



High Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Please join us the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Northwood Community Center, 2409 Ambassador Ct, High Point, NC 27265. This site is on the corner of Eastchester and Ambassador. Our meetings are virtual on Zoom in January, and virtual **and** in-person from February through December. To receive the link to a virtual meeting, email karentooley54@gmail.com.

From our President, Karen:

Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are ready to jump into 2026! We start with two guild events in January. First is our regular monthly meeting on January 8th at 6:15 p.m. ON ZOOM with nationally known speaker, Nova Montgomery. From her website:

Nova Montgomery is a quilter and quilt historian. She is an independent professional instructor and lecturer who loves sharing her passion for quilts and history with audiences and workshop participants. Nova's relaxed style draws her audience into the lecture and has made her a popular speaker with civic groups as well as quilt guilds.

Her topic will be "Quilting in Colonial America." As a collector of old quilts, I am really looking forward to hearing her presentation. Watch for the Zoom link in your email. I hope you all can join!

Our second January event is an IN PERSON Launch Party/Open House on Saturday, January 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to formally kick off the year! It will be a time to see everyone, find out what the guild has planned for the coming year, turn in membership forms and pay dues, see displays, sign-ups, and more. Even a snack or two! Come anytime from 10:00 to 12:00 for the fun! It will be happening during our first Saturday Sew/Project Day of the year. From January to September, on the Saturday after our monthly meeting, we offer a "sew/project" day which includes working on projects using whatever fiber art you choose. Members bring projects and work from 9am to 5pm once a month and have fun while making lots of progress on projects. We decided to invade this month with our Launch Party and you will be able to see what the day is all about if you've never participated in one. (For members, it is free. Guests pay \$5.) Lots of fun and fellowship!

I hope you can join us for both events. If you have any questions, let me know:

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Also, any officer can help as well:

1st VP: Susan

2nd VP: Juanita

Secretary: Elaine

Treasurer: Nancy S.

Asst. Treasurer: Alicia

Join us and jump into January!!

Karen

Officers, Chairs and Committee Reports:

Secretary, Elaine –

High Point Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2025

President Juanita called the meeting to order at 6:30pm welcoming members and visitors.

Karen prayed before a delicious potluck meal and food and fellowship were enjoyed. Juanita called on all members to vote for their President's Challenge choice by the end of the meal.

Minutes – Juanita called for corrections or additions to the Minutes. A motion by Nancy, seconded by Janet to approve the minutes for November 2025 was made. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Alicia - The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the membership. Beginning balance \$16,881.07, outstanding checks \$369.00, \$10,000 transferred to a CD, ending balance \$7052.70 (\$17,052.70). A motion by Elizabeth, seconded by Susan, to approve the December Treasurer's Report was made. All in favor.

The 2026 Proposed Budget was sent to the members. A motion by Julie, seconded by MaryBeth, to approve the proposed budget was made. All in favor.

A fabric exchange game was played.

The winners of the President's Challenge were: First Place in Quilting – Tanya, Second Place Janet, Third Place Tie Jeanne and Alicia.

The winners for the Knit/Crochet category were: First Place Elaine, Second Place Julie, Third Place Elizabeth. Congratulations to all.

Karen will be our Guild President next year. She announced that she has created a Program Committee for the new year. The members are Elizabeth, Donna, Juanita, Ellen, Robin, Wendy and Karen.

Karen handed out a flyer that has information about the upcoming year and her President's Challenge. The President's Challenge is to create a Christmas stocking for a girl or boy that can be given to the Community Closet.

Karen announced that next month's program will be on Zoom. There will be an Open House at the Sit and Sew in January as well.

Show and Tell – Beautiful items were shown.

President Juanita adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly

Treasurer, Nancy S. – Treasurer's report sent separately.

Programs, Karen –

Mentoring – Susan –

MENTORING PROGRAM: Are you new to quilting and want to learn? Do you need help with a project? Come to Saturday Sew & Project Day and get the help you need!

I remember how I struggled teaching myself to quilt in the 80's. Finding a mentor in the early 90's made all the difference. I'm excited about this program and look forward to helping you on your quilting journey.

Beginning in February, I will conduct a refresher course on different aspects of quilting. Each month from 10am to 11am, you will learn helpful tips and techniques. The first course will be on the rotary cutter, cutting mat and acrylic ruler.

