



# Quilters Chatter – December 2025

## President's Message

### Officers

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Judy Abernethy

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Linda Myers

As my guild presidency comes to an end in December, I would like to extend a big thank you to all my officers and board members. It has been my privilege to serve with each of you and to get to know you better over these past two years. I have appreciated your input, your ideas, your correction and your support. I couldn't have done it without you.

I also want to share a big thank you to the general membership for all of your ongoing participation that has made our guild so successful. You have shown up for programs and classes, served on committees and fundraisers, given of your time and talents to create beautiful donation quilts, volunteered for projects, shared your "Show and Tell", and shared your ideas just to name a few things. I am very proud to be a member of this guild!

I want to give an additional "shout out" to acknowledge the extra-ordinary efforts and hours of service donated by these four separate groups; the programs committee, the quilt show committee, the hospitality committee, and Nancy Harris for all the IT and technical support. Your hard work has kept this organization moving forward successfully.

Don't forget our grand finale of the year, the annual Christmas party luncheon on Monday, December 8. The start time is 11:00 AM. If you didn't get a chance to sign up at the November 24 meeting, please text or call Judy Brittain and let her know what you will be bringing: a meat, a vegetable or a dessert, for your potluck contribution. Judy B. also asked us to bring the recipe for our dish as Nancy Harris is going to compile a cook book to be shared with all guild members using all these recipes.

The guild has received an invitation from CoMMA announcing their event on Tuesday, December 16, to honor James Hildebrand, as he is retiring. RSVP is required for any of our guild members who wish to attend. See the invite for further details and RSVP phone number on a later page in this newsletter. James has always been such a help to the Quilt Show Committee in getting things set up and taken down for our annual quilt show at the CoMMA, our "right hand man" so to speak, for the show.

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Your new president and officers will be installed at the Christmas luncheon. Please welcome Patsy Renfro and her team. I know you will give them the same wonderful support that you have given me. I love you all.

Judy Cobb Abernethy, PresidentBurke Quilters

## 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](http://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 a 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 Principals 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](http://www.burkequiltersguild.com).





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## Burke Quilters' Guild CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

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

PRIZES

Burke Senior Center

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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