

Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

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IN PERSON MEETING -
Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Ebenezer Methodist Church
4000 Hollywood Hwy
Clarkesville, GA 30523



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Meeting & Program for July 2026

This month's meeting will be on July 21, 2026, at Ebenezer Methodist Church, 4000 Hollywood Hwy, Clarkesville, GA 30523. At our July meeting we will be discussing AI and quilting. You will want to bring your iPad, or laptop. You can even use your smartphone, but that is not ideal. You will be designing a quilt for yourself. We'll walk through the steps together, but the colors, blocks, and size will be yours. As with all beginnings, take baby steps to start off.

So, start thinking about what your first self-designed quilt should look like. It also will help if you keep up with the weekly AI challenges. You will be much more comfortable with designing your quilt. See you there.

For an appointment with Michael DeGrave for sewing machine cleaning and repair, please contact Beth Fannin (352) 816-3074 at least one week prior to our guild meeting, which will be July 14th.

July Workshop - July 24, 2026 9:30 am to 2 pm

This is an Open Sew workshop - bring a project of your choosing to work on - this can be a long ignored UFO, a current project in mid-stream, or something new you want to get started on. The window is wide open to work on personal or donation projects, get feedback from other guild members, guidance on something you may be stuck on, or to partner up to learn or teach a new skill. Basting services will be available at this workshop.

Members are encouraged to invite a friend or acquaintance or a student who may want to learn basic sewing and quilting skills to take advantage of this workshop. There is no charge to members for this workshop. The fee for non-members is \$10. The fee for students is \$5. Advance registration is required for non-members and students. For non-member registration, and for any questions or coordination, please contact MLQG Workshops Chairperson Pat Mahoney by text message to 770-294-2043 or by email at patriciafmahoney@gmail.com. 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.

Welcome New Member

Denise Hopkins
662 Waters Edge Drive
Clarkesville, GA 30523
Birthday - May 13
Phone - 762-438-4422
Email - denisehopkinsnessie@hotmail.com



Quilts of Valor

In appreciate for all the wonderful work Karen does for QOV, Janet made this beautiful 250th Anniversary bag and presented it to Karen at the June meeting.

Circle of Hope

Donations for July - paper supplies for the kitchen, bags, paper towels, baking dishes, pans.

President's Message

Good Morning, everyone! This will not be a long message. I hope that everyone is planning a busy 4th of July with friends or family. Many of our members will be traveling and I hope that they will be safe. Eddie and I don't have any special plans, but I will probably be doing some quilting to catch up on some projects. Just enjoy your time over this holiday that is so very important.

A meeting of all board members and committee chairpersons will be held at our July meeting on Tuesday, July 21. The meeting will begin at 10:30. This meeting will be very important. A nominating committee will be organized to begin the process of recruiting new board members. If you are currently a committee chairperson, please let me know in advance of this meeting if you will not be returning to your current position. Thank you all for the hard work that you do.

Many of you have shared that you have been working on the President's Challenge project for the December meeting. I haven't decided what I want to make. This will be my personal challenge for the months of July and August to complete. If you haven't begun your project, it is not too late. Get started now!

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting!

Libby

Basting

We will NOT have basting in advance of our July 21, 2026, meeting. We will have basting at our July workshop.

Thanks, Pat

Guild Meeting Minutes

16 June 2026

Libby Armstrong, President, opened the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Meeting was held at the Ebenezer Church, Hollywood.

Please sit at back if you need to leave early. Emergency exits at front and back. All members present are asked to wear their official MLQG name tag or get a plastic clip-on from Membership.

BIRTHDAYS - Happy June birthdays : Susan Barrett, Kathy Wasden, Barb Pailloz, MaryAnn Prue and Nancy Sievert.

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! No pillow cases were handed in today but we will be donating them to a Circle of Hope.

Rosale Bolstad - RWB log cabin, youth, quilted by Rosale

Libby Armstrong - 1. Potato chip, yellows 2. Potato chip, blues 3. Blue Flip Flops 4. Rain boots, greys. All youth and all quilted by Libby

SHOW AND TELL please fill in a form.

Quilts were shown this month - please view on Facebook.

