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C A L E N D A R M E E T I N G S

BOARD MEETING MON. FEB. 5, 2026 at 6pm via Zoom

GUILD MEETINGS THURS. FEB. 12, 2026 10 am & 6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church **PROGRAM:** 2026 Budget

MISSION DAY FEB. 21

9 am—3 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

SIT 'N SEW

THURSDAY MORNINGS (except meeting days) 9:30-11:30 am Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

SIT N SEW EVENINGS will resume after the time change March 8, 2026.

QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION

FEB. 5, 2026, Dinner at 6p, Presentation 7p
DAV Chapter 34, 882 21st Street Drive SE
Hickory, NC 28602

QUILT SHOWS

FRI.-SAT. JAN. 30-31, 2026
THE QUILTING & NEEDLE ART EXTRAVAGANZA
Statesville Civic Center 300 S. Center Street
Quilting and yarn vendors

THURS.-SUN FEB. 19-22, 2026 QUILT CON 2026
Raleigh Convention Center,
500 S. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC

FRI.-SAT. MAR. 13-14, 2026
CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW
NC State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, NC

OUR QUILT SHOW

FRI.—SAT. APR. 17-18, 2026

SPRING CELEBRATION OF QUILTS
Highland Recreation Center
1451 8th St Dr NE, Hickory

IMPORTANT QUILT SHOW DEADLINES

MAR. 20-21, 2026	9-4	Turn in Quilts
MAR. 27-28, 2026	8:30—4	Judging
APR. 16, 2026		Hanging
APR. 17-18, 2026		Quilt Show
APR. 18, 2026		Return Quilts

FRI.—SAT. APR. 24-25, 2026

FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW
Greenville, SC

TUES-FRI. MAY 5-8, 2026 OUR HOLSTON RETREAT
BANNER ELK—Email Nancy Garchek at
sewnag@gmail.com to register. Spaces limited.
Deposit \$130 due at February or March meeting.

FRI.—SAT. MAY 15-16, 2026 WESTERN CAROLINA QUILT
GUILD — A GARDEN OF QUILTS SHOW
Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock NC

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 2425 North Center Street #222
 Hickory, North Carolina 28601



Officers & Worker Bees

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

Janet Hunt	2
Kitty Barco	5
Michele Hester, Debra Rubin, Deanna Weis	7
Susan Fontyn	8
Wanda Greer, Jenny Johnson	11
Candi Gordon	16
Barbara McKeever	18
Sherry Huffman	21
Kay Dwyer	28

Membership – Millie Kaufman

Melissa Shaw

Newsletter – Diana Weber

Judy Edberg

Newsletter deadline: third Monday of prior month

Publicity – Tina Downward

Webmistress / Quilts of Valor – Amanda Truett

Workshops – Debra Eckard Lisa Echerd

Meeting Dates / Times Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm /
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MINUTES, EVENING MEETING, JANUARY 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME

There was a good crowd at the CVQG's evening meeting on Jan. 8, with 29 people present. New members attending were Jenny Johnson and Monique Kusick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Terrie Townsend opened the meeting to let everyone know the labels for donated quilts and Quilts of Valor quilts are here.

President Dawn Cole then took over and asked for

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS.

- Dawn's son is home from his stint in the Air Force.
- Elle Clemens fell and hit her head and is having headaches.
- Catherine Caswell's son and his girlfriend are getting settled in New Zealand and have their paperwork in order.
- Nancy Garchek's husband had successful knee replacement surgery on Jan. 6 and is doing well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Joyce Gates gave the treasurer's report and responded to all the budget questions. Joyce explained that although the Holston Retreat is in the budget, that is just to hold the spot at the retreat and is all reimbursed by quilters who are attending. The projected budget total is slightly lower than last year's, \$2,040. A motion was made by Shelley Thompson and seconded by Judy Edberg to pass the budget, and it unanimously passed.

A motion to pass last month's minutes was made by Janet Hunt and seconded by Michele Hester, it also passed unanimously with one correction — the evening meeting time is 6:30 pm. .

The door prizes were won by Barbara Mahnke and Jill Wells.

NEW BUSINESS

Michele Hester gave the attendees a synopsis of the new challenge due in June, the theme is Patriotic

due to it being the sesquicentennial. It can be anything from a wall hanging to a table runner to a quilt.

OLD BUSINESS – QUILT SHOW

Catherine Caswell, head of the Lily Boutique, thanked everyone for their help and items brought to the December joint meeting to sell, \$487 was made that night.

