



Quilters Chatter – May 2026

President's Message

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Hi Everyone, First of all, I'd like to invite everyone up to MACA in downtown Marion, located at 50 South Main Street, for the McDowell Senior Games Silver Arts. MACA is across from the McDowell Court House on Main Street. They are closed on Mondays; Tuesday - Friday 12:00 pm - 5 pm; Saturday 11am - 4:00 pm. They will be showing all entries that will include quilts. There isn't a charge to come in and look. Local arts and crafts are available for purchase.

If you would like to send a thank-you for the lovely fabric, durable rulers and inspiring patterns to Pat Bell, as she has donated all of these and more the last 2 months, I'm including her address and phone number and email address. It has been very thoughtful of her to think of us. Let's let her know how much we appreciate it. Here's her information:

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Let's continue to think of Carolyn Hall and Judy Salchow as they continue to heal from falls. We look forward to having them back soon.

Please be mindful of our upcoming dates in May. On May 11th, Pam Turner will be teaching Reverse Applique. A material list will be in our newsletter and on our website. Then with Memorial Day coming up on the 4th Monday, we will be meeting on May 18th. Joanne Nichols will be showing her trunk show for our program.

I'd also like to wish all of you a very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day! And have a wonderful Memorial Day!

Happy Quilting!

Patsy Renfro, President
Burke Quilters Guild

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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.

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

Guests: Patsy welcomed our guest Karen Stein.

Announcements: The May regular meeting date is changed to May 18th, a week early due to the Memorial Day holiday. We will meet in our regular room.

Sit and Sew Mondays: Our guild has the first Monday of the month reserved for “sit and sew” sessions. Staff at the Senior Center asked if we are going to continue to reserve that day. After a suggestion, the members present voted to have a sign-up sheet on the regular meeting day to determine if members will need the room on the first Monday. If no members are planning to meet, we will notify staff at the Senior Center so others may use the room, if requested.

Thank you: Again, quilting items from Pat Bell were brought in by Karol Johnson. Members can show your appreciation with a note of thanks.

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

Treasurer: Joanne Hinkle reported a beginning balance of \$10,430.17 less \$138.74 in expenses for ribbon and a speaker, making the ending balance, \$10,281.43.

Sunshine and Shadows: Carolyn Hall is recovering well after shoulder surgery. Judy Salchow is not with us today. She fell and was punctured internally by a broken rib. She is at home now.

Wee Care Quilts: Since all quilts donated were baby quilts, 5 went to the Hospital NICU and 4 to the Pregnancy Care Center.

Newsletter: Please submit articles to Nancy Harris by the Thursday after the meeting.

Quilt Show Committee: Pam Turner asked that all ribbon pieces be turned into her. She will set up a meeting to assemble the ribbons after getting all the pieces.

May Therapy Day: Our May 11th Therapy Day on “Reverse Applique” will be led by Pam Turner. For the project, you will need two 12 inch fabric blocks of contrasting colors. The pattern may be a heart. Since it is an applique technique, supplies needed are the same as on Patsy’s list with the addition of small safety pins.

June Therapy Day: The June 8th Therapy Day will be presented by Sherry Stout from “Sew Original” in Boone. Special supplies will be the umbrella pattern and the Quick Curved mini ruler. The supply list will be in the newsletter. The sign-up sheet will be at the May meeting.

Show and Tell: A “Quilt of Valor” was presented to Sheila Rostad by the Boone Quilting Guild. Today she showed us the quilt. Congratulations! UFO projects were finished beautifully. Many baby quilts were made from our kits. Made with love and pride, quilts shown will be gifts for a wedding, a grandson, twin grand nephews, and a baby. It’s wonderful to see these before they are given as gifts. We saw two crocheted animals, too. The last quilt shown was made by our speaker for today. Carol McLaughlin’s first quilt was made when she was 7 years old.

The History of Quilting Program: Carol McLaughlin lives in Cherryville and is a member of the guild in Shelby. You might recognize her as the judge of last year’s Quilt Show.

