

Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

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IN PERSON MEETING -
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Ebenezer Methodist Church
4000 Hollywood Hwy
Clarkesville, GA 30523



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Meeting & Program for June 2026

This month's meeting will be on June 16, 2026, at Ebenezer Methodist Church, 4000 Hollywood Hwy, Clarkesville, GA 30523. At our meeting, we will be discussing AI: what it is, how it works, how you can make it work for you, understanding the various platforms, choosing the right tool for you, and what it is not. Please bring your iPad or laptop with you to the meeting. We'll get you kicking the tires and doing a test drive with AI. And I'll send you home with some suggestions. Then at our July meeting we'll be discussing AI and quilting. You'll again bring your iPad or laptop with you and we'll design a quilt together, but this will be your quilt. So, start thinking about what your first self designed quilt should look like. More on that at our next meeting. 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 June 9th.

June Workshop - June 26, 2026

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our June 2026 workshop will be devoted to cutting, sewing, assembling and finishing charity projects - these include comfort quilts, donation quilts and wheelchair quilts for hospice patients. There is a place for all skill levels and interests at our service and charity projects workshops - cutting, sewing, finishing, teaching, learning and best of all - time well spent with friends, new and old. Public service is a central element of the Mountain Laurel Quilter's stated purpose and all members are encouraged to participate. There is no charge to members for this workshop. The fee for non-members is \$15.00.

Note: We will not be making pillowcases.

Contact Pat Mahoney by e-mail at patriciafmahoney@gmail.com or text message to 770-294-2043.

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



Lynn McCollum
Spouse - Kelly
445 Long Street
Demorest, GA. 30535
Telephone - 706-499-3212
email - lynnmccollum50@gmail.com
Birthday - Jan 5

Comfort Quilt
Thank You Note
to the Guild

Welcome Returning Member

Frances Washburn
306 Amaryllis Lane
Tiger, GA. 30576
Email - franwash49@gmail.com
Telephone - 706-490-5124
Birthday - Dec 20

Thank You so much to
my Quilting sisters for
the beautiful comfort
quilt I received at the
April meeting, sorry the
March meeting. Lately
my son has been very
hard. I have taken time
to step onto my porch
wrapped in the quilt
and reflect on all the
wonderful memories.
Thank you all for your
kindness and thoughtfulness.
Harale

Attention - New meeting location for June and July

Due to the fact the VFW has been told to move from their current location by the middle of June, we will be meeting at a different location in June and July. Ebenezer Methodist Church in Hollywood has agreed to allow us to meet there while the VFW sets up at their new location. Hopefully, the VFW will be in their new location in time for our August meeting. Please keep an eye out for emails as further updates become available. This was a surprise to the VFW and given the short notice to them and us, the Executive Board had to make some quick decisions.



Ebenezer Methodist Church
4000 Hollywood Hwy
Clarkesville, GA 30523

This is the mailing address. If you are coming from Clarkesville, the church is located on old Hwy 441 in the unincorporated community of Hollywood, before the Blue Creek restaurant. If you are coming from north, the church is after the Blue Creek restaurant.

200 E Louise Street
Clarkesville, GA 30523

This is the address of the new location for the VFW given to me by Michael Dale, Quartermaster. It is across the street from Ingles in Clarkesville.



Spring Luncheon

Congratulations to our Hat Winners



Best hat - Alene Kempton for her adorable cat hat
Most Inappropriate - Susan Barrett
Most Quilty - Gini Cawood



Thank you to Mitzi
for a job well done!!

President's Message

Good morning to everyone! My day is starting off GREAT! I just finished looking at all the photos from the GALA that was on Tuesday. HATS OFF to Mitzi and her team for a great job. I'm sorry that I missed all the fun.

If you haven't heard the news, we will be moving. I received a phone call from the VFW Quartermaster Michael Dale on Friday May 15 that they had been informed by the owner of the building to vacate the premises by June 15. I notified the Executive board members that evening, and the hunt was on for a new location to meet. Thankfully Ebenezer Methodist Church in Hollywood was available. Currently, the Bee Handy group and the Quilts of Valor group are meeting at the church. The June and July meetings will be held at Ebenezer. The VFW has acquired a new meeting space and has asked the Guild to continue meeting at their new location. More information will be available at the June Meeting.

The month of June will be busy for many of our members. I hope that some of you will enjoy some vacation traveling, attending retreats, or just hanging out with family and friends. My husband and I will celebrate 55 years of marriage. I know that many of you are thinking "poor man" putting up with her for all those years. Whatever your plans are for June, please enjoy some quilting and plan to attend our meetings at Ebenezer Methodist on June 16 and the workshop on June 26.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Libby



Basting

We will have basting in advance of our June 16, 2026, meeting.

