, the window frame, the inner border and the outer border. In this example, the panel has been cut into 18 pieces. In this example, the panel pieces are blue, the sill pieces are white, the window frame and the inner border are dark green, and the outer border and the window frame shadow are the lighter green.



Welcome New (Returning) Member



Dana Adams
795 Betty's Creek Road
Rabun Gap, GA 30568
Phone - 706-982-9037
Email - ridethetrails@windstream.net
Birthday - August 6

Member Information Updates

Sue Allison email - drive4126@gmail.com

Laura Leiden address: 239 Hargrove Circle
Winterville, GA 30683

Becky Wynne email - bwynne@pobox.com

President's Message

Can you believe that July is almost over? It has been a busy but productive month for me. Not as much sewing/quilting as I would have liked unfortunately. I have a freezer full of fresh vegetables from our garden. That has truly kept me busy. I began the month at a friend's place in Hiawasse where we sewed a lot of quilting projects. My friend completed 3 quilt tops, and I completed 2 quilt tops and 6 pillowcases. I will be ending the month at another Retreat in North Carolina. I am looking forward to completing some more projects.

If you missed the July meeting, I would like to share some information. Our contract with the VFW has been extended to the end of the year. Also, I shared that a liquor store would be opening at some time in the near future. The VFW is not happy about this and has advised that we take extra precautions for our safety. Please make sure that your vehicle is locked. We will also begin locking the doors at 12:30 as a precaution for our safety. If you have any questions, I will address them at the next meeting. Feel free to give me a call, text or email before the August meeting.

A BIG shout out to Janice and all the helpers for all the hard work with the Opportunity Quilt! The QOV Quilt was on display at the July meeting. Karen has tickets available for purchase.

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

Libby

Basting

There will be basting before the August meeting.

Thanks, Pat

Guild Meeting Minutes

15 July 2025

Libby Armstrong, President, opened the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Libby asked all present to wear their official MLQG name tag or get a plastic clip-on from Membership.

BIRTHDAYS - Happy July birthdays : Beth Fannin, Mary Oliver, Mitzi

Lantz, Silke Cliatt, Jane Adamson, Elaine Alexander and Jane Payne. Also, Pam Prosser's mother was 97 last month! Happy birthday to all!

DONATION SHOW AND TELL please fill in a form.

Piecers and Quilters will be recorded for prizes at the end of the year - make sure you fill in a form!

Sharon Ruth / Sharon, lap, QOV

Pat Mahoney / Pat, youth x 2

Bev Mannes / Bev, youth

Betty Massey / Betty, youth x 2

Dottie Wonder / ? , ?

Pat Mahoney / 2 pillowcases

Libby Armstrong / 6 pillowcases

SHOW AND TELL please fill in a form.

Sharon Ruth / LuAann Luedtke, Waterwheel, lap

Bev Mannes / Bev, Birds, wall hanging

Pat Mahoney / Jan Carlson, turquoise windows, twin

Betty Massey / Betty, Lone star, lap

Gail Routt / Pam McBride, turquoise crosses, baby

DOOR PRIZES (Ginny Fagen, travelling) Pam McBride - earned \$154 (Christmas in July)

Winners were Mitzi Lantz, Barb Westbrook, Janice Chiaffredo, Susan Atkins, Jane Adamson, Jeanie Whitworth

TREASURER'S REPORT Betty Massey - as printed in Newsletter, motioned Caroline Warren, seconded Mitzi Lantz, approved

MINUTES Gini Cawood - as printed in Newsletter, motioned Lisa, seconded Gail Routt, approved

MEMBERSHIP Mary Oliver - 40 members signed in, 4 guests

Please return plastic name tags to the box at Membership.

AUDITORS Gini Cawood, MaryAnn Prue, Mitzi Lantz - April, May, June audited, all in order

BASTING Pat Mahoney - one thread basted quilt today, if basting needed, contact Pat for July

CIRCLE OF HOPE Rosale Bolstad - Thank you for kitchen items, next month : school supplies

COMFORT QUILTS Pat Statler - 4 comfort quilts ready, hope that they are not needed.

FACILITATORS Gini Cawood, Sharon Ruth - all on, all good. Coffee at back.

