

Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

151 Shady Lane
Toccoa, GA 30577

www.mlqg.org

IN PERSON MEETING -
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

VFW
174 Cornelia Crossing
Cornelia, GA 30531



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Meeting & Program for March 2025

This month's meeting will be on March 18, 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.

We are pleased to welcome Chris Stephenson to present our March program. Chris is Beth Fannin's friend of longest standing: they are best friends since age 16. Chris is a very talented quilter and will present a trunk show for us. (More information on page 2.)

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 March 11th.

MARCH WORKSHOP NEWS - March 28, 9:30 am-2 pm

Our March 2025 workshop will be devoted to cutting, sewing, assembling and finishing service and charity projects - these include comfort quilts, donation quilts, pillowcases, etc. 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.

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.

Program Information

Chris Stephenson lives in Franklin, NC with her husband Bruce, their dog and two cats. She started quilting in 2013 and never looked back! Moving to Franklin, NC, from Marietta, GA, in 2017, she is very involved in the quilting community and is an active member of the Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild of Western North Carolina. She currently serves as Education and Program co-chair.

An award winning quilter, Chris loves all aspects of quilting and has taught classes and workshops on free motion quilting, quilting with a walking foot, various types of applique, English paper piecing, Millefiore quilts, improvisational piecing, and creative embellishment. At her guild, she currently facilitates the monthly "Bee Creative" group where anyone can attend and share their projects and ideas on color, design, quilt making techniques, and quilting.



Roster and Website

Roster - a paper copy will not be printed in 2025. If you are interested in learning to use the Instant Church Directory app or the website Rosters, please contact Linda Barron.

Bev prepared step-by-step instructions which are located on the Members Only page of our website.

<https://mlqg.org/members-only>

Scroll down and click the button labeled Online Member Directory Instructions

Website - please submit photos of community service project donations for the website. We currently have a list of organizations, photos would be a great addition to this page. Email photos to linda.barron@gmail.com

New Members

Please join me in welcoming our New Members.



←Susan Atkins
4759 Jay Tee Rd
Hiawassee, GA 30546
762-294-1909
Nov 22

Kathy Wasden →
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Becky Wynne
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President's Message

I know that you have all heard the saying - "March roars in like a Lion and out like a Lamb!" Personally, I will be glad for the warmer temperatures that are predicted for next week (which will still be in February). That's enough of that - moving on, I want to recap what a great time we had in February. A lot of our members enjoyed a great time at a Retreat in North Carolina. The Opportunity Quilt was displayed and raffle tickets sold at the VFW Bingo meeting the night of their \$1000.00 prize. I really enjoyed participating in playing Bingo! Ann Marie Miro, our guest speaker presented a WONDERFUL trunk show of her art quilts. They were all beautiful! Many of our members attended the QOV meeting to work on quilts that will be presented to Veterans. I'm writing this before we closeout February, but I don't want to leave out the Purse class we will be having on the 28th to complete this great month.

Now let's look ahead to March. The Opportunity Quilt will be on display at the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo in Duluth. This has always been a great fundraiser for our guild. Bee Sharps and Bee Artfuls will be holding their regular meetings. Guild meeting will be on March 18, the day after St. Patrick's Day so don't drink too much green beer. On Friday, March 28, we will have a workday sewing pillowcases, quilts, and other items for Charity. Bring your lunch, sewing machine, and plan to join in the fun!

I want to remind all members to please wear your NAME TAGS to our meetings. We have a lot of new members that have joined us in the past year. It is helpful to all that attend to be able to address you by name and not have to say "Hey, You".

An Executive/Committee Chair meeting will be held at 11:00 am on March 18 before our regular meeting. We will be in our third month of our contract with the VFW. I encourage all members to please feel free to share your feelings with any of the individuals that serve as officers or committee chairs. It is necessary that we begin deciding if we continue to meet at VFW or do we need to begin the search for a new location. There are several other items that will be discussed at this meeting.

I hope to see all of you very soon! Please take time to remember our members who are recuperating from surgery, illness and other things.

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

Guild Meeting Minutes 18 February 2025

12:30pm OPEN MEETING

Libby Armstrong, President, opened meeting

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - Carol Stewart 7, Cathy Hebert 10 (away due to family death), Jan Pitman 13, Kiki Williamson 15, Renee Lowery 20, Nina Fry 23, and Julie Housley 24.

