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Calendar

Meetings:

Board Meeting: Thursday July 2, 2026 at 6pm via Zoom.

Guild Meetings: Thurs. July 9, 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 announced via E-Blast at some point in the near future.

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.
Scheduled to possibly restart in August.

Quilt of Valor Presentation

July 5, 2026 at St Peters in Conover, NC. Four veterans will receive QOV. Lunch at 11:30 AM. Ceremony at 12:30PM. 6185 St Peter's Church Rd. 28613

July 16, 2026 at American Legion Post 16, 1020 Southwest Blvd., Newton, NC. Dinner at 6 PM; presentation at 7 PM.

Quilt Shows, Hops, & Events

July 16-25, 2026 Carolina Shop Hop 13 shops western NC, upstate SC. Details online at: carolinashophop.com

Fri. -Sat. July 10 & 11, 2026 Susan Edmondson Workshops - by registration

only. Some spots remain. Please, call or email Kay Dwyer or Joyce Pearce immediately, if interested.

9am-4pm in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC



by Shelley Thompson



by Barbara Mahnke



by Susan Leithiser



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Mailing Address:

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2425 North Center Street #222
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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

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Send publicity items to: CVQGPublicity@gmail.com

Webmistress / Quilts of Valor — Amanda Truett

Workshops — Debra Eckard and Lisa Echerd

Trusty e-Blaster - Joy Mease



11 - Melissa Shaw
12 - Dawn Barbersek
15 - Kandi Peterson
21 - Lorraine Yount
22 - Barbara Phillips
27 - Diane Gantt &
Lori Skinner
29 - Gere Helton

CVQG Treasurer's Report
05/01 - 05/31/2026

Minutes, Joint Morning & Evening Meeting, June 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME -

The CVQG joint potluck meeting was called to order by Barbara Mahnke. There were 57 people present.

Joyce Pearce distributed patterns to those who had already paid the class fee to take the workshop. We were reminded that Susan Edmonson would be our speaker at the morning and evening guild meetings on July 09. Susan is also leading the workshops occurring on Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th. We are grateful for how much Libby Sigmon, Libby's Lovely Ladies and Libby's family have done to make this possible.

FOOD AND SHOPPING -

Hospitality did a great job of decorating the tables. The food was wonderful. And thanks to Catherine Caswell for bringing items from Lily Boutique, so that we could make purchases!

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Richard Propst, husband of member Julie Propst who was a vendor at our Quilt Show has had a return of throat cancer and is undergoing treatment for that.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written. Two names and email information of people not receiving their newsletter were shared with the newsletter editor.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

Winner for attendance: Debbie Smith. Winner for name tag: Barbara Mahnke.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joyce Gates reported a bank balance of \$*****. She has paid Camp Holston for our upcoming fall retreat.

FALL RETREAT UPDATE

The retreat will be held at Holston Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC. Dates are Sunday, September 27, 2026 to Thursday, October 01, 2026. Arrival time on Sunday, September 27 is 1 pm. Lunch is

not included, but there will be supper on Sunday night. There are 3 full days of quilting (Monday through Wednesday) and departure is at 10 am on Thursday. Please expect an E-BLAST about mid-June to give full details. There will then be a subsequent E-BLAST announcing when registration is open. Cost is \$340 per person (double occupancy) and this includes the tip to the Camp Holston staff.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION AT THE CHURCH

Barb Mahnke discussed how the church is trying to provide us with meeting space during their ongoing renovation process. They treat us with kindness and respect, even letting us use the Fellowship Hall for our Thursday meeting, despite this being in the midst of Vacation Bible School!

A RETREAT THAT IS NOT A GUILD-SPONSORED EVENT

This announcement is included even though it is not sponsored by our guild. The retreat will be held at Crystal Coast Oceanfront Hotel in Pine Knolls Shores, NC. Dates are September 20-September 24, 2026. Please, see online page for more information. createwithjaneretreats.com.

THURSDAY EVENING SIT N' SEW

Thank you to Jill Wells for researching interest in a Thursday evening Sit N' Sew to be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The earliest this can begin is August. Look for more information as we get closer to that date.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

It's time to start thinking about nominations for officers for the next 2 years. We need volunteers to help with this process. Per the by-laws, the nominating committee must be guild members who are not currently serving on the board. Please, let Nancy Garchek, Dawn Cole, or Jill Wells know, if you are willing to serve on the committee.

SPEAKING OF ITEMS THAT WE MAKE AND DONATE

Michele Hester and Susan Fontyn did a joint presentation on items we make and donate. This includes (1) small hearts placed in incubators and also with the mothers to assist in bonding. (2) quilts for premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, (3) quilts we make for the Child Advocacy Center, and (4) Sunshine Quilts and pillowcases. Our guild has been an active participant in these efforts and, beginning in April 2015, we joined the Quilts of Valor program. We're approaching 900 QOV donations. In all cases, we need to continue our efforts in these vital programs.

