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Country Roads Quilt Guild

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FEBRUARY 2008

Terry's Tidbits

Happy February! I've really been enjoying this time of year. For me, there seem to be fewer deadlines and less travel, so that leaves more time to quilt! I've also been working on a little project for Ami Simms – it will appear on the new Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative website soon: <http://www.alzquilts.org/>

I finally remembered to write up directions for the quilt-as-you-go technique I've been using. We'll put it in this newsletter if there's room. I saw it in the Spring 2007 issue of AQS's American Quilter magazine. If you are a member of AQS you can see the entire article on their website (search for the article titled "World Music")

Our "Book Report Night" last month was great. Thanks to all who brought books and samples of projects to share. Thanks also for the refreshments provided by Patty, Deloris, and Gitta.

Our election will take place at the February meeting. We have a wonderful slate of officers ready to take over (Susan H - Pres, Debbie S - VP, Deloris R - Treas and Monica M - Sec). Thanks guys! We also really appreciate the efforts of the Nominating Committee (Sandy F and Linda F).

We're also going to have some fun at our meeting, stitching up a little redwork project. Check supply list elsewhere. I hope you can come!

Bundle up – see you Thursday! Terry

QUILT AS YOU GO

Here's the Quilt-as-you-go technique Terry has been using recently:

- ◆ Piece or appliqué individual blocks as desired. Layer individual blocks with batting and backing; quilt. Trim all blocks to the same size. Butt edges of 2 blocks together, without overlapping. Stitch blocks together with a wide 3-step or regular zigzag stitch. Repeat stitching from the back side to make the seam super strong.
- ◆ For sashing strips: Cut strips of fabric (straight of grain or bias). Cut strips 2" wide for front and 1 1/2" wide for back. Press long raw edges to meet in the center of the strips, so wider strips finish at 1" and narrower strips finish at 3/4". Using a Bias Tape Maker can make the job easier.
- ◆ Center a wide sashing strip over the butted seam between two blocks. Using a walking foot, if you have one, edge stitch through all layers along both folded edges of the strip (your bobbin thread will show on the back). Turn block over and center narrower strip over the seam. The strip will be centered between the previous lines of stitching from the other side. Edge stitch along both folded edges of this strip too.
- ◆ Continue joining blocks in this fashion to form rows and then join the rows together in the same way. Bind quilt and you're finished! Ask Terry if you have any questions about the technique.

Next meeting:

February 14
6:30 PM

Mountaineer Mall
Community Room



~Happy Valentine's Day~

February Program

In our February program, we will learn a little about redwork. We'll be doing a small sample also. So please bring snips to cut your thread and, if you have them, a needle suitable for floss, and a small embroidery hoop. The rest will be provided. And, if you have any redwork of your own that you'd like to share, please bring it.

Hostesses:

Debbie S
Connie H

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SCHEDULES

Monthly Mini Schedule

February—Sue H

March—Sheila W

April — Monica M

Congratulations

to Gitta J

who won the January mini

made by Eva T

ALEX ANDERSON

On March 12, Gloria Horn Sewing Studios is presenting Alex Anderson: My Journey Through Quilting lecture, block party, book signing, and specials from 9:30 – 1:30 PM or 5-9 PM. Cost \$25. Refreshments catered by the Fluted Mushroom.

The Circuit Center

5 Hot Metal St.

Pittsburgh

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EVENTS AT QUILTERS CORNER

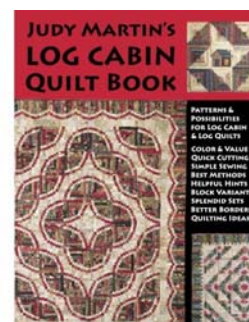
This year marks the 20th anniversary of Quilters Corner, and they're celebrating all year long! Each month, on the 20th of the month, they'll celebrate with something special. Jan. 20 offered a winter fat quarter special. Sold in groups of 20, you could purchase them at half the regular price! Classes, projects, and treats are planned for the entire year ... watch for upcoming events.

Do you know about the **Pillowcase Project**? You'll need to come out on Saturday, March 8 at 2 PM. ConKerr Cancer has donated pillowcases to 20,000 sick children across the US and Canada and Quilters Corner will be a drop-off point for finished pillowcases. And, they'll be donating cases made in the shop! And who's going to make those cases?! You can! We can all be a part of that effort. In the Mar. 8 class, we'll learn the fastest method to make a pillowcase. We'll construct two cases ... one from fabric we supply that we'll be able to take home, and one from the fabric we're provided that we'll donate to the project! Join in this worthwhile project!

Lincoln Log Day (Saturday, Feb. 16) is fast approaching. Are log cabin blocks (and quilts) among your favorites? Three classes are planned on this day.

