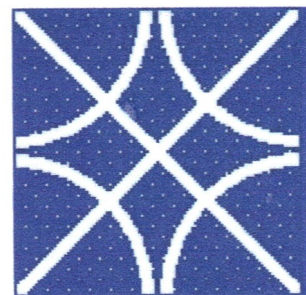


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January 2008



Terry's Tidbits

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good holiday season. I enjoyed visiting with family and now look forward to a quiet January with lots of time to quilt.

Thanks to Melissa J., Genevieve P., Sue M., Lou D., and Lu-Ann B. for a lovely Holiday Party! The room was so warm and inviting, and the door prizes were terrific. Thanks to all who brought yummy food to share and ornaments to exchange.

January's meeting sounds like lots of fun too. I'll be bringing one of my favorite books to share and can't wait to hear all about yours. Another highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of next year's slate of officers. I don't know who they are yet, but am grateful for their willingness to keep us going. Our election will take place in February.

We will be displaying some of our larger quilts at Ruby Hospital this winter. If you want to show one or more of yours, please bring them to the January meeting, or make arrangements with me to get them from you sooner. Please let me know, if you haven't already, so we can let them know how many to expect. Thanks!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 1st. Pat Knoechel is

coming again! (Eleanor Burns is her sister.) Thank you, Carol, for arranging her visit again!

She's a delight.

See you soon! Terry

JANUARY PROGRAM -



BOOK REPORT NIGHT!

We're going back to school, so get ready to do your Book Report! For our January program, members are to bring in a quilt book to share with the guild. Perhaps it's your favorite quilt book. Perhaps it's one you received as a Christmas gift. Maybe it's the first quilt book you ever bought. Whatever the case, bring a book that you'd like to share with others. Be prepared to stand up and share your thoughts on the book. And if you've made a project from that book, bring it along also. This will be a great way to get together and learn something new - for everyone!

Terry's trip to Bernina headquarters!

Every year, Bernina invites teachers to their USA headquarters in Chicago. This year, they asked each of them to bring along a new designer they are mentoring. Ami Simms asked ME! It was wonderful to finally meet Ami, and the people at Bernina were fabulous. The days were long and they kept us busy learning new techniques on their sewing machines and we also got to play with new software. One new software is called, "My Label" - it allows you to create garment patterns to fit your personal measurements.

There were close to 60 of us, and it was incredibly inspiring to meet so many super-creative women (both participants and Bernina staff). Probably half of them were my age, and many were young women who blew me away. Bernina is trying to reach out to the Next Generation of sewers and their efforts have me thinking of ways I can encourage sewing in younger people.

Maybe we should all make a New Year's Resolution to reach out to less experienced sewers and help them enjoy sewing the way we do!



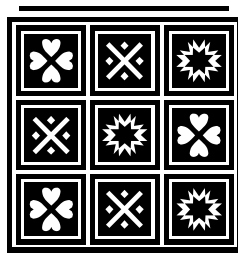
ASK NOT WHAT YOUR GUILD CAN DO FOR YOU. ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR GUILD.

I hope John Kennedy will forgive me for taking liberties with his quote. I guess I'm a product of the 60's. Seriously, we still need volunteers for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please give it some thought. Your Guild needs you. Linda F. and Sandy F. will be waiting for your call!

Thanks,
Linda

I wanted to pass on some noteworthy news. I was at the Country Barnyard a few days before Christmas and the owner told me that they are moving to the Mountaineer Mall. The Country Barnyard's first day of business at Mountaineer Mall will be February 5th. The Country Barnyard is a little candle and gift shop currently located in Chelsea Square. It's a really neat little shop so it will be something nice for us all to visit before or after guild meetings if we find ourselves with a few spare moments.

