

# Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

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IN PERSON MEETING -  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

VFW  
174 Cornelia Crossing  
Cornelia, GA 30531



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## Meeting & Program for May 2025

Get ready for a delightful luncheon to celebrate spring and the amazing quilters! We'll have a scrumptious spread of salads, creamy ice cream, and exciting door prizes. And guess what? Don't forget to wear your derby hats to show your love for spring!

Tuesday, May 20th

**Lunch at 11:30 am**

Business meeting at 12:30 pm



Sheila Shepherd of Thirty 4 Stitches will be presenting a trunk show and batting presentation as well as demo-ing the Wonder Curve Ruler. She will offer a 80/20 batting as a door prize. You can find out more about Shelia on her website at [thirty4stitches.com](http://thirty4stitches.com).

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 May 13.

## MAY WORKSHOP NEWS

Our May 2025 workshop will be led by Beth Fannin, our current Programs chairperson. Beth will guide us in the many variations of patterns possible with a disappearing nine-patch. This workshop will be rewarding for all participants - the possibilities using varied fabric colors and patterns are endless. The disappearing nine-patch is a fabulous option whether you are making a quilt for the newlyweds or a new grandbaby, a donation quilt for the community organizations we serve, or a Quilts of Valor offering. Workshop participants are encouraged to make 9-patch squares in advance of the workshop to be ready to cut, rearrange and sew. See page 2 of this newsletter or the website for more detailed specifics provided by Beth. 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.

# Fabric Requirements for Disappearing 9 Patch

Lap or baby quilt approx. 48" square (sample is RW & B)

2 charm packs or 72 print 5" squares  
9 - 5" sqs or 2 strips contrast fabric  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  yd for 5" border  
 $\frac{3}{8}$  yard for binding



Large Throw approx. 65" x 77" without border (sample is Burgundy & Cream)

120 print 5" squares or 3 charm packs  
120 light contrast fabric 5" squares or  $2\frac{1}{4}$  yd  
30 dark contrast fabric 5" squares or  $\frac{2}{3}$  yd  
 $1\frac{1}{3}$  yd 5" Border  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  yd binding



Large Throw approx. 65" x 77" without border (sample is blue floral and white) yardage used

150 5" squares or  $2\frac{2}{3}$  yd floral fabric  
120 light fabric 5" squares or  $2\frac{1}{4}$  yd light fabric  
 $1\frac{1}{3}$  yd 5" Border  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  yd binding



Lap or baby quilt approx. 48" square (sample is flying geese)

2 charm packs or 81 print 5" squares  
9 -  $7\frac{1}{4}$ " squares each of 2 contrast fabrics or  $\frac{1}{2}$  yd each  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  yd for 5" border  
 $\frac{3}{8}$  yard for binding



Lap or baby quilt approx. 48" square (sample with sashing)

2 charm packs or 72 print 5" squares  
contrast fabric (9 - 5" sqs +  $4\frac{1}{2}$  sqs or 2 strips total)  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  yd for 5" border  
 $\frac{3}{8}$  yard for binding

## New Members

Amanda Moriarty  
P O Box 691 - mailing  
678 Hope Haven Ln  
Rabun Gap, GA 30568  
706-982-3329  
[gramaust@yahoo.com](mailto:gramaust@yahoo.com)  
Birthday - February 9



## Member Email Update

Becky Wynne - [grammie032025@icloud.com](mailto:grammie032025@icloud.com)



## President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter weekend. The weather was perfect for egg hunting. Unfortunately, I don't have any little people that want to hunt eggs. All my grands are now taller than me!

I have spent this morning updating calendars with all the Meetings, appointments, and Early Voting days that are coming up in May. I am looking forward to our guild activities and taking a short vacation at the end of the month before the elections begin. I know that we have some members that will be leaving us for a few months as they travel to other locations. I wish them all safe travels until they return to meet with us in the Fall.

