

## HIGH POINT QUILT GUILD MEETING MINUTES

Northwood Community Center | High Point, NC

Thursday, March 12, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. ET

### CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

After confirming a quorum, President Karen T. called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. She welcomed 22 members and one guest in attendance. She welcomed those on Zoom and recognized members with birthdays in March.

### BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

Karen invited members to address two items of business that required guild action.

- **Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2026 Meeting**

Prior to the meeting, the minutes were sent to members via email for review. After a motion by Donna and a second by Alicia, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- **Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

Members were sent the treasurer's report for review prior to the meeting. Nancy S. provided a brief report.

- Beginning Balance (as of Jan. 31, 2026):	\$8,412.70
- Income/Deposits:	\$0.00
- Expenses in February:	(\$421.20)
- Ending Balance:	\$7,991.50
- CD:	\$10,000.00
- Total Balance (as of March 8, 2026):	\$17,991.70

Following Nancy's report, Joann offered a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Nancy B. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Charity Quilt Committee

Following last month's program, Karen visited the Hayworth Cancer Center and confirmed that the HPQG quilts are given to patients when they graduate from treatment. Other blankets are provided to the patients during treatment. Karen will have more donated fabric for charity quilts available on Stitching Saturday on March 14.

- Education Committee

Cabarrus Quilters Guild is having their 2026 Splash of Color Quilt Show on June 19-20, 2026. Members of the High Point Quilt Guild are invited to participate in the judged show that will take place. More information about the show and the judging is available at <https://cabarrusquiltersguild.org/2026-quilt-show>.

- Fundraising / Raffle Bundle  
The HPQG current fundraiser is a raffle bundle: "Seasonal Bundle of Joy," which includes a collection of 14 different season-themed items. Members who haven't sold tickets are asked to return them to Susan by Saturday, March 14. Susan and Janet will be visiting the Salisbury Quilt Guild to sell tickets. When all tickets are sold, the drawing will occur.
  
- Program Committee  
The April meeting will be "Scrapapalooza!" and will share ideas of what to do with scraps of fabric and yarn. In May, the program will be "Living on the Edge," exploring various techniques of edging of quilts and blankets. In June, Susan and Diantha will present a program on wool applique.
  
- Spring Retreat  
The spring retreat, "Make a Project Bag with Jill Bowman," will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$18 and there are two spots available. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Karen.
  
- Fall Retreat  
There is still room to attend the fall retreat from October 22-25, 2026. Alicia will still take registration forms and deposits if members are interested.
  
- Stitching Saturday  
Stitching Saturday will be held on March 14 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If there are questions about Stitching Saturday, contact Juanita. Karen will have more fabric that has been donated to the charity quilt program. Susan will hold a BASICS class from 10-11 a.m. that will review half-square triangles and flying geese. Susan's sew-along will start at 1 p.m. Instructions have been sent to participants.
  
- Sunshine / Shadows  
Sympathy was expressed to those who lost loved ones this month, including Juanita, Melanie and John.

## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

- President's Challenge  
Karen provided a reminder about the challenge to make a stocking for the students who are part of the Northwood Community Center. There is a sign up sheet to make sure that all ages are covered.

- UFO Tracking

Tracking UFOs will take place until November. In order to get credit for completing a UFO, members must show Susan and Diantha. Susan is leading that effort and can answer questions.

### **INTERVIEW A MEMBER**

Donna interviewed guild member, Robin. She shared about herself and her quilting journey, and she showed several examples of the variety of fiberwork she has created over the years.

### **DOOR PRIZE / SHOW & TELL**

Elaine won this month's door prize, and guild members showed completed projects, including charity quilts. Jeanne crocheted the first hat for the Hayworth Cancer Center.

### **FEATURED PROGRAM**

The March program was a Dear Jane birthday party, headlined by Gail and featuring Joann and Susan.

Gail started the program by sharing the background of Jane A. Blakley Stickle, who started creating a quilt during the Civil War and completed it in 1863. The sampler quilt is made up of 169 unique 4.5" square blocks, four-piece corner triangles, 52 pieced border triangles and a scalloped border. The original quilt contained a total of 5,602 pieces, making it a well-known and much-loved masterpiece among quilters.

Gail provided a rich history of Jane Blakley Stickle, including her family life in Vermont. In census data, Jane was noted as being a tailor, and her craftsmanship proves she was skilled in math and geometry. In 1863, she entered her quilt into the county fair and won \$2. The "Dear Jane Quilt" is on display at the Bennington Museum for about one month every year.

In 1991, Brenda Papadakis, a math teacher from Indiana, became enthralled with Jane Stickle's quilt. She worked to draft quilt blocks from the original quilt. As she worked, she wrote letters to Jane to record her experience. Five years later, in 1996, Papadakis published the book, *Dear Jane: The Two Hundred Twenty-Five Patterns from the 1863 Jane A. Stickle Quilt*. This sparked global interest in the quilt that has continued for decades.

After Gail shared the history and context of the Dear Jane quilt, members of the High Point Quilt Guild who had made a Dear Jane quilt shared their masterpieces and their experiences. In a celebration of the quilt, the guild members were treated to seeing five Dear Jane quilts together in one place.

Gail has made three Dear Jane quilts – one for each of her children. She told the story behind each one of them. She used the book to make her first quilt, which she started in 2011 and finished in nine months. She enjoyed the whole process; every block was different and a challenge. She won best of show at the 2012 Winston-Salem fair for her first Dear Jane. She finished her second one in 2015, and chose to use brighter colors and incorporate five bigger

blocks. Her third Dear Jane was done in red and white, which was inspired by a quilt show in New York.

Joann then shared about her Dear Jane quilt. She started her quilt as a block of the month project. It was a 23-month process, and she utilized the Dear Jane book and software. Her quilt was made of 1930s fabric.

Susan shared the story of Janet's quilt because Janet could not be in attendance. Janet was inspired by seeing Gail's Dear Jane at a quilt show in 2013. She used the Dear Jane book and YouTube videos to learn how to needle-turn applique. She used Civil War fabrics and completed the blocks in eight months.

Susan shared how she started a few blocks, but never finished. Instead, she used the nine blocks she completed to make a wall hanging called "Calamity Jane."

Those who had completed the quilts shared their hints, including keep notes, use the book, use the software and don't overdo it with the fabric until you know that you're enjoying the process and will finish the quilt. The guild members were also offered a resource sheet related to the Dear Jane quilt. Alicia donated a software program for the Dear Jane quilt that was raffled off and Robin won. Guild members discussed the process and asked questions of those who had completed a Dear Jane quilt. They then enjoyed a birthday cake to celebrate the Dear Jane quilt.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- April Program: The next program will be Scrapapalooza! Ideas for dealing with scrap fabric and yarn.
- Northwood Donation: The April donation item for Northwood Community Center is canned fruit and jello.
- Stitching Saturday: The Stitching Saturday will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is free for guild members. Fabric, patterns and help with charity quilts is available.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Following all business and the birthday party, Karen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine  
HPQG Secretary