HISTORIAN Jeanie Whitworth - no new news

HOSTESS Mitzi Lantz - next event Christmas luncheon

NEWSLETTER Betty Massey - deadline for Newsletter articles 25th

OFFICIAL HUGGER - Rita Sander - much better, walking, knitting and appliqueing!

OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Janice Chiafreddo - 12th July in Clayton, Butlers Gallery. Thank you Kathy Igmundson, Lucia Scroggs, Gini Cawood, Sharon Ruth, gift presented to Sharon: rained out at 2 pm \$115, next event 4 October

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Lucia Scroggs - not present

PUBLICITY - Barb Westbrook - contacting papers, pictures on Facebook

QOV Karen Trombley - this Friday, 18 July : 3rd Friday at Ebenezer Church, come sew, we have supplies. AcuQuilt for cutting scraps. Raffle tickets for sale today, quilt displayed. Vet to Vet awards, Clayton. Sharon Ruth has supplies for wheelchair quilts 45" x 45".

September 11, Patriots Day at VFW Hall Bingo 5 pm - MaryAnn Prue and Caroline Warren

ROSTER/WEBMASTER Kathy Wasden, send information. Comfort Quilt pattern to be updated. Roster with Bev Mannes and Linda Barron.

SUNSHINE MaryAnn Prue - birthday cards sent, please let her know if get well cards are needed.

PROGRAMS Beth Fannin - July - Susan Atkins, member, presenting the Wonder Curved Ruler, with workshop to follow on 25 July, and trunk show. August - Sylvia Anderson children's Christmas boxes

WORKSHOPS Pat Mahoney - 25 July Curved Piecing (free, \$15 guests), 22 August Attic Windows (\$15 members, \$25 guests), 26 September Quilted Jacket, Kelly Akers, 4 patterns on website, \$20 members includes pattern, \$30 guests) Old quilt or quilted fabric required. 24 October - Charity, pillowcase kits available today

BEE ARTFUL Janice Chiafreddo - 2nd Tuesday of the month - 12 August - 9:30 am to 2 pm, VFW Hall. Bring a project to work on.

BEE HANDY Caroline Warren - 4th Wednesday of the month - 23 July - 10 to 2:30 -

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE - Ebenezer Methodist Church, 4000 Hollywood Hwy, Hollywood (27 August same time and venue) November and December meetings to be discussed, BYO lunch, wool applique, crochet, knitting, cross stitch, needle point, Sashiko, etc. Thank you to Mary Oliver for organizing the church hall as we outgrew the market quickly! All members are welcome, sewing machines not "sew" much!

BEE SHARPS Gini Cawood - 1st Thursday of the month - 7 August - 10-2 - St. James Episcopal, Clayton. Bring your lunch, a project, an extension if sewing by machine. Coffee provided. All members welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mitzi Lantz is collecting small scraps to be shredded, spun and woven as children's project. Also collecting 2 1/2" scraps or strips. Mitzi will trade Fat Quarters for 2 1/2" scraps.

Visitor, Linda Mobley, treated us to large variety of sewing treasures on the free table. (from friends sewing room)

NEW BUSINESS -

Board meeting held this morning for Board and Committee members. VFW contract has been renewed until 31 December 2025. Liquor store will be opening almost next store and the VFW has advised us to lock the door while in meetings. During the August meeting the door will be locked at 12:30 and monitored for late entrance and exit. Additionally, if you are not able to stay for the entire Program, please leave before the Program begins or sit at the back for a quiet exit. Please lock your cars in the parking lot.

There was a 5 minute break before the Program began.

PROGRAM Beth Fannin introduced Susan Atkins, member, for her Trunk Show. Susan told a little bit of her quilting journey and showed us her progression from "life on the prairie to the city lights" as she changed styles and fabrics. Susan has done it all, from Irish Chain, Druckards Path, Twisters, rag quilts and Starry Starry Night! She also showed the Wonder Curve Ruler which will be used in the 25th July Workshop, where Susan will teach the technique for curved piecing and butterflies. The ruler is required for the Workshop and is available on Amazon or at your quilt shop. Information is on our website.

