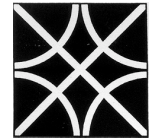




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Country Roads Quilt Guild

<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild>

January 2007

Terry's Tidbits

Happy New Year! I hope you had a good holiday and are ready for some peaceful days of quilting ahead. I have lots of new fat quarters to add to my stash. My kids usually take turns fabric shopping, but this year they both did – lucky me!

Our Holiday Party last month was GREAT! A big thanks to the party committee for making the room look so festive and for planning fun activities. The ornament exchange was fun and it was really inspiring to see the creativity that went into the gingerbread people blocks. And thanks to us all for a yummy dinner. I'm grateful to quilting for providing a reason to gather with such nice people.

Speaking of nice people, Janet S is going to teach a Stack-n-Whack workshop for us in January. If you'd like to participate and haven't already signed up, please let me know ASAP so Janet can prepare handouts. I have the materials list. We plan to have the workshop on Sunday, January 21st, from noon until 5:00. If we cancel because of weather we will do it on the 28th.

For our program for this month's meeting, we will make Comfort Bags. I know my shoulders benefit from heat therapy after hours at the sewing machine. Please note the supply list in this newsletter.

The quilts we donated to the Priority Alzheimer's Quilts project are bringing in lots of money. The 14 quilts that have sold so far have brought in \$861.25! Five more will be on the auction block starting January 1st and two more are awaiting a future auction. Check out amisimms.com to see our quilts and many others. (Ours number from 624-644.)

Are you still enjoying our Monthly Mini drawings? We only have volunteers for the next couple of months, so think about if you'd like to make one next year. We can start a sign-up at the meeting.

I'm a procrastinator, so don't usually make New Year's Resolutions until March. But if I were to make some now, they might be something like this:

1 – Give away old UFO's that make me feel bad every time I see or think of them.

2 – Spend less time striving for perfection and more time enjoying the process.

3 – Spend a little less time making gifts for others and a little more time making special things for me!

Happy sewing!

Terry



Monthly Mini Makers and Winners:

December – made by Melissa J, won by Monica M & Linda C
January - will be made by Debbie S

CRQG December Minutes

December's meeting/Christmas Party was held on the 14th at the Mountaineer Mall. Terry called the meeting to order. Both the Minutes and Treasurer's Report for October and November were approved, and, yes, I expect them to be read and memorized before the January meeting.

There were no committee reports, and no new or old business, as smells of good food filled the air.

Terry passed around a card for Janet S, who is back on chemo but looking forward to teaching a Stack N' Wack workshop on the 21st of January. Terry also read a Thank You card for our participation in Mountaineer Week. Our part in it was "very much appreciated."

Terry passed around her directions for the blanket stitch from last month's project.

Terry told us to check out Ami Simms website where our mini quilts are being auctioned off with great success.

Two more Thank You cards were read for our donations from the "raffled" quilts. One from Old Friends: "...Quilters are terrific!..." The other was from Stepping Stones with thanks to Lisa A for her quilt.

Linda J mentioned that tomorrow (the 15th) is the day the winner would be notified for the \$10,000.00 Quilt Contest magazine. She thanked all who remembered to vote for her quilt.

Lillian said thank you for the cards and prayers for her and her daughter.

The drawing for the monthly mini was held after the meal, and I forgot to write down who won...Sorry. I think I was still eating away at that point.

We closed with games and an ornament exchange. Much fun was had by all!

Sarah C

I wanted to ask if anyone would be interested in getting a group together for a little field trip to The Quilt Company in Pittsburgh. I thought it might sound like something fun to do. Myself, I've only ever been to The Sew Inn and Pine Tree.

Monica

Quilt Show follow-up – We have received thank you notes from some of the charities we supported with our "raffle" quilts from the show. Janet S was the winner of our prize drawing from those who worked the show.

Please send items for the next Newsletter to Thomasene E by January 26.

Thank You

CRQG December Treasurer's Report by Melissa J

Beginning Balance		\$3,229.13	
Income			
Monthly mini	18.00		
Donation-MJ charity quilts	10.00		
No Nametags	0.50		
from WVU for quilt Show	200.00		
Interest	<u>0.14</u>	<u>228.64</u>	
Expenses			
Charity quilts checks#891-899	596.00		
Postmaster-charity quilts	3.51		
Susan C-Oct. newsletter	8.73		
Terry C-quilt incentive	42.46		
Melissa J-holiday party supplies	52.13		
Melissa J-quilt show parking	2.50		
Eva T-holiday party supplies	172.74		
Lou D-Nov newsletter	68.67		
Mt. Mall-January rent and 21st quiltday	<u>75.00</u>	<u>1,081.74</u>	
Ending Balance		\$2,376.03	

January Meeting

January 11th, 6:30 pm

Community Room of the Mountaineer Mall
Program: Comfort Bag Workshop

Supplies List: Please bring to the January meeting!!!

- Cotton fabric – two squares (any size between 10"-12" square)
 - 10" grosgrain or satin sewing ribbon (NOT craft or wired ribbon) – this will create a handle to remove the bag from the microwave - it can be any width
 - Sewing thread
 - Hand sewing needle
 - Scissors
 - A sewing machine is optional – this project can be done by hand.
- We will provide the feed corn for the filling.

I'd like to thank my phat sister for the magazine, fat quarter of fabric, and the wonderful quilt calendar. I can't wait for the new year to start using the calendar! - Tommie

Thank you to my phat sister for the wonderful bag of Christmas goodies! My girls and I are looking forward to making the cards and ornaments and I love the fabric, notions, Tic-tacs, and notepaper! Thanks so much! Monica"

Thank you to all that helped with the holiday party. What a success it was! Also, a thank you to my "Phat Sister", I love my gifts. You certainly know how to please me! Melissa

Thanks to my phat sister for the great bag'o goodies – you're a peach! Terry

The \$100,000 Quilting Challenge winner will be introduced on the NBC's Today Show, one morning during the second week of January. I didn't receive a call mid December so I'm not the big winner, but it sure has been a fun ride. I thank you so very much for all your support and votes. It's going to be interesting to see who the big winner is and what challenge quilts will be chosen to be in the special exhibition along with the winner. Thank You again, Linda J

