

**Rutherford Quilt Guild, Inc., Newsletter
February 2026**

**Next Meeting:
Monday, February 9th, 2026
7:00 pm**

**First Baptist Church of Rutherfordton
246 N. Main St. Rutherfordton, NC**

<https://rutherfordquiltguild.com/>

Minutes of the meeting of the
Rutherford Quilt Guild
January 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:25PM by President Candi Reed. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a balance of \$15,844.73 in the checking account, \$9071.88 is guild funds and \$6772.85 is from the Stonecutter grants. The report was accepted as presented.

The prayer list was updated.

There was a discussion during the board meeting that there were to be 11 members on the board. Amy Hudson said she had been asked to be a member at large, so with that information we have a complete board.

The budget will be available next month.

Jackie Wallace talked about upcoming programs. Delia Dorn will present a program and have a pop up shop in February. March will be a Trio Round Robin of techniques. There will be a quilters yard sale in April, if you would like to participate there will be a fee of \$20.00 for a table, then the money you receive for your items will be yours to keep. Jackie needs tables reserved by March 9, 2026, contact her. Jackie will also be giving a pattern for a quilt block throughout the year to be used for community service quilts, there will be a sew night to put them together.

Martha McGinnis passed a sign up sheet for the workshop with Lisa Alley from Bear Paw Quilts, working with panels. The workshop will be March 21, 2026, contact Martha if you want to sign up for the workshop.

Kate Dillon reminded that dues are now due and membership forms are on the front table.

Those who participated in Show and Tell were: Kate Dillon and Barbara Simpson

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted

Robin Parton

Secretary

At-A-Glance Programs & Workshops for 2026
(This calendar may be revised if needed)

February 9th **Delia Dorn / Willowlark Quilt Studio**
Gadgets & Gizmos / Pop-Up Shop after meeting

March 9th **Trio Technique Round Robin**
3 Teams / 3 Stations 20 mins each

Deadline to sign up for Workshop with Lisa Alley on March 21st Sign up & Pay Tonight \$15

March 21st **Workshop with Lisa Alley / \$15 per person**
Underground Quilt Panel Workshop

April 13th **Big Declutter Yard Sale / Tables \$20 each**
Bring anything that will fit on your table

Deadline to sign up for Workshop with Cindy Williams on May 11th Sign up Tonight

May 11th **Cindy Williams / Math Whisperer**

May 12th **Workshop with Cindy Williams**
Feathered Star / 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
For beginners, your first Feathered Star
\$25 book (pay to Cindy Williams)

June 8th **Anniversary Dinner / Show & Tell**
Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert / Guild provides meat

Deadline to sign up for Workshop with Patti Cline & Cindy Sign up Tonight

July 13th **Patti Cline & Cindy**
The Quilter's Gallery Trunk Show

July 18th **Workshop with Patti Cline & Cindy**
Details to Follow

August 10th **Sit-N-Sew / Community Service Quilt Project**
Bring your machines and help make quilts from blocks you have made the last 6 months

September 14th **Donna Miguez / Miguez Sewing Machine Service**
General Machine Maintenance / Pop-up Shop after meeting

Deadline to sign up for Workshop with Debbie Swartzel Sign up by Tonight

October 12th **Debbie Swartzel / English Paper Piecing**
More details to follow

October TBD **Workshop with Debbie Swartzel**
More details to follow

November 10th **Cindy Yow / Trunk Show**

December 8th **Christmas Dinner / Christmas Exchange**
Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert / Guild provides meat

Our program for February 9th is Gizmos and Gadgets presented by Delia Dorn

How often have you seen a new notion and decided you had to have it? How many patterns have you purchased that required a particular ruler or tool? Maybe your quilting friend(s) talked you into buying something they thought you couldn't live without. Or like me, you have a mom that quilts and always buys two of every cool new thing, only to decide she doesn't use or want that thing anymore, so now you two of those things!

There are so many fabulous tools designed to aid us in creating our quilting treasures. We all have a collection. During this interactive presentation, we'll have fun exploring some of my favorite gizmos and gadgets. I welcome you to share yours, too.

Delia will be hosting a pop-up shop following the meeting on Monday, February 9th.

