



Rutherford Quilt Guild, Inc., Newsletter
April 2025

Next Meeting:
Monday, April 14th, 2025
7:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Rutherfordton
246 N. Main St. Rutherfordton, NC
<https://rutherfordquiltguild.com/>



Rutherford Quilt Guild
presents



Carolina Colors Quilt Show

Oct 17-18, 2025

10 am – 5 pm

Isothermal Community College
286 ICC Loop Road, Spindale, NC

Admission \$5

150+ Quilts, Vendors, Raffles

April 2025 Program:

Debbie Swartzel, member of the the Catawba Valley Quilters Guild in Hickory, will be our guest speaker for our April program. She will explore Modern Quilting in a hands-on presentation. **Please bring paper scissors and scotch tape.**





April 2025 Birthdays:

Kelly Dale 4/23

Melanie Greenway 4/19

Marilyn Hadd 4/15

Martina Toney 4/3



School House Quilts hosts a Monday afternoon Welcome Home Group. This group has several purposes, but it focuses on making and awarding quilts to veterans of the United States Armed Services who have served in a combat situation to honor them for their sacrifice and service. The group meets from 1:00-4:00 pm at School House Quilts. Our upcoming meetings are as follows:

April 7th & 28th

<https://welcomehome14.godaddysites.com/>

President's Corner

Dear Members,

I recently read an interesting article about displaying your quilts by Nancy Smith and Lynda Milligan. Thought you might find it interesting too. They talk about the 3 R's - refold, rotate, and regularly clean. It is important to refold them often, rotating where the folds occur. Rotate so the weight of the quilt is distributed evenly, hanging puts lots of stress on the quilts. Finally, regular cleaning is a must. Vacuum your quilts to remove dust, and vacuum on both sides. You can also use a soft brush. Or pop it in your dryer for a few minutes on the "fluff" cycle (5-10 minutes). The 3 R's will ensure your prized possession will look their best and last a life time.

Happy Quilting and Happy Easter!

Barbara Welge

Minutes of the meeting of the
Rutherford Quilt Guild
March 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice-President Kerry Bonnaville. We had our program presentation on Humong Story Cloth.

After the program Kerry Bonnaville spoke about the activities of the Welcome Home Group. The group is running short on quilts for presentation, if you would like to make a quilt for them they request the size be 60" x 80". They have 10 quilts to be presented in June and a request for 20 quilts for women veterans, the presentation date will be determined by the number of quilts they have ready for presentation. The group presented 70 quilts last year.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a balance of \$9098.99 in the checking account, this report was accepted.

Old Business:

Quilt Show, the raffle quilt has been completed and is presented at the meeting. Raffle tickets will be available at the April meeting. Advertising fliers are ready to be posted, please let Terry Waters know where you have posted them. The first showing and ticket sale will be at the April 4th Food, Art, Brew. There are applications to sell at several businesses waiting to be approved. Committee heads will have a signup sheet available at the July meeting.

Next was Show and Tell, those participating were:

Kerry Bonnaville, Terry Waters, Kelly Dale, Phyllis Scheeren, Laure Moore, Sandy Witt, Candy Reed, Barbara Simpson, Janice Baum and Martina Toney.

Jane Chownyk said next month's program will be on Modern Quilts. Please bring paper scissors and tape to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Robin Parton
Secretary

March 2025 Meeting



Newsletter Deadlines:

If you have something you'd like to add to the newsletter, the deadline for this information is as follows:

The deadline for the May newsletter is April 25th.

The deadline for the June newsletter is May 30th

Quilt Show News:

Although this is only April, our quilt show will quickly be approaching in October. The GQ Committee wanted to go ahead and let you know the categories for the 2025 show you can be preparing your entries. Entries will not be accepted until September and Gwen will have the full paper work for your to prepare later in the summer.

Rutherford Quilt Guild

QUILT ENTRY # _____

2025 Registration Form October 17 & 18, 2025

CHECK ONE CATEGORY

*Quilt is large if total perimeter is 265 inches or greater; small is less than 265 inch perimeter.

- _____ 1. **Large quilt-pieced**
- _____ 2. **Large quilt-applique/mixed techniques/hand embroidered**
- _____ 3. **Small quilt-pieced**
- _____ 4. **Small quilt-applique/mixed techniques/hand embroidered**
- _____ 5. **Wall hanging-pieced**
- _____ 6. **Wall hanging-applique/mixed techniques/hand embroidered**
- _____ 7. **Machine embroidered quilt-any size**
- _____ 8. **Miniature**-All aspects of the quilt are reduced in size. Blocks must **not** exceed 4 inches.
- _____ 9. **Innovative art quilt**-any size-reflects substantial deviation from traditional patterns and sets.
- _____ 10. **Wearable**-jacket, vest, dress; all or some parts must have three layers.
- _____ 11. **Miscellaneous**-table runners, pillows, placemats, curtains, purse, etc.
- _____ 12. **Group**-created by 2 or more people, round robin.
- _____ 13. **Junior quilter**-18 years old or younger beginner quilter.
- _____ 14. **Challenge**-Interpretation of theme by guild members for the year 2024

Categories 15-21 are **professionally quilted quilts**. This is where the quiltmaker has paid for the quilting to be done by machine or hand (perimeter requirements as previously stated).

- _____ 15. **Large quilt-pieced**
- _____ 16. **Large quilt-applique/mixed techniques/hand embroidered**
- _____ 17. **Small quilt-pieced**
- _____ 18. **Small quilt-applique/mixed techniques/hand embroidered**
- _____ 19. **Wall hanging**-any technique
- _____ 20. **Machine embroidered**-any size
- _____ 21. **Computer generated quilting**-any size

Upcoming Quilt Shows in NC:

*Bee by the River Twin Rivers Quilters Guild Show - New Burn, NC - April 11-12, 2025

*Summer Blooms Quilt Show - Winston Salem NC - May 2, 2025

*Stitchers Showcase 2025 Quilt Show at the Winston Salem Fair Grounds - May 2, 2025

*Foothills Quilters Guild - Shelby NC - May 23 & 24th, 2025

*A Festival of Quilts - Fayetteville NC - June 13th & 14th, 2025

*Splash of Color Quilt Show - Concord NC - June 20th & 21st, 2025

*Asheville Quilt Show - Asheville NC - August 14th-16th, 2025

Save the date for the
2025 Original Carolina Shop Hop
GROOVY PEOPLE QUILT
JULY 17-26, 2025

Quilt Block Inspiration:



April is a time for Tulips and the folks over at Inspired by Fabric have a beautiful free wall hanging pattern featuring tulips. You can find the free pattern on their website here:

<https://inspiredbyfabric.blogspot.com/2015/03/tutorial-tulip-time-wall-hanging.html>

Member Show & Tell:







2025 Guild Officers



President:
Barbara Welge

1st Vice President Programs:
Jane Chownyk

2nd Vice President Membership:
Kerry Bonnaville

Secretary:
Robin Parton

Treasure:
Leigh Danner

Members at Large:
Linda Salter, Judy Bailey, Martina Toney, and Martha McGinnis (board member in charge of grant money)