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C A L E N D A R

MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2025 6 pm via Zoom

GUILD MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2025 10 am and 6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

PROGRAM: SUSAN TROTTER'S TIMELINE OF QUILTS. Think back—this is my quilting journey, but what also is yours?

MISSION DAYS

October 18

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

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

4th THURSDAY EVENING OCT. 23, 2025 6-8 pm Community Room C.

QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

Oct 2, 2025 at 6p DAV Chapter 34
882 21st St SE
Hickory, NC 28602

Nov. 2, 2025 2 PM Granite Falls Transportation Museum, 107 Falls Avenue,
Granite Falls. NC 28645

Nov. 9, 2025 11am Mt Ruhama Church
3273 Mount Ruhama Church Rd
Maiden, NC 28650

Nov. 16, 2025 at 11 am
Augustana Lutheran Church
1523 16th St SE
Hickory, NC 28602

IN HOUSE-WORKSHOP

SAT. OCTOBER 11, 9:30am – 2pm. FUSIBLE GRID TECHNIQUE Cost \$10. Location Holy Trinity Lutheran Church “night meeting room.” Contact Debra Eckard (day) or Lisa Echerd (evening) to register. Supply lists and pre-class work instructions will be available to those who register. Contact Terrie Townsend (828 443 -9284) or Barb Mahnke (828 238-8529) with questions

QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS

OCT. 17-18, 2025 CAROLINA COLORS QUILT SHOW
Isothermal Community College
286 ICC Loop Rd. Spindale, NC
Admission \$5.00

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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

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 Jan Carpenter	Janet Hunt

Birthdays

1	Bob Hampel
7	Kathryn Hodges Joyce Pearce
14	Deb Bowman Carol Robinson
16	Heidi Beddington
17	Jan Hutchison
20	Norma Parker
21	Marti Ward
22	Kathleen Zürich
24	Lynda Benfield Jill Wells
25	Judi Eller Teena McRary
28	Shirley Moore
29	Dianne Johnston
30	Sarah Gomez Cindi Williamson

CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT AUG. 1-31, 2025

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 / Holy

Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC

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MINUTES, MORNING MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

President Nancy Garchek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Total attendance: 47, including one visitor, Jenny Hoover, and two new members, Kathy Wilson and Diane Amos.

A moment of silence was held in memory of 9/11/2001.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Jan Carpenter reported that her sister Pat Carson is undergoing medical tests.
- Health concern for Dawn Barbersek's mother, a former guild member, was shared by Sherry Huffman.
- Tonya Hodge's step-grandson just received his honorable discharge from the military.
- Ann Becker is celebrating her son-in-law's remission from cancer.

DOOR PRIZES

Dotty Williams won for attendance and Dianne Johnston won for wearing her homemade name tag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Jickie Crocker moved to accept the August minutes, and Kandi Peterson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Joyce Gates reported a guild balance of \$22,247.47. The total so far in the Libby Sigmon Memorial Fund is \$620. Chris Appenzeller announced that after conferring with Libby's two daughters-in-law and several of her friends, it was decided that the money be used towards having quilt design professional Susan Edmonson speak at the guild morning and evening programs on July 9, 2026, and lead a workshop on Saturday, July 11. Libby especially loved making quilts with bird motifs and taking classes from Susan, so the theme of the workshop project will have something to do with birds. Contributions to Libby's fund, a designated line item in the guild budget, are still being accepted and will be collected by Joyce.

QUILT SHOW

1. Lily Boutique: Catherine Caswell said that the next evening Sit and Show workshop will be held on

September 25, the fourth Thursday of the month, and it will be a non-sewing project. She asked that members hold onto their completed Lily Boutique items until after the holidays.

2. Raffle Tickets: Sherry Huffman reported that the guild was unable to sell tickets at the recent American Legion fair. She will look into the following possible sites suggested at the meeting: Hart Square's Fall Festival and the Murray's Mill Fall Festival.

3. Judging: Barb Mahnke announced that Scott Murkin will again serve as judge but then someone new will be contracted for the following show. He will speak at the November program. There will be room at the show for over 260 quilts. Barb encouraged members to show their quilts even if they'd prefer not to have them judged. There should be no limit to the number of quilts submitted to the show, but members should give them a priority ranking just in case there is a limit in the time allowed for judging. The quilts will be stored at Barb's home between judging and show dates. Categories will be similar to those from the previous show. Detailed guidelines are to come. Quilts must have been made within the last three years, since the last show. Only members may enter quilts. Similar sized quilts will be grouped together.

Important Dates:

- Pre-register about one month before turn-in dates of 3/20 and 3/21 at the church
- Judging: Friday, 3/27 and Saturday, 3/28 (Easter falls between judging and hanging dates)
- Hanging of quilts at Highland Rec Center: 4/16
- Show: 4/17 and 4/18

All quilts should have labels on the back. The labels must be covered by a fabric patch which is either safety pinned or LOOSELY stitched to the quilt.

4. Vendors: Kay Dwyer reported for the Vendors Committee. They are open to suggestions for vendors who could take the spots of any vendors who

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may need to drop out. Sam, a vendor who sharpens scissors (and some other blades) will be available only on Friday at the show. So far, there are no button, yarn, or thread vendors. It is possible that additional 10' x 10' spaces may become available for additional vendors.

5. Food Trucks: The Highland Rec Center has a list of approved food trucks. It was suggested that liability insurance issues be considered.

OLD BUSINESS

Publicity Chair: Tina Downward, a new member who has volunteered to serve as the guild publicity chair, was introduced. Tina requested suggestions for contact names.