Carol Gardiner - vest made at BS retreat

Susan Barrett - 1. small bag 2. flowers, white sparkles 3. Beatles Yellow submarine

Elaine Alexander - 1. Green and Blue Jacob's ladder 2. Blue and White Puffy

Rosale Bolstad - Tiny squares

Janet Horn - 1. Jars 2. RWB stars and flags panel 3. RWB bag gifted to Karen Trombley for all QOV work for us!

Kathy Ingmundson - Greens with Yellow from Sylvia Schaffer MLQG WS

Libby Armstrong - 1. Cotton Blooms 2. Bumble Bees

DOOR PRIZES Ginny Fagen, Pam McBride - earned \$101.

Winners were - Kiki, JoAnn, Gail, MaryAnn, Micah (guest) and Barb.

TREASURER'S REPORT Betty Massey - as printed in Newsletter, motioned by Beth Fannin, seconded by JoAnn Valanzola, approved

MINUTES Gini Cawood - as printed in Newsletter, motioned by Karen Trombley, seconded by Sharon Ruth, approved

MEMBERSHIP Mary Oliver - 33 members signed in, 3 guests : Susan, met at raffle sale, Micah, Kiki's daughter and Timothy, Bev's grandson. Please return plastic name tags to the box at Membership.

AUDITORS Gini Cawood - Next audit July meeting, for April, May and June.

BASTING Pat Mahoney - Basting of one quilt. Let Pat know week before Guild meeting if needed.

CIRCLE OF HOPE Rosale Bolstad - Thank you for soaps and cleaning products. Next month : paper supplies for the kitchen, bags, paper towels, baking dishes, pans.

COMFORT QUILTS - Gini Cawood - 5 comfort quilts ready, thank you to Carol Gardiner for binding two.

Paths and Stiles pattern is on Quilter's Cache. June Workshop will be Service projects - please help by cutting out and/or sewing a comfort quilt. Thank you to Ginny Fagen for quilting many comfort quilts.

FACILITATOR - Pat Statler, limping with sore knee. Thank you to Pat Mahoney for setting up coffee.

HISTORIAN Jeanie Whitworth - news up to date. Announced Silke Reception at 441 Gallery, Dillard 3 pm - 6 pm. Saturday 27 June. Silke's show will be on view until 18 July 2026. Please announce any news during meeting (which will be minuted) and present items to be filed to Libby or Gini.

HOSTESS Mitzi Lantz - Thank you to helpers for a fantastic Spring Luncheon! Gifted lanyards are to be used for your scissors. If you received a gift that you will not use, please put on the free table. Please join the committee to express suggestions.

NEWSLETTER Betty Massey - deadline for Newsletter articles 25th June.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Barb Westbrook and Caroline Warren - Ramshackle Festival in Clayton \$350. Total so far : \$3226!

Requests for members to volunteer. Please inform Barb and Caroline of any local festivals. Sign up sheet on WS table. Next sales to be at FoxFire Festival, Black Friday in Clayton and at the Rabun County Bank, July and/or August.

Opportunity Quilt for 2027 - Pat Mahoney - Birdhouse blocks, bright batiks, different backgrounds. Details to follow. Beverly Daubenspeck has birdhouse "holes" cut for us. Blocks due August meeting, or before. Pat and Linda Coulombe to assemble. Patterns and "holes" to be standardized and available to volunteers.

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Lucia Scroggs - not present but at local meetings and doing well.

PUBLICITY - Barb Westbrook - Contacting papers, pictures on Facebook. Lady met at festival needs a custom quilt made, if you can help, contact Barb. (\$1000, \$1500) Check local newspapers and Facebook for information and photographs.

QOV Karen Trombley - We meet on the 3rd Friday at Ebenezer Church, 10 to 2, come sew, we have supplies. AcuQuilt for cutting scraps. More than 1000 quilts awarded. Wheelchair quilts 45" x 45" : do not need to be red, white and blue for hospice. Presentation of 11 QOV quilts this Friday, 19 June at the VFW, Clayton.

ROSTER/WEBMASTER Kathy Wasden - send information. New Directory distributed to members. See Mary for yours at the next meeting. Website has been updated. Roster updated. Password remains the same.