- ◆ Fabric Selection for Log Cabin Quilts @ 10 AM
- ◆ Stone Cottage at 10 AM
- ◆ Timberline at 3 PM

Each focuses on a different part of the Log Cabin process and showcases some truly beautiful quilts. You can register for the classes with a \$10 fee ... but you'll receive it back after you attend in the form of a \$10 gift certificate — what better excuse to buy more fabric! And, while you're there, check out Judy Martin's new Log Cabin Quilt Book. She's been writing for the last 27 years and almost always she includes this design. There are 16 new quilts in the collection.



TREASURER'S REPORT BY MELISSA

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$2,691.43
<u>Income:</u>	
Monthly mini (Nov 24/Dec 27) ...	20.00
No Name Tag	2.25
Interest.....	<u>.11</u>
	<u>22.36</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Tommie E (news 14./29.06.....	41.06
Lou D Holiday \$150.00	
Dec news 29.71	
Postage 26.24.....	205.95
Mountaineer Mall (Feb.).....	25.00
(Apr. 1)	50.00
The Sew Inn (President's gift)	40.00
	<u>362.01</u>
ENDING BALANCE.....	\$2,351.78

**Happy
Birthday!**

2/10 Barbara F

2/14 Lu Ann B-W

2/14 Linda J

2/18 Deloris R

2/18 Diane T

2/20 Melissa J

3/01 Judy C

3/06 Monica M

3/08 Brenda Z

JANUARY MINUTES BY MONICA

The January meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President Terry C.

Officer and committee reports:

The treasurer's report was approved as written and the challenge committee reminded everyone that the May meeting will be our challenge-reveal meeting. For this year's challenge, participants are asked to make a quilted game. The project must be finished and does not necessarily need to be a traditional game; however, it must be a game that can be played. Debbie S remarked that she has actually started hers!

Pat O gave an update on Project Linus, noting that we have some packets and some quilts that are in various stages of completion. It was decided that although recent turn-out for Project Linus workshops has been lax, we will continue to do Project Linus, as several members indicated that they'd be willing to make a Project Linus quilt in the coming months. Pat offered to continue to make quilt kits for Project Linus. Upcoming Linus workshops were discussed and, as there was some interest, it was determined that the Linus committee will set up a time and date for our next workshop.

The members of the Holiday party committee were thanked for their time in producing a very nice party last month. Thanks to Melissa & her crew!

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers, which will be voted on at our next meeting. The new officer team will take office at the March meeting. The slate is as follows:

President – Susan H

Vice President – Debbie S

Treasurer – Delores R

Secretary – Monica M

Old business:

Terry noted that there are still 3 rooms available for the Paducah trip. If anyone is interested, please contact her.

Pat Knoechel will be visiting us this year on April 1st, 2008 (No fools!). Details will be at an upcoming meeting.

Two birthdays were omitted from the print copy of the last newsletter: Lou Ann B.W. (2/14/08), and Diane T. (2/18/08).

Undercover Quilters, before you leave each meeting, please look at the stash of gifts to see if there is one for you. This will be easier than just handing them out at each meeting.

The monthly mini was made by Eva and was won by Gitta J. Next month's mini will be made by Sue H.

New business:

The Home of the Brave Project, a group that is making quilts for WV soldiers who have died while serving our country (the current number is 34), has a workshop scheduled for February 2nd, 2008. The workshop will be located in the Teays Valley. If you are interested in attending the workshop, or would like to help in any other way, see Terry.

Terry went over the directions on how to make a quilt-as-you-go quilt. She will print up the directions and put them in the next newsletter.

Program:

Book reports – Everyone shared their favorite quilt books with each other and some showed projects that they have made from the books.

LONG ARM SALLY

Professional Machine Quilting
on a hand-guided longarm machine
located at The Sew Inn,
120 High Street, Morgantown, WV
Clorinda Ammons, Owner & Operator
(304) 296-6802
clorindap@comcast.net

Helpful suggestions are provided in the anniversary sale issue of **Needle News for Winter/Spring 2008:**

“One of the most important things you can do to prepare your quilt for long arm machine quilting is to make sure it is square. Applying your borders correctly will do much to insure this. Let us know if we can help with this. Please have both the top and back pressed smoothly. If the backing feels stiff (some backs seem to have a lot of sizing on the fabric), prewashing is suggested. Batiks should be washed to remove some of the extra dye and wax residue before adding them to your quilt if you plan to machine quilt. This helps the needle and thread to pass through the fabric more smoothly and helps to keep tension even—producing nicer looking stitches. I look forward to doing more quilting for you.”

Clorinda

REPAIR SERVICE

If you're not fortunate enough to own a Viking, you'll be pleased to know that the Sew Inn is now an official “drop off” location for Jeff's Sewing Station in Washington, PA.

“We have recommended Jeff for many years and are very impressed with the quality and integrity of his work.” So, if you have a Viking that needs repair, The Sew Inn offers their personal touch. However, if you have any other brand, it can now be dropped off at the Sew Inn for transport to Jeff's Sewing Station. With the price of gas, that's a nice savings!

