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Calendar

Meetings:

Board Meeting: Thursday. **APRIL 30**, 2026 at 6pm via Zoom

Guild Meetings: Thurs. May 14, 2026 10 am & 6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Program: Fat quarter swap to make table runner. Details in e-blast prior to mtg.

Mission Day

TBA - Look for an e-blast some time in May.

Sit 'n Sew

Thursday Mornings (except meeting days) 9:30-11:30 am Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Currently no evening Sit 'n Sew is in place.

Quilt of Valor Presentation

May 17, 2026 St. Peters Lutheran. Conover, NC. 6175 St Peter's Church Road. Lunch at 11:30 AM. Presentation to follow.

Quilt Shows, Hops, & Events

May 1 - June 30, 2026 All Blue Ridge Shop Hop 80 stores throughout NC, VA, WV. Details online at: <https://allblueridgeshophop.com>

Fri. – Sat. May 1-2, 2026 Central Carolina Quilt Fair, West End Plaza, 1935 Jake Alexander Blvd., Salisbury, NC

Tues-Fri. May 5-8, 2026 Our Holston Retreat Banner Elk— Full, but there is a waiting list. Email Nancy Garchek at or Dawn Cole to inquire re: openings. Limited to 17 participants. Total for retreat is \$270.

Fri. –Sat. May 15-16, 2026 Western Carolina Quilt Guild – A Garden of Quilts Show

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock NC

Fri. –Sat. June 19-20, 2026 Cabarrus Quilters Guild Splash of Color 2026

601 Warren C Coleman Boulevard, Concord, NC

Fri. –Sat. July 17-18, 2026 Anderson Area Quilt Show, A Celebration of Quilts

Anderson Civic Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Blvd., Anderson, SC



Presenting the raffle quilt to the winner, Eileen Shea from Burlington, NC who attended the show and is also a quilter and a member of two quilt guilds.

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Meeting Dates / Times Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm-
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC
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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

Newsletter deadline: third Monday of prior month to release

Publicity — Tina Downward

Send publicity items to: CVQGPublicity@gmail.com

Webmistress / Quilts of Valor — Amanda Truett

Workshops — Debra Eckardk; Lisa Echerd

Trusty e-Blaster - Joy Mease

May
BIRTHDAYs



Kathleen Sigmon	8
Connie Burgarner	10
Lavina Smith	14
Nancy Price	16
Petra Weishaupt-Smith	17
Elaine Mauney	22
Peggy Poe	23
Joyce Lutz	29
Barbara Mahnke	29

Minutes, Morning Meeting, April 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Nancy Garchek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were 50 members in attendance with no new members or guests.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Under "Shadows," Nancy reported that recent new member Barbara Pitts was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery. The cancer has not spread, and she is home recovering. She would appreciate prayers for her recovery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Catherine Caswell corrected the March minutes: she does not have printed names of members to insert in the show lanyards. Susan Fontyn moved to approve the minutes as amended and Michele Hester seconded; motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Joyce Gates reported a treasury balance of \$[REDACTED]. She asked everyone submitting money or receipts to her, particularly after the quilt show, to be sure to put them in an envelope and include their name, the amount, and a description of the envelope's contents. Thanks were given to Sandy Herman who set up an online gift account in honor of her birthday. Pay Pal sent the guild a check with Quilt of Valor specified as recipient of the donation.

SPRING 2026 CAMP HOLSTON RETREAT

Nancy Garchek announced that the money for the retreat is due on April 9 and reminded everyone to fill out the information and emergency contact sheets which are available from Nancy or Dawn Cole.

DRAWINGS

Candi Gordon won for Attendance, and Shelley Thompson won for Nametag.

QUILT SHOW

Barb Mahnke expressed the Judging Committee's thanks to show volunteers and gave a brief report on comments about the judging process and criteria from our judge, Scott Turkin. 269 quilts will be displayed at the show with 220 of them being judged. 66 members submitted at least one quilt. Committee chairs for the show then came forward to explain the responsibilities of their

volunteers and to answer questions. Note: these announcements and instructions regarding the show are not included in the April minutes since the newsletter will be printed after the show dates.

SUSAN EDMONSON PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS

Nancy Garchek read a letter of thanks from member Kathleen Sigmon for the memorial gifts and the purchases made at the sale of Libby Sigmon's quilting and sewing supplies following her passing last year. Kay Dwyer presented further details. Funds raised will be used to pay for guest speaker Susan Edmonson at both the morning and evening meetings on July 9. There will be no cost to the guild for the two programs or for Susan's workshops to be held on Friday, July 10 and again on Saturday, July 11. Members taking either workshop will be charged a nominal fee of \$25, which will include Susan's pattern "Out On A Limb." The project features appliqued birds since Libby was very fond of birds and sometimes used that motif in her beautiful quilts. The workshop projects may be done in either wool or cotton or a combination of both, and the applique and embroidery may be done by hand or machine. Watch for details and information about sign-ups in May.