Please make sure that you have a big Star on your calendar for our May Luncheon. Mitzi has done a great job with her preparations and setting up with our caterer. Don't forget to wear a stylish hat or Fascinator on the day of the luncheon. NO BASTING AT THE MAY MEETING! Just a great Party!!!!

You will notice in this Newsletter that we have some changes in the Guild Committee Chairs. JoAnn Valanzola will continue with Membership and is adding Roster to her list of duties. A new member, Kathy Wasden will be taking over the Webmaster position. Linda Barron will be continuing to take care of the Facebook page along with Barb Westbrook.

I want to extend a personal thank you to Linda Barron for the great job that she has done in keeping up with all the Guild duties that she has had in the last year. Linda has asked to take a break because she now has a greater responsibility in taking care of her mom.

I am so excited about the new members in the Guild. We have had 13 New Members join since May of 2024. One of these members lives in the Nashville, TN, area and many of us enjoyed her company at our recent Retreat in North Carolina. Also, several of our new members have taken on leadership duties for the Guild. I want to say thank you to everyone who takes an active part in the Guild. I couldn't do this job without all the support from each of our members!

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

## Basting

Because of our Spring Luncheon, there will not be basting before our regular meeting.

## Guild Meeting Minutes

### 15 April 2025

#### 12:15pm OPEN MEETING

Libby Armstrong, President, opened meeting

Please wear your official MLQG name tags or borrow one from the box - see Gini Cawood near the Membership Sign-in-Sheet

Alice, our guest, has many and varied fabric donations and will display them at our June meeting. Kelly Akers, our guest from the Log Cabin Quilters, spoke about her September Jacket Workshop, please contact Pat Mahoney for more information.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS - Pam Prosser 6, Karen Trombley 11, Melissa Pless 14, Katie Thomas 18, Helen Barrett 20, Sharon Ruth 21.

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

LuAnn Luedtke showed 3 large QOV quilts made by Ruth Spencer and quilted by Pam McBride

Peggy Saum - green potato chip quilt, youth size, quilted by Peggy

Pat Mahoney - 1. QOV wheelchair quilt, quilted by Pat 2. Comfort quilt, queen, quilted by Jan Carlson

Linda Hynninen - 6 youth sized! one Potato Chip, and five blocks quilts, all quilted by Linda

SHOW AND TELL

MaryAnn Prue - "Kaleidoscope" queen, with Irene and 10 FQs, quilted by Kathy Bavington

Peggy Saum - Grids Girls Winter Mystery, "Convergence" Deb Heatherly design, orange and blue, quilted by Peggy

Linda Hynninen - 1. WS bag 2. "Paradise Found", Cozy quilt design, large grey centre with star, quilted by Walker and Co.

Carol Gardiner - 1. Isle of Man log cabin table runner 2. Full, scrap blue quilt. Both hand quilted by Carol

Caroline Warren - "Oh Say Can you Sew" by Primitive Gatherings, started in 2022, king size, red white and blue, wool and 80/20 batting to create puff, more than 1250 HST (recommends Triangulations) quilted by Mary Beth Krapell in Raleigh. NC

DOOR PRIZES Ginny Fagan, Pam McBride. Earned \$140

Winners - Kathy Hebert, Barb Westbrook, Jeannie Whitworth, Caroline Warren, twice!, Shirley Reppert

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

MINUTES Gini Cawood - approved as printed in NL by show of hands, motion : Ginny Fagan, seconded Caroline Warren

MEMBERSHIP JoAnn Valanzola - 42 signed in with 7 guests.

Please renew your membership and buy 2025 Raffle tickets.

