



Patchwork Press

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Catawba Valley Quilters Guild
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C A L E N D A R

MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING SEP. 4, 2025 6 pm via Zoom

MEETINGS SEP. 11, 2025 10am & 6:30pm

PROGRAM: MORNING & EVENING: Mary Bucy will present Mary B's Trunk Show and more.

MISSION DAY

September 20, October 18

9 to 3 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — Help us make charity quilts for local hospitals and charities, and Quilts Of Valor for local veterans, or bring a project of your own.

SIT 'N SEW

THURSDAY MORNINGS (except meeting days)

9:30-11:30 am Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

4th THURSDAY EVENING SEP. 25, 2025 6-8 pm
Community Room C.

QOV PRESENTATIONS

22 Sep 2025 at 1pm

Marine Corps League Annual Golf Tournament
(Set Up & Lunch 11:30 am)
Lake Hickory Country Club - Catawba Springs
Golf Facility 3820 Wandering Lane
Hickory, NC 28601

2 Oct 2025 at 6pm

DAV Chapter 34
882 21st St SE, Hickory, NC 28602

2 Nov 2025 at 2pm

Granite Falls Transportation Museum
107 Falls Avenue
Granite Falls, NC 28645

QUILT SHOWS & OTHER EVENTS

SEPT. 6, 2025 9—5 PROJECT LINUS BLANKET DAY

Mt. Hebron Lutheran Church, Hildebran
We will focus on blankets for Snowball Express. All have to be teen size; we can use military, fire, police, or EMS material. We pledged to send 50 this year. Bring a dish to share; we will provide a meat, side and tea. There is plenty to do for everyone- we will need people to sew, iron, hand tie, trim, fold. Looking forward to seeing everyone there for a day of service, fellowship, fun and food.

SEP. 29-OCT. 2, 2025 CVQG RETREAT, Holston Camp & Retreat Center, Banner Elk. We have a waiting list, so please let us know ASAP if you cannot attend.

OCT. 17-18, 2025 CAROLINA COLORS QUILT SHOW

Isothermal Community College
286 ICC Loop Rd. Spindale, NC
Admission \$5.00

APR. 17-18, 2026

OUR SPRING CELEBRATION OF QUILTS

Highland Recreation Center
1451 8th St Dr NE, Hickory

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Catawba Valley Quilters Guild
2425 North Center Street #222
Hickory, North Carolina 28601

Birthdays

Officers & Worker Bees

	Day	Night
President	Nancy Garchek	Dawn Cole
Vice President	Barbara Mahnke	Terrie Townsend
Secretary	Chris Appenzeller	Jill Wells
Treasurer	Joyce Gates (
Members-at-Large	Michele Hester	Janet Hunt

1	Elle Clemens
3	Fletcher McNeil
4	Beth Helmick
8	Pat Sain
8	Joy Mease
12	Jickie Crocker
13	Margaret Noah
14	Cindy Konarski
17	Karen Berlin
19	Peggy Barton
20	Karen Miller
24	Dawn Cole
24	Mary Whipkey
26	Maureen Teague
26	Reba Walden
26	Mary Bucy
27	Dorothy Voss
29	Judy Edberg

Membership — Millie Kaufman, Chair / Melissa Shaw

Newsletter — Diana Weber / Judy Edberg

Newsletter deadline: third Monday of prior month

Webmistress / Quilts of Valor — Amanda Truett

Workshops — Debra Eckard / Lisa Echerd

Meeting Dates / Times

Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm / Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC

Mail: 2425 N. Center St. # 222; Hickory, NC 28601

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MINUTES — AUGUST 14 MORNING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER — WELCOME

President Nancy Garchek called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m with 40 members and one visitor in attendance, Sue Reimlinger.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Dawn Cole has started a new job.
- Maureen Teague, recovering from wrist surgery, is once again able to drive.
- Joyce Gates's nephew is out of the hospital and doing well.
- Dana Lowry is about to gain a new grandson..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ann Becker moved to accept the July minutes and Kathleen Whiddon seconded. The minutes were approved as written

DOOR PRIZES

ATTENDANCE: Lori Skinner

HOMEMADE NAMETAG: Peggy Poe

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Joyce Gates reported a guild treasury balance of \$22,732.38. Approximately \$500 in donations were received in honor and memory of member Libby Sigmon. Members are invited to make suggestions to any board member, and the board will then make the final decision on how best to use the donations. The guild recently received a donation check in the amount of \$43.25 from an online pledging donation company. With concerns that the donation may possibly be a scam, Joyce will delay cashing the check until its authenticity has been verified.