For the beginning quilter, or the quilter who wants to brush up on their skills, I have three small projects that we will work on together throughout the year. You will master techniques that you can use on future projects. The patterns are free to those participating. I will have all three projects for you to look over at the January Sew & Project Day.

Fund-raising, Susan –

RAFFLE BUNDLE: Keep selling those tickets! There will be opportunities to sell tickets at other venues in the new year. Please consider volunteering. It is a lot of fun. Remember, you earn prize tickets to shop in the Treasure Chest for every packet you sell or event you attend to sell tickets.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE: ALICIA, DIANTHA, SUSAN

Additional Announcements –

APRIL 25 - SPRING WORKSHOP "Make a Project Bag"

Sign up begins at the Launch Party (Jan.10) for members. Must pay \$18 for class at sign up.

You will receive the pattern and class syllabus. 10 spots are available. Non-members can sign up if any spots are left after Feb.14.

BASICS CLASS

Beginning on February 14, we will be offering a BASICS CLASS at our Saturday Sew/Project Day from 10-11ish. It will teach some basic quilting skills taught by one of our guild mentors. With so many new quilters in our guild, we felt a need to offer some type of class that would help you learn the basic skills. This will be headed up by Susan and is free. More details will be coming.

NORTHWOOD DONATION LIST 2026

JAN Personal Care Products (Can take to Launch Party on the 10th)

FEB Pasta / Pasta Sauce

MAR	Canned vegetables / Instant potatoes
APR	Canned fruit / Jello
MAY	Paper goods and products
JUN	Cereals
JUL	Rice / Beans / Noodles
AUG	Canned/Boxed Dinners (SpaghettiOs, pizza, Hamb. Helper, etc.)
SEP	Coats, Hats
OCT	Soup and Crackers
NOV	Canned meats / stews
DEC	Staples (flour, sugar, salt, oil, spices, etc.)

2026 PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE - additional info and adjustments

*After some thought and discussion about the stocking challenge, it would make more sense to hand in the stockings at our November meeting so that Northwood Community Center would have ample time to distribute them. So, we will do a little program-shuffling and have the President's Challenge finale in November.

*It was also suggested that we might want to have some restrictions on what we stuff in them. No liquids, perishables, candy, food, nuts, or dated items, since we don't know who has allergies and how they will be handled and stored.

*And perhaps we should start a list of the gender and ages for whom we are making them, so we don't end up with 30 stockings for 5 year-old girls, haha! We will have running list at the membership table at our meetings, so we can keep track of what we have and where there is a need.

WANTED: CHARITY QUILT CHAIRMAN

Our guild is a non-profit organization, and we have had a charitable project focus since our beginnings in 2012. Through the years, we have focused on making quilts for adults who are going through cancer therapy at the Hayworth Cancer Center at High Point Hospital. We have donated many quilts, some years more than others.

Most recently, Angie has been our chairman, and she has faithfully coordinated the project and made many charity quilts herself. Joann has donated many longarm quilting hours to quilt tops that you've made. Elizabeth has donated her time making quilt tops, and in turn her employer gives our guild a monetary donation annually. Others have donated quilts as well.

At our February meeting, we will be highlighting Charity Quilts and giving an overview of what we have done in the past, how it all works, and how we can continue this very worthwhile project. We hope to find a new chairman, and want to help everyone be a part of this project in some way. It is a great service for those who are receiving the quilts.

Karen

Upcoming Shows –

<u>Quilting & Fiber Art Marketplace</u>	Sanford, NC	Jan 9 – Jan 10
<u>Desert Lily Quilters Quilt Show</u>	Yuma, AZ	Jan 9 – Jan 10
<u>Road to California</u>	Ontario, CA	Jan 21 – Jan 24
<u>Myrtle Beach Quilt Party</u>	Myrtle Beach, SC	Jan 22 – Jan 24
<u>Ladies of the Lake Quilt Show</u>	Lakeland, FL	Jan 23 – Jan 24
<u>Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival</u>	Phoenix, AZ	Jan 29 – Jan 31
<u>Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza</u>	Statesville, NC	Jan 30 – Jan 31
<u>Heart of the Valley Quilt & Textile Art Show</u>	Modesto, CA	Jan 31 – Feb 1
<u>Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival</u>	Albuquerque, NM	Feb 5 – Feb 7

Attachments –

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly