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C A L E N D A R

MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2025 6 pm via Zoom

GUILD MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2025 10 am and 6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

PROGRAM: The November program will be conducted by Scott Murkin (Quilt Show Judge). He will present hints of what is expected of quilt show quilts and the process he uses to judge them. He also encourages questions and answers. We will be handing out the quilt show instructions and registration forms.

No MISSION DAY IN November

SIT 'N SEW

THURSDAY MORNINGS (except meeting days) 9:30-11:30 am Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. 4th Thursday—Thanksgiving no Evening Sit n Sew Session this month.

QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

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 11 am
Augustana Lutheran Church
1523 16th St SE
Hickory, NC 28602

QUILT SHOWS & OTHER EVENTS

Oct. 21 – Nov. 14, 2025

Carolina Pine Quilters Annual Quilt Show
Aiken County Historical Museum
433 Newberry St. SW
Aiken, South Carolina 29801

GRANITE FALLS CELEBRATES AMERICA 250
Granite Falls History & Transportation Museum,
107 Falls Avenue November 2 — all month.
[See details on p. 6.]



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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

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 Jan Carpenter	Janet Hunt

3	Judy Britton
5	Angela Mason
5	Kathleen Whiddon
12	Nancy Garchek
13	Cathy Starnes
13	RebeccaWatts
18	Andrea Knieps
20	Kathy Bogue
20	Jan Carpenter
21	Carol Carman
25	GinnyQuinlan
27	Debra Eckard
28	Chris Appenzeller

CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT SEP. 1-30, 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

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

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MINUTES, MORNING MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

President Nancy Garchek called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Total attendance 35, including two guests, Liz Gildersleeve and Debra Middleton.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Holy Trinity's custodian, Wayne, is scheduled for a heart catheterization procedure.
- Debbie Rubin fell during pickleball, broke both wrists and underwent surgery.
- Maureen Teague is having hip replacement surgery on Nov. 5.
- Susan Fontyn's nephew was recently married on the beach of St. Thomas.
- Jan Carpenter reported that former member Fletcher McNeil passed away.
- Jan also asked for prayers for her sister Pat Carson and her health issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Susan Fontyn moved to accept the approval of the September minutes, and Jackie Crocker provided a second to the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Joyce Gates reported a current balance of \$22,330.42. Memorial donations for Libby Sigmon currently total approximately \$700.

DOOR PRIZES

ATTENDANCE: Barb Mahnke

HOMEMADE NAME TAG: Jackie Crocker

QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Nancy Garchek and Barb Mahnke volunteered to be in charge of the collection of 15" square signature blocks and the assembly/hanging of the blocks at the show, hopefully with the direction of Gregg Colson, who did so in previous shows. Nancy and Barb will begin collecting the blocks in January. Newly created (any theme) or previously made blocks are okay,

but the member's name should be displayed on the front of the block.

There are currently twelve confirmed vendors, but there is space for four additional vendors with 10'x10' booths. Vendors will not be in the entry room where the Lily Boutique, QOV, registration, raffle quilt, fat quarter baskets, door prizes, and community table will all be located. Vendors are listed on the website. Maureen Teague suggested that a list of vendors already contacted be made available so that members do not ask them a second time.

Susan Fontyn is collecting fat quarters for raffle baskets. Larger pieces of fabric are welcomed and are not needed to be cut down to fat quarter size. Empty baskets, the larger the better, are also being collected. Sherry Huffman reported that both Hart Square and Murray's Mill declined her request to sell raffle tickets at their fall events. She will concentrate on other locations, such as the Statesville show, after the holidays. Members can help now by getting more tickets to sell: \$20 per envelope/\$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets. Give Sherry purchased tickets/money.

Catherine Caswell announced that the last workshop for Lily Boutique items will be held on October 23 with Terrie Townsend teaching how to make scissors cases. She said that new numbers have been assigned to members to put on their Lily Boutique donations in case they wish their items to be returned to them if they do not sell. Do not use the numbers to the left of names in the directory as previously advised. Contact Catherine to get a new number. She also has an unfinished quillow project that she would like someone to complete for the Lily Boutique.



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OLD BUSINESS

December Challenge: It was agreed that the current fusible grid challenge quilts will be displayed at the December joint meeting. The quilts may be any size. The grid quilts made at the October 11 instructional workshop may measure 15" finished and could be used for the show signature quilts.

Charity Donations: Pillowcases are still being collected and should be given to Michele Hester for distribution. Susan Fontyn will ask the hospital NICU for feedback on fabric hearts which have been donated. Continue making them, just a few at a time, unless notified otherwise.

Quilt Retreat: Nancy Garchek reported that the October 2025 retreat was a huge success, and there are plans for two potential retreats in 2026. The first will be from Tuesday, May 5 (10 a.m.) until Friday, May 8 (11 a.m.). Let Nancy know if you would like to be on the list for this retreat. The retreat is held at Camp Holston in Banner Elk, and the estimated cost will be \$260. The dates for the fall retreat are to be determined.

Quilts of Valor

Contact Amanda Truett to volunteer with the presentation of the quilts for veterans. Four quilts will be presented on Veteran's Day in Catawba, and fourteen will be given soon at Mt. Ruhama Church in Maiden. [See p. 1 for locations and times.]

NEW BUSINESS

Hickory Day School Project: Fourth grade teacher Tracy Stillwell has requested the guild's help in creating a quilt from the students' drawings. The quilt project will be a fundraiser for the school. The guild helped them with a similar project two years ago. About six guild members are needed to oversee the

quilt, visit the classroom, sew the sashing and finish the quilt. Contact Barb Mahnke.

