

Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild

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IN PERSON MEETING -
Tuesday, September 16, 2025

VFW
174 Cornelia Crossing
Cornelia, GA 30531



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September 2025

Meeting & Program for September 2025

This month's meeting will be on September 16, 2025, at the Grant-Reeves Veterans Community Center (hereinafter referred to as the VFW Hall) in Cornelia. Doors open at 11:30 am. Michael DeGrave will be the guest speaker for our September 16th meeting. He has been servicing and repairing industrial and commercial machines since 1987 and home sewing machines since 1998. His territory runs throughout NE GA, SC, and into NC. Michael has been the Mountain Laurel Quilters Guild go-to sewing machine expert and repairing our wide variety of machines for many years. He says, "I just want to help people: that's why I do this". Please bring your questions to the meeting. It will be an opportunity to "Ask the Expert".

Ask An Expert? - If you have any quilting related questions please send them to Beth Fannin at (352) 816-3074. We'll try to get them answered in our next meeting.

Michael DeGrave will be available during our September meeting. For an appointment, please contact Beth Fannin (352) 816-3074 at least one week prior to our guild meeting, which will be September 9th.

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP NEWS

Quilt project instructor Kelly Aker will lead this dynamic and rewarding workshop. Participants will have 4 patterns to choose from. Instructions and guidance for alterations to make the patterns longer or shorter will be provided. The patterns include options for collar design, and for buttons versus snaps. Jackets can be made from an old quilt, from new quilted pieces made by the participants in advance, or from reversible pre-quilted fabric like was used for the ruler bag workshop. The cost for this workshop is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. This fee includes one of the patterns, as chosen by the participant. Workshop supply list and pattern options are posted on MLQG website.

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.

September Workshop

All workshop participants are requested to please let Pat Mahoney know as soon as possible which pattern and size you want so this information can be provided to the instructor. September 16 is the deadline. Can text, call or e-mail Pat Mahoney, patriciafmahoney@gmail.com, or 770-294-2043.

Pictured below are some of the patterns for the September Workshop. There was a 12 page information package sent out by email. If you didn't receive it, please let Betty Massey know and I will send it to you.

PATTERNS

There are 5 Patterns to choose from. Alterations to make them longer are easy to do if wanted. Note collar design & if they have buttons or snaps.

#1



#2



#3



#4



Basting

Anyone who wants to bring a quilt for basting must let the Basting Chairperson know not later than Saturday, September 13. Can text, call or e-mail to Pat Mahoney, 770-294-2043, patriciafmahoney@gmail.com.

Welcome New Member



Julie Claxton
350 Foggy Creek Ln
Clarkesville, GA 30523
Birthday - October 17
478-454-8686
julieclaxton62@hotmail.com

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE Due December 16th Meeting

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!!!

President's Message

It's a great day in the neighborhood! Thankfully the sun is shining, and it is a little cooler than it has been. I hope you are enjoying this day. After I complete this newsletter, I'm going back to my happy place (quilting room) to continue working on projects that need my attention. I have been organizing my many projects that need to be started, scrapped or given to someone else. Do you have this problem? I just completed blocks from a "Block of the Month" from 2010. I have laughed during this entire project because every time I opened the next month block to be completed, it was labeled \$1.00! We won't see that again.

I am so looking forward to September! August has not been a great month for me. I had an accident that cut my tire and of course I had to buy a new one. Next my car died and wouldn't start after I filled my gas tank. My car spent most of last week at the Ford dealership and I finally got it back late on Friday. My car is all repaired, but I will getting a new battery later this week. See what I mean, August has been frustrating!

Labor Day weekend is coming up in a few days. I hope you have a great weekend with family and friends. I will be spending a few days in Hiawassee with my friend. She is my quilting buddy, and I plan to work on my Challenge quilt. I hope that everyone gets a chance to just relax over the next few weeks. Do what you love to do!!!!

Speaking of Challenge quilts, today I am writing this on the 25th - that means Christmas is exactly 4 months away. The Challenge quilts are due at our December Guild meeting. If you are like me NOW is the time to get sewing. Remember it is a LOG CABIN QUILT, and originally had to be made from Batiks or Patriotic. This has changed slightly; fabrics of your choice can be used. A table runner, Quilt, etc can be submitted! It is your choice.

See you soon! That's all folks

Libby

Guild Meeting Minutes

19 August 2025

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

Door locked and monitored. Please sit at back if you need to leave early.

Emergency exits at front and back.

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

BIRTHDAYS - Happy August birthdays : Debra Sanders, Dana Adams, Cheryl Stewart, Ruth Spencer, Gail Routt

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!

Pat Mahoney / Pat, youth x 3

Cathy Hebert / Peggy Saum, QOV twin size

Jeanie Whitworth / Jeanie, QOV lap size

Mitzi Lantz / Pat Mahoney, youth size

SHOW AND TELL please fill in a form.

