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Calendar

Meetings:

Board Meeting: Thursday August 6, 2026 at 6pm via Zoom.

Guild Meetings: Thurs. August 13, 2026 10AM & 6:30PM. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church upstairs in the fellowship hall. Susan Edmondson will give a presentation at both meetings.

Mission Day

The next Mission Day will be on Saturday, August 22, 9AM - 3PM. A future E-Blast will confirm which room at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sit 'n Sew

At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. **Thursday Mornings (except meeting days) 9:30-11:30 am. AND BEGINNING AUGUST 20TH - Evening Sit 'n Sew: 3rd & 4th Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm.**
*** Due to continued church renovations, specific room locations to be announced via E-Blast prior to each session.

Quilt of Valor Presentation

August 4, 2026 at American Legion 48 Fairgrounds Post, Newton, NC. Dinner at 6 pm. Presentation at 7 pm. 1127 Highway 70 West, Newton 28658.

Quilt Shows, Hops, & Events

Asheville Quilt Show: August 13-15, 2026. WNC Ag Center - Davis Event Center. 765 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, Nc 28732. Daily 9-4.

August 11-27, 2026 The Art of the Quilt: A showing of small quilts hosted by the Stanly Arts Guild. Stanly Arts Guild & Gallery, 152 West Main St., Albemarle, NC 28001



by birthday girl, Dianne Black



by birthday girl, Michelle Macy

by treasurer, Joyce Gates



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Mailing Address:

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

Meeting Dates / Times Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm-
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC
<catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com> / Facebook: Catawba Valley
Quilters Guild / Instagram @CVquiltersguild

Officers & Worker Bees

	<i>Day</i>	<i>Night</i>
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 _____ _____

Membership — Millie Kaufman Chair / Melissa Shaw
Newsletter — Judy Edberg Diana Weber Dawn Cole Diane
Amos _____

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- 1 - Dianne Black
- 2- Kathy Wilson
- 3 - Betty Stokes
- 5 - Mary Long
- 6 - Diane Amos
- 11- Michelle Macy
- 19 - Brenda Ireland
- 22 - Anne Starnes
- 27 - Carol Weeks



CVQG Treasurer's Report
06/01 - 06/30/2026

The treasurer's report is available to members only.

Minutes, Morning Meeting, July 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME -

Standing in for President Nancy Garchek, member Kay Dwyer called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Attendance was 46 with one guest, Brenda Ireland, and one new member, Colleen Eshleman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Janice Setzler reported that Holy Trinity Church has items it no longer needs due to renovation work. Items may be purchased in Community Room C on a cash donation basis with money going towards their capital improvement fund.
- Cindy Williamson has "antique" embroidery patterns and embroidery thread available for use.
- Millie Kaufman asked that members bringing donation items to meetings please take unwanted items back home with them as there currently is not a place to store them at the church.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

Kathy Stafford won for nametag, and Kathleen Sigmon won for attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cindy Williamson moved to approve the minutes from the June joint meeting, and Joyce Gates seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Cindy Williamson said her knee is healing, and Melissa Shaw said her ankle wound is healing well. Peggy Poe reported that her grandson has finished school and has returned home. Catherine Caswell said her grandson has his cast off and has an approved work visa. Diane Amos reported that her son is now home after serving in the Navy in Japan. Lynda Benfield's grandson will be teaching at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Nancy Garchek is with

her almost 100 year old mother who is under hospice care in Wisconsin. Elle Clemens in Greensboro is having a procedure and testing. Joyce Pearce is home recovering from a fall and brain bleeds, and her husband Skip is experiencing some health issues. Terrie Townsend has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing tests. (See e-blast sent this week.) Prayers are appreciated for these dear ones.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Joyce Gates said the bank balance is \$***. Joyce also announced that the Fall Retreat is currently full and now has a waiting list. The first deposit of \$170 is due July 9. Total cost is \$340.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE AND PROGRESS

Kay Dwyer announced the newly formed Nominating Committee: Kay, Jill Wells, Frances Allen, Melissa Shaw, and Joy Mease. The committee recently had their first meeting and discussed the guild by-laws and timelines for the election of board members in December. Kay distributed copies of the Officer Duty Reference which explains the responsibilities of each officer. The timeline is as follows:

- hand out ballots and begin talking to potential candidates in August,
- send out an e-blast, present the slate in November, - guild-wide vote at the joint December meeting,
- new board begins in January.

PROPOSAL OF DONATION TO HOLY TRINITY

Kay Dwyer led a discussion of a proposal brought to the guild by Jill Wells, a one time donation to Holy Trinity to its building remodel fund. It was noted that the guild has been very fortunate to have had the use of the church facilities for its meetings and activities since 1984. In recent years the guild has made a yearly donation to the church and its custodian in the sum of approximately \$500. With the addition of two evening Sit and Sew groups each month, the guild will be using

the church facilities up to eight times per month, and that includes the church's utilities and custodial services, etc. It was pointed out by several people at the meeting that other guilds pay a significant stipend to the location site of their meetings and sometimes have to inconveniently change locations.

The initial suggested amount for a donation from the guild was \$2500, however, it was suggested by some that the amount be increased to \$5000. There was a general consensus in favor of making a donation to Holy Trinity with the following options discussed:

1. One time donation from the guild treasury.
2. No donation from the treasury, but ask members to voluntarily make donations to a guild fund, and then one check would be written to the church from those monies collected.
3. A hybrid approach of #1 and #2.
4. Make a quilt for the church to raffle. (This option was said to probably be unacceptable to the church pastor per the opinion of a church member present.)

