



Quilters Chatter – September 2026

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President's Message

WOW! What a wonderful quilt show! If you were unable to attend Thursday's Awards, you missed it! I hope you will be able to go by Comma and see all the beautiful quilts. Congratulations to all our winners. I'm sure the judge had a hard time picking the winning quilts.

September promises to be a busy month with several quilt shows. Our Therapy Day will be on the 14th and our regular monthly meeting on the 29th. I'd like to remind you that I'd like to begin gathering twin size quilts for the Sleep In Heavenly Peace Organization this month also.

I wish all of you a safe and Happy Labor Day!

Happy Quilting, Patsy Renfro, President Burke Quilt Guild



Terri Martino's Savory Rollups – as served at the Show Reception

2-8oz pkg of softened cream cheese

1 pkg ranch dressing mix

1/2 cup + finely chopped sweet red peppers

1/2 cup finely chopped green onions

2.25 oz can chopped black olives

Mix and spread on large tortillas (I used mission brand gluten free spinach and plain but you can use regular flour tortillas)

Roll up, refrigerate for a bit then slice and serve. Enjoy 🥰

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Happy Birthday to You September

13 Chery S	14 Cindy K
17 Judy B	21 Janice G
26 Mary B	27 Pam T
28 Carolyn H	30 Linda H

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.

BURKE QUILTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 24, 2026

Welcome: Judy Brittain, our Hospitality Committee head, welcomed the quilters of Burke Quilters Guild. The turnout was fantastic! She asked the group to give a hand to the husbands who came.

Guests: Judy recognized “special people” in attendance, including Julia from “Robeys” and Tonya Stevenson representing the Burke County Chamber of Commerce. She also recognized our honorary member, a charter member of the guild, Debbie McGough.

Special Announcement: Please, enjoy the fat quarter with star pins as your luncheon favor. Today’s luncheon members will vote on the Challenge entrees.

Pledge of Allegiance: All stood to say the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the standing American Flag.

Thank you: The dedicated Quilt Show Committee members, led by Pam Turner, were asked to stand and were recognized with applause. Judy asked to the Hospitality Committee members to stand and thanked them. Nancy Harris was recognized for all of her work with technology, including the hand outs with descriptions for those visiting the Quilt Show in September.

Luncheon: Judy Piercy said a blessing. We enjoyed an “All American” meal catered by “Timberwoods”. The menu was pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, hush puppies and rolls. American apple pie and ice cream were served for dessert.

Quilt Show: The Comma will be open August 28 – September 25, 2026, 12:00-5:00 Monday-Friday and Saturday and September 12, 10:00-2:00 during the Morganton Festival. Judy congratulated everyone for entering quilts, saying “All are beautiful”.

Volunteers needed: Please, sign up to be at Comma during the Morganton Festival on Saturday, September 12.

Picking up Quilts: On September 28, get your quilts before the meeting.

Raffle and drawing: Door prizes were donated by area quilt shops. Gift certificates were provided by “Sew Original” in Boone, “Robeys Fabric” in Valdese, “The Cotton Quilt” in Granite Falls and “Bill’s Sewing” in Hildebran. Say thank you by supporting their shops! All who entered a “Challenge Quilt” were in a drawing for three gift bags. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Bandy



Hi!
Does anyone in your guild have experience with the newest Handi Quilter? I've just purchased one and need a little help getting started. I'd be willing to pay someone for a little help. I live in Nebo in GrandView Peaks development. Please pass this inquiry along:

Denise Lorenz
919-259-3025



Therapy Day - September 14

Fabric Christmas Card/ Holiday Card Workshop



This workshop is centered around learning the processes, materials and techniques for creating a series of 5x7" fabric Christmas cards to share this holiday season. These cards can be glitzy and glamorous, or simple and contemporary, but always fun to create!

The flavor is in the fabric, trimmings, thread and creator. There is no need to stick to reds and greens on these adorable, framable cards. You can get away with whatever your stash hands you. That being said, there are loads of holiday fabrics, trims, ribbons and on and on out there. These cards will be one of your favorite handmade gifts to share this year.

