



**Rutherford Quilt Guild, Inc., Newsletter
July 2025**

***Next Meeting:
Monday, July 14th, 2025
7:00 pm***

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

There will be a quilt show meeting Monday July 14th at 6pm before the Guild Meeting.



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

July 2025 Program:

Susan Skuda will be our guest speaker. She will also be here on Tuesday July 15th for the Caveman Square Dance Quilt Class.



Presidents Corner:

Dear Members

Attention board members, we'll be having a board meeting in July at 6:15 P.M.

It's way too hot to be working in the garden or yard, so I will be quilting. I am working on the 7th twin size quilt for the Bill's Creek VFD bunk rooms. If you have time, please come to our Open House 50th Anniversary of our fire department on Bill's Creek at 4:00 P.M. on August 10th. You will be quite amazed at our new station. I'll even give you a tour.

We have the DSS backpacks to sew also, so easy. I'll bring more material to the next meeting.

Happy Quilting & Happy 4th of July!

Barbara Welge

**Happy Birthday to
all those
celebrating in July!**



6 Caveman Square-Dance 9

with Susan Skuda
Rutherford Quilt Guild
July 15, 2025



This is a GREAT stash-buster!

Select colors you love. Batiks, solids, hand dyes, tone-on-tones work well in this project. Bright and bold colors give the quilt its wild and crazy look, but it has been beautifully made using softer colors as well. Throw in one or two multi-color fabrics or prints and/or a black and white stripe, dot or print for added interest and a bit of zing! Bring extra fabric to give yourself options as you create. The more variety available to work with, the more interesting your quilt will be and the more fun you will have!

You may choose to mix warm colors (red, orange, pink, yellow) with accents of cool colors (turquoise, green, blue and purple). This quilt looks great in any color combination but needs contrast to sing! Caution – an abundance of bold prints tends to get a bit overwhelming, and the magic can get lost in the chaos. Be sure to include a good supply of blenders to balance out any prints.

This quilt may be as large or as small as you like. The standard size is about 60" x 60" and is made up of 36 blocks. Ideally you will have at least 36 different fabrics to work with. If you are using fat quarters, I suggest at least 15-20 for ample selection.

Your top piecing thread will show! Please bring plenty of fun, bright or variegated thread to enhance your quilt and plenty of neutral bobbins. We will also use neutral thread for some traditional piecing.

Fabric for borders – approximately 1 ½ - 2 yds that will contrast with your block fabric (think solid, neutral, gray, white or black).

Class Supplies:

- Sewing machine in good working order with a regular sewing foot, ¼" foot or open toe foot. (You will use a straight stitch for construction.)
- Power cord, power strip, extension cord, additional light and cushion for your chair, if desired.
- Solid bright or variegated machine thread. **It will be visible!**
- Neutral sewing thread and 1-2 *full* bobbins of neutral thread.
- Regular sewing supplies: sharp scissors, straight pins, sewing machine needles, etc.
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat, iron and pressing surface
- Pre-cut fabric squares (see Pre-Class Prep below)
- Fabric for borders. You will need approximately 1 ½ - 2 yds. that *contrasts with block fabric*

PRE-CLASS PREP: Pre-cutting prior to class is essential!

Cut either: 16, 25 or 36 of the following:

9x9", 6x6" and 3 ½"x 3 ½"squares, depending on what size you want your quilt **center** before borders. (16 blocks = 30", 25 blocks = 38", 36 blocks = 46")

A mix of warm and cool colors works well, some in each size. Please bring extra fabric for additional options as needed. Contrast is key to creating an enchanting design.

*Prepare to come and play with color and favorite fabrics! The block building is easy!
In class, we will learn easy block construction and the magic of those super-simple "zig-zag" borders.*

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Welcome Home



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. Welcome Home will be taking off for the month of July.

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

HOP ON THE MAGIC QUILT BUS!

LET'S ROLL,
JULY 17-26!



The Original Carolina's Shop Hop is coming up July 17th-26th. There are 12 participating shops this year that are going to offer twelve amazing new projects. Each shop is also going to have a featured notion that will be on sale for a reduced price. Some of the featured notions include Aurifil Thread, Olfa Rotating Cutting Mats, Clover Seam Ripper, Mary Ellen's Best Press, IronEZ, and much more. To find out more about this fun event check out

carolinshophop.com

Inspiration:

This month's inspiration will focus on bag patterns. You'll need something to carry all your new Shop Hop goodies in!



Moda has a great free pattern for this Charm Tote Pattern. It looks quick and easy to stitch up. You can find the free pattern here:

https://modafabrics.com/sites/default/files/fp_summer-charm-qal-charm-tote.pdf

This Show Off bag measures 11x13x6 and looks like a great way to use up some fabric yardage you may have. You can find the free pattern for the project here:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/bags-pillows-gifts/bags-and-purses/show-bag>



This Crafty Tote is fabulous! I cannot wait to make one! Grab the free pattern here:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/bags-pillows-gifts/bags-and-purses/crafty-tote>

June Meeting Roundup:

During the June meeting we had our annual anniversary dinner. The food was yummy and the fellowship was lovely. Thanks to all who came out to the annual event.



Minutes of the meeting of the
Rutherford Quilt Guild
JUne 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order after our annual supper at 7:25PM by President Barbara Welge. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a balance of \$15,507.00 in the checking account, the report was accepted.

Jane Chowynk talked about the upcoming workshop on July 15th. The workshop will be on Tuesday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, "CaveMan Square Dance" is the pattern, pre cutting is necessary. The cost to take the workshop is \$15.00.

Gwen Moore spoke about the upcoming quilt show. The committee chairs will begin meeting every month before the general meeting, they will meet at 6:00PM. Sign up sheets for working at the show will be available in July.

Barb Welge has raffle tickets, please pick yours up.

Jackie Wallace has quilt books, magazines, etc on a table please take what you would like.

Barb Welge had packages of fabric and patterns to make backpacks for DSS. She also read a thank you letter from DSS for quilts and backpacks that have already been donated to them.

Carrie Bonnville reminded that dues are due if you have not already paid yours.

Laura Moore asked us to save feed bags to make into tote bags to sell in the boutique. She also spoke about the "Bags of Hope" program.

Those participating in Show and Tell were: Phyllis Scheeren, Jackie Wallace, Martha McGinnis and Cindy Booth.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Robin Parton
Secretary

2025 Guild Officers



President:
Barbara Welge

1st Vice President Programs:
Jane Chownyk

2nd Vice President Membership:
Kerry Bonnville

Secretary:
Robin Parton

Treasurer:
Leigh Danner

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