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Weaving Stories
Thread by Thread– November 2026

President's Message

Hi Everyone!

November has a lot going on, our last Therapy Day and Meeting of the year; Thanksgiving and Black Friday! On November 9th, Judy Piercy will be our presenter of a wool project. Our program on November 23rd, we're to bring our first quilt project and then a more current quilt project! It'll be fun to see how we've advanced. Keep in mind that our first therapy day in January we'll be making up quilt kits for all of our charity projects. If you have any fabric or batting that you'd like to donate, plan on bringing it and we'll store it in our units until then.

And most of all, take time to spend time with your family and friends. Let's spend time being thankful for all the many blessings we have. I wish all of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Quilting!
Patsy Renfro

Editor Info

Thanksgiving is coming. What are you thankful for? I am thankful for all of you! Any submissions for Dec newsletter should be sent by Nov 27th.

Happy Birthday to You, November

Julie Pearson		Kathaleen Felmet	
Angela Mason		Glenda Barrier	

The Burke Quilt Guild meets regularly on the second, and fourth Monday of each month at the Burke Senior Center, 501 N Green St, Morganton, NC, 28655. See https://gurkequiltersguild.com or current schedule.

BURKE QUILTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *19 October 2026*

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

Minutes: The minutes from the September 28, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: In Joanne Hinkle's absence, Karen Stein gave the Treasurer's report. Opal Woody is collecting 2027 dues today. Dues are still $25.00 for the year.

Sunshine and Shadows: Carolyn Hall has been keeping up with sending cards. Barbara Whipple fell the beginning of October, was in the hospital and now is doing better.

Wee Care Quilts: Nine quilts went to the Hospital NICU, 5 to the Pregnancy Care Center and 2 to the Sheriff. The "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" program delivered 50 beds with 15 waiting.

Veterans Quilts: The Veteran's Day quilt made by Opal Woody was delivered to the Senior Center.

Newsletter: Karen Stein sends the newsletter with the address: burkecoquiltguild@gmail.com. Let Karen know if you do not receive an e-mail newsletter or can not open it. Check your spam in case your email provider sent it there. Once you accept that new address, all future emails should come through.

Quilt Show Committee: Pam Turner thanked all for the wonderful Quilt Show. If you are interested in working on the Quilt Show Committee for 2027, please let Pam know.

Programs: Judy Piercy will present wool projects using a Christmas theme on the November 9 Therapy Day. The November 23 program will be for guild members to show their first and last quilts. Glenda Huffman asked for small project ideas for therapy days for next year.

Challenge Quilt: Patsy Caraway announced the Challenge Quilt for 2027: "Splendor of Fall". The quilt must be between 100 and 200 inches perimeter with no panels. You may begin today!

Yearbook: Linda Hansen requested any changes or updates for the yearbook by early January.

Show and Tell: Members showed veteran quilts, a baby quilt, kit quilts, gift card holder/Christmas ornaments and a Christmas gift. "Patchwork Quilts" in Virginia (North on Hwy 82) was recommended. Placemats made from scraps will be added to "blessing bags" for "Meals on Wheels" program.

Program: Candace Hassen, from Georgia, presented a great program! She inspired us with tips for organizing and using scraps with repeated geometric designs and color interplay. Her handout gave us many tips for quilt making with scraps. Inspired by nature, textiles, pottery and paintings, Candace said "quilts don't have to be difficult to make it look complex". She teaches classes, goes to retreats and hopes to teach online classes in the future. If interested, get added to her email list. Contact Candace at **candacequilter@hotmail.com** .

The meeting adjourned at noon, Respectfully submitted, Marcie Bandy

Announcements

The America 250 artist reception was held on Oct 15th at city hall. The quilts chosen will proudly hang until the end of November to honor our country and talents of our quild. Photos of the quilts being displayed will be uploaded to the website but photos do not do them justice. Go see them in person!

Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South (PAQA-South) is proud to announce it's 2027 Juried Exhibition of Innovative Quilts:

March 10- May 1, 2027

What's in a quilter's stash -- that accumulation of fabrics and notions and threads? Rainbows of color? Grandmother's unfinished projects? Family clothing hand-me-downs? Mom's button collection?
A precious piece of Japanese silk?