Carol stated that in the beginning of our country, whole cloth quilts were made with imported textiles. Then Carol went through important dates in the forming of the United States of America giving us a timeline for the development of spinning, weaving fabric and quilt making. Instead of relying on imports, Colonists were making their own fabric in the 1760’s! Weaving “home spun” cloth were the ‘hands that spun the revolution’. Carol related dates to inventions, including the cotton gin, which aided in our independence. The sewing machine was invented in the mid-1800s by Eli Howe, with Isaac Singer infringing on his idea. The cost of a sewing machine then was \$100-125 equal to \$5,300 today. Carol had a Singer sewing machine on display celebrating a “century of sewing” from 1851-1951. It wasn’t until the 1971 revival of quilt making with an exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art that quilts were recognized as “art”. Carol displayed and showed quilts of cotton, weighted silk and polyester from times in American history including fabric from the Civil War period.

We appreciate Carol’s presentation as we look to our “America 250” Celebration this year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45
Respectfully submitted,
Marcie Bandy



AMERICA 250-monthly update. Your America 250 committee met with Michael Berley, the gentleman at City Hall who is coordinating our exhibit in Oct/Nov, during the month of April. He will create the labels for us that will go with your quilt. These are smaller labels (approximately maybe 2 x 3) so limited space. Your label information should include your name, quilt name (optional), and if you wish, a one line (BRIEF) comment. If the quilt is for sale, include a price. which will also go on the label. Otherwise, for the "display only" quilts he will put NFS (Not For Sale) on your label. To make the intake and information process efficient, please submit your label information along with your picture and quilt size measurements to Cindy (see below) so our committee has the complete information right from the git go.

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, along with label information to Cindy Konarski (c.konarski57@gmail.com). If you are a challenge winner, the committee wants to automatically use all winning entries with your ribbon attached as part of the final display (1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention). The final selection of quilts will happen the first of September. The committee will collect the quilts chosen for hanging at the main September guild meeting.

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_YRfPLj1ICWfO7t93xQkULzfc3SpQ/viewform?usp=header

May and June Therapy Day Information

May 11, 2026 Pat Turner

Reverse Applique Supply list:

- 2 - 12 inch squares of fabric where one is a light value and the other is a dark value so there is good contrast. The shape we are appliqueing is a heart.
- Small sharp scissors
- Sharp needles
- Thread - 50 weight, 100 percent cotton
- Fabric markers
- Small safety pins
- Thimble (optional)

This is advance notice for the **June 8** therapy day.

Sherri Stout from Sew Original will teach us to use the Quick Curve Ruler to make the umbrella/flower wallhanging - (see the photo, below right)

She needs to know by May 11 how many patterns and rulers to order at a 15% discount.

She isn't teaching from the Mini Wonderful Curves book but it is available at 15% discount. Please contact me if you will be attending the workshop and will need the pattern-13.99(11.89), ruler-22.49(19.11) and the optional book.

Susan Briggs-- briggssa@yahoo.com or 828.403.4314-phone or text

There will be a signup sheet and supply list at May 11 therapy day



16th Annual  SHOP HOP
MID CAROLINA RUN **JUNE 13-20** 2026



2026 Donation Quilt



2024 Best in Show
By Susaan Mara



2024 1st Place
Modern Quilt
By Carol Preson

Western North Carolina Quilters Guild
presents the
Garden of Quilts Show

May 15, 2026 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
May 16, 2026 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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- ✂ Raffle Quilt
- ✂ Local & National Vendors
- ✂ Gift Show & Gallery
- ✂ Raffle Baskets
- ✂ Bookshop
- ✂ Concessions by
Hubba Hubba Smokehouse



2026 Asheville Quilt Show

August 13 & 14 9-5 ★ **August 15 9-4**

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- * \$13,000 in prize money
- * 25+ Vendors
- * Gift Shop
- * Silent Auction
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- * 2026 Opportunity Quilt Raffle
- * Demonstrations by Expert Quilters
- * Special Exhibits
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THE GREAT QUILT HEIST

Carolinas Shop Hop



July 16th-25th

Show and Tell April Meeting

Please note that full size uncropped images are available on the web site.