DONATION SHOW AND TELL Please fill in forms with details IF DONATION AND MARK CLEARLY

Betty Massey 1. blue purple white, youth 2. black points, youth 3. Potato Chip, youth; all quilted by Betty

Linda Coulombe 1. diamonds multi colored, lap 2. zigzag blues, lap 3. squares, lap; all quilted by Linda

Sharon Ruth 1. QOV for David, queen, stars; quilted by Ginny Fagin 2. Potato Chip, youth; quilted by LuAnn Luedtke 3. with Terry Wright, pinks, baby, panel front and back; quilted by Sharon

Bev Mannes 1. QOV large, 42 squares, quilted by Linda Coulombe 2. seven Sew Powerful purses Rosale Bolstad purple, baby, quilted by Rosale

Pat Mahoney 1. pieced by public at Foxfire Festival October 2024, queen size, additional blocks by Pat, assembled and bound by Pat, quilted by Linda Coulombe 2. Hand done Hexagons top from thrift store, to Foxfire Silent Auction in May, queen size, bound by Pat, quilted by Jan Carlson

SHOW AND TELL

Jane Adamson-Merrill 1. Water Wheel from MLQG WS, wall hanging, quilted by LuAnn Luedtke 2. Red Santa, hand embroidery, lap, quilted by LuAnne Luedtke 3. "Nuts and Bolts" for diesel mechanic son, quilted by Walker Co

Betty Massey Pinwheels, baby quilt for friend, quilted by Betty

Bev Mannes 1. wool applique wall hanging "Arabesque", 2. for First Responders, Nov 2016 Rabun county fires wall hanging 3. small Refrigerator quilt - fire, all quilted by Bev

Kiki Williamson Mom's fabric, Linda Lloyd, prepped UFO boxes, blue signature blocks, jelly roll blocks, QOV panels and patterns, need to share and complete projects, will bring a couple each meeting

DOOR PRIZES Ginny Fagin, Pam McBride. earned \$92

winners - Terry Wright : twice, Karen Trombley, MaryAnn Prue, Mitzi Lantz, Sharon Ruth

TREASURER REPORT Betty Massey - approved as printed in Newsletter, motion : Beth Fannin, seconded Jane Adamson-Merrill approved by show of hands

MINUTES Gini Cawood - approved as printed in Newsletter by show of hands, motion : Mitzi Lantz, seconded Kiki Williamson

MEMBERSHIP (Joann Valanzola - not present) Linda Barron - 37 signed in with two new members: Susan Atkins, Kathy Wasden. Please renew your membership and buy 2025 Raffle tickets. We have extra Raffle tickets to sell.

AUDITORS Gini Cawood - Jan Feb March to be audited in April

BASTING Pat Mahoney 2 basted today, will be basting next month - let Pat know size and quantity

CIRCLE OF HOPE Rosale Bolstad - thank you for canned goods, next month feminine products, tampons, razors, tissues, shaving gel, deodorant, nail clippers

COMFORT QUILTS Pat Statler - presentation of quilt made to Lucia from MLQG fabric by Bev, video online. Also preparation of blouses with pockets for Lucia's recovery assembled by Bee Artfuls with notes. Bev also made and donated a pillow to help Lucia in the car. Please send a card with a dining gift certificate to help.

FACILITATORS Gini Cawood and Sharon Ruth - all on, all good

HISTORIAN Jeanie Whitworth - no new news

HOSTESS Mitzi Lantz - volunteers needed for set up at May Luncheon as Mitzi will be out of town for family event. Bee Sharps will be making member treats at next Bee Sharps meeting.

NEWSLETTER Betty Massey - deadline for articles 25 February

OFFICIAL HUGGER Rita Sander - still recuperating from knee injury, also out of condo due to burst water heater, staying with Kathy Booker, as family in condo number 5

OPPORTUNITY QUILT Janice Chiaffredo - Sale of \$260 at VFW 13 February Thursday Bingo. Thank you to Caroline and MaryAnn Prue. Gift presented to MaryAnn Prue for her help. Will show and sell at September Bingo meeting at VFW. Much fun at Bingo - members will attend again. MaryAnn and Irene Prue 12 cards and colored daubers. Pam Prosser will organize the license. Expo sales and display 6,7,8 March at Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. Many members have volunteered to run the booth and act as ambassadors.