Thanks, Pat

Guild Meeting Minutes

19 May 2026

Due to the absence of Libby Armstrong, President, Beth Fannin, First Vice President, opened the meeting at 12:20 pm. Apologies were sent from Libby due to Election responsibilities.

Door locked and monitored. 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 May birthdays : Geri Beam, Carol Gardiner, Christine Prue, Betty Massey, Janet Horn and Shirley Reppert.

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 pillowcases were handed in as we no longer donate them to a Place of Hope, Clayton.

Karen Trombley - QOV, eagle panel, unknown piecer, quilted by Karen

Beverly Daubenspeck - QOV, RWB block of the year, quilted by Karen Trombley

Rosale Bolstad - yellows and tans, baby size, quilted by Rosale

Pat Mahoney - light blue, baby size, prequilted and quilted by Pat

SHOW AND TELL please fill in a form.

Quilts were shown this month - please view on Facebook.

Sharon Ruth - LCQs BOM in greens, quilted by Ginny Fagen

Carol Gardiner - Hexie project from Hinton Retreat, all scraps and backing from free table! quilted by Alene Kempton

Susan Barrett - "Celebrate Life" street scene of Italy, quilted by Susan

Peggy Saum - stars and tiny triangles, quilted by Peggy

Joann Valanzola - Last year's President's challenge log cabin, Aunt taught her to quilt, quilted by JoAnn

Mitzi Lantz - Jacob's ladder with photographs as gift, will be quilted by Mitzi

Barb Westbrook - Graduation gift for nephew with woodland animals, quilted by Barb with leaves and circles.

DOOR PRIZES Sharon Ruth, Karen Trombley (Ginny Fagen, Pam McBride sent apologies) - earned \$133. Winners were - Barb, Mitzi, Carol, Beth, Mitzi and Katie.

TREASURER'S REPORT Betty Massey - as printed in Newsletter, motioned by Mitzi Lantz, seconded by Barb Westbrook, approved

MINUTES Gini Cawood - as printed in Newsletter, motioned by Betty Massey, seconded by Mitzi Lantz, approved

MEMBERSHIP Mary Oliver, absent. Thank you to Kathy Wasden for helping. 38 members signed in, one new member : Lynn McCollum 3 guests : Margaret Phillips, Amber Burkey and daughter, Willow. Please return plastic name tags to the box at Membership.

AUDITORS Gini Cawood - Thank you Betty Massey. All in order January, February and March, next audit July meeting.

BASTING Pat Mahoney - No basting today due to luncheon. Let Pat know week before Guild meeting if needed.

CIRCLE OF HOPE Rosale Bolstad - Thank you for sheets and towels, etc. Next month : soaps and cleaning products.

COMFORT QUILTS - Gini Cawood - 2 comfort quilts ready, 3 need binding. Thank you to Carol Gardiner for offering to sew binding. 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.

Rosale sent a thank you note and Gini read it to the members.

FACILITATOR - Pat Statler, all on, coffee in convenient location - thank you Pat!

HISTORIAN Jeanie Whitworth - not present - news up to date. 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 Mitzi and helpers for a fantastic Spring Luncheon! Competition for best hat won by Alene Kempton and her cat hat! Gini Cawood for "Most Quilty" and Susan Barrett for "Inappropriate". Thank you for participation and great prizes! Many prizes and table decorations were gifted after a delicious Chick-Fil-A lunch and member made desserts.

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

OFFICIAL HUGGER - Rita Sander - we enjoyed seeing our "Hugger" today!

OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Barb Westbrook and Caroline Warren - May Fiber Fest, 9 and 10 May - \$346. Mountain Laurel Festival - \$386 and possibly Ramshackle in June. Total so far : \$2079 ! Requests for members to volunteer. Please inform Barb and Caroline of any local festivals. Opportunity Quilt for 2027 - Pat Mahoney - Birdhouse blocks, bright batiks, different backgrounds. Details to follow. Beverley Daubenspeck has birdhouse "holes" cut for us. Blocks due September meeting. 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. Caroline's Mark not well and hospitalized over the weekend, out of ICU this afternoon. Lady met at festival needs a custom quilt made, if you can help, contact Barb. (\$1000, \$1500)

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. Good turnout last meeting with many members finishing several tops. We celebrated the late birthday of our youngest and newest member - Evelyn Raines, 12! Welcome Evelyn - you are doing a great job! Karen invited to the VFW State Convention. 10 for the VFW in 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 by Kathy Wasden. Password remains the same.

SUNSHINE MaryAnn Prue - birthday cards sent, please let her know if get well cards are needed. Chris (MaryAnn's daughter) will retire in June.