UPCOMING CHALLENGE

The challenge for our December 2026 joint potluck meeting will be "Holiday Decor." The challenge is not limited to Christmas items. Perhaps: Kwanzaa, Hanukah, Thanksgiving, Halloween? Any holiday. Any type of item.

OUR LIBRARY

Susan Fontyn maintains our library of books on quilting techniques and patterns, even during times of renovation when we're not quite sure where they're being stored. She will continue to update the offerings.

SPECIAL AWARD

For more than a dozen years, Diana Weber edited and published The Patchwork Press, our monthly guild newsletter. In addition to correcting minutes and announcements we submitted to her, she provided helpful tips, arranged great pictures, and strengthened the sense of community that keeps our guild a wonderful place to be. She was presented with a certificate, a gift card, and a standing ovation.

CHALLENGES

Various members shared items that they had made for the two challenges for the June 2026 joint

meeting.

3-FAT-QUARTER TABLE RUNNERS: Janet Johnson, Millie Kaufman, Susan Deal, Cindy Williamson, Judy Edberg, Sherry Huffman, Diane Amos, Peggy Poe, Andrea Knieps, Janine McCowan, Cindy Smith, Sandy Herman, Wanda Greer, Monique Kusick, Susan Bisulca, Jill Wells, Cheryl Duncan. Tina Doward presented each participant with a small gift for participating.

RED, WHITE, & BLUE CHALLENGE:

Barb McKeever, Susan Fontyn, Susan Deal, Joyce Gates, Janine McCowan, Sherry Huffman, Judy Edberg, Michele Hester, Millie Kaufman, Kathy Bogue, Peggy Poe, Susan Trotter, Janet Hunt, Wanda Greer, Tina Downward, Diane Amos, Monique Kusick, Terrie Townsend.

SHOW AND TELL

Terrie Townsend - small bags

Janice Setzler - quilts for the 3 employees at Holy Trinity who help our guild plus a quilt for a friend who loves the color blue

Susan Fontyn - Quilt of Valor

Anna Holloway - quilt

Susan Deal - pillowcase

Alice Potter - quilt made from orphan blocks

Cindy Williamson - X-stitch blocks

Kathleen Whiddon - quilt of her 3 daughters

Michele Hester - Mariner's Compass quilt

Becky Watts - 2 quilts and a stuffed animal

Sherry Huffman - a patriotic quilt, a signature quilt for her departing minister, multi-color cat quilt

Monique Kusick - 2 quilts with rag dividers

Andrea Knieps - jewel tone quilt

Peg Senn - quilt finished at retreat

Janet Hunt - USA 250th Anniversary Quilt of Valor

Wanda Greer - quilt

Millie Kaufman - jelly roll quilt

Dotty Williams - eagle panel quilt



TWO PRESENTATIONS

Terrie Townsend made 2 presentations at the end of the meeting. She had turned panels saluting the 250th birthday of the United States into two large tote bags. She presented one to Amanda Truett in recognition of all the work and leadership Amanda has contributed to make our QOV program successful. She presented the other to Joy Mease for agreeing to help with whatever needs to be done.

Meeting was adjourned and multiple people stayed to restore Fellowship Hall to original condition for VBS. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Mease
Interim Secretary



LOCATION OF GUILD MEETINGS during construction - Although construction has not, yet, begun in the morning meeting space, for consistency and less confusion, both morning and evening guild meetings will be held in the new section of the basement. For future meetings, please, park in the same area as previously and enter through the same door at the end of the driveway as previously used for guild meetings. Turn to the left. Proceed through the double doors and follow signs to the new meeting space. Thank you, Barbara Mahnke, for this information!

**FEATURED ARTIST - SUSAN EDMONSON**

Through the generosity of Libby Sigmon, Libby's Lovely Ladies, and Libby's family; we are excited to welcome Susan Edmonson, an award winning artistic quilter to our guild meetings this month. Her program is titled "My Quilts Don't Fit Beds." Susan will feature her many skills and stories of quilting, teaching, technique's and embellishments, and so much more. She will, also, present workshops on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11. As per her website, Susan describes herself as follows, "Fiber arts are my passion. I majored in art at Queens University in Charlotte, NC, and have not slowed down since. I have been a quilt designer, hosted art retreats, traveled to shops all over the country to teach, and am a Bernina Ambassador. I love sharing this passion I have for quilting, stitching and creating with everyone."

To see her gallery and learn more about Susan's style of quilting, visit her website at <https://www.susanedmonsondesigns.com/>.



"Out on a Limb" - pattern being featured in workshops for our guild.



by Susan Trotter



by Jill Wells

**CORRECTION TO THE CORRECTION IN JUNE NEWSLETTER:**

An error was made when reporting the name of the quilter for the Best -In-Show-Multiple-Makers quilt at our April quilt show. The person who quilted that quilt was Gina Boone, not Nancy Garchek. Our apologies. Gina!!