

Misty Mountain Quilters Guild
General Meeting
September 26, 2023

The MMQG September General Meeting was called to order by Leslie Boone, at 1:03 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, Blairsville. 80 members were present.

Minutes of the July and August MMQG general meetings were approved. Leslie recognized five guests at the meeting.

Several announcements were made:

- Sacred Threads, a traveling exhibit of art quilts exploring spirituality and peace, will be hosted by Good Shepherd Church, Hayesville, on October 9 through October 18, 2023. Bring earbuds for a real treat: you will be able to listen to the quilt makers' stories behind their quilts.
- The MMQG holiday-season general meetings are currently scheduled for November 28 and December 12. (Note the November date; it was originally the 14th but has been moved to accommodate our speaker for that month.) A workshop will be held by the November speaker; date to be announced.
- Leslie recognized the QuiltFest committee, workers and other helpers, including spouses, for a great job setting up and taking down the displays and facilities for the show. The Recreation Center was fully cleaned up by 7:20 p.m. A special thanks to Tim Strike for his extraordinary hard work in organizing this very successful event.
- Tim Strike thanked everyone who helped with QuiltFest. We had record attendance: 1122 paid visitors. Including sponsors' free tickets, total attendance was more than 1,150.
- Sally Montgomery gave a quick financial summary of QuiltFest. We took in over \$30,000. Expenses are around \$10,000. (Some bills are still coming.) MMQG's profit is approximately \$20,000.
- Tim reported that his wife, Cindy Strike, won the raffle quilt. Members applauded and laughed, recalling that Cindy did not believe it when her name was called. Sue Young announced that MMQG earned \$5,870 on the raffle. A big thank you to Sally Montgomery for creating and donating this beautiful quilt.
- Kathy Traylor was recognized for her extensive publicity leading up to QuiltFest, particularly her interesting articles on quilting.

Committee News:

- Long-Arm (Shirley Deasy): The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, which will be October 3 for the next meeting.

- Hugs & Kisses (Tim Strike): This group will meet the second Thursday of next month, October 10, rather than the normal third-Thursday of the month.
- Heart2Heart (Robin Jones): The group will meet on October 10, 10:00-2:00. Shirley Deasy will teach a class on pin basting quilt sandwiches and quilting on home sewing machines. There is sign-up for this class, with one open spot remaining. Kits will be provided.
- Quilts of Valor (Sue Young): One meeting will be held next month, on October 18.
- Art Quilts (Judy Avant): This artistic group will meet on October 16, 10:00-noon. Irene Lambert will demonstrate confetti quilts.
- Education (Susan Slaton): Our speaker next month, Kay Wetzsteon, will teach a kaleidoscope quilt class on October 25, the day after our next general membership meeting. The class will cost \$25.00, with a non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 at sign-up. There are still some openings. Kay will email a supply list to attendees and kits will be available. Kits can also be purchased if someone cannot attend.
- Comfort Quilts (Sarah Sorenson): MMQG needs a new chairman for this group. See Leslie Boone or Sarah Sorenson if you have questions or are interested in the position.

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

After the break, Leslie Boone raffled off a left-handed Martelli rotary cutter to interested guild members.

A member asked what benefits were received by QuiltFest sponsors. Robin Jones responded. Gold and silver sponsors had ads in the program and their names were shown on individual quilts (although sponsors did not choose the particular quilts).

Kathy Traylor discussed MMQG's upcoming spring retreat: Sleep In Your Own Bed Retreat, April 18-20, 2024. Tee shirts can be ordered through Diana McLaughlin. Kathy is chairman of the Retreat Committee and Diana McLaughlin is co-chair. Diana is handling games, prizes, special projects and shirt sales; Kathy could not resist asking how Diana got all the *fun stuff*. Kathy Logan, Sandi Brock and Noni Haverstram are also part of the Retreat Committee. Shirley Deasy will teach a wool applique class and other classes will be announced. Unfortunately, due to low power in the conference rooms, potential class offerings are a bit limited. Cost for the retreat is \$45 without meals, \$75 with lunches, \$15 per half-day class, and \$25 per full day class, including a non-refundable deposit at sign-up. Please mention any special dietary needs and the committee will do its best to accommodate them. Sign-up begins at the MMQG October general membership meeting. There will be a wait list once the retreat is full, but last year, the full wait list was cleared and all interested members were able to attend.

Diana McLaughlin added that tee shirts will be on sale beginning at our October general meeting through December 23, 2023. Short and long sleeve tee shirts are available, as well as sweatshirts. They will be sold to members at cost. Also, applique block kits will be available at the retreat. These blocks will be used in Heart2Heart quilts.

The membership watched a wonderful slide show, prepared by Diane Banakas, highlighting the people, quilts and events of QuiltFest 2023. We enjoyed pictures of quilts, volunteers, sponsors, vendors and attendees. It was a real treat.

Kay Donges won Best in Show, with her gorgeous art quilt, Three Amigos. She also won the Card Challenge with her sinister portrait of Jack Spade. Vendors reported good sales at QuiltFest. A total of five long-arms were sold, so we can expect even more fabulous quilts in the future.

Following the slide presentation, we had only one Show and Tell of a beautiful quilt by Ileana Campagne. Seems we were all exhausted by our exciting quilt show.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.