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C A L E N D A R

MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING FEB. 6, 2025 6 pm via Zoom

MEETING FEB. 13, 2025 10 am & 6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

PROGRAM VIA LIVE ZOOM: When the Mouse Trap quilt challenge was revealed at last month's meeting, Barbara used a "coloring app" called PreQuilt.

Terrie discovered that Laura Henneberry demos (via Zoom) the capabilities and value of this on-line application. At our Feb meetings, Laura (the co-developer) will demonstrate this quilt design and coloring software. In a nut shell, it: 1) is easy to use 2) has numerous on-line support training courses 3) requires no major up-front investment 4) has multiple levels of performance, 5) allows you to save your designs/color choices 6) has pre-loaded blocks 7) allows you to load specific fabric choices to audition them in your design, etc. 8) can be subscribed to on a monthly or annual basis.

MISSION DAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2025, 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 a project of your own.

SIT 'N SEW

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

On Feb. 20 Kay Dwyer — Making a rope basket. Look for a blast email with details on materials needed.

4th THURSDAY EVENING Feb. 27, 2025 6-8 pm Community Room C. Bring your own projects, a small group project will be offered to make items for the Lily Boutique or personal use.

QOV PRESENTATIONS

4 Feb 2025 American Legion Post 48 Fairgrounds) Dinner at 6p, presentation and Post meeting at 7p

27 Feb 2025 Conover Masonic Lodge 123 1st Avenue South, Conover, Dinner at 6:30p, presentation and meeting at 7p

QUILT SHOWS

MARCH 5-10, 2025 ART QUILTS WILD

Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South (PAQA-South) 2025 Juried Exhibition of innovative quilts. Page-Walker Arts & History Center 119 Ambassador Loop, Cary

MARCH 7-8, 2025 CAROLINA LILY QUILT SHOW

Charlotte Quilters' Guild 10 am—5 pm Freedom Hall, Park Expo Center 800 Briar Creek Rd., Charlotte

MARCH 13-15, 2025 ART FEEDS THE SOUL

QUILT SHOW Elon Community Church 271 North Williamson Avenue, Elon

MARCH 14-15, 2025 CAPITAL QUILTERS ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

Kerr Scott Building NC State Fairgrounds 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh

MAY 1-3, 2025 ORIGINAL SEWING & QUILT EXPO

Raleigh Convention Center 500 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh

JUNE 6-7, 2025 THE BLUE RIDGE FIBER FEST

Higgins Fairgrounds Sparta, NC
[www. Blueridgefiberfest.com](http://www.Blueridgefiberfest.com)

AUG. 14-16, 2025 ASHEVILLE QUILT SHOW

WNC Agricultural Center, Davis Event Center 765 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher

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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

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

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MINUTES, MORNING MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Nancy Garchek called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. She thanked outgoing officers and committee members and introduced the new officers. 47 were in attendance, including new members Susan Deal and Petra Weishaupt Smith and three visitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guild Mailbox and Meeting Address

We no longer have a post office box, and guild mail will now be serviced by the UPS office. The mailing address is 2425 N. Center St., Box 222, Hickory, NC 28601. This new address is now in the Patchwork Press.

The guild meeting address remains Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th St. NW, Hickory, NC 28601 and will appear on the guild website, etc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was one correction to the December minutes: The name of the group that donated hats is Glad Hatters, not *Mad* Hatters. Susan Fontyn moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Kathleen Whiddon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DOOR PRIZES

Attendance: Susan Trotter

Homemade Nametag: Susan Fontyn

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- After 16 years of treatment, Nancy Garchek's husband is now cancer-free. One of her dachshund's has become a grand champion.
- Cindi Williamson is now doing well after shoulder surgery and flu.
- Jan Carpenter will have an ablation procedure for her A-Fib in about two weeks.
- Terrie Townsend's brother has a large mass on his lung.
- Candi Gordon had knee replacement surgery this week.
- Prayers were requested for California fire victims.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Yearly Report— Kathleen Whiddon reported that at the end of December the guild had a balance of \$19,834.48. Subtracting our \$500 donation to the church, the balance is \$19,334.48.