Monica



"New Years Resolutions for Quilters"

- 1-I will not add anything to the stash unless something comes out – not that I have room to add anything else.
- 2-I will buy extra yardage of the main fabric because it's inevitable that I will get close to the end and not have enough.
- 3-I will buy fabric if I LOVE it. Hey, if I don't buy it now it won't be there when I need it and come back, right?
- 4-I will not start a new project until I have finished the first project. No more half-finished quilts and skirts!
- 5-I will read the instructions several times before I start a project. My seam ripper needs a break and my mouth could use some cleaning...
- 6-I will do a test run of the quilt block or clothing item I am making to be sure it looks how I planned BEFORE I start in on the expensive material.
- 7-I will finally clean my sewing area and *sigh* throw away that stuff I haven't needed in years.
- 8-I will learn to love my pins and not just see them as an unnecessary step.

From fabric.com

Alex Anderson is appearing in Pittsburgh, (Southside) Wednesday, March 12, 2008 @ the Circuit Center. www.gloriahornsewingstudio.com for the details or call 412-344-2330 and they will mail them to you.



Thank You's

*I'd like to thank my secret sister for the Christmas goodies and the magazine subscriptions. Whoever she is, she must know about my secret magazine obsession. The girls also wanted to thank her for including some little goodies for them. How thoughtful! Monica

*Special thank you to my secret sister for the gifts at the holiday party. Thank you to Sue M., Gene P., Lou D., and Lu-Ann for all your hard work on the Holiday Party. Melissa

*Thanks to my undercover sister for the wonderful Christmas gifts. Tommie

*I want to send a big "THANK YOU" to my secret undercover quilter for the gifts you gave to me for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The book is great and I'm looking forward to going to Quilters Corner soon. I'm sure I will find something special there. Thanks again for the wonderful gifts. Ruth Ann R.

I discovered a new quilt shop, Pieces of the Past, (304) 643-2077. It is located on Rt. 16 between Ellenboro and Harrisville, WV (off Rt. 50 going towards Parkersburg). Not a large fabric selection, but good prices and friendly service.

Chris L.

CRQG December 07 Treasurer's Report by Melissa J.

Beginning Balance			2,717.03
Income	monthly mini	Nov-24./Dec-27.	51.00
	Guild Pin		-
	No Name		1.00
	Membership dues		-
	interest	Dec-.12	0.12
	Mt. Week	WVU check	200.00
		Total Income	252.12
Expenses	Melissa J.	Holiday party	21.42
	Lu-Ann B. - Holiday party		120.24
	Terry C.	quilt show-39.98/alz. Pos	57.63
		t-7.75/web-9.90	
	Mt. Mall	Jan 08 rent	25.00
	Sue M. - Nov	program	17.52
	Judy C.	Dec news copies	35.91
		Total Expenses	277.72
Ending Balance			2,691.43

Project Linus – Please consider whether we should continue to support Project Linus. Our turn-out at Linus workshops has been low, but we realize the last one came at a busy time of the year. We also haven't had many people taking the prepared kits to make Linus quilts. Are you planning to make one during the slower winter months? Project Linus is our main service project – would you rather support something else? Are we just too busy? We gave a wonderful presentation of quilts to the Linus coordinator last spring and would love to do it again if there is enough interest. What do you think?

Birthdays

January
4 - Patty O.
13 - Marty A.
22- Thomasene E.
22 - Mary H.
23 - Sue H.
26 - Terry C.

February
10 - Barbara F.
14 - Linda J.
14 - Lu Ann
18 - Deloris R.
20 - Melissa J.
18- Diane T.

NEXT MEETING

Jan. 10, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.
Hostesses: Pat O.,
Deloris R., & Gitta J.

Monthly Mini's
December's Mini was made by Gitta J. and won by Darlene H. January's will be made by Eva T., and February's by Sue H.



Don't forget the 2008 Super Sunday Sale!!! Sunday, February 3 - 12:00pm-5:00pm At Quilter's Corner - Finleyville, Pa.

It's their biggest sale of the year. it takes place on the same day as the "big game", but never at the same time!!! Stop in to stock up on everything you need to score big in the quilting game! All regular priced, in stock merchandise will be 25% off!

Also check out the free Grocery Tote pattern from their website:

<http://www.quilterscorner-pa.com/newsletters/newsletters.php>

or

http://www.quilterscorner-pa.com/pdf/winter_spring_2008.pdf