OLD BUSINESS**Quilt Show Update:**

Shelley Thompson has stepped down as a show co-chair for personal reasons, and Jill Wells has volunteered to serve in her role.

Co-chair Pat Carson gave an update on the show. The committee met last week. Pat reported that Co-chair Michelle Macy would like guild members to sew most

(about 200) of the drapes for the display of quilts and rent the remainder (112). Mary Bucy explained that the rental company does not have enough for our show's needs, and we would have to get them from a South Carolina company as happened for our last show. Pat says that there is possibly a location available for storage of the guild's drapes. The labor required for putting up and taking down the poles was discussed. Barb Mahnke explained that the poles are easy to put up but the guild volunteers do 90 percent of the labor since they need to determine exact placement. The rental company does the majority of the work in taking down the poles at the end of the show.

Jill Wells is spearheading the drapes project. 8' x 8' panels were used at the past shows but only 4' x 4' panels are available now from the rental company. A future workday on a Saturday will be determined and announced for members to sew the drapes.

Sherry Huffman reported that quilt raffle ticket sales at The Hub on August 8-9 totaled \$228. (Part of that amount was from a member turning in her prior sales.) To date 1,178 tickets have been sold for a total amount of \$963.

NEW BUSINESS

Quilt Donation: Barb Mahnke read a beautiful thank you card from Darnell, the wife of Holy Trinity's custodian, Wayne. Darnell, who has cancer, received a string quilt from the guild made during Sit and Sew and put together by Mary Bucy.

Publicity Chair: Libby Sigmon served in this role for many years handling guild publicity for the Hickory Daily Record and the Morganton Herald. Anyone willing to fill the position is asked to contact Nancy Garchek or Dawn Cole.

Hospitality Chair: This position has been filled by Millie Kaufman and Sandy Herman. Nancy Garchek expressed the guild's appreciation to Catherine Caswell

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for her service in that role.

Holston Retreat: The guild fall retreat is currently full but has a small waiting list.

Upcoming Programs & Workshops: Barb Mahnke and Terrie Townsend announced the next guild Challenge, quilts made on a fusible grid with small squares. The guild has two bolts, and members may purchase a fabric grid of 24 x 24 two inch squares. The squares finish to 1 1/2" squares, and the final project becomes a 36" x 36" quilt top. Participants are asked to pay \$5 for their grid to help with the guild's cost. The finished grid can also be made into a tote or other item. There may be a workshop provided. Completed projects will be shown at the December joint meeting and possibly displayed as a group at the April quilt show. Sewing tips for the grids: 1/2 square triangles may be used instead of squares; use a long strip folded to look like individually cut squares for solid areas such as background; sew vertically first, open seams, and then sew horizontally; get ideas from other grid patterns such as for needlepoint. Barb showed her penguin quilt top she made in just one day.

Terrie announced that the Sit and Sew group that meets at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, will have a workshop on making Easy Peasy quilts. Joy Mease will send out a blast. The tops require 6 fat quarters. Come with machines to sew at the workshop or just come and watch.

Michele Hester recently delivered 11 quilts to the hospital NICU. She asked for guild labels to be attached to donated quilts. The NICU also asked for fabric hearts (palm-sized). These cotton hearts are given to new moms and their infants to absorb their scents and bond with each other. Make them no larger than 6" and use only pre-washed cotton fabric or cotton flannel. Stuff or not. Labels are unnecessary.

Candi Gordon asked where to donate dental supplies

she has accumulated. Michele said they can be given to her to take to the hospital or to Dawn Cole to take to Child Advocacy. Joy Mease will send out a blast email regarding the above donations.

SHOW & TELL

Chris Appenzeller explained that a new Show and Tell form will be available beginning in September which includes a Lily Boutique category. Please note the number of items donated in each category.