PARLIAMENTARIAN Lucia Scroggs - update on surgery and assistance as above, prayers needed as she recuperates

PUBLICITY (Barb Westbrook in NY with daughter convalescence) Caroline taking photos of today's events

QUILTS OF VALOUR Karen Trombley - meeting this Friday 21 February at Ebenezer Church, Hollywood. (Weather warning and Karen might not be able to attend). Presentation at Trinity Church, 7 quilts included Peggy Saum's husband, all VietNam vets. Next month, April Sit & Sew on 10, 11, 12 and celebrate Karen and Sharon birthdays 11th and 21st (numbers end in "0"). See GA QOV FB page. QOV Booth at the EXPO 6,7,8 March - volunteers to help? There will be a pilot program to sew a block right there, and a raffle quilt on display. Don't forget the wheelchair quilts, any colors, 45" x 45", with flannel back. Caroline Culpepper at Vet to Vet, Clayton.

ROSTER/WEBMASTER Linda Barron - password for 2025 handed out. Please send photos of donation quilts, items.

SUNSHINE MaryAnn Prue - all birthday cards have been mailed!

PROGRAMS Beth Fannin - TBA

WORKSHOP Pat Mahoney - Linda Coulombe Bags, signup sheet and samples today for 28 February Workshop.

Service projects for 28 March : comfort quilts, pillowcases, donation quilts. Please see website.

Proposed Jacket Workshop for 26 September 2025 by Kelly of Log Cabin Quilters, Clayton. Some of her beautiful jackets are displayed at Isadora Poppers, 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 - Meeting will be second Tuesday, 11 March at the VFW Hall, 10 - 2. Susan Barrett will lead attendees in hanger making, no sewing machine required. Follow up to Improv Quilting (Silke) from last month : 19 additional blocks were made and assembled into a quilt top for donation. Spring Retreat 7 - 11 April Planning to be discussed.

BEE SHARPS Gini Cawood - 6 March meeting at St. James Episcopal Church, Clayton on first Thursday, 10-2. Members will be making treats for the May luncheon (volunteers needed). The supply list was handed out at the Guild meeting and will be sent to members via email. Some will be absent due to the Expo in Duluth.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Libby Armstrong announced the new President's Challenge for 2025, which is to be completed and shown at the December meeting. Original Log Cabin Quilts by Eleanor Burns is our inspiration. Each center must be the same color throughout.

Color and size of your choice: 3 block table runner minimum, wheel chair, king, queen size, QOV or other. Must be Batiks (didn't we gift Libby a bunch of batiks? hmmm) Log Cabin is the QOV block of the year and paper pieced patterns are available online and at your quilt company supplier. (Fat Quarter Shop, etc.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Statler found a pair of scissors at last Workshop meeting - please see her to collect.

All scraps have been pulled from our overflowing storage at VFW and placed on the free table. All left after today will be part of our \$5 brown bag sale at Expo.

Marge Striggow will be 94 next month and we will celebrate with a (large) cake at our March meeting.

Kiki Williamson invited all members to Linda Lloyd's Celebration of Life, 6 April, 1-5 pm, at the VFW Hall. Information to follow.

TODAYS PROGRAM Ann Marie Miro, who survived the Gatlinburg Fire of 2016 and now resides in Tiger, Ga. presented her quilt Trunk Show - "Beauty Out Of The Fire". Ann Marie shows her fabulous work in many national quilt shows. The members were enthralled by her exquisite and varied art quilts. Each quilt was different and amazing. She used tatting and trims from thrift shops, beads, clock parts and 3-D layouts. Photographs were embellished with paint, gold foil and intricate 'pixel-like' squares. Throw away threads were constructed into a bird nest. Sentimental ancestral costume jewelry was incorporated into her flowers. Animals were realistically depicted and a natural appearing tree was coupled with a sense of humor in "Finding the Right Tree". Thread painting, applique and application of crystals were combined with stunning effect. Each work of art was quilted by Ann Marie and each is a "one and done" as she moves onto the next adventure. We were indeed honored to have such a wonderfully talented quilt artist show us her work. Libby thanked Ann Marie for sharing her quilts and adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Cawood, Secretary

