



Quilters Chatter – March 2026

President's Message

Hi Everyone! We had such a wonderful turnout at our February meeting! It was so good to see everyone. Our program was presented by Kathy Stidham and her Fancy Purses. Kathy has used all types of materials in making her handbags, totes and walker accessories. We hope to have her again on a therapy day.

Please keep in mind that March 9th for our therapy day, Nolita Wacaster will be teaching her needle books. Please check our website and this newsletter for a materials list. We're looking forward to learning how to make this handy needle book. Also on March 23rd, Kathleen Dukelow will be showing Japanese Ink R&K.

Our 2026 Yearbooks are here. Linda Henson has done another wonderful job in getting these printed. They include our member information, workshops/therapy days, program days, our upcoming quilt show and so much more. Please make sure you have yours.

Spring is just around the corner. I'm so looking forward to it. All the best colors happening that give us all inspiration. It's my favorite time of the year!

Happy Quilting!

Patsy Renfro, PresidentBurke Quilt Guild

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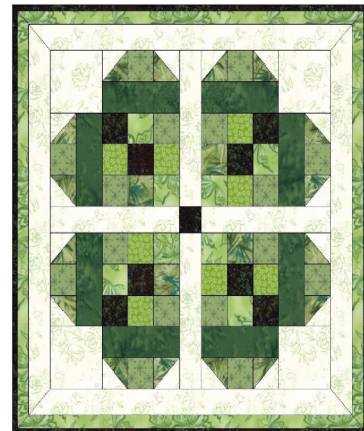
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Happy Birthday to You March

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Patsy R	11
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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.

Veterans Quilt Presentation: George Waddell, the recipient of a Veteran's Quilt, is still a Marine, wearing clothing and hat proudly showing that. Cindy Konarski and Terri Martino presented the quilt to George after he shared stories of his time in the Marines.

Welcome: President, Patsy Renfro called our meeting to order. The "Love of Quilting" magazine is offered to our members for \$15. We also have Guild business cards for members to use.

Guests and New Members: Patsy welcomed Nancy Einstein, a guest of Judy Brittain. She welcomed Kathy Stidham, our program speaker and friend of returning member, Eve Agee. She also welcomed new member Lindy Collinson.

Vote on Budget: With a proposal to keep the 2025 budget for 2026, the members present voted to accept that as the budget for 2026. It is printed in the yearbook.

Minutes: Since we could not meet in January, the November 24, 2025 minutes were read and approved with an addition of Glenda Huffman's name to those who made the hospital tree skirt.

Treasurer: Joanne Hinkle reported a beginning balance of \$10,359.43 plus \$350.00 income, less \$99.29 (hospitality and keys) making the ending balance, \$10,610.14.

Sunshine and Shadows: Suzanne Sproul's husband just passed away. The services are on Friday. Also, Barbara Whipple is not doing well.

Newsletter: Nancy Harris requested articles from committees by the Thursday after meetings. Patsy Renfro stated, "Nancy has done a wonderful job with our website!"

Therapy Day: The materials list for our March 9th Therapy Day is on the website. We will meet in our regular room.

Programs: Glenda Huffman announced adjustments in the program schedule. Switch February and March. Joanne Nichols will be here in May instead of January (snow day).

250th Anniversary of the USA: Judy Abernethy announced that the special display of quilts at the City Hall for the will be during October and November, with a reception on October 15, 2026 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The committee will meet today.

Quilt Show Committee: Pam Turner announced that the committee will meet on March 2 at 10:00 in the Plum Room (downstairs).

Sunshine Courage Quilts: Judy Brittain talked about the quilts given to fallen firefighters' families, started by Amber Haliburton. Judy asked for volunteers to bind several donated quilts. She also asked members to make quilts for a blessing at the Methodist church in April. The presentation of the Sunshine Courage Quilts will be in Raleigh, NC.

Other Announcements: Linda Henson recommended "Print Dirt Cheap" for printing needs.

Show and Tell: Quilts ranged from baby quilts to larger themed quilts including a heart centered quilt for a wedding gift and a race car quilt for an almost 3 year old. Other quilts were filled with bright color. We are always inspired by what our members quilt!

