

Misty Mountain Quilters Guild
General Meeting
August 22, 2023

The MMQG August General Meeting was called to order by Leslie Boone, at 1:03 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, Blairsville. 75 members were present.

Approval of minutes of the MMQG July general meeting was tabled until the September meeting, because the minutes were posted late. Leslie recognized five guests at the meeting.

Several announcements were made:

- Guild members were saddened to hear that Lucy Jeter has passed away.
- Sally Montgomery needs a quilt rack to take the raffle quilt to the next East Cobb guild meeting.
- Sacred Threads, a traveling exhibit of art quilts exploring spirituality and peace, will be hosted by Good Shepherd Church, Hayesville, from October 9 through October 18, 2023.
- There is still time to sign up to volunteer at QuiltFest. We can always use more people.
- Kathy Traylor and Diana McLaughlin are organizing the MMQG 2024 Sleep-In-Your-Own-Bed Retreat to be held next April 18-20 at the Pat Haralson Memorial Civic Center, Blairsville. Participants will work primarily in the main room, with a conference room available for classes. The event registration fee will be \$45, plus \$30 for meals. Tee shirts can also be purchased. Interested members can sign up and put down a deposit at any MMQG general meeting, starting in October.
- Ruth Simmons volunteers at a church pantry that provides food and Christmas stockings to those in need. Anyone interested in sewing stockings on August 23 or making donations should contact Ruth.
- Sarah Sorenson's paper piecing workshop was enjoyed by attendees. If anyone signed up but missed the session, they can contact her for the class packet. Sarah discussed the need for more longarm help with quilts from workshops and MMQG service groups, particularly Hugs & Kisses. She also asked for volunteers to help with Viewers' Choice and Card Challenge quilts at QuiltFest.

Committee News:

- Long-Arm (Shirley Deasy): The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, which will be September 5 for the next meeting.
- Hugs & Kisses (Tim Strike): Last month, 81 quilts were delivered to three organizations for distribution to ill or abused children. Due to preparations for QuiltFest, the normal third-Thursday monthly workshop is canceled for September.
- Heart2Heart (Robin Jones): Meetings are the first Thursday of each month; the next meeting is September 7. On October 10, 10:00-2:00, H2H will have a quilting class,

showing how to pin baste and straight line quilt. MMQG outreach groups have a lot of tops that need quilting! Kits will be provided for the class. Sign up early; there has already been a lot of interest in this program.

- Quilts of Valor (Sue Young): The first monthly meeting will be held on September 7, but the second meeting in the month is canceled due to QuiltFest preparations. Several Quilts of Valor were distributed in the last few months and the group has satisfied all current requests. Congrats to the team.
- Art Quilts (Judy Avant): The group is working on portrait quilts for QuiltFest, so there won't be a meeting in September. The next Art Quilt group meeting will be in October.

QuiltFest Announcements

Kathy Traylor let members know that she has flyers for the festival. She asked people to take as many as they need and to give the flyers out.

Tim Strike discussed logistics of the festival. The quilt turn-in date has been changed to Saturday, September 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the Blairsville Civic Center. Receiving tables will be in the hallway before the 4-H room. Quilt judging will take place on Sunday and Monday, September 17 and 18; anyone can watch. Also, expect e-mails regarding table pick-up and event set-up, looking for volunteers. Castoff Pets is loaning its tables to MMQG and we will pick them up Wednesday night, September 20, after bingo. On Thursday, September 21, set-up will be in full swing at the Union County Recreation Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. Take-down will be begin as soon as QuiltFest ends on Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Susan Slaton had numerous announcements: A kaleidoscope quilt class is scheduled for October 25, 2023. It will cost \$25.00, with a non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 at sign-up. There is still enough binding left for one more entry in the QuiltFest Card Challenge; Susan asked anyone interested to see her during the meeting break. Quilts submitted for judging at QuiltFest must have quilters' names covered (other than on the label specified in festival rules). This can be done with a piece of fabric basted over the name. Volunteers assisting with judging will meet on September 5, noon to 1:00, to learn the guidelines and vocabulary of judging. The schedule for volunteers will be distributed at that meeting. Lastly, Susan urged members to bring vintage quilts (i.e., 1980s or earlier) for show.

Tim Strike noted that, not including the Art Quilts Group display, 197 quilts are registered for the festival.

Connie Tackett went over QuiltFest label requirements in more detail: Cover your name on any permanent label. Put a small, temporary label (3"x5" or smaller) on the bottom left corner of the back, showing your name and phone number. This temporary label will be covered by the quilt's registration number, so the judge cannot see it. For further information on labels and other festival requirements, see the QuiltFest submission hand-out.

Diane Laslie invited members to stop by her table during the meeting break for boutique sign-up and information. The sign-up deadline is August 31.

Raffle baskets are coming along well. Diana McLaughlin asked anyone interested in volunteering to see her during the meeting break.

Members took a 15 minute break, beginning at 1:35 p.m.

After the break, Susan Slaton introduced Terry Powers, the featured speaker. After an impressive introduction featuring Terry's long, deep and varied experience in all aspects of quilting, Terry treated the membership to a trunk show of her lively, creative quilts. Ahs, oohs and camera clicks could be heard throughout the show.

Following Terry's presentation, the meeting raffle was called. Then, more MMQG members than usual showed their beautiful creations during our Quilt Show and Tell. Guess who is getting ready for a quilt show?

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.