Barbara Mahnke went over important dates for the quilts for the April 17 & 18 quilt show and handed out sign up sheets for help on those days. Quilt turn in will be at the church on March 20 and 21 from 9 - 4. A picture of the quilt and the registration form is required that day. A separate registration form and picture are needed for each if a person is turning in more than one quilt. Quilt judging will be held at the church March 27 and 28 from 8:30 to 4.

Michelle Macy will let everyone know what time the worker bees can get into the venue to set up on the 16th and take down will be immediately after the quilt show on the 18th.

We have been told we can't sell raffle tickets at the Statesville show, so Tina Downward, who is in charge of Guild publicity, is going to look into selling tickets online.

Other publicity Tina has been doing includes a presence on Facebook and Instagram, Newspapers, announcements and flyers at various places and the new address if anyone has things to share is CVQGPublicity@gmail.com

HOLSTON RETREAT An E-Blast will go out next week from Joy Mease, giving all guild members a few days' notice for signing up for the spring Holston Retreat. People will need to email Nancy Garchek to reserve a spot at the given time, mentioned in the E-Blast, first come, first served and a waiting list will be made. The retreat is May 5 – 8 and there is room for 16 people. The retreat is held in Banner Elk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 17 and Feb 21 were/are Mission Days at the church from 9 – 3.



SHOW AND TELL

- Susan Fontyn: a Quilt of Valor.
- Michele Hester: a modern take on a Quilt of Valor.
- Shelley Thompson: a child's Giraffe Quilt to donate.
- Rebecca Watts: A tote bag and nine zipper pouches for the Lily Boutique.
- Jill Wells: five children's or teen quilts to donate, six knitted winter hats and a knitted afghan for the Lily Boutique.
- Judy Edberg: two mystery quilt blocks, a stitch book and a quilt top for Project Linus.
- Monique Kusick: an illusion wall hanging.
- Janet Hunt a quilt made for a neighbor who had heart surgery.
- Amanda Truett: Big Foot, A Legendary Quilt.

- Tina Downward showed a quilt her grandma made for her 50 years ago and stressed how much the home-made quilts we all make mean to people.
- Cindi Williamson: a wall hanging, Dogwoods at Night.
- Patty Iovale: a fruit pie potholder.
- Barbara Mahnke: two baby quilts, one for her great niece and one for her future grandson.
- Sandy Herman: a large tissue box cover, fabric bowls, and pocket tissue covers.

The Guild was very productive last month with lots to show.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Wells

MINUTES, MORNING MEETING, JANUARY 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Nancy Garchek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with 42 in attendance: Kathy Eichelberger a guest and Cyndi T. Smith a new member.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Dawn Cole's son is home after completing his duty in the Air Force.
- Nancy Garchek's husband had successful knee replacement surgery.
- Connie Bumgarner is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Nancy Morin's realtor gave birth to a one pound infant who required surgery but now weighs over two pounds, showing improvement.
- Maureen Teague praised her surgeon for her successful hip replacement surgery.
- Dawn Barbersek's mother is very sick and has serious anemia.
- Catherine Caswell's son and his friend have moved to New Zealand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Maureen Teague has a church friend with a Janome 500 embroidery machine for sale, \$1500. (contact Maureen)
- The family of guild member Libby Sigmon, who passed away in 2025, is hosting a sale on January 17 at the home of Libby's daughter-in-law, guild member Kathleen Sigmon. Half of the proceeds will go to the Libby Sigmon Fund for guild programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December minutes were approved as written; however, it was noted that the newsletter calendar section incorrectly listed the starting time for the evening guild meeting as 6:00 p.m. instead of the actual 6:30 p.m. time.

DOOR PRIZES

Diane Gantt won for attendance, and Nancy Morin won for nametag.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joyce Gates reported that the current bank balance is \$18,604.50, noting that she has not yet received the January bank statement, most likely late due to the recent holidays.

OLD BUSINESS

QUILT SHOW PUBLICITY: Contact Publicity Chair Tina Downward if you have articles or photos for her to submit to newspapers, social media, etc. She reported that she has been actively submitting publicity to numerous sites and has set up cvqgpublicity@gmail.com, which can be used by the guild even after the show.

She is willing to publicize the raffle quilt, QOV, Mission Days, Preemie quilts, etc. Instagram is a good vehicle for reaching younger people. Members are encouraged to hit "like" buttons to spread guild news and information. Petra Weishaupt-Smith suggested that the guild post its publicity at the library.