- Mary Bucy – 2 personal projects (patchwork jacket and MQG Challenge quilt)
- Sue Reimlinger – 1 personal project
- Sherry Huffman – 1 Sunshine project for Child Advocacy
- Dianne Johnston – 1 personal project (throw/wall hanging)
- Nancy Garchek – 1 personal project
- Catherine Caswell – 10 personal projects (rope baskets, postcard, scissors holder)
- Kandi Peterson – 5 zippered pouches for Lily Boutique
- Maureen Teague – 2 personal projects (wall hangings)
- Tanya Hodge – 2 personal projects (quilts)
- Reba Walden – 1 Quilt of Valor and 1 personal project (Harley quilt)
- Dotty Williams – 1 Lily Boutique (Halloween wall hanging)
- Connie Bumgarner – 2 personal projects (panel quilts)
- Petra Smith – 1 personal project (orphan block remake)

PROGRAM—UFO Swap

Before the meeting and during the break, donated UFO's and fabric were available for members to take home to complete. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Appenzeller, Secretary



MINUTES—EVENING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

Vice President Terrie Townsend ran the evening board meeting on Aug. 14th as President Dawn Cole went home with a headache. There were 25 people in attendance and last month's minutes were approved after a motion by Melissa Shaw and a second by Janet Hunt. The next Thursday night Sit & Sew is on Aug. 28 and will be Easy Peasy Quilts, taught by Terrie Townsend. This starts at 6 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Michele Hester had a lung scan last year and is having a follow up Friday.
- Amanda Truett's youngest son was in the ER with a bad infection, he is doing better now.
- Melissa Shaw had 8 stitches in her head after "catching a baseball with her noggin" while at a baseball game on vacation.
- Terrie Townsend's brother is doing well, his recent CT scan showed no more cancer.
- Sandy Herman's son has extremely high blood iron .

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Thursday there was \$22,732.38 in the Guild's coffers. There was around \$240 made at the quilt show held at the HUB last weekend. Almost \$1,000 worth of tickets has been sold so far. Tickets are going to be sold at the American Legion Fair and also quilts and handiwork can be entered into the fair by guild members.

DOOR PRIZES

HOMEMADE NAMETAG: Wanda Bombyk

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Smith

OLD BUSINESS

Michele Hester, who delivers the NIQU quilts from the guild said that she was approached by the staff about members making 5" hearts, for mothers and babies, for scent purposes. These can be made out of flannel or cotton and stuffed. Please contact Michele with any questions. [See p. 4. col. 1-2 for details.]

August 23rd was next Mission day from 9-3.

Barbara Mahnke read a note she received from the wife of the church custodian, Wayne, who was gifted a quilt by the guild as she has cancer. [See picture p.6.]

Nancy Garchek received a note from Shelley Thompson saying she will need to step down as one of the quilt show co-chairs due to recent serious health issues. Jill Wells has volunteered to step in.

NEW BUSINESS

Tina Downward has volunteered to step in and do publicity for the Hickory and Morganton newspapers, taking over for Libby Sigmon who has recently passed on.

Over \$500 has been donated in Libby Sigmon's memory. The board will decide the best way to use this money with input from Libby's daughter, Kathleen. Millie Kaufman and Sandy Herman have taken over as Hospitality chairs from Catherine Caswell.

Catherine says she can take items for the Lily Boutique after Christmas, until then, people need to hold onto them. She can help price items but would prefer input from the crafters.

Cathy Starnes will be renting a Billboard on Route 70 from April 7 – 14, 2026, for the upcoming quilt show.

SHOW & TELL

- Judi Eller, One preemie quilt and 2 pillow cases.
- Michele Hester, One preemie quilt and 2 personal projects.
- Norma Parker, the first quilt she ever tried, 30 years old, a king quilt, and a doll dress.
- Susan Bisulca, 1 quilt of valor.
- Cathy Starnes, One bag, a sunflower quilt, a Halloween quilt, a fireman quilt, a daisy quilt and a dog quilt.
- Janet Hunt, two weekend bags and a baby quilt for a friend and a quilt for donation.
- Barbara Pitts, Support the Troops from an Anita Goodesign.



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- Catherine Caswell, 8 rope bowls, with butterflies in memory of her daughter, a scissors holder and a fabric postcard.
- Jill Wells, 2 preemie quilts and 2 child size quilts to donate and a overnight bag, a post card and a couch quilt for her sister-in-law with the Friendship Star pattern.

PROGRAM

UFO projects to trade with other people and unwanted fabric for people to share with others.

Terrie Townsend demonstrated fusible grid to make wall hangings, quilts, table runners, etc. One of the December challenges is to make something using this method. Very nice designs can be traced from cross stitch patterns.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Wells



Quilt made by members for Darnell, the wife of Holy Trinity's custodian, Wayne. She is battling cancer.



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