Discussion points regarding the amount of a donation from the guild treasury:

1. Now might be a good time to make a donation, since there is money in the guild treasury after the recent show.
2. It is good for a non-profit to make such a donation to another non-profit.
3. It is also important to consider that the guild will need money for the next show in three years, and it needs to be available the year before. Also, if the show is changed back to a fall date, it will be 3 1/2 years before the next show, which supplies the majority of the guild's income.
4. Other than income from the show, the guild receives some income from the payment of dues which comes to approximately \$3000.
5. A large donation (10 or 20 percent of budget) may put too much stress on the guild budget.

6. The guild currently has over \$25,000 in its treasury, and the guild has purchased its own set of pipes and drapes for use in future shows.

Members are asked to reflect on the matter and come prepared to vote at the August morning and evening guild meetings. It was suggested that a written paper (silent) ballot be used for voting.

THURSDAY EVENING SIT N' SEW

An Evening Sit and Sew group will begin the last two Thursdays in August. Look for more information coming soon.

The business meeting concluded at 10:44 a.m.

Kay Dwyer introduced guest speaker Susan Edmonson who shared her love of applique and embroidery with a slide presentation and trunk show. Susan will lead workshops on July 10 and July 11.

Afterward was an abbreviated Show and Tell. (See Facebook page for photos. Participants did not fill out Show and Tell forms, and this month names and projects were not recorded.)

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Appenzeller
Morning Secretary



by Chris Appenzeller,
Morning Secretary

by Wanda Bombyk

Minutes, Evening Meeting, July 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME -

Evening president Dawn Cole started the meeting at 6:30pm in the Guild's new meeting room due to the church's renovations. There were 27 people present.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

The evening started with Sunshine and Shadows.

- Nancy Garchek was in Wisconsin to be with her mother, who has since passed, just three days shy of her 100th birthday.
- Terrie Townsend had fluid removed near her lungs and they found cancer cells. She will be going through tests to get more answers.
- Melissa Shaw's ankle is getting better all the time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Last month's minutes were motioned to be accepted by Amanda Truett and Judy Edberg, the minutes passed unanimously.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

Door prizes were won by Tina Downward, Attendance and Name Tag, Susan Bisulca.

FALL CV2G RETREAT

The Fall Retreat is full and a waiting list has been started.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is \$***in the Guild's checkbook.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE AND PROGRESS

Jill Wells gave an update on the Nominating Committee and process. A list of the duties of the board positions was handed out and gone over. In August a sample ballot will go out and committee members will start talking to people to find out who might be interested. In November a ballot with a list of nominees will be passed out and at the joint meeting in December, it will be voted on. People can be added to the ballot by talking to the

committee. In January new board members will start and it has been suggested that there should be a coffee and dessert meeting with former and new officers.

PROPOSAL OF DONATION TO HOLY TRINITY

There was a lively discussion led by Dawn Cole on the suggestion by Jill Wells that a sizable donation be given to the church to help with the renovations. The church renovations are estimated to be around 7 billion dollars. The amount suggested for the donation from the Guild was \$2,500. Melissa Shaw spoke on how much the Guild uses the church for Guild activities.

There was also discussion on individual donations as well, or a money jar that people could put money in at the monthly meetings. There was discussion about the suggested amount being too much or too little and also whether it should be divided into three donations instead of all at once.

It has been decided that the three most popular suggestions would be listed on paper and members would vote on their choices, marking them 1, 2 and 3 with 1 being their first choice and the Guild would vote on it next meeting, in August.

EVENING SIT N' SEW

The evening Sit and Sews will start in August and will be the last two Thursdays of each month. If a holiday happens on one of those nights, we won't hold it.

PROGRAM

A small break was held followed by the program by Susan Edmonson. Susan displayed a wide array of her work, which was amazing. She went over her work showing different stitches she used and her 3D pieces as well.

SHOW AND TELL

Show and Tell followed the program.

- Judi Eller made three preemie quilts to donate and two pillowcases. This was Judi's last meeting as she is moving to Indiana to be near family.
- Dawn Cole, two pillowcases, one QOV quilt, and a crocheted blanket for donation.
- Hope Estepan, the three fat quarter table runner.
- Jill Wells, 10 quilts to donate, of a variety of sizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully yours,
Jill Wells
Evening secretary

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!!**- re: MEMBER DIRECTORY**

If you have any changes to your address or phone number for our directory, please, email the changes to:

Lisa Echerd at _____

I have just a few changes to make and would like to do an update to the online directory in the next month. This would be changes since the last printed copy came out in March.

THANK YOU!
Lisa Echerd

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST GUILD MEETING

Our guild meetings next month will be on Thursday, August 13th at 10 am and 6:30 pm where the program will be: "Underground Railroad and African Quilts" presented by Darlene Covington, a retired educator from South Carolina who has been quilting about 10 years. Darlene shared the following, "I was taught by one of your guild members [perhaps Janet Hunt?]. I remember the quiet smile, she had, when she was teaching me how to thread a machine. She gave me one block to do which took me about a month to get right and I was hooked from that day on. I was asked to present the history of the blocks in the Underground Railroad Quilt, and I would like to share some patterns using African fabric. I began doing quilts using African fabric because 1. I love bright colors and 2. African quilts are hard to find for purchase. I am excited to share my journey with you all!"



by Susan Bisulca



by Diane Gantt



by Maureen Teague