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

PROGRAMS Beth Fannin - "Ask an Expert" ideas for each month. See website for listings. Beth presented an AI tutorial for those that have an iPad or laptop computer, with aim to design their own quilt. Continuing tutorials will be published on the website for weeks and another presentation will be at the July meeting.

WORKSHOPS Pat Mahoney - Workshop space available to sew your personal projects, all members welcome.

26 June - Service projects, Quilts For Kids, pillowcases for Circle of Hope. 1997 panels available to be completed as children's quilts.

24 July - Open sew, UFOs and teaching/troubleshooting

28 August - Carol Gardiner Pin cushion in small tins with wool applique

BEE ARTFUL Bev Mannes, not present - Regular meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month, 14 July, 10 until 2 at Ebenezer Church. Bring your lunch, Show and Tell of portrait projects and Table

Toppers. Please bring \$20 if attending the Scaly Mountain/Sky Valley Fire Station retreat 10 - 14 of August. Send photographs of work to be submitted for Piedmont Art show to Janice Chiaffredo.

BEE HANDY Caroline Warren - 4th Wednesday of the month - 24 June and 22 July, 10 am to 2:00 pm, BYOL. Ebenezer Methodist Church, 4000 Hollywood Hwy, Hollywood. Door prizes! Bring \$5 for the church and a K-cup. Work will continue on wool applique, crochet, knitting, cross stitch, needle point, Sashiko, etc. Thank you to Mary Oliver for organizing the church hall. All members are welcome, sewing machines not "sew" much!

BEE SHARPS Gini Cawood - Regular meeting 1st Thursday of the month - 2 July, at St. James Episcopal Church Hall, Clayton, 10 until 2, bring a project, your lunch and \$3 for the church. Coffee will be provided and boiling hot water on tap. All members welcome. Contact Gini Cawood for details. 706.599.3263.

OLD BUSINESS -

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.

NEW BUSINESS - Meeting for all Board Members and Committee Chair Persons, 10:30 am, 21 July, to form a Nominating Committee for 2027/2028. Please contact Libby (770.265.9785) if you are unable to attend or wish to resign from your position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pam Prosser invited all members to the Memorial Service for her mother, Jeanette, at the Clarkesville Baptist Church, 5 pm, Monday, 29 June for Italian dinner. Please RSVP directly to Pam.

Michael DeGraves, who will service your machine during the meeting, also sharpens knives. June and July Guild meetings will be held in the Ebenezer Church, Hollywood. Thank you to Mary Oliver for organizing our meeting space at Ebenezer. The VFW is holding a place for us at the their new venue in Clarkesville, opposite the Ingles at 200 E. Louise Street, on the corner of Historic 441 and Louise Street. They hope to be organized by the beginning of August.

PROGRAM

Beth Fannin introduced her AI presentation by recommending that we engage family members, and learn along with the younger generation in 15 minute lessons from ChatBot or other similar programs. Google searches are helpful but the AI programs are interactive. ChatGPT, CoPilot, Claude, Gemini and Perplexity can all help you accomplish a wide variety of tasks. Find a recipe using the ingredients you have on hand, organize a dinner party menu, find the best types or design and track a kitchen renovation. AI can even help write a difficult or legal letter. Some of the apps are free or \$15 to \$30 per month. It is like talking to a knowledgeable friend. Do not share your personal information and AI cannot give legal advice. AI can continue in a single conversation, remembering the details but different conversations will require more information. Beth will continue her research and give more details over the following weeks, with the goal being each member can design her own quilt. You can sign up online and set up an account to experiment while waiting for the next segment.

Libby left before the Program due to Election duties, so Beth adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm, after her presentation on AI.

Respectfully submitted, Gini Cawood, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Income		Budget	Income	YTD	Remaining
	Door Prizes	2,000.00	101.00	747.00	1,253.00
	Fundraisers	500.00		100.00	400.00
	Membership	2,200.00	35.00	1,732.50	467.50
	Raffle Quilt	2,400.00	382.00	3,226.00	-826.00
	Workshops	3,300.00		820.00	2,480.00
Expenses					
	Door Prizes	1,000.00	317.94	317.94	682.06
	Membership	500.00		0.00	500.00
	Miscellaneous				0.00
	Achievement	500.00		0.00	500.00
	Guild Activities	1,000.00	242.78	822.08	177.92
	Newsletter	75.00		0.00	75.00
	Operations	3,500.00	100.00	1,456.77	2,043.23
	Programs	1,700.00		1,099.68	600.32
	Sunshine	75.00		78.00	-3.00
	Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
	Workshops	2,000.00		1,671.30	328.70