TOOL TIME - Sterilite box and flashlight on phone for a light box

AUDITORS Gini Cawood, MaryAnn Prue, Mitzi Lantz - Jan, Feb, March - all correct, balance accurate

BASTING Pat Mahoney - 1 basted, no basting in May - If you need basting for June please let Pat know size & quantity BEFORE 13 JUNE deadline, in order to organize help

CIRCLE OF HOPE Rosale Bolstad - thank you for donations; next month - bath towels, pillows, sheets, blankets

COMFORT QUILTS Pat Statler - 5 Comfort quilts completed. Next Workshop in June : pillowcases, donation & comfort quilts. If you took blocks home to work on, please return by June WS.

FACILITATORS Gini Cawood and Sharon Ruth - please use small bag to dispose of products in ladies room. All up and running, coffee at the back.

HISTORIAN Jeannie Whitworth - Linda Lloyd Celebration of Life on the 6th April at VFW Hall. Kiki thanked group for attendance, today is Linda's birthday, Celebration Of Life cards available next month

HOSTESS Mitzi Lantz - May Luncheon will be catered, many options, no msg, gluten free, wear a hat or fascinator, celebrate Spring! Thanked helpers as away on family celebration.

NEWSLETTER Betty Massey - deadline for articles 25 April

OFFICIAL HUGGER Rita Sander - not present, now home in Clayton, repairs on condo continue

OPPORTUNITY QUILT Janice Chiaffredo - Thank you to volunteers at Expo

Thank you gifts presented to Barb Westbrook, Lucia Scroggs and to Linda Barron for help and selling \$80 to friends. (Linda not present due to fire in neighborhood) We have extra tickets for all members to sell to friends. Festival in Santee Nachoochee 17th and 18th May, 10 am until 4 pm. We need volunteers for the Sunday, 18th to demonstrate hand work and sell tickets, for a couple of hours. The Gallery has our Quilt now and until the end of May, to show and sell tickets for us. We will again show and sell at September Bingo meeting at VFW.

PARLIAMENTARIAN Lucia Scroggs - all behaving accordingly. Had information from Linda Barron.

PUBLICITY Barb Westbrook - taking photos of today's events, new members and newspapers. Apology for skipping a month as left in Drafts - oops.

QUILTS OF VALOUR Karen Trombley - not present. Great turn out at the Sit-and-Sew meeting, 10 -12 April at Ebenezer Church, Hollywood. We celebrated Karen and Sharon birthdays 11th and 21st (numbers end in "0"). Don't forget the wheel chair quilts, any colors, 45" x 45", with flannel back, presented at Vet to Vet Cafe, Clayton. Karen had 11 tops that she fitted with batting. Thank you to Pat Mahoney for wheelchair quilt.

ROSTER/WEBMASTER Linda Barron - New Webmaster will be Kathy Wasden. 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! Marge - thank you for cards.

PROGRAMS Beth Fannin - Quilt n Kaboodle Pop Up shop for today.

WORKSHOP Pat Mahoney - Please see website. April will be Libby Armstrong with Ruler bags, and May will be Beth Fannin's Disappearing 9-patch. 9 Patch WS results (48" x 48") will work perfectly for wheelchair quilts. 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. Great day on Monday but no water for the rest of the week. We soldiered on, but ended up abandoning the fire station and regrouped at the two cabins where members were staying. Cabbage/French Rose pattern was presented by Susan Barrett and Carol Gardiner.

Next meeting will be 13 May at VFW Hall, 10 til 2 - ideas with ties and dying several products. All members are welcome. Contact Janice Chiafreddo for details.

BEE SHARPS Gini Cawood - Retreat 31 March through 4 April at the Scaly Mountain/Sky Valley Fire Station was well attended. Some guests and two new members attended and Caroline was the Hostess with the mostest. Next meeting will be 1 May at the St. James Episcopal Church, Clayton, 10 am until 2 pm. All members welcome. For details contact Gini Cawood.

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Last Meeting of Board and Chairpersons voted to remain at the VFW until the end of the year. New contract will be signed in May for June through December. Donations of \$600 in June and December are made but there is no invoice. Members to Vote. Motioned by Beth Fannin and seconded by Kiki Williamson. All members say aye. No dissention, therefore approved. Libby to action new contract with Quarter Master.