SHOW AND TELL

- Teena McRary – 1 personal project, "Night Star"
- Catherine Caswell – several personal projects: placemats, napkins, table runner
- Sandy Herman – 1 personal project, Trip Around the World quilt
- Michele Hester – 1 personal project
- Tanya Hodge – 1 table runner for Lily Boutique
- Janine McCowan – 1 personal project, Hawaiian flowers "zipper quilt" pattern
- Joyce Gates – 1 personal project
- Kathy Stafford – 2 Lily Boutique donations
- Jackie Crocker – 1 personal project
- Dotty Williams – 1 personal project and 1 QOV
- Barbara Mahnke – 1 personal project, Penguin practice piece for Challenge
- Kathleen Dukelow – 1 QOV and 2 personal projects, Kimberbell pillows
- Susan Fontyn – 1 personal project

PROGRAM

Guild member Susan Trotter presented a trunk show with two antique quilts and many of her own creations. She shared her recollections of the progression of quilting over the years, both her own and in general.

Thank you, Susan!

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Appenzeller, Secretary





MINUTES, EVENING MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

Dawn Cole called the meeting to order around 6:30 pm. Twenty-five people attended including two new people, Patty Lovale and Carol Weeks.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Dawn has been dealing with high blood pressure and diabetes; medicine is getting it under control.
- Debbie Smith had a hip replacement and is recuperating well at home.
- Susan Fontyn attended her nephew's wedding which was on the beach on St. Thomas.

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- Susan Fontyn attended her nephew's wedding which was on the beach on St. Thomas.
- Peggy Poe's granddaughter has graduated and has a new job and a new apartment.
- Pat Carson is dealing with medical issues.
- Jill Wells is having her deviated septum fixed on Nov. 10.
- Carol Weeks is recovering from lung cancer.
- Debbie Rubin fell and broke both her wrists.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved after a motion from Susan Fontyn and second by Terrie Townsend.

The treasurer's report says we have \$22,369.94. The Libby Sigmon fund has \$700-800 so far.

The grid class, by Terrie Townsend and Barbara Mahnke on Saturday, Oct. 11, was a big success and showed people how to use the grid to make their

December Challenge block. Lisa Echerd showed a sample of one she did years ago.

DOOR PRIZES

Tina Downward won the door prize for attendance and Jill Wells won for wearing her handmade name-tag.

Quilts of Valor: There are many Quilts of Valor presentations coming up, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m., Nov. 9 at 11 a.m., presenting 14 quilts, and Nov. 16, 11 a.m., presenting five quilts. If you can help Amanda Truett please call her at 803-528-6304. [For details on place and times for QOV presentations, see p. 1]

Quilt Retreat: Dawn Cole reports that the quilt retreat was successful and they are now also planning a spring retreat, May 5-8. There are only 18 spots open and the morning group have already spoken for 10 of those spots. This led to discussion on dividing the spots evenly between morning and evening groups to keep it fair. The Fall retreat will be around the end of September. **QUILT SHOW UPDATE**

People need to start making their 15 x 15 blocks for the quilt wall that Joy Mease is asking Greg Colson to set up. There are 12 confirmed vendors for the show. Susan Fontyn will start collecting baskets, fat quarters or other yardage for the show now. Please keep the Lily Boutique in mind as you are sewing.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Stillwell, a fourth-grade teacher at Hickory Day School, is looking for volunteers to help the class make a quilt. Mary Bucy and Barbara Mahnke did it last year. Please contact Nancy Garchek at 704-724-3244 for more information or to help.

There are still quilt raffle tickets for sale if you have not bought yours yet, contact Terrie Townsend at 828-443-9284.

SHOW & TELL

- Carol Weeks, a watercolor queen quilt and a water-



color throw.

- Patty Lovale, a twin size polar bear quilt.
- Janet Hunt, several oven mitts, fleece kids hats and mittens for the Lily Boutique. Janet also brought two knitted baby blankets and a hat made by a friend Betty Finley for the Lily Boutique.
- Susan Fontyn, one personal project.
- Sandy Herman, Trip Around the World quilt, pattern by Eleanor Burns.
- Lisa Echerd, wall quilt made many years ago using the same fusible grid product as for the upcoming challenge.
- Peggy Poe, a quilt of valor and four baskets.
- Catherine Caswell, seasonal placemats and napkins for Halloween and 4th of July, and a table runner from a kit she got at Missouri Star.
- Dawn Cole, a quilt that she worked on, off and on for a year, and a quilt that a friend made and she quilted.
- Jill Wells, three child size quilts, three teen quilts all for donating.

PROGRAM

Guild member Susan Trotter presented a program with her varied collection of quilts. Susan talked about the changes in quilting from when she started, initially using scissors, cardboard for templates and a standard ruler. She remembers when quilt symposiums and TV programs first started and quilt magazines came out. Susan showed some old quilts from the 1800s and from 1930 and showed many of the really nice quilts she has made over the years.

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Wells, Secretary

GRANITE FALLS CELEBRATES AMERICA 250 by Peggy Poe

The Town of Granite Falls is celebrating America 250, our nation's upcoming 250th birthday, with a special tribute to US military veterans at the Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum, located at 107 Falls Avenue, during the month of November. Quilts of Valor presented to veterans for their service to this country will be on display along with other memorabilia.

Veterans will share their stories and/or lead discussions on each Sunday afternoon from 2-4 PM. The Granite Falls History Committee will provide refreshments. The tribute kicks off Sunday, November 2, with a special presentation, reception and a guest speaker. These events are free and open to the public.

[Persons who wish to view exhibits at other times may text a request to (828) 496-2835.]

