



Quilters Chatter – December 2025

President's Message

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Happy Birthday to You December

1 – Mary S
9 – Sandra R
11 – Karel J
27 – Debbie M
31 – Linda M



The Burke Quilter Guild meets the first (sometimes), second, and fourth Monday of each month at the Burke Senior Center, 501 N Green St, Morganton, NC, 28655. See burkequiltersguild.com for current schedule.

BURKE QUILTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 24, 2025

Before our meeting, a tree skirt was presented to UNC Hospital. Special guests, Gary (the CEO) and Jody Danette, received the quilted tree skirt that will be in the main lobby of the hospital. Guild members who worked on the quilt were Cindy Konarski, Judy Abernethy, Susan Briggs, Joanne Hinkle, Mary Bucy, Judy Salchow and Dinah Weaver. Besides paying for quilt supplies, the hospital made of donation of \$300 to the guild.

Welcome: President, Judy Abernethy opened the meeting. She welcomed guests Jennifer Whittaker, Terri Henson and Jean Knutson.

Minutes: Since we had the Auction/Bazaar in October in place of a meeting, there were no minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Piercy, Treasurer, was asked for profit numbers from the auction. There was an income of \$2,233.50, less \$6.63 in bank fees and less \$150 for the auctioneer, leaving a profit of \$2,076.87. Judy will be collecting the 2026 dues of \$25 today.

Sunshine and Shadows: Caroline Hall reported that she sent this month's birthday cards and a get well card to Phyllis Fox.

Funeral Service: Phyllis Fox passed away last week. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, November 26th at 1:00 at the First Advent Christian Church across from Kirksey.

Wee Care Quilts: Debbie McGough asked if someone could collect the quilts at the meetings she will be unable to attend. Judy Abernethy volunteered to do that.

Veteran's Quilts: Many quilts were given to Veterans and they were so appreciative. Three quilts made by Dawn LeDuc were presented at Calvary Lutheran Church. Opal continues to make many for residents of McDowell County. One was presented by the Senior Center. Others making Veteran quilts are Glenda Huffman, Kathleen Felmet and Judy Abernethy.

Challenge Quilt: You might get ideas for the challenge quilt from the "America 250" exhibit at the History Museum of Burke County.

Hospitality: The Christmas Luncheon "Party" will be Monday, December 8 at 11:00. Please sign up for food you will bring. Also, bring the recipe for that dish since Nancy Harris volunteered to make a cook book. Please, wear something to enter the Ugly Sweater Contest.

Retirement: We are invited to attend James Hildebrand's retirement drop in on December 16 from 4:00-6:00. RSVP by calling (828) 433-7469. (see *flyer later on in the newsletter*)

Yearbook: Check your information for the 2026 yearbook. Linda Henson requested a list of Committee heads and the dates for programs and Therapy Days.

Break: There is quilting fabric for us to take, donated by the family of Joyce Wall.

Show and Tell: Members showed a variety of quilts. The Santa Claus quilts will include a book and a letter from Mrs. Claus for grandchildren. Bernice Peabody sent 11 quilts for donation from New York. She is still very connected to this guild! A beautiful beach scene, a hand quilted star quilt, table runners and many baby quilts and a few for first responders were shown. Thank you for sharing your work.

Trunk Show: Nolita Waycaster "wowed" us with her artistic use of fabric. She began her love of fiber arts looking over her mother's shoulder as she sewed. At 5, Nolita was sewing doll clothes; at 10, she was making her own clothes and at that point, her mother hired someone to teach her. Nolita has a love of hand embroidery, incorporated in many of her projects. Through instruction of wonderful teachers during this journey, Nolita has continued to make quilts, entering them in juried quilt shows and winning numerous awards for her work. She quoted, "Art is about the process" and referenced the Elements and Principles of Art and how they are used in her creations. We were impressed with the many items Nolita brought to show. Thank you! Freda Berry invited Nolita to join the quilt guild years ago. We are glad to have her back!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully,
Marcie Bandy



Tree skirt presentation to UNC Blue Ridge Hospital left, skirt under the tree at UNC Blue Ridge Hospital.

Full size images on our web site, www.burkequiltersguild.com.





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PRIZES

Burke Quilters' Guild
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monday, December 8, 2025
11:00 am (change of time)

Burke Senior Center

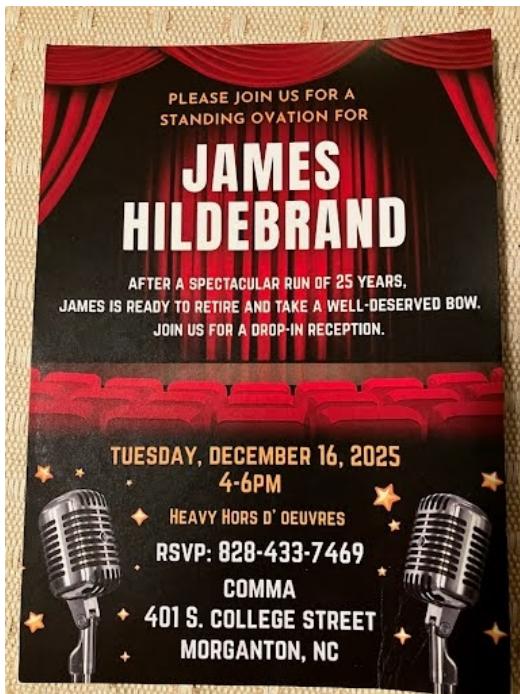
CHRISTMAS MUSIC

SNOWMEN

Remember to:
Bring food with the recipe *
Wear your Christmas ugly sweater

* - Due to the members asking for recipes last year, we are going to create a cookbook of collected recipes. Bring your recipe include your name, recipe title, ingredients and procedure. It can be in any format (hand written, sent to me electronically, scribbled on the back of a grocery receipt, picture from your family recipe book, whatever. Include any special memories or source of the recipe as well if you like. I'll put them together with some recipe software I have and include it as a newsletter attachment in the future.

Questions??? See Nancy Harris



CELEBRATE JAMES

The Burke Quilters appreciate James Hildebrand's help in setting up and taking down our quilt show each year. You can show your appreciation by attending this drop in reception at COMMA. All information is contained in this flyer including the number for RSVP.

Veteran's Quilt presented on Veteran's Day to Weldon Brittain at Veterans Day ceremony at the Elks Club, Morganton



Newsletter articles for January are due no later than Friday, December 12, 2025 (earlier because of our earlier celebration). Newsletters will be published earlier too. February articles should come to me no later than Jan 29th if possible. I'll be travelling, but will have my computer and internet (maybe). Be prepared for a late Feb newsletter.

This Joke Will Leave You in Stitches

I don't know why I didn't figure this out sooner. I use shampoo in the shower, and when I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body. Well, printed very clearly on the shampoo label is the warning, "For Extra Volume and Body." No wonder I have been gaining weight! So I got rid of that shampoo and decided to shower with Dawn dish soap. That label reads, "Dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove."

Good to know during this holiday season of indulgences. From Bob Purcell, YLI Threads Newsletter