SHOW AND TELL

Nancy Garchek – 1 personal project

Deanna Weis – personal projects: Mondo bag, binding kit, clam shell bags

Susan Deal – 1 personal project: Mondo bag

Barb McKeever – 1 personal project: Mondo bag

Jickie Crocker – 2 personal projects: Victorian boots quilt, Halloween quilt

Cyndi T. Smith – 1 personal project: Marianne Fons Star Wall quilt

Peggy Poe – 1 Quilt of Valor

Catherine Caswell – 1 personal project: a tee-shirt quilt made from her mom's shirts

Shelley Thompson – 1 premie quilt

Kathleen Whiddon – 1 pillowcase (donation)

Millie Kaufman – 1 personal project: Easter egg table runner

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Appenzeller, Secretary

Minutes, Evening Meeting, April 9, 2026

Evening president Dawn Cole opened the meeting at 6:30 with 24 people in attendance.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Barbara Pitts, a new member, has just had breast cancer surgery. She is home recovering and the cancer has not spread. She would appreciate everyone's prayers.
- Melissa Shaw's ankle is improving but she still has a ways to go.

Last meeting's minutes had two corrections; Catherine Caswell is NOT providing name tags for the lanyards and Nancy Garchek's last name was spelled wrong. The minutes were passed after Susan Fontyn and Shelley Thompson first and seconded the motion.

The drawings were won by Cathy Starnes - attendance and Dawn Cole - Name tag.

Joyce Gates, treasurer announced the total in the savings is [REDACTED]; Sandy Hermann donated \$24.01 for Quilts of Valor.

QUILT SHOW

An update of the Quilt Show was given.

- Barbara Mahnke announced there were 66 members that submitted quilts. There are 220 to be judged and 50 for exhibits. There ended up being 15 categories.
- Catherine Caswell stated that anything left over from the Lily Boutique that people don't want back will be on sale at the Guild's joint meeting in June.
- The raffle quilt has brought in [REDACTED] so far.
- Susan Fontyn says there are 14 baskets for the fat quarter raffle baskets.
- Mary Bucy discussed the Silent Auction, there will be 5 items.
- Anne Starnes says there are between 150 and 175 prizes for door prizes.
- Publicity updates were given by Tina Downward and Cathy Starnes.
- The tickets for Viewer's Choice will be at the Admissions table. The winner will be announced at 2:30 on Saturday.

SHOW AND TELL

Show and tell followed.

Monique Kusick - a quilt as you go, My Story NY Day quilt (handwriting very hard to read) a donation quilt and Stitchin Heaven quilt, and a quilted bag.

Susan Bisulca - two Quilts of Valor quilts that were made by Carol Carman and Roselyn.

Lisa Echerd - a donation quilt and a tote bag for personal use

Janine McCowan - a dog bandana memory quilt, called Macey May.

Jill Wells - a QOV quilt top, a king size quilt top (Around the World) for her oldest grandson, a twin size Lego quilt for another grandson, and a twin size quilt with rainbows for a granddaughter.

Dawn Cole - her 15" block for the signature wall for the quilt show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Wells

2026 QUILT SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

by Tina Downward

Our show, the 2026 Spring Celebration of Quilts was a success! With attendance numbers around 750 (including our Quilt of Valor recipients and their families), our quilts made quite an impact!

Not only did we share our love and the beauty of quilting with the community, we also were able to share our good works through the Community Table, blessed 16 Veterans with Quilts of Valor, had 55 Evening Stars and 48 Friendship Stars signed for future QOV quilts, and earned an impressive amount of funding for the future of our guild!

Here's what a few of our visitors had to say about the show:

"My sister and I attended from Mocksville and the show was fabulous! Beautiful quilts, great bargains and the vendors were wonderful!"

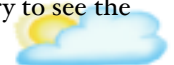
"It was an absolutely fantastic show. You all did an amazing job and the quilts were incredible!"

"Thank you for presenting this to Catawba County! I always enjoy attending!"

"The show was wonderful and the quality and variety of quilts displayed was inspiring."

"Great show!! I had so much fun."

"Great show, so glad I came from Mount Airy to see the quilts!"





"Members 15 inch block display wall. This is us!!!" - Tina Downward

2026 QUILT SHOW HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

Our Quilt Guild Team, led by Michelle Macy and Jill Wells, did an incredible job! An additional THANK YOU to them and the chairwomen of the individual teams. Vendors - Kay Dwyer, Judging (plus: quilt intake, setup of the show area, hanging, and taking down quilts) - Barbara Mahnke, Admissions - Terrie Townsend, Publicity - Cathy Starnes, Photography - Dawn Cole, Ribbons - Mary Bucy, Hospitality - Chris Appenzeller, Community - Candi Gordon, Lily Boutique - Catherine Caswell, Fat Quarter Baskets - Susan Fontyn, Raffle Quilt - Sherry Huffman, Door Prizes - Anne Starnes, QOV - Amanda Truett.

When you see any of these hard working ladies, please stop and tell them Thanks!

Our Chairwomen, Michelle and Jill want to share the following:

From Michelle: "Catawba Valley guild members rocked it for our Spring Celebration of Quilts! I can't thank everyone enough for taking the time over the last year, and volunteering their time. The show was quite the undertaking with the change of venue, but in the end, I do believe it was the best place to have the show. Over the 3 plus days, I can't count the times that people said how great the venue was. This included our members, vendors and patrons. They loved it. On to the next quilt show!

From Jill: "I think the show was a huge success, from set up to take down. The number of people helping out throughout the event was heart warming, and the quilts were amazing! Thank you to everyone involved!"



The guild, as a whole, created a wonderful Quilt Show for our Community and you should all be very proud of your dedication to the guild and what we accomplished with the Spring Celebration of Quilts!



"The work it took to pull off this show is very obvious."

"The show was so impressive! I loved the variety, talent, and the way they were displayed."



"Great quilt show! Lots of talent and wonderful vendors. This show has it all!"

16 QUILTS OF VALOR
PRESENTATIONS