2025 Budget — Kathleen Whiddon and Joyce Gates presented the 2025 Budget. There was a slide show of the budget; however, a printed copy is available if requested. Barb Mahnke explained that the guild operates on a 3 (or sometimes 4) year cycle due to the quilt show needs and income. Some years are "negative" while others are "positive." Michele Hester moved to approve the 2025 budget and Joyce Gates seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Joy Mease will send out a blast with the budget. Members may submit any requests for changes in writing.

No Raffle tickets will be sold at the Statesville quilt show January 24-25, 2025 — Kathleen Whiddon reported that to provide space for additional vendors from the mountain areas hit by Helene, our raffle tickets will not be sold. She encouraged purchasing at least a small amount from these hard hit vendors.

Library — Guild Librarian Susan Fontyn presented a slide show with her explanation of how the guild library functions. It is no longer in a locked cabinet so that it is available whenever needed. She hopes to get another cabinet. Please give her your written suggestions for additions to the library. She is working on new lists and doing some weeding of materials. Instructions for checking out and returning the books and DVD's are posted on the library cabinet.

QUILT SHOW 2026

The April 17-18, 2026 quilt show chairs are: Shelley Thompson, Michelle Macy, and Pat Carson. Shelley thanked the new committees and chairs.

Chairs are especially needed for the Layout and Design (formerly Pipes and Drapes) Committee. Hospitality may be combined with another committee, such as Community.

Sherry Huffman needs a back-up person to handle quilt raffle tickets, which are sold for \$1 each, 6 for \$5. She has envelopes of 24 tickets for guild members to sell. The tickets will be turned in whole, no "tear-offs." Shelley said that a priority is coming up with a show name as this name will be needed for publicity, vendors, etc. Give Shelley your suggestions as soon as possible. Mary Bucy showed the finished raffle quilt which is titled "Spring Bouquet."

There are written job descriptions for the show com-



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mittees/chairs. See Lisa Echerd.

It is doubtful that there will be space at the new show facility for a learning center. Still to be determined is space for Quilts of Valor presentations.

Kay Dwyer, Reba Walden, and Teena McRary are co-chairs of the Vendors Committee. Their goal is to include local vendors and provide variety. Give them your suggestions for vendors.

Members are encouraged to get going on making items for the Lily Boutique.

Guild Committees— Members are needed to serve on regular guild committees besides show committees, and a new list of opportunities is being compiled.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter and Minutes — There was discussion about the amount of detailed information reporting guild meeting programs and show and tell that appears in the minutes and newsletter. It was suggested that condensing the size will encourage members to read them and also reduce bulk. The newsletter editor does not edit articles and minutes submitted to her [except for typos and awkward wording].

Daytime and evening secretaries are to plan a schedule for alternating their reports on programs. It was suggested that program descriptions be a maximum of one paragraph, including the name of the speaker and the program presented, the speaker's website if available.

Discussion followed about the length of Show and Tell descriptions in the newsletter. It was decided to list only the names of those showing their quilts and possibly a summary of the number of personal quilts shown and those designated for community/charity donation. Kay Dwyer moved and Shelley Thompson seconded to have the secretaries combine descriptions of the programs and summarize show and tell. Motion passed unanimously.

Long Arm Quilting Services — A new list of members who offer long arm quilting services is needed. Those offering such services should send their name and contact information to Joy Mease, even if your name is on a previous list. Please do not send details such as pricing or quilting specifics, which will be up to you to discuss with your customers. The new list will appear

on the guild website and newsletter.

Reba Brewer Workshop— Due to expected snowy weather, it was decided to postpone the January 11 workshop to January 25. Joy Mease will send a blast to the membership with workshop information.

SHOW AND TELL

Note that names are listed only for those who turned in a show and tell paper to the secretary. **Personal projects:** Peggy Barton, Debra Eckard, Nancy Garchek, Susan Deal, Tanya Hodge, Kathy Hewitt, Susan Fontyn, Cindi Williamson, Kathleen Whiddon, Peggy Poe, Suzanne Sproul, Barb McKeever.

