

Weaving Stories
Thread by Thread– October 2026

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President's Message

Hi Everyone! How exciting to be heading into October and seeing the beauty God has given us. I love the changing of leaves, all the different types of pumpkins, apples and the cooler weather. I'd like to invite you to the Mountain Glory Festival on October 10th. There's a free quilt show at the MACCA Building on Main Street. Lots of crafts, displays and great food. They have something for all ages.

Feel up to a challenge? The American Quilter's Society is asking for groups and guilds to design an original 12" block using predominantly red and green. It doesn't have to be about Christmas. The block must be submitted by October 26, 2026. There can only be one entry per guild. 25 blocks will be selected to have the original quilt block featured as part of their special holiday tradition. More details are included in this newsletter.

Please keep in mind that October 12th will be our Therapy Day and our October meeting will be on the 19th. Due to early voting our meeting will be at Calvary Lutheran Church at 119 N King Street.

Happy Quilting!
Patsy Renfro

Welcome New Members!!

Jill Rocco

Phyllis Shuping

New Editor!!

Fall is here….so grateful for cooler weather! LOL. I'm your new editor for the newsletter. Please send any info you were like to see in print to: BurkeCoQuiltGuild@gmail.com Let me know if you see any mistakes or have ideas for improvements. Any submissions for Nov newsletter should be sent by Oct 29th. Thanks for the opportunity to serve the guild.

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Happy Birthday to You, October

Karen Stein		Sharmon Kenyon	
Barbara Whipple		Connie Yokum	
Nancy Harris		Susan Briggs	
Debra Harrill		Sarah Gomez	
Phyllis Shuping			

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 *28 September 2026*

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

Guests: Patsy welcomed Jill Rocco and Susan Lowman. Jill is joining our guild today.

Announcements:

- Please, make suggestions for next year's "challenge" on the paper being passed around.
- Our new "Member at Large" is Caroline Hall, taking the place of Debra Harrill.
- The ***America Quilters Society*** is requesting 12 inch quilt blocks using red and green. The deadline to submit a block is Oct 22, 2026. The winner will be in the AQS blog, representing our guild. Further information is available at the front table.
- "Sleep in Heavenly Peace", which began in 2012 has delivered over 400,000 beds. In our area, 42 beds have been delivered and 12 are waiting.
- Our October 19 meeting will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 119 N. King Street because of early voting at the Senior Center.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 27, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: Joanne Hinkle reported on the financial status of the guild.

Sunshine and Shadows: There were no concerns to report.

Wee Care Quilts: Of donated quilts, 6 went to the Hospital NICU, 3 to the Pregnancy Care Center, 3 to the Sheriff and 4 to the Police. A thank you note from the hospital was read. Reminder: Add a label to the donated quilts. Labels from the Guild are available to sew onto the back of the quilts.

Veterans Quilts: Pre-cut fabric squares are available to make Veteran quilts. There are two lap quits made. The Veteran's Day quilt for the Senior Center was made by Opal Woody.

Newsletter: Nancy Harris was pleased to announce that Karen Stein, a new member, will be taking over the Newsletter. Articles are still due by the Thursday after the meeting. Send articles to: burkecoquiltguild@gmail.com.

Quilt Show Committee: On behalf of Pam Turner, Linda Henson expressed thanks for all who helped take down the quilts on Friday.

America 250 Exhibit: Cindy Konarski has the Challenge Quilts. Members may take their ribbons or leave them with the quilts. She is also accepting other quilts today. Michael Burley will choose the quilts to hang in the City Hall during October and November. On the evening of October 15, there will be an open exhibit and reception, hours are 5-7 pm (tentative. This needs to be verified).

Minutes Cont.

Programs: Glenda Huffman announced that on October 12, Kathy Stidham will teach a class on making a simple bag. Pack a lunch for an extended session. Look for the materials list in the October Newsletter. Candace Hassen, a quilt laureate from Georgia, will present quilt design and a trunk show on October 19, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 119 N King St, Morganton, NC due to early voting. Judy Piercy will present a wool project on the November 9 Therapy Day. The November 23 program will be for ALL members to show their first and last quilts. Let's see what we have accomplished through the years.

Show and Tell: A Husky themed quilt, a quilt for a girl and one for a boy will be donated to the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" project. Several crocheted animals will be donated to Toys for Tots. Many baby quilts were donated today. An impressive memory quilt had a beautiful landscape! A quilt of Valor was also shown. We enjoyed the Halloween panel quilt and sharing an idea for a casserole carrier. Keep on quilting!