FIBER ARTISTS: Create a multi-layered fabric and thread work of art from your stash. Any theme, any style; embellishments and unusual finds may be incorporated. Quilts must be multi-layered, pieced and/or patched, and joined by stitching, *On-line registration of entries opens November 20, 2026, and closes January 22, 2027.*

Works will be judged by creativity, originality, striking design, impact, creative use of materials and strong interpretation of the theme, ARTQUILTSstash.

The exhibit will be adjudicated by professional fiber artist Nanette Zeller, https://www.nanettesewz.com .

Three $500 awards for excellence in design and relation to theme ARTQUILTSstash include: One Juror's Choice, one Members' Choice, and one Gallery Choice. They will be presented during the Artists Reception on March 19, 2027, 6-8 pm at Page-Walker Arts & History Center in Cary, NC.

Prospectus with full details here:

https://www.saqa.com/events/artquiltsstash

Local Items Of Interest

QuiltCon 2027 - February 25-28, 2027 in Atlanta, Georgia

QuiltCon

QuiltCon is the largest modern quilting event in the world, presented by the Modern Quilt Guild. It is a quilt event full of quilters, makers, artists, vendors, and PEOPLE LIKE YOU from all around the world!! Join us to celebrate modern quilting every February!

QuiltCon features a vibrant quilt show full of competition quilts, community outreach quilts, and special exhibits as well as an enticing vendor hall, with all booths curated with the modern quilter in mind. QuiltCon also hosts lectures and workshops, available for registration with a four-day show badge. Attendees who wish to see the quilts and shop the vendor hall can opt for a single day pass if they plan to spend only one day at the show.

https://www.quiltcon.com/home?utm_source=niftyfiftyquilting&utm_medium=directory&utm_campaign=quilt-shows-detail&utm_content=quiltcon

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The Charlotte Quilters' Guild will be hosting their 2027 Quilt Show at the Gastonia Conference Center, 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, NC 28052 on April 2 and 3, 2027 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Tickets are $10 ($7 for students, age 10 and under free). Parking is free.
Peruse the quilts made by their Guild members and check out their vendor booths!

Carolina Lily Quilt Show

October's Member Showcase

This is a sampling of the latest quilts and/or other crafted items presented by members in October. Space constraints sometimes prevent posting every lovely creation here but Nancy will upload all of the full size, non-cropped images on our web site, burkequiltersguild.com Great job, ladies!

Therapy day 10/12 w/Kathy Stidman—Fancy purses was a great success! Looking forward to seeing your creations.

Program day: 10/19 w/ Candice Hassen—Simple designs; complex look with various color combinations. She sold patterns also! See website for more quilts!!

Member Masterpieces!!

So hard to choose which to include. Make sure to look on website for all of the beautiful works of art as well as the America 250 quilts that are hanging at City Hall.

Upcoming Therapy Day - November 9th

Christmas Themed Wool Workshop by our own, Judy Piercy

This month's therapy day we will be making Christmas themed wool projects.

Material List:
Small straight pins
Small sharp scissors
Light & dark pens that will mark on wool
Stiff paper for making templates

Judy will provide the embroidery needles, thread, patterns & the wool. *

For your information:

To those who wondered what Nolita used to stuff the chicken pincushions similar to those seen at our Oct meeting, she uses "Unscented ground (walnut) nut shells sold by Plum Easy Patterns - Perfect Pin Cushion Filling". There are lots of different options so choose your filling by what matters most to you: wool roving for pin care, walnut shells for firm stability, polyester or fabric scraps for low cost, and washed polyester if you're sensitive to allergens. You can also use rice, lentils/dried beans, or a combination or any of these options. Best tip: whatever you use, keep it dry. Moisture causes rust!

Patterns for a pincushion can be found on the Missouri Star Quilting YouTube page for our visual learners or you can try these sites below (the last one is so adorable because it holds your scissors as well) :
https://www.loganberryhandmade.com/chicken-pin-cushions-bok-bok
https://quilterscandy.com/hen-pin-cushion
https://quiltingdigest.com/this-cute-chicken-pincushion-is-also-a-scissors-caddy