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	92.00	155.00	1,345.00
	Fundraisers	500.00		0.00	500.00
	Membership	2,200.00	190.00	1,415.00	785.00
	Raffle Quilt	2,400.00	330.00	852.50	1,547.50
	Workshops	3,000.00		0.00	3,000.00
Expenses					
	Door Prizes	1,000.00		90.10	909.90
	Membership	200.00		0.00	500.00
	Miscellaneous				
	Achievement	300.00		0.00	300.00
	Guild Activities	400.00		0.00	400.00
	Newsletter	150.00		0.00	75.00
	Operations	2,500.00	256.35	256.35	3,243.65
	Programs	1,500.00	100.00	100.00	1,600.00
	Sunshine	300.00		0.00	75.00
	Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
	Workshops	1,800.00		100.00	1,900.00

Membership

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

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

Checks made to Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild. Please see me at the February 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

Circle of Hope

Donations for March:

Personal Items for Women

Kleenex	Noxzema
Nail clippers	Tweezers
Tampons-all sizes	Razors
Shaving gel	Deodorant

Thanks, Rosale!

BEE SHARPS

The Bee Sharps will have their meeting at the usual place and time - St. James Episcopal Church, Clayton 10 am until 2 pm, on the first Thursday, 6 March. Bring your lunch and sewing supplies, an extension for your machine and \$3 for the church. Coffee will be provided. We will be working on a project (if desired) or you can work on any project of your choice. A supply list was emailed to the members of BS. For details or questions contact Gini Cawood 706.599.3263

BEE ARTFUL

The Bee Artful group will follow Susan Barrett in her lesson on hangers (no sewing machines required) at their 11 March meeting at the VFW Hall 10 am until 2 pm. The news on the Improv quilting with Silke is that 19 additional blocks have been created and assembled into a donation top - well done! Planning for the 7 - 11 April Retreat will be discussed. Bring your lunch and something to stitch. For questions or details please contact Janice Chiaffredo 831.801.3365

Rope Bowl Class at Quilt N Kaboodle Instructor: Linda Coulombe

Linda will be teaching a Rope Bowl Class at Quilt N Kaboodle on Thursday, March 13, 11 am to ? Cost is \$30. Class size - 6 to 8 people. Contact Quilt N Kaboodle to sign up and supply list is on their website, and listed below.

Requirements:

12 yards of cotton solid braid rope, Denim/Jean needles (size 100/160), one 220 yard spool of 100% cotton thread, 50 wt, Straight pins, Glue stick, Sewing clips Ruler, Seam ripper, Standard presser foot, Scissors, Buttons, bead or tassels for embellishments, if you want. Sewing machine with a zig zag stitch. Any other sewing supplies that you like.

Quilt N Kaboodle
contact information:

Phone: 706-865-0065

Email:
quiltnkaboodlega@gmail.com

1628 Highway 115E

Cleveland, GA 30528



Hinton Retreat

The Bee Sharps all enjoyed their "Big Away Retreat" at the beginning of February at Hinton Retreat Center. We laughed a lot, learned a lot, and even did some sewing!



Thank you for volunteering!

This is the list of the Ambassadors and Booth workers for The Original Sewing & Quilting EXPO, March 6, 7 & 8 at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth, GA.

Susan Barrett, Linda Barron, Gini Cawood, Janice Chiaffredo, Linda Coulombe, Kathy Ingmundson, Nancy Kennedy, Mitzi Lantz, Pat Mahoney, Bev Mannes, Melinda Oliver, Jan Pitman, Pam Prosser, Sharon Ruth, Peggy Saum, Cheryl Stewart, JoAnn Valanzola, Vicki Volpi, Caroline Warren, Barbara Westbrook, Kiki Williamson

Without their time and effort this opportunity to show our quilt and collect donations wouldn't be possible.

Janice



"Enchanted Forest"
Size 90" x 94"





Officers 2025

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

Committee Chairs for 2024

Auditors	Gini Cawood Mitzi Lantz MaryAnn Prue
Basting	Pat Mahoney
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

Terry Wright	6
Beverly Daubenspeck	7
Belinda Gill	19
Jeanie Whitworth	22
Marge Striggow	26



March 2025



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

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

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 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 ktrombley55@gmail.com.