Program: Terry Townsend, assisted by Susan Lowman, presented a program on fabric postcards. Terry showed us her collection of fabric postcards from the past twenty years. All postcards were a standard 4" x 6" size. The cards passed around demonstrated a variety of ideas with fabric. Terry recommended using a fusible such as Décor-bond between the two layers of fabric and to make them stiff enough to go through the mail. She also suggested having them "hand stamped" at the Post Office. Two other tips were using a satin stitch around the edges of the cards and writing with fabric pens. On her handout, there were links to websites about the postcards and encouraged joining a group to exchange fabric postcards. Terry shared with us her collection of fabric postcards from various US states and from England and Australia, each bringing her joy as she talked about them. Terry's final statement was: "These are little works of art and I treasure them."

The meeting adjourned at 11:35

Respectfully submitted,
Marcie Bandy

Did you know we have a private Facebook page for updates throughout the month? Members should send a request to join and you'll be approved!
Burke Quilters' Guild





Announcements:

I w*ill be limiting my services to sewing machine cleaning & tuning. Unfortunately, I can no longer get sewing machine parts from Husqvarna. I am happy to continue cleaning and tuning your machine. Please call me if you would like to schedule your annual service.*

Jim Hummel 828-460-9684
Morganton Sewing Center
323 Sandcastle Dr
Nebo, NC 28761

Christmas Block Challenge



We have a special invitation for quilt guilds and groups this Christmas!

This year, we're inviting quilting communities to help create the 2026 AQS Christmas Countdown. Your guild or group could be one of 25 selected to have its original quilt block featured as part of this special holiday tradition.

HERE'S THE CHALLENGE: Design an original 12" quilt block using predominantly red and green, then send it our way! Your block doesn't have to be Christmas-themed. We're looking for creative, beautiful designs that will come together to make a festive collection of 25 blocks.

If your block is selected, your guild or group will have its moment in the spotlight! AQS will create the finished pattern, and we'll introduce your group to quilters everywhere with a special feature on the AQS Blog.

It's a wonderful opportunity to create something together, share your guild's creativity, and give quilters a little inspiration to enjoy throughout December.
Ready to take the challenge?

Submissions are open now through October 26, 2026. Only one entry per guild or group, please.

For more information: https://www.americanquilter.com/aqs-guild-christmas-block-challenge/.

Are we up for the challenge?!

Local Items Of Interest

Gate City Quilt Show
"A Celebration of Quilting"
October 16 and 17, 2026
Congregational United Church of Christ
400 W. Radiance Drive, Greensboro, NC
Show Hours:
Friday, October 16—9:30-5:00
Saturday, October 17—9:30-5:00
Raffle Quilt: "Starburst"
$6 admission $1.00 off coupon available on their website:
For more information go to:



https://gatecityquiltguild.org/QuiltShow.shtml



Mountain Glory Quilt Show
October 3 - 29, 2026
(If you want to vote on favorite quilt, you must vote before 3pm on Oct 10). **They will have some items for sale.** ***Free admission to the Arts Center to view quilts.***
Location: McDowell Arts Center (hrs: Tues thru Fri 12-5pm, Sat 11-4pm), 501 S Main St, Marion NC
Mountain Glory Festival of Marion is Saturday,Oct 10, (9-4pm)

Hart's Square Folkways Class: Barn Quilt Square

Paint your own quilt square! No sewing is necessary.
November 21, 2026 10-2pm

Each student will be taking home a completed 2×2 ft barn quilt square. You will have nine samples to choose from, and you will be drawing your design. Each person will have the opportunity to learn the entire process of painting and designing a barn quilt. We have approximately 100 different colors to choose from, and we will be taping the lines to achieve a clean, sound design. All paints are water-based, and everything we use is suitable for outdoors—weatherproof boards and paint.



This class has an 8-student minimum enrollment requirement. If we do not reach the minimum required, the class is subject to cancellation, and your payment will be refunded.

https://hartsquare.com/product/barn-quilt-square-2/

September's Member Showcase

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



Therapy day 9-14 w/Beth Bailey — Christmas cards/ framed scenes. Great job and great idea!



Program day: 9-28 w/Terri Townsend— Quilted Postcards. Such cute collectibles!!





Bring on the Masterpieces!!

So hard to choose which to include. Make sure to look on website for all of the beautiful works of art.













Upcoming Therapy Day – October 12

Fancy Purses - Kathy Stidman

This month's therapy day is on Fancy Purses. These purses are fully lined with a zipper in the lining. We'll be making fabric handles and they can be made with a zipper closure at the opening.



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Material List:

—3/4 yard for the body for one color (or 1/2 yard for top fabric and 1/4 yard if you want the bottom contrast)

—1/2 yard for the lining.

—Stabilizer if fabric is thin (Kathy uses mostly upholstery fabric for durability so doesn't use stabilizer)

—9" zipper

—12" zipper

—Iron and pressing mat

—Sewing machine with regular AND zipper foot and any misc tools

—Decorative notions (optional)

********Class should take around 2 hours to complete.********