



The Postage Stamp

February 2006



Carol's Candor

Wow!! Can you believe this weather?? It's beautiful outside! I spent the morning at the 4-way stop on the Greenbag Road "chaperoning" Kevin's soccer team as they are requesting donations from passing cars. I must say that I have a new-found respect for organizations requesting money! The boys (and parents) have been hard at all kinds of fund raisers and are slowly making our way to earning a decent amount of funds to subsidize their trip. I'm anxiously awaiting April 7th to roll around for two reasons, first we'll be on our way to see Big Ben and secondly all the fund raising will be **OVER!!** Roy and I (we pay our own way!) received our passports last week and Kevin's should arrive shortly. I have never been far enough to even need a passport!! Actually moving here was one of the first times coming EAST!! (I had visited Roy once while he was in DC on a temporary assignment.) So I'm really broadening my horizons now!! I'm trying to come up with a project that I can work on for the long plane ride over the Atlantic, with also hopes that I will be able to get to sleep some also.

This is my next to the last "Carol's Candor". I have bittersweet feelings about it. It's something I usually put off to the last minute (sorry Newsletter committee!) because I always feel I have "writer's block". But after starting it, it seems to flow okay. I regret that I don't have a lot of Quilters Tips like former Presidents have offered, but I never professed to be an expert. That is why I enjoy this guild so much, we all have different levels and can learn from each other. I do look forward to being able to bring some type of work and enjoying the meetings from the other side of the "podium". I'm also grateful that we have some "new" people stepping up to the plate to serve on the Board. It can be a fun and rewarding experience.

Please put **Tuesday, March 28th** down on your calendars, Patricia Knoechel (Eleanor Burn's sister) is coming back to present a new book and a new line of Fabric! I thoroughly enjoy listening to her presentations every time I've seen her! This will be the 5th year I've seen her and am always excited for all her little tips! We'll decide at our February meeting how we'll do it. Last year we had good attendance at both the afternoon and evening presentations, so I'm planning on doing that again.

Well, gotta run! We're going to the Chinese New Year Dinner tonight at Zen Clay with some friends. If you've never done this, you have to experience it sometime! I haven't been at that one at Zen Clay before but attended several at Asian Gardens when they did it. You have all these wonderful courses of authentic food and are told what symbolism each might have for the Chinese. It's usually about a 10 course meal!! I'm anticipating that I definitely won't loose any weight this weekend!! Take care, enjoy the sunshine while it's here and I hope to see all of you at the February meeting. (I was really disappointed to have to miss the January meeting!)

Until then, keep on stitching!

Carol

P.S. Please consider joining the Newsletter committee. If there are enough people doing it, you'd only have to do one or two for the entire year!! *crs*

Happy Birthday

February

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Beth

20 Melissa

March

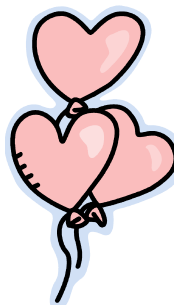
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Mary



Included in this Newsletter are the directions for Terry's fast finish technique. Her first commercial quilt pattern is due out in February. Check out her new website for more information
www.terrychilko.com

January Minutes

The Country Roads Quilt Guild met on January 11 with 31 members and 3 guests present. The December Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Committee Reports: The Nomination Committee presented the slate of new officers that will be voted on at the February meeting. They are: Terry, President; Lisa, Vice President; Melissa, Treasurer; and Sarah, Secretary. Susan reminded members that the Challenge quilts are due at the April meeting. If anyone needs the rules, please check with her.

Terry read a letter from Scott Runs Settlement House thanking us for the donations of non-perishable food items that were collected at the Christmas Party. She also read a letter from Safe Harbor Resources Church. They made a quilt for Randy McCloy and wanted someone to direct it to the family. Vickie volunteered

After February, we need volunteers to make the monthly mini for future meetings if members want to continue with them. We received volunteers through January 2007.

Terry shared her fast finish technique for hanging small quilts. It's on Ami Simm's website now and her first quilt pattern will be released soon.

Sue apologized to the Christmas Committee for the small turn out for the Christmas party. Due to the threat of a snow storm, many members chose not to brave the weather.

