



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

***Next Meeting:  
Monday, May 12th, 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



### May 2025 Program:

Join us on May 12 for "A Quilter's Mixed Media Adventure," a creative journey exploring innovative techniques that blend traditional quilting with various mixed media elements. Julie Bagamary will showcase inspiring projects, tips, and ideas to elevate your quilting craft through artistic experimentation and mixed media integration. Perfect for quilters looking to expand their artistic horizons!





### May 2025 Birthdays:

Brenda Benfield

Cindy Booth

Amy Hudson

Mary Jane Sexton

Karen Wilson

Julie Winslow



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:

May 5th & 19th

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

### Upcoming Quilt Shows in NC:

\*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



## GROOVY PEOPLE QUILT JULY 17-26

Here is a list of participating shops:

[A Stitch In Time](#) - Franklin, NC  
[Asheville Cotton Co.](#) - Asheville, NC  
[Beginnings Quilt Shop](#) -Hendersonville, NC  
[Bernina Sewing Center](#) - [Greenville, SC](#)  
[Carolina Quilt Studio](#) -Greenville, SC  
[Elaine's Attic](#) - Landrum, SC  
[Marietta's Quilt & Sew](#) - Simpsonville, SC  
[Palmetto Quilt & Fabric Company](#) - Greenwood, SC  
[Quilting Sew Easy](#) - Gaffney, SC  
[Schoolhouse Quilts](#) - Forest City, NC



## **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 June newsletter is May 30th

The deadline for the July newsletter is June 28th

The deadline for the August newsletter is July 26th

## **Presidents Corner:**

Dear Members,

Attention board members, we will be having a board meeting in May at 6:15pm.

May is our month for the Backpack Food Program. Please bring items for the kids such as fruit cups, peanut butter, granola bars, ramen noodles, etc.

I will be bringing handouts of the pattern for the Drawstring Backpack for those that would like to make them for the DSS kids.

Sarah Miller at DSS told me that next month their two bedroom home will be opening. It is a home for kids awaiting placement, so they won't have to sleep in the office. It will have four twin bunk beds (8 twin beds). This would be an awesome service project for us and we will discuss at the meeting.

Raffle tickets will be given out and money collected at each meeting. They are an easy sell.

Happy Quilting, Happy Mothers Day, and Happy Memorial Day!

Barbara Welge



If you're looking for a fun project to try Moda has a free pattern for a sewing machine cover. It's super cute and is a stash buster. You can download the free pattern here:

[https://  
www.modafabrics.com/  
webfiles/fp\\_sewing-box-  
cover.pdf](https://www.modafabrics.com/webfiles/fp_sewing-box-cover.pdf)

# ✧ project tracker ✧

PROJECT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE STARTED \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

RECIPIENT \_\_\_\_\_

*pattern info*

PATTERN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

*fabrics*

COLLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

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BACKING \_\_\_\_\_

BINDING \_\_\_\_\_

BATTING \_\_\_\_\_

QUILTER \_\_\_\_\_

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## **April Meeting Wrap-up:**

If you missed our April meeting, you missed an extraordinary opportunity to experience a beautiful collection of modern quilts. Debbie Swartzel from the Catawba Valley Quilters Guild was our guest speaker, bringing an inspiring array of modern quilts that ignited our creativity! She also guided us in a fun activity to create our own “paper” modern quilts. It was a memorable time for everyone!











## Minutes of the meeting of the Rutherford Quilt Guild April 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:57PM by President Barb Welge. We had five visitors present who were welcomed. We had our program first.

At 8:10 PM the business portion of the meeting began. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was read, there is a balance of \$8424.62 in the checking account.

This year's budget had not been approved, there was a motion to approve the budget, motion approved.

Gwen Moore spoke about the upcoming quilt show. We need volunteers to take the raffle quilt to various places to sell tickets, let Gwen know if you do this. Gwen needs help selling ads for the program. Signup sheets will be available in July for working at the show. Yvonne Buchan brought up the subject of setting up an account to be able to take charge cards at the show.

Members are asked to think about this and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Raffle tickets are now available, please pick them up.



We are still discussing what public service projects we would like to support, the following were mentioned:

Rutherfordton Fire Department, 10 twin size beds to cover  
Hospice House, 18 beds to cover twin size  
Bags of Hope, small quilts and bags to be filled with supplies for children  
Backpack Program  
We will vote at the next meeting.

Lynn Harris thanked everyone for the concerns, prayers and donation to her after the hurricane.

Those participating in Show and Tell were: Sandra Witt, Brenda Benfield, Jane McCurry, Laure Moore, Janis Byers and Gwen Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Parton  
Secretary

## **Quilt Show News:**

Gwen is in need of enthusiastic volunteers to take our beautiful raffle quilt out to various community events. This is a wonderful chance to showcase our creativity and engage with the people around us! Your involvement would not only help promote our efforts but also foster greater connections within the community. If you want to help with this initiative, please let Gwen know. Together, we can create one of the best quilt show raffles ever!

Individual Quilt Show sign up sheets will be available starting in July.

On the next page you will find the tentative categories for the Quilt Show. Please take a look at it and be thinking about what you'd like to enter into what category.