Delia Dorn

Delia grew up sewing and has been quilting for over 20 years. She started off as a "topper;" the engineer and puzzle fiend in her loves the process of putting the pieces together. She did not even realize she was not a "quilter" until she had over 40 tops completed and only a few finished quilts.

In 2014, Delia changed careers when she followed her passion by launching Willowlark Quilt Studio. Her boutique shop not only offers quilts for sale but also provides quilting services using her longarm machines. Delia also quilts for a variety of charities including Quilts of Valor and Project Linus.

In 2024, Willowlark Quilt Studio expanded to include an online quilt shop. Offering fabric, notions, patterns, and handmade quilts, specializing in fabric kits for the confident beginner and featuring local quilt pattern designers.

Find her online at willowlark.com Facebook: [Willowlark](#) Instagram: [@willowlarkqs](#)



Community Service Project

For August Sit-n-Sew

Block 1

This block will be $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ after assembly. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

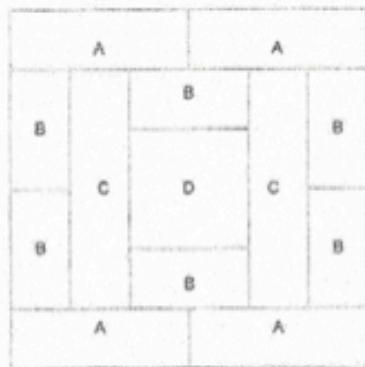
Cutting instructions below.

A – Cut 4 pieces $6\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

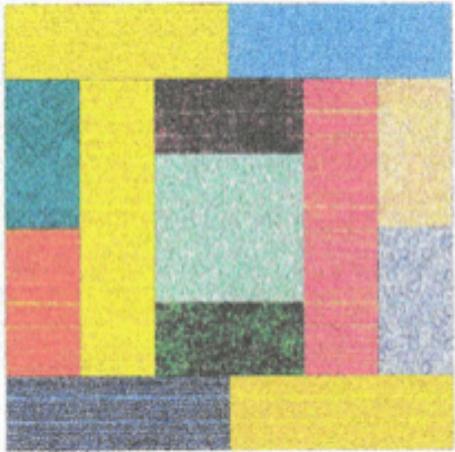
B – Cut 6 pieces $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

C – Cut 2 pieces $8\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

D – Cut 1 piece $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$



Follow the grid above for assembly



Make at least 2 or 3 blocks; more if you like. Make first block and make sure it will square up to $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$. If it comes out a little short, make next blocks a smaller 'scant' quarter-inch.

This year, we will be collaborating on a Community Service Project by making blocks for the 2026 Sit-n-Sew. We encourage all members to take part in this effort. Ideally, each member would contribute at least two or three of each block (there will be four blocks in total). As blocks are completed, please bring them to the following month's meeting. Candi Reed and Jackie Wallace will be collecting the blocks ahead of our August Sit-n-Sew, during which we will transform these blocks into quilts. Thank you for taking part!

From: Candi Reed...Rutherfordton Quilt Guild 2026 President:

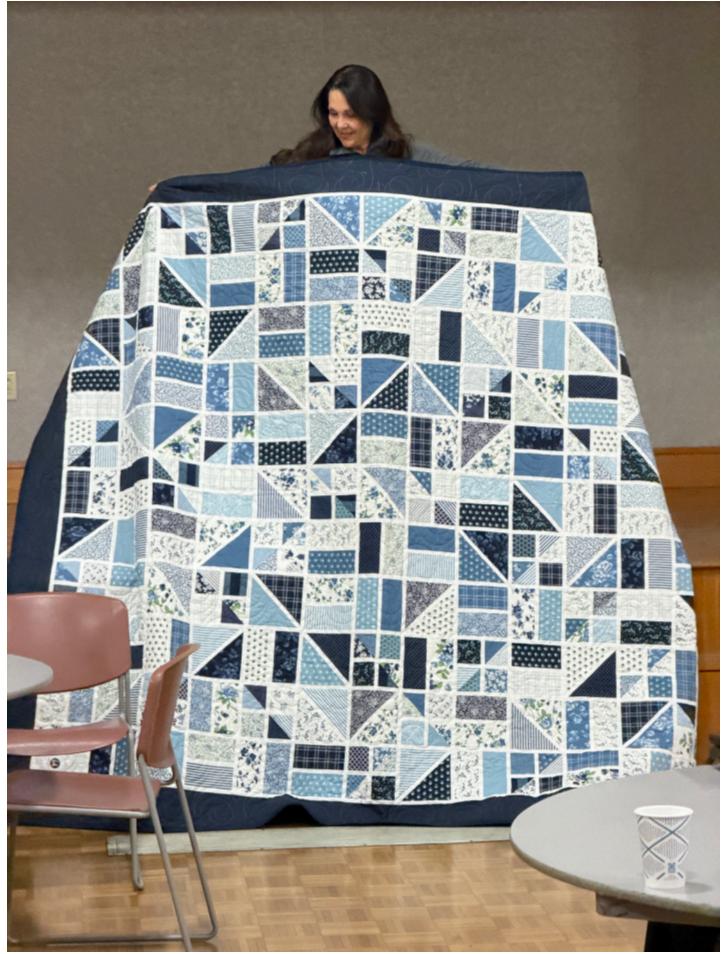
I thought I would start by giving you all a little of my quilting journey. My very first quilt was about 45 years ago. I pieced the top, this was when a quilt needed to be quilted by hand. I started that process and quickly realized I would never finish quilting that top. (Even now doing the quilting is still not my thing) and got a group of my church ladies to help with the quilting. It was used as a fundraiser for the church. My next quilt adventure didn't start until 2002 when I went to my first quilt festival in Vermont. My daughter reintroduced me to quilting, it became our 'girl' thing. I have attended many quilt shows since then, and volunteered at the Vermont Quilt Festival every year since 2003 until it was discontinued a couple years ago. Most of my quilts end up as gifts. A good many of which I forgot to document with pictures. Note to self...a part of adding the label is taking a picture. This newsletter includes a block, we want to get all members involved in the charity portion of the guild's mission. We have chosen easy blocks. We want to make completing blocks simple, in an effort to have members make more than 'just a couple' blocks throughout the year. Bright and scrappy is our goal. Cut up those pieces of fabric you can't remember why you have them, or just don't fit into the color place you now are as a quilter. Some of those fabrics Bonnie Hunter says "If they still are ugly, you haven't cut them small enough". The blocks introduced through the year should work together in a mix and match sort of way. We look forward to good programs and workshops this year.

Candi

To current board members: We will meet at 6:30 before the meeting. Please let me know if you will or will not be able to attend.
gqcquilts@gmail.com test 912-393-5235



Pictures from our January Meeting:



If you have signed up for the Panel Quilt Class below is your supply list. If you have not signed up and would like to, you must sign up by February 9 at the meeting. This is so we can give instructor a head count.

Underground Quilt (Panel) Workshop

Saturday, March 21st 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



In this workshop, you'll learn how to size your borders to fit your panel. We'll also cover options for piecing flying geese blocks that will make piecing the blocks easy and accurate. There will be samples to show you how color placement changes the visual impact of the quilt.

Underground Class Supply List

1 panel

½ yard of coordinating fabric to use for coping strips if needed

At least 12 coordinating fat quarters (or the equivalent yardage in scraps)

Rotary mat and cutter

Quilting ruler at least 6" x 12"

Deb Tucker Wing Clipper 1 ruler (I will have at least one to share in class)

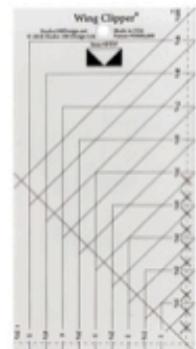
Optional: *Schoolhouse Quilts* has some for purchase or buy online

Underground pattern (will be provided in class)

Sewing machine in good working order

Basic sewing supplies (thread, scissors, pins, seam ripper, etc.)

Optional: 20 ½" square ruler (I will have one to share with the class)



2026 Guild Officers

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Candi Reed

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Jackie Wallace, Martha McGinnis assistant

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Kate Dillon

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Robin Parton

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Barbara Simpson

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Martina Toney, Martha McGinnis, Linda Salter