Libby thanked Susan for a wonderful show of varied quilts and adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gini Cawood, Secretary

Quilt Exhibit



Throughout the month of August, Jeanie Whitworth will have a quilt exhibit at the Hall County Library's Downtown Branch located at 127 Main Street, Gainesville.

Library hours are as follows: Monday/Thursday, 10:00-8:00; Tuesday/Wednesday, 10:00-6:00; Friday/Saturday, 10:00-5:00.

Pictured above is Valentine Swirls. It is part of the exhibit.

Treasurer's Report

Income		Budget	Income	YTD	Remaining
	Door Prizes	1,500.00	154.00	847.00	653.00
	Fundraisers	500.00		0.00	500.00
	Membership	2,200.00	23.50	1,856.00	344.00
	Raffle Quilt	2,400.00	602.00	2,429.50	-29.50
	Workshops	3,000.00		45.00	2,955.00
Expenses					
	Door Prizes	1,000.00		293.14	706.86
	Membership	500.00		30.31	469.69
	Miscellaneous				0.00
	Achievement	300.00		0.00	300.00
	Guild Activities	400.00		233.49	166.51
	Newsletter	75.00		0.00	75.00
	Operations	3,500.00	12.14	968.49	2,531.51
	Programs	1,700.00	184.00	892.00	808.00
	Sunshine	75.00		58.40	16.60
	Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
	Workshops	2,000.00	100.00	430.00	1,570.00

Circle of Hope

Donations for August -

School Supplies - paper/pens/pencils/crayons/notebooks/lunch kits.

Thanks, Rosale!

Opportunity Quilt



Kathy Ingmundson ready to sell tickets in Clayton, GA.

Let's finish the year with a bang! We need everyone's help selling tickets for our beautiful raffle quilt (August-December 16, 2025). New to the guild? No worries—you'll be paired with one of our stellar sellers and learn as you go. Sign up at the August Guild Meeting or contact Janice Chiaffredo for more info. Help us support the guild and share this lovely quilt with the community!

QOV Raffle Quilt

This beautiful quilt is being raffled off by the QOV group. The tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Please see Karen Trombley if you would like to purchase a ticket.
Phone - 706-982-9396



NEGA QOV – WHO ARE WE?

Our efforts rely on the dedication of volunteers, whose time, skills, and heartfelt compassion bring each Quilt of Valor to life. Whether piecing together fabrics, quilting intricate patterns, or helping to organize ceremonies, every volunteer plays a vital role in this meaningful mission.

Fundraising is equally essential to sustain our work. Donations help us acquire quality materials, cover shipping costs, and reach more veterans and service members in need of comfort. Community events, quilt raffles, and supporters help us broaden our reach and ensure every hero receives recognition and support. By volunteering and contributing, you become part of a living legacy of gratitude, stitching together hope and healing for those who have served.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) was born from a profound sense of gratitude and a vision for healing. It was founded in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, whose son was deployed in Iraq as a service member. One night, Catherine was inspired by a vivid dream: she saw her son wrapped in a comforting quilt, his war-torn spirit soothed and strengthened by the tangible expression of love and support embodied in each stitch.

Moved by this vision, Catherine sought to turn her dream into reality for not only her son, but for all service members and veterans touched by war. She believed that quilts, symbols of comfort and care, could become powerful tokens of appreciation and healing for those who had sacrificed so much. Gathering friends and fellow quilters, Catherine embarked on her mission to create and distribute “Quilts of Valor” to those in need of comfort and recognition.

From humble beginnings in her sewing room, the movement quickly gained momentum as word spread throughout quilting communities across the nation. Volunteers were inspired to contribute their time, skill, and resources to honor military personnel. With every quilt presented, stories of healing and gratitude echoed back, reinforcing the importance of the mission.

Today, the Quilts of Valor Foundation stands as a testament to the power of compassion and community. Thousands of quilts have been lovingly created and awarded to veterans and service members across the United States, each one a tangible reminder that their service and sacrifice are deeply valued. The foundation continues to thrive, driven by volunteers who carry forward Catherine’s original vision—stitching together hope, comfort, and gratitude, one quilt at a time.