**A big THANKS to Gwen and & all Quilt Show Volunteers working hard to make this the best quilt show ever!**



# Rutherford Quilt Guild

## 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

QUILT ENTRY # \_\_\_\_\_

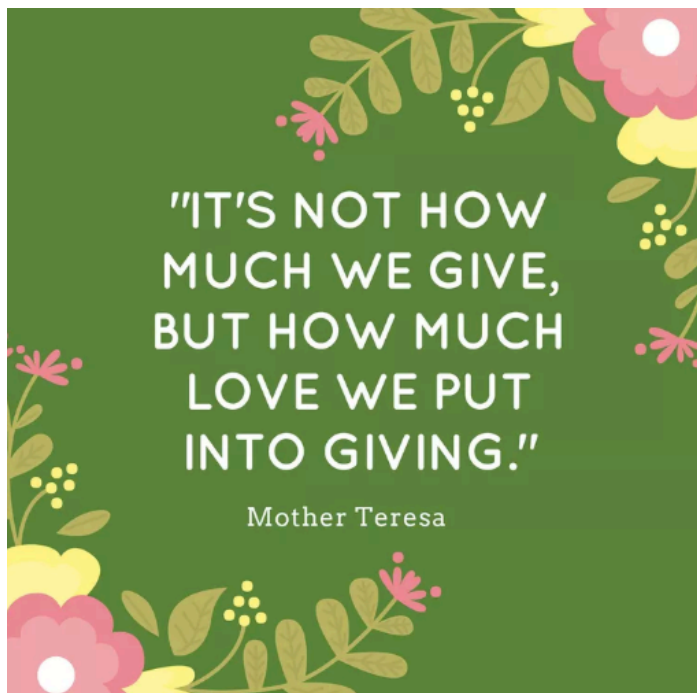
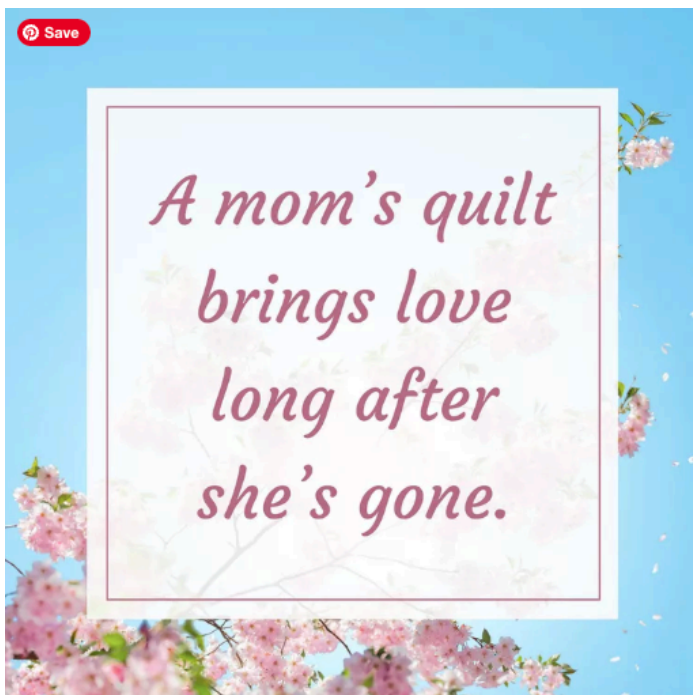
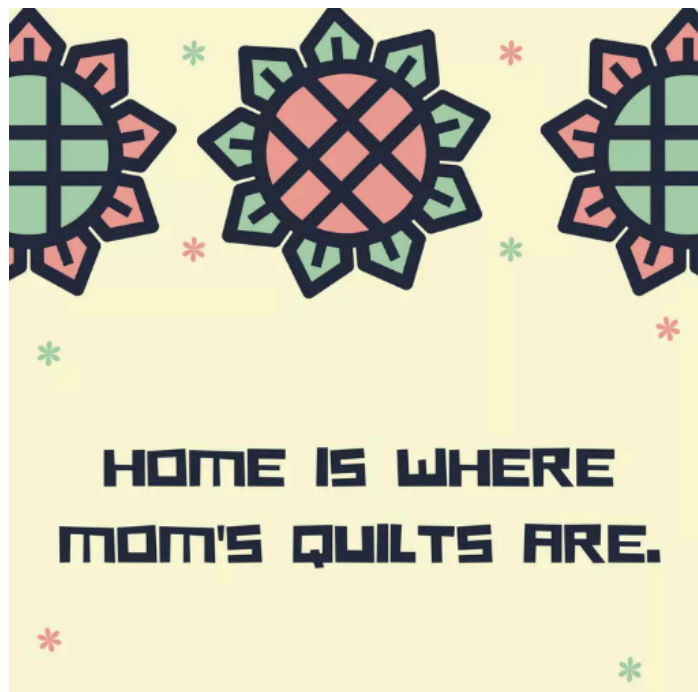
Judges have the right to re-categorize any quilt

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

# Happy Mothers Day:

These quotes and images were found at <https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/bags-pillows-gifts/gifts/mothers-day-quotes-quilter-your-life>





## 2025 Guild Officers



President:  
Barbara Welge

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Programs:  
Jane Chownyk

2<sup>nd</sup> 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)