Quilt of Valor: Dotty Williams

Sunshine: Kathy Hewitt, Susan Fontyn, Cindi Williamson, Nancy Garchek, Wanda Greer, Dotty Williams

Preemie: Wanda Greer

Totals: Personal Projects = 17 QOV = 1 Sunshine = 11
Preemie = 2

PROGRAM

2025 Challenge Quilts — Barb Mahnke announced that there will be two challenges, a "double challenge." The first is based on your birthday month. Celebrate yourself by creating a quilt of any size that captures your birth month. Possibly use color, holiday themes, birthstones or flowers. It is preferred that you don't actually write the month on your quilt. The quilts will be displayed at the joint meeting in June. The alternative or additional modern quilt challenge is based on the old table game, Mouse Trap. Google "Mouse Trap Quilt Pattern" to access the \$50 12 block of the month patterns and instructions taught by instructor Shannon Fraser (an online monthly program). Let Barb know if you are interested as there is a discount if enough people participate. The first blocks begin Jan. 15. The finished quilt size is 60" x 76." Quilts will be displayed in January or February 2026.



Meeting Adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Appenzeller, Secretary



MINUTES, EVENING MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

New president Dawn Cole opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., with a thank you to all the previous officers. Their work is greatly appreciated.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Terrie Townsend's brother Billy now has a mass on his lungs.
- Amanda Truitt's husband Will is having a second shoulder surgery.
- Michele Hester has a young, 13-year-old, relative who is having brain surgery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amanda Truitt moved that the minutes be accepted as printed in the newsletter. Susan Fontyn seconded. All present approved.

OLD BUSINESS

If your picture is not in the directory, please send to Mil-lie Kaufman or Melissa Shaw for membership.

The mailing address for the Guild is now 2425 North Center Street, Box 222, Hickory, NC 28601. The physical address of the meetings is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street, NW, Hickory, NC 28601.

The next Mission Day is Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Mission day people can work on preemie quilts, Sunshine quilts, Quilts of valor, or just come and visit with the other members.

The Board is planning to discuss where to send the donated quilts, with some still going to Western NC, but also LA, or wherever needed.

Reba Brewer's workshop originally scheduled for 16 November is rescheduled for January 25th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church.

On the fourth Thursday of the month, we will have a PM Sit and Sew from 6-8p starting in January 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

QUILT SHOW UPDATE

The raffle tickets are being passed out to members to sell. We need a quilt show name – send your ideas to Michelle Macy, Pat Carson, or Shelley Thompson. One idea suggested was "Spring Fling." Try to incorporate the fact that we are moving locations from the convention center to the Highland Rec Center and it will be held in the spring, on April 17-18, 2026. Two hours of work at the Quilt Show will earn a Guild member free admission, otherwise the members will be charged for admission.

SHOW AND TELL

Michelle Hester – Bee themed donation quilt.

Susan Fontyn – 1 donation quilt and 1 quilt for a friend going through a mastectomy.

Jill Wells – 1 preemie quilt and 3 Sunshine quilts.

PROGRAM

Susan Fontyn discussed the Guild Library and welcomes suggestions that members would like in the library.

Barbara Mahnke discussed the Challenge Quilt which will be presented at the June joint meeting/supper. The quilt/table runner/ wall hanging should in some way express your birthday month preferably without the month name on the quilt.

She also discussed the Mouse Trap quilt which is a Shannon Fraser program and will end up a 60 x 76 sized quilt. Please contact Barbara if you are interested in this challenge.

Barbara Mahnke went over the budget. Cathy Starnes moved that the 2025 budget be accepted. Amanda Truitt seconded the motion. Unanimously approved via voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Wells

**Birthdays**

2	Janet Hunt
5	Kitty Barco
7	Michele Hester/Debra Rubin /Deanna Weis
9	Mark Price
11	Wanda Greer
16	Candi Gordon
18	Barbara McKeever
21	Sherry Huffman / Lennie Sever
23	Barbara Davis
28	Kay Dwyer



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