PROGRAMS Beth Fannin - "Ask an Expert" ideas for each month. See website for listings. Beth will be presenting an AI tutorial for those that have an iPad or laptop computer, with aim to design their own quilt.

Laurel Rudolph to present her quilts today.

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

22 May "I Love Words" Laurel Rudolph. Details on Website. Contact Pat.

26 June - Service projects

24 July - Open sew, UFOs and teaching/trouble shooting

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, 9 June, 10 until 2. Bring your lunch, Show and Tell and a project to work on. We will be working on our fabric portraits. Send photos for June self-portraits to Melinda and Kathy Igmundson for processing.

Send photographs of work to be submitted for Piedmont Art show directly to Janice Chiaffredo.
BEE HANDY Caroline Warren - 4th Wednesday of the month - 27 May and 24 June, 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!

Caroline expressed sincere thanks for all the help and encouragement during Mark's recent surgery and recuperation.

BEE SHARPS Gini Cawood - Regular meeting 1st Thursday of the month - 4 June, at St. James Episcopal Church Hall, Clayton, 10 until 2, bring a project, your lunch and \$3 for the church. No coffee provided but boiling hot water on tap.

Next day-retreat dates have been changed to 8-12 of June at Scaly Mountain /Sky Valley Fire Station. All members welcome, \$20 per person, BYOL, 9 am to 4 pm each day. Contact Gini Cawood for details. 706.599.3263.

OLD BUSINESS -

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Micheal DeGraves, who will service your machine during the meeting, also sharpens knives.

President's Challenge for 2026 - To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the US : use red, white and blue in a quilt that can be a table runner, lap, full, youth, queen or king. A panel may be used. Presentation at December Luncheon.

Michael Dale, VFW Quartermaster - expressed thanks for MLQG donation to the VFW. The VFW Hall has been sold and we have removed our belongings - thank you to all that helped clear the shelves! June and July Guild meetings will be held in the Ebenezer Church, Hollywood. The VFW is holding a place for us at the their new venue in Clarkesville, opposite the Ingles at (199 or 200) E. Louise Street, on the corner of Historic 441 and Louise Street. Actual address to be verified asap. They hope to be organized by the beginning of August.

PROGRAM

Beth Fannin introduced our speaker, Laurel Rudolph, with her program "Finding my Voice". She was not a quilter at first but was familiar with sewing from an early age. In order to express her feelings, she became a master of adding words to her work. Names were added to grandchildren's gift quilts and this progressed to inspirational messages. Gee's Bend quilts were of interest and through painted, traced, appliqued and stenciled letters Laurel was able to visually display her feelings. She used paper pieced techniques and free motion quilting to complete her quilts. Many and varied quilts were shown with scrappy backgrounds and bold letters. The members enjoyed seeing her work and several planned on attending Laurel's workshop on Friday. Laurel answered a few questions about the workshop.

Beth thanked Laurel for her program and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gini Cawood, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Income	Budget	Income	YTD	Remaining
Door Prizes	2,000.00	133.00	646.00	1,354.00
Fundraisers	500.00		100.00	400.00
Membership	2,200.00	60.00	1,697.50	502.50
Raffle Quilt	2,400.00	752.00	2,844.00	-444.00
Workshops	3,300.00	100.00	820.00	2,480.00
Expenses				
Door Prizes	1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00
Membership	500.00		0.00	500.00
Miscellaneous				0.00
Achievement	500.00		0.00	500.00
Guild Activities	1,000.00	579.30	579.30	420.70
Newsletter	75.00		0.00	75.00
Operations	3,500.00	794.68	1,356.77	2,143.23
Programs	1,700.00	231.18	1,099.68	600.32
Sunshine	75.00		78.00	-3.00
Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
Workshops	2,000.00	231.17	1,671.30	328.70

****Please note - Raffle Quilt income has already exceeded the budgeted amount of \$2400! Great job!**

Circle of Hope

Donations for June - soaps and cleaning products.

Thanks, Rosale!

Recipe

Many of us enjoyed Barb's scrumptious Banana Pudding at the May luncheon and she has kindly agreed to share the recipe.



Not Your Momma's Banana Pudding!

Ingredients:

- 1 (12-oz) container frozen whipped topping, thawed, or an equal amount of homemade sweetened whipped cream. (if using home made, make it first)
- 1 (14-oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (8oz) package of cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups milk
- 1 (5oz) box instant French Vanilla Pudding mix
- 6 to 8 bananas, sliced
- 2 bags Pepperidge Farm Chessmen cookies

Directions:

- Line the bottom of a 13" X 9" X 2" dish with 1 bag of cookies and layer bananas on top of that.
- In a large bowl combine the milk and pudding mix and blend well using a handheld mixer until smooth.
- In another fairly large bowl, combine the cream cheese and condensed milk together and mix until smooth.
- Now fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture.
- Add the cream cheese/whipped cream combo into the pudding, folding really well.
- Pour and spread this over the cookies and bananas.
- Cover with the remaining cookies.
- Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving.