Libby outlined importance of our contributions to charitable organizations and encouraged all members to assist in the making of pillowcases and quilts for local groups. 10 members attended the last Service Project Workshop but 19 pillowcases were made and many more delivered after the workshop. Also 3 youth size quilt tops were made at the workshop. Most contributions go to Place of Hope in Clayton. Our Circle of Hope program of donated goods continues.

TODAYS PROGRAM Beth Fannin introduced Deb of Quilt'n Kaboodle, 1628 Highway 115E, Cleveland, Ga. 706.865.0065. Deb and her assistant had set up a Pop-Up shop for us with free pens and a Fat Quarter each in addition to many beautiful kits, fabric and accessories. Their shop is over 8000 square feet and stock is color coordinated and alphabetically arranged for ease of shopping. Many lines of Moda and Riley Blake fabrics are available. Special orders can be made for customers. Sign up for their Newsletter to get a 30% birthday discount (valid for 2 weeks). After your purchases total \$250, you will receive a 25% discount. A Long Arm service is available but no Long Arm classes. Classes include several topics like purse making, with all supplies at hand. They also stock many brands of thread. Libby thanked Deb for her presentation and invited the members to shop.

Libby adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Cawood, Secretary

### Circle of Hope

Donations for May - bath towels, pillows, sheets, blankets

Thanks, Rosale!

## Treasurer's Report

Income		Budget	Income	YTD	Remaining
	Door Prizes	1,500.00	140.00	434.00	1,066.00
	Fundraisers	500.00		0.00	500.00
	Membership	2,200.00	65.00	1,760.00	440.00
	Raffle Quilt	2,400.00	20.00	1,767.50	632.50
	Workshops	3,000.00	15.00	45.00	2,955.00
Expenses					
	Door Prizes	1,000.00	203.04	293.14	706.86
	Membership	500.00		0.00	500.00
	Miscellaneous				0.00
	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		200.00	1,500.00
	Sunshine	75.00		0.00	75.00
	Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
	Workshops	2,000.00	100.00	230.00	1,770.00

## 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


It was decided by the group at our last get together that the Bee Handy group will meet each month on the 4th Wednesday at Blue Creek Farmhouse Market restaurant, 4412 Hollywood Hwy., Clarkesville. We will arrive at 11:00, order our lunch, eat, sew and visit then leave around 2:00 pm. Our next meetings will be May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, Sept 24 , Oct 22, Nov 26. No meeting in Dec.

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, 1 May 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 am until 2 pm at the VFW Hall on the second Tuesday, 13 May 2025. Jan Pitman will be leading the Silk Tie / Silk Dye Program. Please bring \$15 for your silk item. Bring your lunch and additional stitching if desired. Coffee will be provided. All members are welcome. For questions or details, contact Janice Chiaffredo 831.801.3365.



## 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/Roster	JoAnn Valanzola
Newsletter	Betty Massey
Official Hugger	Rita Sander
Opportunity Quilt	Janice Chiaffredo
Parliamentarian	Lucia Scroggs
Publicity	Barb Westbrook
Quilts of Valor	Karen Trombley
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

Geri Beam	1
Jackie Tatum	13
Carol Gardiner	16
Lisa Parker	17
Christine Prue	23
Betty Massey	24
Janet Horn	25
Shirley Reppert	30



# May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 am - Bee Sharps	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13 10 am - Bee Artful	14	15	16 10 am - QOV	17 Festival Sautee Nachoochee 10-4
18 Festival Sautee Nachoochee 10-4	19	20 11:30 am - Spring Luncheon 12:30 pm - Monthly Meeting	21	22	23 10 am - Workshop	24
25 Newsletter Deadline	26 Memorial Day	27	28 11 am - Bee Handy	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, 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](mailto: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 [ktrombley55@gmail.com](mailto:ktrombley55@gmail.com).