Shelia announced that she is doing a show at Appalachian Gallery on January 28. Janet Jo has been invited to the Tamarack for a show the last week of April. Only the best of the best women artists were invited. Congratulations to both of you!

Following Show and Tell, Chelle presented a program on Project Linus.

Linda

CRQG January Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$3,128.01
Income		
Interest	0.12	0.12
Expenses		
Susan —Newsletter Dec. & Jan.	76.40	
Thomasene—Newsletter Nov.	50.38	
Rhonda —Holiday Party	262.25	
Mountaineer Mall (Feb. mtg.)	<u>25.00</u>	<u>414.03</u>
Ending Balance		\$2,714.10

Quilters Corner 2006 Super Bowl Sale!!!!

Sunday, February 5th

If you've never been to Quilters Corner, consider taking a few "fellow" quilters along and making a day of it! You pass close enough to Washington to drop in to JoAnn Fabrics, and you'll also pass lots of restaurants. In any event, the sale is one of two regular sales at Quilters Corner that are both really fabulous! Here are the details (as taken from their newsletter):

It never fails. Approximately a week after every Super Bowl Sale we hear, "I should have bought more fabric or more batt or more..." That is always followed by, "when do you have that sale again?" Well, until one of you can convince the National Football league to have a second Super Bowl game each year this is it--your only chance to select any regular priced in stock merchandise at Quilters Corner at 25% off! Make a game plan and join us for the savings! If you aren't thrilled with crowds, keep in mind that we still have plenty of fabric left later in the afternoon! For those of you venturing out to Quilters Corner for the first time, here's directions to the shop

- 79N toward Waynesburg/Washington
- 70E (toward New Stanton)
- 43N (near where the PA turnpike joins 70)
- Finleyville exit (toll road - 50 cents when you exit)
- Left at end of exit ramp (pass under Rt. 43)
- Left at the first stop sign
- Sharp right at next stop sign (onto Rt. 88)
- Stay on 88 until you get to Quilters Corner (about a mile on your left)

Sew Inn Anniversary Sale

Saturday, February 11

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

PRIZES, FOOD, FUN

Sale Prices good through February 18

Don't forget:

- End-of-Bolt Sale: Last two days of each month you will receive 35% off when you purchase what is left on the bolt.
- Mystery Sale: Stop in during the first week of each month to take advantage of the surprise sale.

Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop

June 7-10

Make your plans for the 2006 shop hop through West Virginia. The fabric for this year's quilt is gorgeous, but it's still a secret! Watch for brochures coming soon.



Next Meeting

February 9th

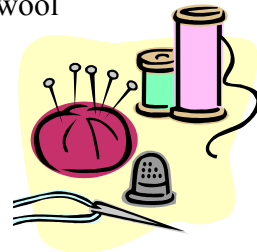
6:30 p.m.

Mountaineer Mall Community Room

Program: Wool Appliqué Workshop

Hostesses: Darlene, Eva, Tina

Our February program will be an introduction to wool appliqué. If you have wool appliqué that you've done, please bring it to our February meeting for show and tell. We'll look at samples, discuss the stitches and methods used in wool appliqué, and do a small project. Please bring your sewing kit! You'll need scissors for wool, scissors for paper and a needle - the needle should have an eye large enough for perle cotton, but does need to be sharp (i.e., NOT a tapestry needle). Any questions? Contact Terry or Sue.



Help Wanted!

The Newsletter Committee is looking for a few good women to help with the production and mailing of our monthly newsletter. Lately we have worked in teams with one person creating the newsletter on the computer and her teammate doing the copying, folding, stamping and mailing. So, if you have some computer skills and would enjoy making about 3 newsletters during the coming year, or if you'd rather help with the copying and mailing, please let us know! We need a couple more people for each job. Contact Terry if you can help (countryroadsquiltguild@yahoo.com). Thanks!

Are you working on your Challenge quilt? April will be here soon! The rules are on our web site or contact Sue if you need another copy.

Please send information for the March Newsletter to Judy by Friday, February 24th,

Country Roads Quilt Guild
Linda

