



# Patchwork Press

## January 2026

Catawba Valley Quilters Guild  
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### CALENDAR MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETING MON. JAN. 5, 2026 at 6pm** via Zoom

**GUILD MEETINGS THURS. JAN. 8, 2026 10 am & 6 pm** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church **PROGRAM:** 2026 Budget

#### MISSION DAYS

**JAN. 17; FEB. 21**

**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.

**SIT N SEW EVENINGS** will resume after the time change March 8, 2026.

#### QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION

**FEB. 5, 2026**, Dinner at 6p, Presentation 7p  
DAV Chapter 34, 882 21st Street Drive SE  
Hickory, NC 28602

#### OTHER EVENTS

**LIBBY SIGMON'S LOVELY LADIES SALE**  
**JAN. 17, 2026 10 AM TO 2 PM**  
3045 44th Ave Dr NE Hickory, NC  
See p. 4 of this newsletter for details.

#### QUILT SHOWS

**FRI.-SAT. JAN. 30-31, 2026 THE QUILTING & NEEDLE ART EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Statesville Civic Center  
300 S. Center Street  
Quilting and yarn vendors

**THURS.-SUN FEB. 19-22, 2026 QUILT CON 2026`**  
Raleigh Convention Center, 500 S. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC

**FRI.-SAT. MAR. 13-14, 2026**

**CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW**  
NC State Fairgrounds  
Raleigh, NC

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**FRI.—SAT. 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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**FRI. -SAT. APR. 24-25, 2026**

**FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW**  
Greenville, SC

**FRI. -SAT. MAY 15-16, 2026 WNCQG**

**A GARDEN OF QUILTS SHOW**  
Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock NC

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

**January Birthdays**



- 12 Peggy Bowman
- 27 Hope Estapan
- 29 Eve Agee
- 29 Dana Lowry
- 31 Patty Iovale

**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

**CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD  
 TREASURER'S REPORT  
 NOVEMBER 1-30, 2025**

<b>Balance 11/01/2025</b>	<b>\$23,507.62</b>
<b>RECEIPTS/DEPOSITS</b>	
Deposit Raffle & Projects	\$40.00
Deposit - Membership	\$1,440.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$1,480.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Kathleen Whiddon - Ribbons	\$40.62
Scott Murkin - Program	\$854.00
Terrie Townsend - Labels	\$111.02
Amanda Truett - QOV	\$419.71
Holston Retreat for Spring	\$624.00
GA Expro Acting - Drapes	\$4,135.91
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,185.26</b>
<b>Balance as of 11/30/2025</b>	<b>\$18,802.36</b>
<b>QOV DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	
DESIGNATED QOV	\$944.00
Check to Amanda Truett	\$419.71
<b>DESIGNATED QOV</b>	<b>\$524.29</b>

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, JOINT MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER—WELCOME

A Quilts of Honor presentation was led by Amanda Truett, during which a quilt was awarded to Navy Seabees veteran Mark Riddle. A blessing for the potluck supper was given by Dawn Cole and the meeting was called to order by Daytime President Nancy Garchek with 62 in attendance. Colleen Eshleman was introduced as a guest.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Melissa Shaw reported that the hardware in her ankle is emerging from a previous procedure.
- Kathleen Whiddon is celebrating 44 years of marriage with her husband Scott.
- Dawn Cole has returned to work for her former employer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a correction to the November minutes: cloth hearts made for the NICU infants should be turned in to Susan Fontyn and Michele Hester, not to Michelle Macy.

Dawn Cole moved to approve the minutes as corrected, and Joyce Gates seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Joyce Gates reported a balance of \$18,550.17, reflecting expenditures for the quilt show.

### DOOR PRIZES

**ATTENDANCE:** Diane Gantt and Martha Brown **HOMEMADE NAME TAG:** Peggy Senn and Mary Bucy

### OLD BUSINESS

**QUILT SHOW—** Jill Wells announced the purchase of a large set of pipes and drapes from the Mooresville quilt guild. A set of new drapes has also been purchased. Michelle Macy will provide storage. The remainder needed for the show will be rented from Valley Rentals, but the new purchases will negate the need to rent additional display supplies from a secondary source at an increased cost.

The current estimate for insurance is \$425.

Kay Dwyer will maintain a waiting list of vendors wanting booths at the show.

Reminder: Bring in your fat quarters and baskets as well as 15" signature squares to the January meeting.

Sherry Huffman said that 1107 raffle tickets have been sold bringing in over \$1249. The Statesville show in January does not have room to allow CVQG to sell tickets. It was suggested that the guild attempt to sell tickets for a second time at the

Hickory Farmer's Market. At the meeting, the owners of the Conover Quilt Company made an offer to share part of their booth space at the Statesville Show for the sale of CVQG raffle tickets and were thanked for their generosity.

Barb Mahnke explained that the fusible grid Challenge quilts displayed for the evening program were not being judged or voted on. Instead, envelopes placed below collected written papers of affirmation to the quilt makers from viewers. There will be a separate display at the quilt show of Challenge quilts completed since the last show.

Barb also provided some clarification about quilt entry categories directing attention to copies of those guidelines on the meeting's tables. This information will also appear on the guild's website and be sent to members. She explained the difference between single maker, duet, and group categories. Groups will be subdivided according to quilt size. There will again be a novice category. A second handout listed potential Special Awards that the judge may award. There will be a pre-registration process, and members should look for detailed instructions and dates.

### NEW BUSINESS

**ANNUAL AWARDS —**Nancy Garchek announced the recipients of this year's annual CVQG awards:

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR:** Jill Wells

**TERRIE TOWNSEND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP:**  
Barb Mahnke

### SHOW AND TELL

- Nancy Garchek – 4 personal projects: 2 dinosaur quilts and 2 tree skirts
- Judy Edberg – 4 NICU hearts
- Terrie Townsend – 20 Christmas stockings for boys
- Dawn Cole – 1 personal project
- Tina Downward – 1 personal project, a dragon theme baby quilt
- Catherine Caswell – 4 personal projects: Twister quilt, wall hanging, 2 rope bowls
- Deanna Weis – 6 personal projects
- Sue Reimlinger – personal project Challenge, Happy Birthday, America
- Sandy Herman – 1 personal project, a queen size blue quilt
- Lisa Echerd – 1 personal project: throw size quilt for family friend
- Amanda Truett – 1 personal project: Bigfoot pillows



- Janice Setzler – 1 Sunshine and 3 personal projects
- Chris Appenzeller – Quilt from extra blocks CVQG members made for the show raffle quilt. It is to be entered in the judged Group category and sold at the April show. Chris assembled the blocks, pieced the backing and sewed the binding. Nancy Garchek quilted it, and Mary Bucy made the embroidered label.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Appenzeller, Secretary

## LIBBY SIGMON'S LOVELY LADIES SALE by Kathleen Sigmon

As you may know, our mom/MIL Libby Sigmon passed away in June. After which she made quilting her hobby and CVQG her circle of friends. Libby enjoyed working with fabrics and had an amazing eye for color and design. She amassed quite a collection of quilting supplies and now it is time to find happy homes for them.

We are having a sale Saturday, January 17th. Included in the sale are a Janome sewing machine, SewEZ travel table, big ironing board, lights, rulers, lots and lots of beautiful fabrics, and many other quilting items and some furniture. We will also have complimentary refreshments for all.

Half the money raised from this sale will go to the Libby Sigmon fund that her support group ~ Libby's Lovely Ladies ~ is overseeing to provide a workshop. In the case of inclement weather, we will have the sale the following week. Bring a friend and come visit! Below is the information about the sale. We hope to see you there!

**When: Saturday, January 17**

**Time: 10:00-2:00**

**Where: 3045 44th Ave Dr NE Hickory, NC 28601**



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