



Quilters Chatter – April 2026

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President's Message

Hi everyone! We had a wonderful meeting on March 23rd. Kathleen Dukelow presented her Japanese Ink RNK. Kathleen gets her supplies from RNK Distributing. She presented beautiful quilts, pillows and wall hanging. RNK is located in Knoxville, Tennessee, and carries a full line of thread, crystal rhinestone, stabilizers, batting and so much more. Their phone number is (713) 664-9943.

On April 13th, Patsy Caraway will be teaching Hand Applique. Supply list will be on our website. On April 27th, Carol McLaughter will be having a trunk show and share the history of quilting.

Also on April 17 & 18, Catawba Valley Quilt Guild will be hosting their Quilt Show at Highland Recreation Center in Hickory.

It's starting to become a busy time. Be sure and take time to quilt. Our quilt show will be here soon! Our quilt show committee is working hard to make this the best show ever!

Happy Quilting!

Patsy Renfro, President
Burke Quilters Guild

From Your Membership Chair

HELLO
my name is

Yearbooks can be picked up at the Therapy Day in April if you've not already gotten them.

And please remember to wear your name tags. We have a lot of new members and they will appreciate getting to know you.

Happy Birthday to You April

Bethany M 19
Joanne H 19
Joann E 55
Judith P 26
Lindy C 26



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.

Welcome: President, Patsy Renfro called our meeting to order.

Guests: Patsy welcomed guest Kay Dwyer, a quilter who is a member of both the Catawba Valley Quilters Guild and Modern Quilt Guild.

Announcements: Kay announced that the Catawba Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show will be held April 17 (9-5) and 18 (9-4) at the Highland Recreation Center Hickory, NC. Admission is \$10.

Resources: Patsy Renfro drew attention to our cabinets holding a library of quilting resources to check out as well as kits with fabric and batting available for donation quilts. On the table, there are magazines for members to take. Joanne Hinkle announced that there are panels available for veteran quilts. Karol Johnson brought in quilting rulers, fabric and other items from Pat Bell.

Other Guilds: If you belong to another guild, please pass on contact information to Patsy Renfro for communication purposes.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: Joanne Hinkle reported a beginning balance of \$10,610.14 plus \$125.00 in income, less \$304.97 in expenses, making the ending balance, \$10,430.17.

Wee Care Quilts: Twelve quilts were donated. Four each went to the Hospital NICU, the Pregnancy Center and the Sheriff's Department.

Newsletter: Nancy Harris requests articles from committees by the Thursday after meetings.

Quilt Show Committee: Pam Turner talked about continuing to use the CoMMA for our Quilt Show as the best choice for now. She pointed out how the CoMMA is very accommodating, they don't charge us and the show can be in place for a month. We may ask to use free standing stands. Pam suggested that members submit just one large quilt because of limited hanging space. On the form, there's a place for listing 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for hanging in case there is not enough room.

America 250: Send a picture and dimensions so the committee can choose quilts that fit in the space provided. Nancy will make a form for those quilts submitted.

Therapy Day: Sign- up for the April 13th "Therapy Day" on Hand Applique with Patsy Caraway.

Other Announcements: Shirley of "Morganton Sewing" is offering a free class on March 30 at 10:00 and quilting help on April 2 at 10:00 a.m. in her shop on Sandcastle Drive in Nebo. The October 19th meeting will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church because of early voting.

Show and Tell: Several baby quilts were shown. We saw a needle book from the last therapy day and a variety of larger quilts made by members. All inspire us to quilt more!

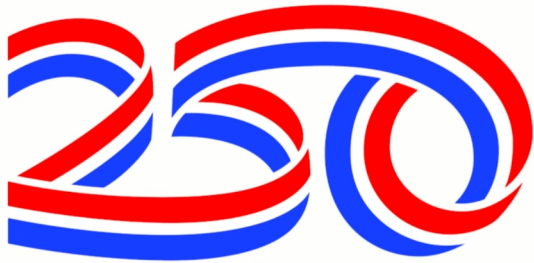
Program: Kathleen Dukelow, formerly from California and Tulsa, Oklahoma, is now residing in Granite Falls and has been a quilter for many years. Kathleen uses ink plus heating and cutting tools purchased from TSC Designs to create designs on fabric. Kathleen demonstrated ink techniques including ink with shaving cream to swirl colors, leaf printmaking, spattering ink with a tooth brush and using stencils with opaque and then metallic ink to decorate white fabrics. You can also do fabric painting with rubbing alcohol and ink in a filled pen, bottle or with brushes. All were set with heat. Kathleen recommends Floriani thread because it lasts for years.

Kathleen also shared a Truck Show. Among her quilts, she had a hand quilted wedding ring quilt, one adorned with Swarovski crystals and Kimberbell pillow quilts. A Family Quilt was made by sending rectangular white fabric and a Pigma pen (for fabric) to family members for their signatures. Kathleen then pieced a Family Quilt with the names of 80 family members within the blocks. She quoted the Amish, saying "If you make a mistake, it keeps you humble." The meeting adjourned at 11:20

Respectfully submitted,
Marcie Bandy



AMERICA



AMERICA 250-monthly update. Call for quilts: If you wish to submit a quilt for the America 250 display, please take a picture of your quilt and submit the picture, including the size specifications of the quilt, to Cindy Konarski (c.konarski57@gmail.com). This will allow the 250 committee to start planning for the available space.

Michael Berley, the city hall coordinator for Art in the Hall, is responsible for selecting and hanging the quilts for the display during October / November. More information will be provided each month as we move forward to the October show date.

If you are a challenge winner, the committee wants to use all winning entries with the ribbon attached as part of the final display (1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention).

Judy Cobb Abernethy

This link will take you to a Google form where you can enter the information about your quilt.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8KoXkr2z1w40uW0u2_YRfPLj1ICWfO7t93xQkULzlf3SpQ/viewform?usp=header

April Therapy Day

Patsy Caraway –
Hand Applique

Materials List

Pencil for tracing pattern
Applique pins
Fabric marking pen
Scissors to cut paper
Small iron and ironing mat
Fabric scraps – floral, at least two colors
Fabric scraps – different greens for stem and leaves
Basic hand sewing supplies, needle, thread, thimble, scissors

Patsy will provide the pattern, freezer paper and glue sticks.



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	\$7 Daily Admission (House & Kids)	Saturday July 18, 2026 10am - 4pm
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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

E 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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ARTQuiltsjourney

March 11 - May 2, 2026

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

ARTQUILTSjourney 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