Thank you for buying raffle tickets and making generous donations. Your support helps ensure that each Quilt of Valor reaches those who need comfort most. Every ticket purchased and every dollar contributed directly fuels our mission—bringing warmth, recognition, and healing to veterans and service members. never forgotten. Your kindness is the thread that binds our community and strengthens the legacy of gratitude we share.

Your donations and raffle ticket purchases support your local group of which many are members of Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild. THANK YOU!

Workshop for MLQG Members Only



Botanical Printing on Fabric Workshop

When: September 9, 2025, beginning at 9:30 AM

Where: Geri Beam's Home Studio, Ball Ground, GA

Experience the beauty of botanical printing and learn hands-on techniques for creating unique designs on fabric.

All levels welcome!

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch)

Instructor: Geri Beam

To register: Text or call Janice Chiaffredo at 831-801-3365

What's included:

- All fabric and botanical materials provided
- Take-home project
- Lunch, drinks, and light snacks
- Guided demonstrations and personal assistance

What to bring:

- Comfortable clothing for crafting
- Any favorite fresh leaves or flowers (optional)
- Notebook for notes

Reserve your spot early—space is limited!

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Several people have asked for clarification of the rules for the President's Challenge:

The following items are allowed - Quilts, table runners, etc. All entries must be in a Log Cabin pattern. At the beginning, I stated that it must be Batik fabrics or Patriotic. All entries can be fabrics of your choice. I chose this pattern because it was the first quilt pattern that I made when I began quilting. I hope that we will have a lot of participation!!!



BEE HANDY

The Bee Handy group will no longer meet at the Blue Creek Restaurant. Our next meeting on August 27 will be held at Ebenezer Methodist Church, 4000 Hollywood Hwy, Clarkesville, from 10 am - 2:30 pm. This new venue is located about a mile from Blue Creek and is also where the QOV group meets. Bring your lunch, drink and any hand stitching. We will have Show and Tell and door prizes. For further information, please contact Caroline Warren, 770-656-4846 or Warren.carolinee@gmail.com.


Thanks, Caroline



BEE SHARPS


The Bee Sharps will meet for their regular meeting at St. James Episcopal Church Hall, Clayton, 10 am until 2 pm on the first Thursday, 7 August 2025. Bring your lunch and sewing supplies, an extension for your machine and \$3 for the church. Coffee will be provided.

All members are welcome. For details or questions, contact Gini Cawood 706.599.3263.



BEE ARTFUL

The Bee Artful Group will meet at 10:00 am until 2 pm (doors open at 9:30 am) at the VFW Hall on the second Tuesday, 12 August 2025. Bring your bobbin work from last meeting, show and tell, your lunch and a project on which to work. Coffee will be provided. All members are welcome.



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 Barb Westbrook
Facilitators	Gini Cawood Sharon Ruth
Historian	Jeanie Whitworth
Hostess	Mitzi Lantz
Membership	Mary Oliver
Newsletter	Betty Massey
Official Hugger	Rita Sander
Opportunity Quilt	Janice Chiaffredo
Parliamentarian	Lucia Scroggs
Publicity	Barb Westbrook
Quilts of Valor	Karen Trombley
Roster Team	Linda Barron Bev Mannes Kathy Wasden
Sunshine	MaryAnn Prue
Webmaster	Kathy Wasden

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

Debra Sanders	5
Dana Adams	6
Cheryl Stewart	7
Ruth Spencer	21
Gail Routt	27





August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	-----Scaly Mountain - Bee Sharps Retreat-----					
3	4	5	6	7 10 am - Bee Sharps	8	9
10	11	12 10:00 am - Bee Artful	13	14	15 10 am - QOV	16
17	18	19 10 - Basting 12:30 pm - Monthly Meeting	20	21	22 10 am - Workshop	23
24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27 10 am - Bee Handy	28	29	30
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Bee Buzziness - Normal Meeting Times - Check Calendar for any changes

REMEMBER, ALL MEMBERS CAN GO TO BEES

Bee Handy - Meets 4th Wednesday, 10 am - 2:30 pm. Ebenezer Methodist Church in Hollywood, GA. - 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 10:00 am 2nd Tuesday at VFW. Doors open at 9:30 am. 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 ktrombley55@gmail.com.