December Quilt Challenge: Terrie Townsend said there will be a workshop on the fusible grid technique on October 11, 9:30 – 2. Cost is \$10. Location is in the “night meeting room.” See Debra Eckard (day) or Lisa Echerd (evening) to register. Supplies list and pre-class work instructions will be available to those who register. Contact Terrie Townsend (828 443-9284) or Barb Mahnke (828 238-8529) with questions.

Quilts of Valor

Amanda Truett will make QOV presentations on 9/20 and 10/18. Check the newsletter for information. She especially needs help with November presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

Debra Eckard reported that she has been working on a backpack project for students in West Virginia and fidget mats for local rest home residents. Nancy Garchek announced that the Mountain Thread Company in Blowing Rock is celebrating its tenth anniversary on 9/26 and 9/27 with an open house event and prizes. The shop will be open until 7 pm.

SHOW & TELL

- Debra Eckard – 1 personal project, a king quilt
- Bonnie Gold – 2 personal projects, animal wall hangings
- Kathleen Whiddon – 12 NICU hearts and 2 personal projects, tote and quilt
- Barb McKeever – 3 personal projects
- Jan Carpenter – NICU hearts
- Kay Dwyer – 1 preemie quilt
- Nancy Morin – 1 personal project, crockpot holder
- Deanna Weis – 2 personal project quilts
- Tina Downward – 1 personal project, Easy Peasy quilt
- Sue Reimlinger – 1 personal project, table topper
- Barbara Mahnke – 2 personal projects, “wonky” Christmas quilt
- Terrie Townsend – 2 personal projects, a bear quilt and an Easy Peasy quilt
- Ann Becker – 1 personal project, a simple triangle quilt
- Peggy Poe – 2 Quilts of Valor and 4 personal projects, a quilt and 3 rope baskets
- Jackie Crocker – 3 personal projects: Snowbound, Blueberries and Cream, Silent Night
- Jan Hutchinson – 1 personal project, a jelly roll race quilt
- Catherine Caswell – 26 NICU hearts, 2 personal projects, rope baskets, and 1 Lily Boutique quilt
- Sherry Huffman – 1 preemie quilt and 1 personal project
- Lynda Benfield – 1 personal project, a sunflower pillow
- Dotty Williams – 2 baby quilts for the Lily Boutique

PROGRAM

Mary Bucy presented a trunk show of her many spectacular quilts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Appenzeller, Secretary



MINUTES, EVENING MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

Vice President Terrie Townsend called the September 11th evening meeting to order at 6:35pm. There were 19 people present, including new member, Jeanne MacGowan.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Cathy Starnes read a note from the church's janitor's wife, stating her numbers are good from the cancer treatments and how good God has been.
- Lisa Echerd's son-in-law had surgery to get a new kidney. Lisa's stepdaughter donated a kidney to one patient and in return someone from that family donated a kidney to her husband.

We had a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/2001.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Cathy Starnes made a motion to accept the minutes from last meeting with two minor changes. Susan Fontyn seconded the motion which passed.

The Treasurer's Report shows \$22,369.94.

The CVQG Board unanimously voted to buy the 320 drapes needed for the quilt show. We will still rent the coverings for the tables and the pipes. Michelle Macy will store them at her house.

Update on the plans for the money donated in memory of Libby Sigmon: Libby's Lovely Ladies, who were a very close support group for Libby, and her daughters-in-law discussed the best use of the funds to represent Libby. The funds are going to sponsor a program and workshop by Susan Edmonson who was one of Libby's favorites and also represents her love of

birds. The program will be July 9, 2026 and the workshop will be July 11th. We also discussed hanging one of Libby's quilts in the April Quilt Show.

DOOR PRIZES

Lisa Echerd won the door prize for attendance and Terrie Townsend won for her homemade name tag.

QUILT SHOW NEWS

Cathy Starnes has post cards for the quilt show and signs. She has also rented a billboard. The post cards have been dropped off at Bill's Sewing, Lee's Sewing, Cotton Quilts and Conover Quilts.

Joy Mease also gave an update. The paperwork and a picture of your quilt will need to be turned in in February and quilts will need to be turned in March 20 & 21. April 16th quilts will be hung at the show and the show itself will be April 17 & 18. There is room for 260 quilts. The vendors are getting lined up including Sam the scissor sharpening guy.

The next two mission days are Saturdays Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. These are from 9-3 and are held at the church. [Details on p. 1].

SHOW & TELL

- Tina Downward, a Peter Pan quilt for her grandson and a Christmas crazy quilt for her daughter.
- Lisa Echerd, a donation quilt using the Roman Square pattern, and a personal project practicing curved piecing, foundation piecing and free motion quilting.
- Terrie Townsend, a bear quilt using a panel that is for handicap hunting raffle that was outstanding and an Easy Peasy quilt.



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- Sandy Herman, a cat quilt, that was gorgeous.
- Janet Hunt, 25 flannel stuffed hearts for the NICU.
- Jill D. Wells, two flannel preemie quilts and three child sized quilts, all for donation.

PROGRAM

The program was by Mary Bucy who displayed her gorgeous quilts while telling us about each one of them. The quilts were truly works of art.

The program on Oct.9th will be by Susan Trotter.

Terrie Townsend and Barbara Mahnke will be giving a Fusible Grid Class on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9:30 to 2 in the night meeting room. The cost will be \$10 and a supply list will be emailed to the people that are registered. See Debra Eckard or Lisa Echerd to register.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Wells



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