



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

***Next Meeting:
Monday, June 9th, 2025
6:30 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

June 2025 Program:

It's our Anniversary Dinner Month! This month we won't have a regular meeting but will have a pot luck. Please join us for dinner as we celebrate the anniversary of our guild! Ham and Chicken Strips will be provided, as well as paper products. Bring your favorite dish to share! Salads, sides, desserts, etc - all are welcome! **Remember, this month the meeting starts 30 minutes earlier at 6:30pm.**

Presidents Corner:

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Dear Members,

Attention all board members, we will be having a board meeting in June at 6:00 P.M.

We are celebrating our Guild Anniversary this month! It is hard to believe that our guild was organized sixteen years ago. May 11, 2009 was our 1st meeting to discuss a name for the guild, decide on a place, date and time for the meetings. There were 21 women in attendance. Rutherford Quilt Guild was established. It was decided to be a guild to further our knowledge and skills and to do service projects. A vote was taken and the group voted for the guild to be an all purpose guild. Thank you founding members!

Last week I took three twin size quilts to DSS. They were so excited and loved the duffle bag too! I will read the letter I received from them at the upcoming meeting. I was given a tour of the new home (The Lighthouse) for the kids. So nice, cosy and homey.

Those that haven't picked up their raffle tickets, please see me at the meeting. They are an easy sell. We all need to do our part to support our guild.

I am looking forward to our June Anniversary meeting and all that good food!

Happy Quilting,
Barbara Welge

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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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: June 2nd & 23rd. Welcome Home will be taking off for the month of July.

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



Here are some recent photos of some of the quilters hard at work on their Welcome Home Quilts. They welcome anyone who would love to join in!



Upcoming Quilt Shows in NC:

*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

The Carolina Shop Hop is coming soon!



New at your local quilt shop:

Have you visited your local quilt shop lately? If not, here is a quick look at some new goodies School House Quilts has gotten in over the last few weeks:

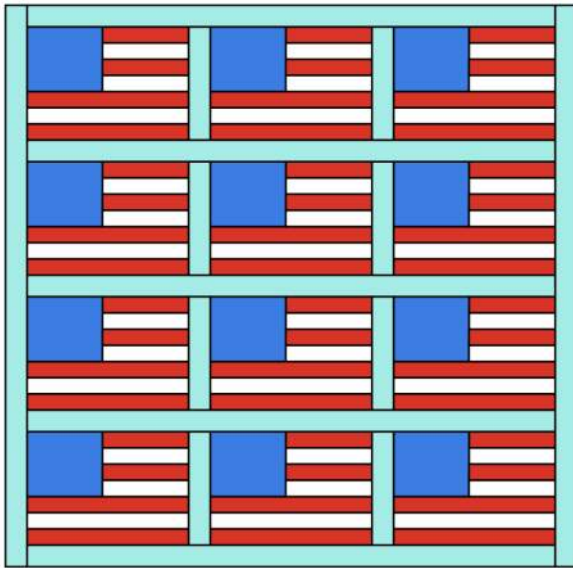


Newsletter Deadlines:

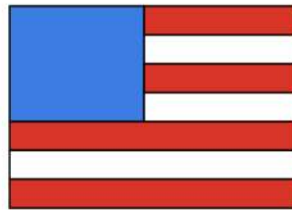
If you have something you'd like to add to the newsletter, the deadline for this information is as follows:

The deadline for the July newsletter is June 28th

Quilt Block Inspiration:



Pat Sloan the voice of quilting
www.patsloan.com
Grand Ole Flag
Finished Sizes
Single Flag 10.5" x 15"
Full Quilt 53" x 52"



Pat Sloan has a wonderful pattern for the Grand Ole Flag. You can make a block or quilt. You can find the free pattern for the project here:
<https://patsloan.typepad.com/files/pat-sloan-grand-ole-flag-bonus-pattern-directions.pdf>

A FREE PATTERN



DiaryofaQuilter created a free patriotic quilt top that is a great stash buster. You can find the free pattern here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JKb5LEiVZNUj08j5chrMg_B7A9iIVQ8g/view



Christmas is still several months away but Sugar Stitches Quilt Company has a fantastic tutorial on how to make quilted greeting cards.

They are fun to make and will impress all who receive them during the holiday season. You can find the free tutorial on how to make them here:

<https://sugarstitchesquiltco.com/blog/how-to-make-quilted-fabric-greeting-cards/>

Minutes of the meeting of the Rutherford Quilt Guild May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by President Barbara Welge.

Our program was by Julie Baganary.

The business meeting continued at 7:57PM. We had two guests who were welcomed. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a balance of \$8933.52 in the checking account, the CD renewed with a balance of \$7622.56, her report was accepted.

Gwen Moore talked about the quilt show. She feels everything is progressing nicely, the inventory has been done. We need volunteers to take the raffle quilt to various venues to sell tickets. We are doing the paperwork to be able to sell tickets at WalMart. Barb has the raffle tickets, please pick yours up. Gwen requests committee chairs have signup sheets for working at the show available for people to sign up at the July meeting. We still need volunteers for take down after the show.

Martha McGinnis reported that we have been given a grant from the Stonecutter Foundation. \$2000.00 is for the quilt show and \$3000.00 is for education.

Community service projects are to be quilts for the Rutherfordton Fire Department (a committee has been formed to coordinate this).

Also quilts for the new DSS facility, they have eight beds. The quilts will go with the children so there will be an ongoing need for twin size quilts Barb already has two quilts finished.

June will be our annual salad supper, the guild will provide the chicken and ham. Please bring a dish to share.

Jane Chownyk said there would be a workshop on the Tuesday after the meeting in July. It will be "CaveMan Square Dance", by Susan Skuda. She will have more information at the June meeting

Those participating in Show and Tell were: Jackie Wallace, Cindy Booth and Victoria Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

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)