Program: Kathy Stidham is a textile artist who has been sewing "fancy" purses for a little more than two years. She showed us wall hangings that she made for her friend, Eve, as well as landscape quilts inspired by photographs. Kathy, with a background in upholstery, is now building an inventory of purses and totes. Kathy uses upholstery fabric, leather, vinyl, jeans and other fabrics to create her purses. She uses an iron-on fleece and stabilizer from Bill's Sewing. Kathy showed us purses using Simplicity patterns: #1387, # 1597, # 1598, #2617 and McCall's: M8334. She buys her labels and straps on Amazon. Kathy demonstrated using patterns to cut various pieces. She said she would be willing to present on a Therapy Day so members can make a purse.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Bandy



March Therapy Day

Nolita Wacaster –
Needlebook



Supply list: (finished size 10"x6.5" or you can make your case larger if you choose)

- Cover fabric 12"x8"
- Lining fabric 12"x8"
- Cotton batting 12"x8"
- Inside pocket fabric 12"x8"
- Stabilizer for pocket
- Binding fabric for top edge of pocket
- Transweb (for applique)
- Sewing machine in good working order (including feet for applique) and 1/4" foot for seams)
- Threads
- Scissors
- Pins and needles
- Marking pen
- Wool fabric 7 1/2" x 5 1/2" (I will bring plenty of felted wool fabric)

General supplies for class

- Ironing board and iron (supplied at senior center)
- Cutting Mat and rotary cutter
- Rulers for squaring finished project.
- Optional designs for needle book covers
- Embellished covers using decorative stitching. (Choose fabrics with open space backgrounds. Large prints work well, fabrics with small circles, border prints, strips, etc.)
- Orphan quilt blocks are a good way to use up leftover scraps.
- Old dresser scarves.
- Left over machine embroidery scraps.
- Crazy quilt squares.
- Applique fabrics for covers (bring fabric)

Added note

If using a fabric embellishment design try different threads as rayon embroidery threads, heavy cotton, wool, or metallic. Try scraps of lace, ribbon, buttons, beads, and trims. Also think of using novelty prints for applique.



**Quilters don't have a mess.
They have ideas lying around, everywhere.**

Local Items Of Interest

Catawba Valley Quilt Guild



2026 Quilt Show: "Spring Celebration of Quilts"

Event details

April 17, 2026, Friday:
9a-5p

April 18, 2026, Saturday:
9a-4p

Adult Admission \$10

Children 5-17 \$5, 5 and under FREE

Cash or Credit Preferred!

Highland Recreation Center at Stanford Park

1451 8th Street Drive NE Hickory, NC 28601

Quilt Show features

- 200 quilts on display
- Vendors
- Lily Boutique
- \$Cash or \$Credit
- Raffle quilt
- Door Prizes
- Fat Quarter Baskets
- Food Trucks
- Quilts of Valor Display and Presentations

A Celebration of Quilts



Anderson Area Quilt Show

Friday July 17, 2026 10am - 5pm		Saturday July 18, 2026 10am - 4pm
Anderson Civic Center 3027 Martin Luther King Blvd., Anderson, SC		

Over 200 Quilts
Exciting Categories
Regional Vendors
Quilt Raffles
Silent Auction

Boutique with Handcrafted Items
Raffle Baskets
Secondhand Shop
Book Nook



VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE QUILT!
 JUNIOR QUILTERS SHOWCASE
 DISPLAYS OF PAST WINNERS & ANTIQUE QUILTS



Discounted hotel room blocks available - Check website for details

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ARTQuilts *journey*



March 11 - May 2, 2026

Page-Walker Arts & History Center
119 Ambassador Loop, Cary, NC.
(Call ahead at 919-460-4963 for gallery hours)

ARTQUILTS *journey* features 38 fiber art quilts created by 27 artists from across the United States. Juror Barbara Lee Smith, internationally acclaimed fiber artist and educator, from Durham, NC, selected the art based on creativity, originality, striking design, impact, creative use of materials and a strong interpretation of the theme.

The public is invited to the Artist Reception at Page-Walker Arts & History Center on March 27, 2026, from 6:00 - 8:pm. Many of the exhibiting artists will attend the reception and would enjoy the opportunity to discuss their artwork with visitors.

View the Exhibit

Western North Carolina Quilters Guild presents the

Garden of Quilts Show



2026 Donation Quilt



2024 Best in Show
By Susaan Mara



2024 1st Place
Modern Quilt
By Carol Preson

May 15, 2026 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 16, 2026 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bonclarken Conference Center
Youth Activities Building
701 Kinross Drive
Flat Rock, North Carolina

Admission \$10

Bus Discount for Assisted Living & Retirement Centers \$5

- ✂ Display of over 175 quilts
- ✂ Raffle Quilt
- ✂ Local & National Vendors
- ✂ Gift Show & Gallery
- ✂ Raffle Baskets
- ✂ Bookshop
- ✂ Concessions by Hubba Hubba Smokehouse

Pictures – Show and Tell

All pictures can be found on our website.



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*We were stuffed in the Plum Room.
Great turnout ladies.*