*Barb's note: I like using the plastic cups for potlucks and nice glasses at home for single serving portions, easy to grab out of the fridge.. I crumble cookies in the bottom of the cups, slice some banana, then fill with pudding mix, I like strawberries and/or blueberries on top and stick another cookie (or two) on the side.

Enjoy!

It's official - Geri Beam will be teaching again at Sautee Nacoochee Center Tuesday June 23, 1-5pm. For those that missed the class at the Fiber Festival, here's your chance.



SAUTEE NACOOCHEE CENTER

A Regional Cultural and Environmental Destination

UPCOMING
EVENT JUNE 23

Slow Stitch Collage Class with Geri Beam



Join the Slow Movement and enjoy a break from the fast-paced world by engaging in slow, mindful stitching. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced stitcher, come learn how easy and portable this technique is by creating a custom hand-stitched piece using fabric, needle, thread and embellishments.

For just a \$45 class fee, your reservation will include a completed sewing kit to take home which includes a pair of small scissors, needles, embroidery thread, needle threader, thimble and a stitch guide. It also includes your choice of a take-home project kit such as Kawandi quilt, story spool, sheer fabric collage and a stitch booklet.

Come spend a relaxed time with like-minded people as you create a one-of-a-kind design and establish a new method to relax as you create something beautiful.

Visual Arts at SNC

Visit sauteenacoocheecenter.org for more information about upcoming classes and events:

- Enjoy Art Exhibitions in our 2 Galleries and our Hallway Invitational Gallery
- See more art in our Gift Shop
- Check out the various art classes that we offer at the Sautee Nacoochee Center

Tuesday, June 23 - 1 to 5 p.m. - SNC Art Studio

Class fee: \$45 includes all materials and sewing kit

Maximum students 8, minimum 4

Please call 706-878-3300 for additional information. Scan the QR code below to register and pay online, or type the link below into your browser:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ystw9pb>



283 Highway 255 North | Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571 | (706) 878-3300



BEE HANDY

The Bee Handy group will meet June 24th at Ebenezer Methodist Church, 4000 Hollywood Hwy, Clarkesville, from 10 am to 2:30 pm.

Bring your lunch, drink and any hand stitching. We will have Show and Tell. For further information, please contact Caroline Warren, 770-656-4846 or Warren.carolinee@gmail.com.

Thanks, Caroline



BEE SHARPS

The Bee Sharps will have their regular meeting the first Thursday of the month, 4 June 2026 at St. James Episcopal Church Meeting Hall, Clayton. 10 am until 2 pm.

Please bring a project, your lunch and \$3 for the church. If you are sewing by machine, please bring an extension. Hot water is available in the kitchen for tea or instant coffee. BRING YOUR SHOEBOX!

Day Retreat dates are 8 through 12 of June at the Sky Valley/Scaly Mountain Fire Station, \$20 per person per week, BYOL, 9 am until 4 pm each day. All members and guests are welcome. Contact Gini Cawood for questions or details 706.599.3263.



BEE ARTFUL

The Bee Artful group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 9 June 2026 at Linda Coulombe's house, 190 Trotters Glen, Baldwin, Ga. The July meeting will be at Ebenezer Church, Hollywood, and in August this group will enjoy their Retreat at Sky Valley/Scaly Mountain Fire Station. The project for June will be the Portrait Creation in Fabric - please contact Melinda or Kathy Ingmundson for details. Supply list for project : 4 copies of your picture, each colour section outlined and numbered in a bright marker. 4 - 8 1/2" x 11" sheets of Steam-a-Seam 2 Lite, 4 - 8 1/2" x 11" pieces of fabric appropriate for your photo. Sharp pointed scissors for cutting fabric and Steam-a Seam. Optional background fabric and extra Steam-a Seam.

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) 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

Susan Barrett	5
Kathy Wasden	
Barb Pailloz	21
MaryAnn Prue	24
Nancy Sievert	26





June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 10 am - Bee Sharps	5	6
7	8	9 10 am - Bee Artful	10	11	12	13
	-----Bee Sharps Retreat - Scaly Mountain-----					
14 Flag Day	15	16 12:30 pm - Monthly Meeting at Ebenezer	17	18	19 10 am - QOV	20
21 Father's Day 1st Day of Summer	22	23	24 10 am - Bee Handy	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 9:30 am - Workshop	27
28	29	30				

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, this month at Linda Coulombe's house. 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 ktrombley55@gmail.com.