

Minutes - MMQG General Meeting, January 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by president Leslie Boone. 72 attendees.

1. **Minutes:** Approved as published on the web site.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Leslie read thank you notes from Clay County Food Pantry for our cash \$232 donation, and from member Gail Berry for our “kind words of encouragement” following her recent surgery.
3. **Nominating Committee:** the committee consists of Diane Banakas and Susan Slaton, and will be looking for candidates for
 - a. Secretary: responsible for recording minutes at Board and General Meetings, and posting them on the appropriate websites, as well as filing Guild correspondence and maintaining a scrapbook of press clippings. Kathy Traylor will continue to do the newsletter and distribute press releases, unless someone else would like to take over one or the other task.
 - b. 2nd Vice President: Previously responsible for organizing and conducting Sewcials, but will not be responsible for scheduling Guild events at the Civic Center, and other locations as needed.
4. **New Members and Guests:** Sandy Wiskeman (from FL), Sherry Rogers (guest of Robin Jones), Karen Izor (past member), Susie Booth (guest of Cathy Hogan), Steve Chaly (guest of Sheila Tucker), Diane Tortis (new member), Sharon Anderson (guest of Nancy Gillis), Cathy Clement (guest of Pat Christ), Beverly Braine (Hayesville), Sarah Eraslan (guest of Pat Christ), Tammy Dye (guest of Michele Updike).
5. **Upcoming Sewing Group Meetings.**
 - a. Longarm Group - First Tuesday of each month, Feb. 7 and March 7, 10 am at the Civic Center. Contact Sarah Sorenson. Open to anyone interested in longarm quilting.
 - b. Hugs & Kisses - Third Thursdays - Feb. 16 and March 16. Contact Tim Strike. They make kids for needy children. Beginning quilters welcome! 10 am at the Civic Center.
 - c. Heart2Heart - First Thursdays, Feb. 2 and March 2 (no workday in April). 10 am at the Civic Center to make quilts and other items for nursing homes.

- d. Quilts of Valor - First Thursdays and Third Wednesdays (when announced). Feb. 2 at Coosa Methodist Church, 9:30 am. Contact Sue Young. They have a QoV ceremony scheduled for February 11.
- e. Art Quilts - Next meeting Monday, Feb. 20, 10 am at the Civic Center. RSVP to Judy Avant to be sure she will have enough supplies. They currently have 24 active members in this group.
- f. Comfort Quilts - Thanks to everyone who came to the two workdays to prepare block kits, which are available at General Meetings.
[Instructions are on the Guild website](#) . Be sure to follow the instructions about keeping it “scrappy” and trimming the blocks. Most of the strips are 2 & ½” but they’ll need to be trimmed to 2 & ¼”. Each kit will make 4 blocks.

6. QuiltFest 2023

- a. Liz Hogan - books and magazines in our boutique earned us over \$1000 in 2019, so it’s a great moneymaker. She will accept magazines no more than 10 years old. Please bundle magazines by title, then by year, then in month order. Remove or mark through any address labels. She will sell most of them in 1-year bundles. Quilting and other craft books sell well. Any quilt patterns must be originals, not photocopies so as not to violate copyright. Please hold onto these until May as Liz’s garage can only hold so much!
- b. Tim Strike (QuiltFest chair) -
 - i. Raffle tickets are available today from Sue Young. Each member is expected to sell 30 tickets (\$25 - 30 worth; \$1 for one, \$5 for six).
 - ii. Sub-Committees: each member is expected to contribute time at QuiltFest. There are jobs that can be done seated, or standing, or walking around. Please sign up on the lists at Sue Young’s table. [Descriptions of each job will be in the February newsletter].
 - iii. Decorations: will be minimal this year - only in the lobby area and no outdoor decorations.
 - iv. The main committee meets the first Tuesday of each month, 1 pm in the Civic Center Conference Room, after the Longarm Group meeting. All are welcome!

- v. We will need lots of quilts to show and they don't need to be super-fancy award-winners.
 - vi. Most of all, QuiltFest is FUN!
- 7. **Show and Tell** - photos will be available in the February newsletter.
- 8. Break
- 9. **Program** - Sheila and Mark Tucker, owners of Mountain Quilts in Hiawassee discussed the history of their shop, talked about their upcoming classes and contests, and showed some fabric that is so new they just brought the unopened boxes to share. They currently have more than 1,100 different batik fabrics, a new line of aboriginal patterns, and more than 4,000 bolts of fabric all together. They will be celebrating the shop's "Birthday Bash" March 1-4. They also had free quilt patterns, and pre-cut fabrics and other items for sale. Photos in the February newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:37 pm.

Note to new members: The Civic Center is on Wellborn Street in Blairsville, between the Humane Society Thrift Store, and the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. Most of our get-togethers there are in the Auditorium, which is to the left as you enter the building. The Conference Room is to the right.