Sharon Ruth / LuAnn Luedtke, Lallapoloosa, lap

Betty Massey / Betty, Butterfly, table runner

Silke Cliatt / Silke, Guardian of the Gulf Coast, wall hanging

Caroline Warren / Pauline Luther x 3, all lap size

Jeanie Whitworth / Jenise Waltz "Millie's Dresses and Accessories" Lori Holt, queen size

Jeanie Whitworth / Jeanie "GoDawgs", large lap

DOOR PRIZES Ginny Fagen, Pam McBride - earned \$132

Winners were Sharon Ruth, Mary Murelle, Jeanie Whitworth, Ashlie Poole, Pam Prosser, Gail Routt

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

MINUTES Gini Cawood - as printed in Newsletter, motioned Beth Fannin, seconded Bev Mannes, approved

MEMBERSHIP Mary Oliver - 32 members signed in, 1 new member, Julie Claxton. 87 total members

Please return plastic name tags to the box at Membership.

AUDITORS Gini Cawood, MaryAnn Prue, Mitzi Lantz - July, August September to be audited in October

BASTING Pat Mahoney - 8 (!) basted quilts today, 7 for donation; if basting needed, contact Pat for September

CIRCLE OF HOPE Rosale Bolstad - Thank you for school supplies : next month feminine products

COMFORT QUILTS Pat Statler - 5 comfort quilts ready, hope that they are not needed.

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

HISTORIAN Jeanie Whitworth - Bev and Silke in Paducah show, NE Ga newspaper Quilt show, thank you Barb Westbrook

HOSTESS Mitzi Lantz - next event Christmas luncheon

NEWSLETTER Betty Massey - deadline for Newsletter articles 25th

OFFICIAL HUGGER - Rita Sander - much better, sorting sewing room

OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Janice Chiafreddo - next event 4 October

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Lucia Scroggs - not present

PUBLICITY - Barb Westbrook - contacting papers, pictures on Facebook

QOV Karen Trombley (absent) - next meeting, Friday, 19 September, 3rd Friday at Ebenezer Church, come sew, we have supplies. AccuQuilt 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 - Ask an Expert for next month. Michael DeGrave to present program with Q & A

WORKSHOPS Pat Mahoney - 22 August Attic Windows with Jan Carlson (\$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. DEADLINE 16 SEPTEMBER to get patterns ready, 24 October - Charity and Service projects, pillowcase kits available today

Workshop space available to sew your personal projects, members welcome.

BEE ARTFUL Janice Chiaffredo - 2nd Tuesday of the month - 9 September - 9:30 am doors open, 10 am start, until 2 pm, VFW Hall. Bring your lunch.

BEE HANDY Caroline Warren - 4th Wednesday of the month - 27 August, 24 September, 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 - 4 September - 10-2 - St. James Episcopal, Clayton.

Possibly moved to library, information at later date. 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.

NEW BUSINESS -

Liquor store will be opening almost next store and the VFW has advised us to lock the door while in meetings. During the MLQG meetings 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. Michael Dale, VFW QM, said building sold, AllState moved, we will stay until December, will review in November.

PROGRAM Beth Fannin showed Tool Time : tiny trash can, tiny vacuum cleaner, 28mm rotary cutter, sticky mat for EPP, and all fit into carry bag! each \$1.25 at Dollar tree. Pulled number 22, Ashlie Poole won all!

Beth Fannin introduced various members and guests to speak about our Charity commitments.

- Choices in Clayton, LuAnn Luedtke, Women's Crisis Center, Family Planning Center. choicescpc.org for details

- Circle of Hope, Rosale Bolstad, Piano Duel 25 October, gacircleofhope.org for details

- Quilts for Kids, Pat Mahoney, quiltsforkids.org for details

- Place of Hope in Clayton, Barb Westbrook, Elizabeth Adams, placeofhopenga.com for details

- QOV, Karen Trombley, GA State Coordinator, NEGA Chapter, QOVF.org for details and to nominate veteran

- Wheelchair Quilts for Vets and Hospice, Sharon Ruth, Vet to Vet, Clayton and Family Hospice, Rabun County

- Comfort Quilts for our members, Pat Statler

- Opportunity Quilts for our Guild, Bev Mannes, contact Janice Chiaffredo

Beth spoke about a cleaner for delicate quilts, Retro Clean.

Ask An Expert will start off with Michael DeGrave - bring sewing machine related questions for next meeting. We have many experts amongst us - but who to ask?

Beth thanked everyone for sharing information about charities and adjourned the meeting at 2:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gini Cawood, Secretary

Request for Spools

Jane Adamson is looking for new or old thread on a spool (not a cone). It doesn't matter if it's polyester or cotton or a blend. The brighter the colors the better. If you have thread that doesn't work in your machine or is taking up space, please bring it the B-Sharps meeting on Thursday, September 4th or the guild meeting on Tuesday, September 16. Give to Jane Adamson or Caroline Warren.

Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Income		Budget	Income	YTD	Remaining
	Door Prizes	1,500.00	132.00	979.00	521.00
	Fundraisers	500.00		0.00	500.00
	Membership	2,200.00	17.50	1,873.50	326.50
	Raffle Quilt	2,400.00	10.00	2,439.50	-39.50
	Workshops	3,000.00		45.00	2,955.00
Expenses					
	Door Prizes	1,000.00		293.14	706.86
	Membership	500.00	69.35	99.66	400.34
	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	3.91	972.40	2,527.60
	Programs	1,700.00		892.00	808.00
	Sunshine	75.00		58.40	16.60
	Raffle Quilt	50.00		0.00	50.00
	Workshops	2,000.00	150.00	580.00	1,420.00

Circle of Hope

Donations for September - Women's needs - combs, hairbrushes, tampons all sizes, razors, shaving gel, deodorant, soap, hand lotion.

Thanks, Rosale!

Congratulations!

SAGA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) called for entries for a juried exhibition for members with Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, being the primary or secondary region.

The Exhibition Theme - Trios, triples, triads, trilogies, triplets, trinities, triptychs. According to the Rule of Three, ideas, thoughts, events, characters, or sentences that are presented in threes are especially interesting, more effective, and memorable. Like a trio of jazz musicians, our three states - Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina - have combined to play with syncopation, swing, and creative freedom.

The following artists were chosen from our quilt guild:

Janice Chiaffredo - *Three Moons Rising*, GA/SC

Silke Cliatt - *Dancing With Joy*, GA/SC

Laura Leiden, *Tipping Point*, GA/SC

Laura Leiden, *Women United*, GA/SC

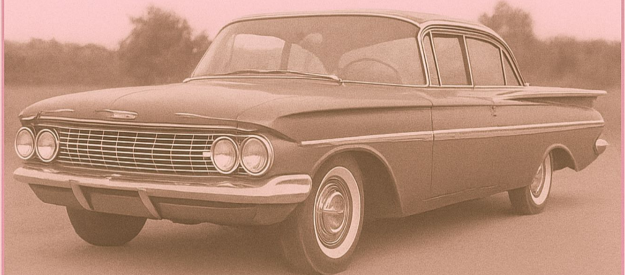
Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

Opportunity Quilt

Please let Janice know if you can help at the Mountaineer Festival in Clayton. 831-801-3365 or jchiaffredo@gmail.com



THANK YOU
Mary, Dottie,
and Amanda
FOR HELPING OUT AT THE
**MOUNTAIN LAUREL
QUILTERS GUILD**
BOOTH DURING THE
CLAYTON BLOCK PARTY
ON A HOT AUGUST DAY



Special Invitation

Dear Quilting Friends,

The Spirited Quilters Quilt Guild of Duluth warmly invites you and your guild members to our **2nd Annual Marketplace**—a celebration of quilting, creativity, and community spirit!

Date: September 6, 2025

Location: Bunten Rd Park Activities Bldg 3138 Bunten Rd, Duluth, GA

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

We are honored to share the **quilt stash estate** of a cherished Gwinnett County quilter, featuring a **huge selection of quilt-quality fabrics**, notions, rulers, pillow forms, and more.

Marketplace Highlights:

- **Estate fabric sale** with hundreds of yards of premium quilting cottons
- **Local small businesses** offering handmade goods, patterns, fabric and tools
- **Make-and-take station** for hands-on fun and quick projects
- **Door prizes and giveaways** throughout the afternoon
- **Raffles** with exciting prizes for quilters of all kinds
- **Silent auction** featuring unique items and bundles
- **Refreshments and treats** to keep you energized

Please feel free to **share the attached flyer** with your guild members—we'd love to welcome you all! Whether you're shopping, crafting, bidding, or simply connecting, this event promises something for every quilting enthusiast.

Warmly,

The Spirited Quilters Quilt Guild, Duluth Georgia

Jacki Wilbourne

President

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BEE HANDY

The Bee Handy group will meet September 24 at Ebenezer Methodist Church, 4000 Hollywood Hwy, Clarkesville, from 10 am - 2:30 pm. 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, 4 September 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 the VFW Hall on the second Tuesday, 9 September 2025. Doors open at 9:30 am, meeting 10 am. Bring your Show and tell, your lunch and a project on which to work. 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	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

Tanya Cole	6
Bev Mannes	9
Becky Wynne	14
Pam McBride	16
Bonnie Finne	21
Laura Leiden	
Connie Courtney	
Stephenson Walters	26
Vicki Volpi	29
Linda Coulombe	30





September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 10 am - Bee Sharps	5	6
7	8	9 10:00 am - Bee Artful	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 10 - Basting 12:30 pm - Monthly Meeting	17	18	19 10 am - QOV	20
21	22	23	24 10 am - Bee Handy	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 10 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 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.