Lily Boutique: Catherine Caswell thanked everyone who contributed handmade articles to sell at the show, Thursday evening Sit and Sew workshop instructors and



2026 Budget Report

Treasurer Joyce Gates presented the Financial Report for the year ending on December 31, 2015 and the Proposed Budget Expenses for 2026. She explained that the "pipes and drapes" expense was moved from the Quilt Show budget to the regular guild budget. The "Discretionary" and "Sunshine and Shadows" line items have been combined. There was discussion of the "Safety Box." Joyce explained that the box holds important guild paperwork such as the guild By-laws. The box is located at People's Bank. The bank has advised that if the guild gives up its box, it most likely will not be able to rent a box again there as the bank is curtailing such services going forward. Joyce has paid for the safety box rental for 2026. As it is unknown which former officers' names are on the access cards at the bank, it was suggested to contact the Corporate Resolution department at the bank and have current officers sign a "resolution" form. Sherry Huffman moved to accept the budget report as presented. Dawn Barbersek seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Show & Tell

- Cyndi T. Smith – 4 personal projects: Jelly Roll quilt, placemats, Nine Patch quilt, and pant leg fabric inserts
- Deanna Weis – 1 personal project and 14 Lily Boutique donations
- Diane Gantt – 2 personal projects: lap size string quilts
- Kathy Stafford – 1 personal project: starburst quilt
- Susan Deal – 2 personal projects: Christmas quilt and 15" signature block
- Tanya Hodge – 1 personal project: string quilt
- Anita Kernodle – 1 personal project: baby quilt
- Tina Downward – 1 personal project: her grandmother's Sunbonnet Sue quilt
- Dottie Williams – 2 Quilts of Valor
- Barb Mahnke – 2 Baby Quilts
- Peggy Poe – 15" Signature Block
- Petra Weishaupt-Smith – handwoven vest garment

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Appenzeller, Secretary



attendees, and all who purchased items at the December joint meeting (\$487 sold!). Thank you to Mary Bucy who volunteered at the sale with Catherine. Lily Boutique donations will continue to be collected at upcoming morning and evening guild meetings by Catherine.

15 inch Signature Quilts are now being collected by Barb Mahnke and Nancy Garchek.

Raffle Quilt

Sherry Huffman announced that we will not be allowed to sell tickets at the Statesville show in January. Their by-laws forbid subletting areas, so we cannot accept the generous offer of the Conover Quilt Shop to share their booth space. Give Sherry any other suggestions for sale venues.

Judging

Barb Mahnke thanked everyone for their help in judging preparation, especially Joy Mease and Mary Bucy. She reiterated that one must be an official member of the guild by this month (January) in order to enter a quilt in the show. Sign-up sheets were passed seeking helpers on these dates: 1. "Turn In" on March 20 and 21, 9:00 – 4:00 at Holy Trinity Church 2. Judging Days with show judge Scott Murkin. Fri., March 27 and Sat., March 28, probably 8:30-4 3. Quilt Hanging/set up Thurs., April 16 at Highland Rec Center 4. Take Down at end of show on Sat., April 18 Information and forms for submitting quilts for the show will be emailed. Photos of the quilts must accompany entry forms. If you cannot print the photo yourself, photos can be printed from your cellphone at drugstore photo shops or you can email or text your photo to Barb Mahnke who will print it for you. Note on registration forms if your quilt has a lot of embellishments so that extra care may be given to protect your quilt as well as those of others.

Quilts must have labels on the back, and labels must be covered with a piece of cloth attached by painter's tape, safety pins (not straight pins!), or loosely basted stitching. No sleeves are needed. Black sheets recently purchased from the Mooresville guild will be used to "bundle and protect" the submitted quilts. Submit Challenge quilts made since the last show on Turn In days whether they are to be judged or are just to be included in the separate display during the show

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Retreat at Camp Holston, Banner Elk: An E-blast by Joy Mease will be sent out next week for the retreat to be held May 5-8 at a cost of \$270 per person. Respond to the message as soon as possible since the reservations will be taken on a first served basis. Afterwards, there will be a waiting list. The deposit money will be collected at the February guild meetings.



A QUILT CHALLENGE

Hello everyone!!

Our first 2026 challenge will be to create a quilt celebrating the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America!! Yes, we are celebrating 250 years as a nation! Your quilt may be any size and anything! Think table toppers, tote bags, name tags, wall hangings, and even yes — Quilts of Valor. (We already have a big demand for QOV quilts for 2026 so any help with these would be appreciated. If you have never made a QOV quilt and would like to get involved, here is a link to the quilt requirements—Basic Requirements - Quilts of Valor Foundation. <https://www.qovf.org/basic-requirements/>



Put on your thinking caps and think, what says America, patriotism, 250th birthday and get to sewing. Challenge quilts will be on display at our June joint guild meeting.

Happy Sewing!

(Any questions can be sent to Michele Hester -statusthiblequilts@gmail.com)



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