Supply list



- Pack of 5x7' cards with envelopes (Amazon, Joannes, most craft stores)
- Metallic thread
- A variety of fabrics for 5"x7" backgrounds
- A variety of fabrics for trees or ornaments
- Scissors
- Rotary cutter
- Iron
- Ironing surface
- Wonder under 805 or iron on adhesive of your choice for backgrounds and trees
- Pencil
- Shiny, glittery trims, ribbons and buttons of your choice.
- Sewing machine

Beth Bailey is a retired art teacher who took up art quilting as her favorite creative endeavor.

She has curated four local fiber shows, bringing together silk painters, weavers, eco printers, quilters, tapestry weavers, and contemporary fiber artists from western North Carolina to elevate fiber arts and educate the public as to the broad spectrum of creativity that fiber arts has to offer.

Her art quilts are sold at 'Hamilton Williams Gallery' in Morganton, 'Heartwood Gallery' in Saluda, and 'Twigs and Leaves' in Weaverville. She resides in Drexel, NC.

Thread Talk with Bob Purcell (YLI Threads): LEARN. SAVE. LAUGH.

Q: My expensive machine seems to have its own personality. It only likes certain threads, but my quilting friend can use any threads in her less expensive machine. Why?

A: Three easy steps and your machine should run any quality thread.

Step 1 Any good machine should run any quality thread. Choose your thread in the same way you chose your machine, your fabric, your husband, and your pets. Thread quality really makes a difference.

Step 2 Use the right needle. In most simple terms . . .

- for 60 wt. and finer: use a [Topstitch #70/10 needle](#)
- for 50 wt. threads: use a [Topstitch #80/12 needle](#)
- for 40 wt. threads: use a [Topstitch #90/14 needle](#)
- for 30 wt. threads: use a [Topstitch #100/16 needle](#)



Step 3 As necessary, loosen the top tension. Machines are manufactured to sew clothing using a straight stitch with 50 wt. polyester thread. Quilting and embroidery are secondary functions and usually require less tension. On a scale from 0 to 10, the top tension is factory preset at 5. We adjust our machine tensions to 3.5 or 4.0 for most threads. Loosen the top tension and your frustration and tension headaches will also disappear. If you use very delicate threads like metallic and monofilament, set the tension even lower.

Local Items Of Interest



Gate City Quilt Guild "A Celebration of Quilting" October 16-17, 2026

9:30am - 5:00pm

Admission \$6.00 (\$1.00 off with coupon)

Congregational United Church of Christ

400 W. Radiance Drive, Greensboro, NC

Please join us Friday or Saturday!

We will have more than 100 quilts on display as well as Boutique items, Raffle Quilt, Silent Auction quilts and more, Raffle Baskets, and an Incredible Yard Sale.

[\\$1.00 off coupon](#)

[Rules for entering a quilt into the 2026 show](#)

Wilkes County Quilters 2026 Show Invites You To Join Us At Stars Stripes Quilts September 11 -12, Friday & Saturday



Vendors

Ashe Sewing Center
Freedom Staying Free
Irarobi Quilts
Warren Elledge
Maeker of Things
Quilted Canvas
Sew Blessed Studio
Pisgah Needleworks
Jamin in the Mud

Janome Sewing Machines
Beaded Jewelry
Fabrics, Books & More
Unique Wood Items
Rope Bowls and Gift Items
Indoor & Outdoor Barn Quilts
End of Bolt Sale, Quilt Items
Yarn & Embroidery Items
Pottery

100+ Quilts, Wall Hangings, Wearables, Miniatures and Patriotics for viewing and judging.

Our unique boutique has beautiful quilts for sale, handmade gifts and much more.
25+ beautiful gift baskets, filled with yards and yards of fabric and lots of other goodies.

Hourly and daily door prizes.

Our grand prize is a new Janome Sewing Machine from Ashe Sewing Center.

Second grand prize is a huge box of FQ's.

For every \$10 spent with our vendors or in our boutique, you'll receive an additional entry for the grand prize and all other prizes.

The Quiltmaker from Far Far Away will read quilt stories to children of all ages. After the readings on Friday at 4 P.M. and Saturday at 1 P.M., one lucky listener (under 12) at each reading, will be awarded a very special quilt.

Our bed turning is an exciting mix of vintage quilts.

Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-4

The Stone Center at 613 Cherry Street, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

www.wilkesquilters.org

Burke Quilters Guild 2026 - And The Winners ARE!

