



Quilters Chatter – February 2026

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President's Message

Since we are unable to meet in January, I wanted to take this opportunity to go over a few things. Our regular meeting room will be unavailable for our February 23rd meeting and the March 2nd Sit and Sew because of the Burke County Primary. We will be meeting down in the basement. There are stairs and an elevator to take to go to the basement.

I'd like to encourage everyone to check out our website, www.burkequiltersguild.com. Nancy works hard to create a resource that includes our programs and therapy days.

At our January 12th Therapy Day, we made up quilt kits for our Wee Care and Fireman/Policeman Quilts. We still have a lot of small pieces of fabric. If you go through your material or have some that you don't think you'll use, remember these causes and bring your fabric in to donate. We could really use larger pieces of fabric to match with what we already have. Keep in mind that these kits are available to anyone in our Guild who would like to sew them to donate. The quilts make an impact and are very helpful.

February 9th Therapy Day will be our New Member Tea and will be held in our regular meeting room. Please plan on attending to meet all our new members. The Hospitality Committee will have a wonderful time planned. I hope to see you there.

Happy Quilting! Patsy Renfro, President Burke Quilters Guild

Help Requested

As you may know, Karel and Will Johnson suffered a fire last year that devastated their home and much of Karel's quilting equipment was lost. Here is a chance to help. In Karel's words:

"I was also hoping to inform the guild members that all my sewing machines were so smoke damaged that they are not repairable. I am hoping someone in the guild will be able to help me find replacements. I am particularly interested in finding a nice Featherweight and a Bernina 440. Those were two machines I used the most."

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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.

Program News

The February Therapy Day will be our New Member's Tea. Come welcome all of our new members.

The February program will be Kathleen Dukelow from Granite Falls, who is doing Japanese Ink and R & K info.

All programs and therapy day topics are posted to the website: burkequiltersguild.com. For Therapy Days, preparation instructions and materials lists will be posted as provided by the instructor. Programs and Therapy Days are posted for the entire year. The materials list for the March Therapy Day is listed later in this newsletter.

Local Items Of Interest



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

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Quilt Show features

- 200 quilts on display
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Newsletter

March newsletter articles will be due Thursday, Feb 26th, but feel free to send them earlier if you wish.

Nancy Harris

You are invited to

Burke Quilters Guild

New Member Tea

Monday, February 9, 2026

10:00 am

Burke Senior Center



Sure hope everyone can attend! Let's make our new members feel loved and special!

Please let Judy Brittain know if you plan to attend by

Texting (828) 443-2241 or emailing

judyb1522@gmail.com

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.