Botanical Printing with a Heat Press June 2026 at SEFAA with Geri Beam

Geri was a teacher at SEFAA (Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance) for two days in June. She had 8 students, 2 men and 6 women. The students were all artists who had experience in composition and layout. A little over half of them had tried traditional botanical printing where you roll foliage in fiber and steam the bundle. None of them had done this inventive process created by Jane Dunnewold. Geri received permission and support from Jane to do classes. This class took a year of development before it was ready for prime time. The results were stunning! If interested in on-line classes or books starring Jane here are the links.

COLLABORATE WITH MOTHER NATURE: BOTANICAL PRINTING WITH A HEAT PRESS

Amazon \$36 <https://a.co/d/09g7reGo>

On-line classes from her website – On Demand Botanical Printing

<https://www.janedunnewold.com/ondemand-workshops>

Results were so good – keep your eye out for future classes from Geri. Next class is at Sautee Nacoochee Arts Center August 22 – all day class.





BEE HANDY

The Bee Handy group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 22 July 2026 (day following Guild) at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Hollywood, 10 am until 2 pm. Bring your lunch, (or visit the nearby Blue Creek Cafe), a hand project on which to work and \$5 for the church. All members and guests are welcome. Contact Caroline Warren for details - 770.656.4846.



BEE SHARPS

The Sharps will meet on the first Thursday of the month, 2 July 2026 for their regular meeting, at St. James Episcopal Church, Clayton, 10 am until 2 pm. Please bring your lunch, a project to work on and \$3 for the church. The team Keurig machine will be present, so please bring a pod if desired. All members and guests are welcome. Contact Gini Cawood for details - 706.599.3263.



BEE ARTFUL

This group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 14 July 2026 and members will enjoy a special Show and Tell of Table Toppers. We will review and discuss the fabric portraits from our last meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Ebenezer Church, Hollywood 10 am until 2 pm, with a BYOL or purchase lunch at the nearby Blue Creek Cafe. There is a Keurig coffee machine available. Also, if you plan on attending the 10 - 14 August Sky Valley/Scaly Mtn Retreat, an advanced payment of \$20 would be appreciated. All members and guests are welcome. For details contact Gini Cawood 706.599.3263.

Officers 2026

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

Committee Chairs for 2026

Auditors	Gini Cawood Mitzi Lantz MaryAnn Prue
Basting	Pat Mahoney
Bee Keepers	Gini Cawood (Sharps) Bev Mannes (Artful) Caroline Warren (Handy)
Circle of Hope	Rosale Bolstad
Comfort Quilts	Gini Cawood
Door Prizes	Ginny Fagen Pam McBride
FaceBook	Barb Westbrook Kathy Wasden
Facilitator	Pat Statler
Historian	Jeanie Whitworth
Hostess	Mitzi Lantz
Membership	Mary Oliver
Newsletter	Betty Massey
Official Hugger	Rita Sander
Opportunity Quilt	Caroline Warren Barb Westbrook
Parliamentarian	Lucia Scroggs
Publicity	Barb Westbrook
Quilts of Valor	Karen Trombley
Roster Team/ICD (Instant Church Directory)	Kathy Wasden
Sunshine	MaryAnn Prue
Webmaster	Kathy Wasden
Backup -	Beverly Daubenspeck

Basting - Pin or Thread

Basting is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am (before our monthly meeting). 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

Beth Fannin	7
Mary Oliver	10
Mitzi Lantz	13
Silke Cliatt	15
Jane Adamson	21
Elaine Alexander	29
Jane Payne	31



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10 am - Bee Sharps	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 10 am - Bee Artful	15	16	17 10 am - QOV	18
19	20	21 10:30 am - Board Meeting 12:30 pm - Monthly	22 10 am - Bee Handy	23	24 9:30 am - Workshop Newsletter Deadline	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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, Ebenezer Methodist Church in Hollywood, GA. For more information contact Bev Mannes, 706-490-1708 or beverlymannes@gmail.com.

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.