

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

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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  
December 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Barbara Welge. After our Christmas supper the business meeting began.

It was announced that dues for 2026 are now due, fill out a form to accompany payment. A thank you to the membership was given for bringing items for the church pantry. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a balance of \$16,421.45 in the checking account.

Next the nominations for officers for 2026 were presented:

President- Candi Reed

1st Vice President- programs- Jackie Wallace, Martha McGinnis assistant

2nd Vice President- membership- Kate Dillon

Secretary- Robin Parton

Treasurer- Barbara Simpson

Members at large- Martina Toney, Martha McGinnis, Linda Salter

A motion was made to accept the slate of officers, the motion was accepted.

Jackie Wallace talked about the Challenge for 2026, it is a Birth Flower/Birthstone challenge.. The deadline for the challenge is December 14, 2026.

Show and tell participants were: Barbara Simpson and Judy Bailey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted

Robin Parton

Secretary



# 2026 Quilt Challenge

Birth Flower / Birthstone

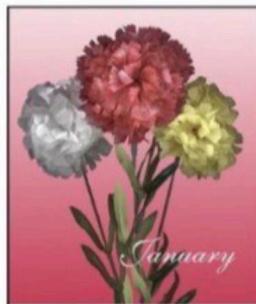
Quilt Challenge 2026

Instructions:

Determine your birth month elements (chart on next page)

- 1 Birthstone: Identify your birthstone (e.g., January is Garnet).
- 2 Birth Flower: Find the flower that corresponds to your birth month (e.g., January is Carnation).
- 3 Colors: Pull fabrics in the colors associated with both your birthstone and flower. For January, this would be red, white, and pink.
- 4 Size: 20"x 20" minimum  
no larger than 60"x 70"
- 5 Theme: Theme should represent your birth flower and birthstone. You may also incorporate the meanings of both or just one in your quilt.
- 6 Technique: Choose any quilting technique, such as a traditional block pattern, appliquéd, or free-motion quilting, embellishments.
- 7 Deadline: Your entry must be a quilt and completed by the December Guild meeting  
Monday, December 14, 2026.
- 8 Stretch yourself, think outside of the box, use your imagination, but most of all  
**HAVE FUN!!!**

\*\*\*\*Due at the December Guild meeting, December 14, 2026 for Show & Tell



## JANUARY

The birth month flower for January is the Carnation, symbolizing pride, beauty and deep love.

The birth month gemstone is the Garnet which symbolizes constancy, faith, loyalty and strength.



## FEBRUARY

The birth month flower for February is the Iris, symbolizing faith, hope and virtue.

The birth month gemstone is the Amethyst which symbolizes sincerity, happiness and humility.



## MARCH

The birth month flower for March is the Daffodil, symbolizing courage, chivalry and devotion.

The birth month gemstone is the Aquamarine which symbolizes health, hope and youth.



## APRIL

The birth month flower for April is the Daisy, symbolizing innocence, youth, simplicity and modesty.

The birth month gemstone is the Diamond which symbolizes constancy, excellence, joy and purity.



## MAY

The birth month flower for May is the Lily of the Valley, symbolizing sweetness, humility, and purity.

The birth month gemstone is the Emerald which symbolizes success in love, wealth and happiness.



## JUNE

The birth month flower for June is the Rose, symbolizing love, passion and devoted affection.

The birth month gemstone is the Pearl which symbolizes beauty, faithfulness, integrity and innocence.



## JULY

The birth month flower for July is the Larkspur, symbolizing laughter and purity of heart.

The birth month gemstone is the Ruby which symbolizes beauty, charity, love and contentment.



## AUGUST

The birth month flower for August is the Gladiola, symbolizing strength of character, sincerity and generosity.

The birth month gemstone is the Peridot which symbolizes happiness and friendship.



## SEPTEMBER

The birth month flower for September is the Morning Glory, symbolizing love, daintiness and affection.

The birth month gemstone is the Sapphire which symbolizes clear thinking, constancy and luck in romance.



## OCTOBER

The birth month flower for October is the Cosmos, symbolizing joy and modesty.

The birth month gemstone is the Opal which symbolizes hope, confidence and happiness.



## NOVEMBER

The birth month flower for November is the Chrysanthemum, symbolizing fidelity, cheerfulness and optimism.

The birth month gemstone is the Topaz which symbolizes friendship, gentleness and integrity.



## DECEMBER

The birth month flower for December is the Narcissus, symbolizing self-confidence and assurance.

The birth month gemstone is the Zircon which symbolizes prosperity and wisdom.



Our program for January 12 will be a Welcome/Get to Know You. We have a lot of new members, so remember to wear your name tag. We will have some delicious treats, as well as hot cocoa and hot cider. Come ready to play a few games and bring your show and tell. See you at 7 p.m. Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

For our February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Delia Dorn from Willowlark Quilt Studio in Landrum, SC will be presenting. She will have a pop-up shop that night as well. More information about Delia and the presentation will be in February's Newsletter.



\*\*Stitches of Home\*\*

In quiet rooms where daylight glows,  
And cotton waits in gentle rows,  
Hands begin what hearts already knew—  
A quilt is love made warm and true.

Each square a story softly told,  
Of Sunday dinners, laughs of old,  
Baby dreams and long-gone days,  
Pressed in fabric, sewn in praise.

Needles dance with patient grace,  
Thread connects each time and place,  
Past to present, heart to heart,  
One small stitch— a work of art.

Patterns bloom in colors bright,  
Scraps made whole, mistakes made right,  
What once was torn or worn or small  
Finds its place... and fits us all.

And when the final seam is done,  
And corners meet and borders run,  
We wrap ourselves in what we made—  
In memories lovingly displayed.

So here's to quilts and those who sew,  
To steady hands and hearts that know:  
Every stitch, both near and far,  
Is proof of who and how we are.



## 2026 Guild Officers

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