Pictures of all of the quilts can be found on our web site

	CATEGORY	QUILT #	WINNER NAME	QUILT NAME
100	CHALLENGE			
	Honorable Mention	106	Debra Harrill	America: Past, Present, and Future
	3rd Place	109	Patsy Renfro	Always Remember
	2nd Place	101	Mary Stang	America 250
	1st Place	111	Nolita Wacaster	Sunbonnet Sue and the Stick People Parade
	BEST MACHINE QUILTING	109	Patsy Renfro	Always Remember
	BEST HAND QUILTING	106	Debra Harrill	America: Past, Present, and Future
	MEMBERS' CHOICE	111	Nolita Wacaster	Sunbonnet Sue and the Stick People Parade
	JUDGE'S CHOICE	108	Karel Johnson	STAR Sampler
200	LARGE PIECED			
	Honorable Mention	206	Susan Briggs	Scandi Hearts
	3rd Place	203	Judy Salchow	Birthday surprise
	2nd Place	201	Connie Yokum	Slipped
	1st Place	204	Debra Harrill	Inspirational Stars
300	SMALL PIECED			
	3rd Place	305	Pam Turner	Prairie Lily
	2nd Place	306	Angela Mason	Night Flight
	1st Place	302	Judy Brittain	Log Cabin
400	LARGE APPLIQUE			
	3rd Place	402	Gayle Ritchie	Bed of Roses
	2nd Place	401	Connie Yokum	Crystal Lane
	1st Place	403	Debbie Hershock	Merry Merry Snowmen
500	SMALL APPLIQUE			
	3rd Place	501	Judy Brittain	"The Guitar"
	2nd Place	505	Mary Bucy	Flower Garden
	1st Place	503	Pam Turner	Back Porch
600	SCRAP QUILTS			
	Honorable Mention	605	Mary Bucy	A Window to My Mind
	3rd Place	604	Terri Martino	"Kimmie Comfort"
	2nd Place	601	JoAnn Estes	Scrappy Diamonds
	1st Place	602	Pam Turner	Jack's Chain
700	Mixed Techniques and Other			
	2nd Place	702	Dawn LeDuc	Happy Birthday America
	1st Place	701	Debra Harrill	Petal Power
800	GROUP			
	3rd Place	803	Patsy Renfro	Color Burst
	2nd Place	801	Cindy Konarski	Hidden Star
	1st Place	804	Sandra Richardson Richardson	Tulips in Bloom
900	ART			
	3rd Place	902	Marcie Bandy	My Batik Garden
	2nd Place	901	Cindy Konarski	Stained Glass Window
	1st Place	903	Joanne Hinkle	Bloom and Grow

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1000	Miscellaneous/Wearables			
	3rd Place	1003	Terri Martino	Batik Basket of Charms
	2nd Place	1004	Angela Mason	Winter Wonderland
	1st Place	1002	Mary Stang	Stabilizer Holder
1100	Panel Quilts			
	Honorable Mention	1106	JoAnn Estes	Autumn Blaze
	3rd Place	1102	Connie Yokum	Seafood Shack
	2nd Place	1103	Cindy Konarski	On Point
	1st Place	1101	Mary Stang	Tree of Life
1200	HORIZON AWARD			
	3rd place	1204	Kathleen Felmet	Christmas Delight
	2nd Place	1201	Karen Stein	Y2K Millennium: 26 Years in the Making
	1st Place	1203	Shirley Hummel	Medallion-Style Feathered Star
1300	Block of the Month, Kits and Row by Row			
	3rd Place	1301	JoAnn Estes	Thankful
	2nd Place	1306	Kathy Davila	Spring Showers Bring May Flowers
	1st Place	1309	Melissa Shaw	My Broken Ankle Quilt
1400	Modern Quilts			
	3rd Place	1402	Glenda Huffman	Dawn Strip Quilt
	2nd Place	1401	Mary Bucy	Circle Game
	1st Place	1404	Gayle Ritchie	Energy Grid
	BEST BINDING	401	Connie Yokum	Crystal Lane
	BEST HAND QUILTING	203	Judy Salchow	Birthday surprise
	BEST FREE MOTION MACHINE QUILTING	503	Pam Turner	Back Porch
	BEST DIGITIZED QUILTING	208	Angela Mason	A Ray of Hope
	BEST OF USE OF COLOR	1103	Cindy Konarski	On Point
	JUDGE'S CHOICE	207	Shirley Speagle	Nine Patch Snowball Quilt
	MEMBERS' CHOICE	503	Pam Turner	Back Porch

