



# Patchwork Press

## December 2025

Catawba Valley Quilters Guild  
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### C A L E N D A R

#### MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2025 6 pm** via Zoom

**GUILD MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2025 6 pm** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**PROGRAM:** Our joint December meeting features a Quilt of Valor presentation, the Fusible Grid Challenge, a short business meeting, a covered dish dinner, and a Lily Boutique preview sale featuring winter items for sale. Please bring cash or check for your purchases.

#### MISSION DAY

**Dec. 13, 2025 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.  
No Evening Sit n Sew Session this month.

#### QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

**DEC. 9, 2025, AMERICAN LEGION POST 48**  
American Legion Fairgrounds  
1 American Legion Ave., Newton  
6p dinner, 7p presentation.

**DEC. 11, 2025 GUILD JOINT MEETING 6 pm**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
547 6th Street NW, Hickory



### QUILT SHOWS & OTHER EVENTS

#### **FRI.-SAT. JAN. 30-31, 2026 THE QUILTING AND NEEDLE ART EXTRAVAGANZA**

Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center Street  
Quilting and yarn vendors.

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**APR. 17-18, 2026**

#### **OUR SPRING CELEBRATION OF QUILTS**

Highland Recreation Center  
1451 8th St Dr NE, Hickory

#### **IMPORTANT QUILT SHOW DEADLINES (TENTATIVE)**

**MAR. 20-21, 2026** Turn in Quilts

**MAR. 27-28, 2006** Judging

**APR. 16, 2026** Hanging

**APR. 17-18, 2026** Quilt Show

**APR. 18, 2026** Return Quilts

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**Apr. 22-25 2026 AQS Quilt Week Paducah**

For the Paducah Quilt Week, Heart of the Triad Quilt Guild is selling raffle tickets for 4 nights at Drury Inn & Suites, including meals. Tickets \$10. Drawing on or before Jan. 15. Contact Penny Nolen (336) 971-1907 or nolen991955@gmail.com for tickets.

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2425 North Center Street #222  
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### Officers & Worker Bees

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

1	Tanya Hodge
2	Susan Bisulca
6	Wanda Bombyk
9	Rosemary Dietrich
9	Ann Lutz
15	Anita Kernodle
17	Millicent Kaufman
23	JoAnn Johnson
24	Susan Trotter
25	Catherine Caswell
31	Shelley Thompson

**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, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

President Nancy Garchek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with 42 in attendance. There were no guests or new members.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Another one of Nancy Garchek's dachshunds has become a champion!
- Nancy's husband recently underwent a defibrillator procedure.
- Catherine Caswell's sister had successful hip replacement surgery.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Fontyn moved to approve the October minutes as corrected; Kathleen Whiddon seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### LILY BOUTIQUE

Catherine Caswell said the member numbers used for Lily Boutique tags did not need to be changed or updated as previously announced.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Joyce Gates reported a current bank account of \$23,507.62. There is \$850 in the Libby Sigmon fund. Nancy Garchek announced that a \$500 donation to QOV was given in honor of Peggy Poe, who has been volunteering and presenting QOV quilts at the Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum on Sunday afternoons in November. See page 6 of the November newsletter for more information.

### DOOR PRIZES

**ATTENDANCE:** Kathy Stafford

**HOMEMADE NAME TAG:** Jan Carpenter

### OLD BUSINESS

**QUILT SHOW:** Kay Dwyer reported that 13 vendors are currently booked, but the vendor committee is seeking 3 or 4 more. Vendors can be

"beyond quilting" in focus, not necessarily a craft. Possible ideas: buttons, batting, thread, coffee and tea. The cost for a 10' x 10' booth for 2 days is \$250, 10' x 30' booth for 2 days is \$350. The scissor sharpening vendor will only be there on Friday, so another vendor could use that space on just Saturday.

There will be a pre-sale of Lily Boutique items at the joint December meeting. Catherine Caswell said that the Lily Boutique items can be given to her at Sit and Sew meetings or can be brought in early to the December joint meeting. Just bring a sampling of the items, not everything made so far. Write prices on the tags and your member number if you want items which don't sell at the show in April returned to you.

Barb Mahnke distributed flyers to members at the meeting with key dates and reminders about submission of quilts for the show for both judging and other displays, such as a display of Challenge quilts made since the last show in October 2022. Members may opt to display their quilts without submitting them for judging.

Reminder: turn in your 15" square signature blocks to Barb at the January meeting.

At the suggestion of Kathleen Whiddon, it was decided to ask Hickory Mayor Hank Guess for permission to borrow the quilt the guild made in honor of the 150th anniversary of Hickory, which now hangs upstairs at the city library, and display it somewhere to promote the quilt show, possibly at the Highland Recreation Center.



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Sherry Huffman reported that 1,083 quilt raffle tickets have been sold bringing in \$1,185.00. Susan Fontyn is collecting fabric/fat quarters and empty basket donations through January, which will be used to create fat quarter baskets for raffle at the show.

**NICU Hearts:** Susan Fontyn has provided photos of the two sizes of heart “quilts,” which should be either 6” or 8” and have finished edges (no pinked edges). Give the completed hearts to Susan or to Michelle Macy.

**Hickory Day School Project:** Barb Mahnke, Barb McKeever, and Joyce Gates worked with students at the school on pre-designed blocks which will be made into a quilt and sold as a fundraiser for the school. It was suggested that this new quilt or the one previously made and now owned by a teacher could be displayed at the quilt show to showcase the guild’s efforts to promote quilting in the community. The last one sold for \$900 and was then presented to the teacher.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Millie Kaufman announced that 2026 membership dues are now being collected. The board decided that dues are \$30 per year (no pro-rating for partial year membership) and include our 2026 printed directory. Let Millie know if you are 80 or older so that you will not be required to pay dues. Notify Lisa Echerd by emailing [lynnelisa@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynnelisa@bellsouth.net) if you need to make changes to your directory information. If you don’t have a photo in the directory or need an

updated one, make sure to have your photo taken at the December joint meeting.

#### **SHOW AND TELL**

- Dianne Johnston – 1 personal project
- Susan Deal – 2 personal projects, Hexie Memories
- Sherry Huffman – 1 sunshine and 1 personal project
- Kathy Stafford – 1 QOV top
- Peggy Barton – 1 personal project, a table runner
- Nancy Morin – 8 barn quilt blocks for Lily Boutique
- Chris Appenzeller – 1 personal project
- Catherine Caswell – 2 personal projects John Deere aprons
- Tanya Hodge – 2 personal projects, baby quilt and queen size quilt
- Dotty Williams – 2 sets of embroidered hearts for NICU
- Joyce Pearce – personal project Christmas tree quilt

#### **PROGRAM**

Quilt show judge Scott Murkin presented a program on the process of judging quilts entered in a show. His handout paper, “In the Eyes of the Judge,” was distributed to attendees and later emailed to members by Joy Mease. He encouraged guild members to submit their quilts to our show whether or not they think the quilts are ribbon-worthy!

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Appenzeller, Secretary



## MINUTES, EVENING MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

Evening president Dawn Cole called the meeting to order around 6:30. There was a new member at the meeting, Susan Loman.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Mary Whipkey has recently lost her husband.
- Jill D. Wells has had her nose surgery and is good to go.
- Amanda Truett's husband has had another shoulder surgery and is doing well. Amanda has also been coaching two different youth soccer teams this fall and received a nice trophy.

At the December joint meeting which is Dec. 11 at 6 p.m., there will be a mini Lily Boutique Sale. People should have prices on their goods and all the money will benefit the Lily Boutique.

Mark, a veteran, will receive a Quilt of Valor quilt at the December meeting as he wanted to receive it with the women that make the quilts.

### DOOR PRIZES

Jill Wells won the door prize for attendance and Sandy Hermann won for a her homemade name tag.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Amanda Truett moved and Janet Hunt seconded request for the approval of last month's meeting minutes. Motion passed.

There is \$23,507.62 in the Guild check book.

Barb Mahnke is collecting the 15" x 15" quilt blocks for the Guild's quilt show wall.

Michelle Hester is collecting the NICU hearts which are 6 or 8", no raw edges, and can be cotton or flannel.

The 2026 dues are now being collected. The amount of \$30 includes a membership book.

Anyone 80 or over does not have to pay. Terrie Townsend is collecting money.

Saturday, Dec. 13 is the next Guild Mission Day to be held at the church and is 9 – 3.

### SHOW & TELL

- Andrea Knieps, two personal projects.
- Terrie Townsend, 1 preemie quilt and 1 sunshine quilt.
- Amanda Truett blocks from the Mouse Trap block of the month for August and September.
- Sandy Hermann a gorgeous purple cat quilt.
- Judy Edberg, two pillow tops, napkins and a portable design board.
- Judi Eller, 2 infant quilts.
- Michelle Macy, three personal quilts that she made on a quilt cruise. The colors were amazing.
- Catherine Caswell, two cute John Deere reversible aprons.
- Jill Wells, a baby quilt for her step-daughter, six placemats, her quilt block for the show wall and five children's quilts to donate.

### PROGRAM

After a quick break, quilt judge, Scott Murkin, gave an interesting, funny, informative talk on judging a quilt show. He talked about Show Readiness, Design, overall Visual Impact, Workmanship and the pros and cons of the point system versus elimination and judging quilts hung or flat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Wells, Secretary



**I M P O R T A N T — 2026 Dues & Directory**

**DUES:** If you have not already done so, please bring your 2026 dues to the December meeting. 2026 dues are \$30 dollars and include a printed membership directory.



**YOUR INFORMATION:** The new directory will be printed in early 2026. Please check your member directory or online to verify your information. If necessary, email your changes to Lisa Echerd at [lynnelisa@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynnelisa@bellsouth.net) and put it in writing for Millicent Kaufman. Lisa maintains the online membership database, and Millicent manages member applications.

**PHOTOS:** Last but not least, if you do not have a photo or your photo is out of date and you would like a new one, please see Lisa Echerd at the December meeting,



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