THANKS

I would like to thank my undercover quilter for the wonderful Christmas gifts. I love the tulip blocks and cannot wait to get started on them.

They made my week.

Debbie S

Just wanted to give a big

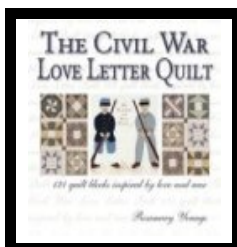
thank you to my Undercover quilter for my very thoughtful Christmas gift. Even though I didn't get it until January (it was flooding in December), it was just like having Christmas morning again when I did get it. They put a lot of time into it and I do appreciate a good mystery. *Donna F*

Thank you to my undercover quilt sister for yet more wonderful surprises. A Victorian House doily that now graces the antique sled I use as a coffee table--don't I wish I had an elegant house like that! A quarter of snowman Christmas fabric to add to my winter/Christmas stash; and a snowman tea towel patternlet. What are the odds that I get this pattern the same night I find a green homespun tea towel for 50 cents in the Goodwill Store. Thinking I'd just give the towel to my daughter-in-law next Christmas, I purchased it. I've made the pattern--my kind of quick project--it has now morphed into a small table runner for her. Wow, one Christmas present done for this year.

Betty C

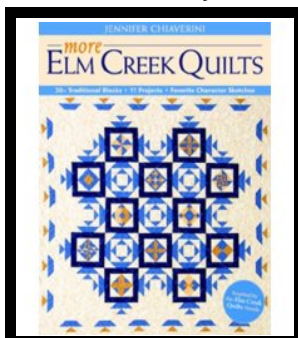
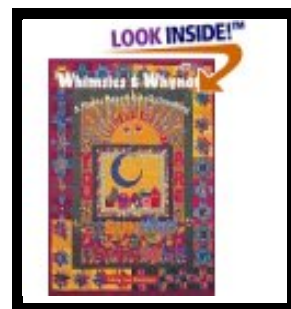
My undercover quilter has provided me with a handy organizing tote—she obviously knows me too well. And, she has also increased my Christmas stash! Many, many thanks! I know I'll be able to put everything to good use! Judy C

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE "READ"



My book title was: The Civil War Love Letter Quilt by Rosemary Youngs. I chose it because I like Civil War History and fabrics—this book includes touching letters from the war as well as 121 paper-pieced patterns for a quilt. *Betty C*

The book I brought to the meeting is: Whimsies & Whynots: A Playful Approach to Quiltmaking by Mary Lou Weidman. This book changed my quilting life, by offering encouragement and exercises to help me learn to draw and be more creative. The book is out of print, but is being revised for a new edition. *Terry C*



Those who enjoy the Elm Creek series written by Jennifer Chiaverini have another new pattern book to look forward to. More Elm Creek Quilts: 30+ Traditional Block - 11 Projects - Favorite Character Sketches. You might want to reserve your copy soon! Release date: April 1

I chose "East Quilts West" by Kimiko Sudo – selected because of the original and unique blocks which Kimiko designed based on traditional American quilt block patterns. She has a way of mixing unusual fabrics and colors, giving the blocks an "Eastern" look although they are traditional in appearance. *Lou D*



DECEMBER 2007 MINUTES BY SHEILA

- ◆ Annual Christmas Party held at Mountaineer Mall Community Room. Meeting started at 6 pm with a very brief business meeting.
- ◆ Sign-up for Ruby Memorial Quilts was passed around to everyone.
- ◆ Gitta made the beautiful monthly mini for this month.
- ◆ Officers are needed for next year, please consider helping.
- ◆ Linus Project Committee Report: 5 people attended the recent workshop. Committee wondering if this a project we want to continue to support. Have Linus project kits to work on available for anyone who wants to do it at home.
- ◆ Quilt show drawing – Betty C is the winner.
- ◆ Samples of eco-friendly batting by warm and natural was handed out to everyone.
- ◆ Appearance in Pittsburgh, Pa by Alex Anderson was announced.
- ◆ Adjourned to eat and enjoy the evening of festive holiday fun.

What's Happening

In January, Vickie D attended the Southwest Florida Quilters' Guild quilt show at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers, FL. She said: "It was very interesting to see what such a large organization does for a quilt show! I saw some truly beautiful quilts, including a very detailed appliqué quilt and a miniature Grandmother's Flower Garden. Definitely worth seeing if in the area."

Terry C has been spending her time at home quilting. "I got a new machine and upgraded my embroidery software, so I have lots to learn! I'm preparing to teach more classes this spring and will be attending Paducah in April."

Gitta J, Deloris R, and Debbie S are still active with the Saturday Club at Sew Chic. According to Debbie: "This quilt has been very challenging — no down right hard... but we always have fun." And that's what it's all about. We'll look forward to seeing their completed projects!

Several of our members are looking forward to the upcoming 2008 Spring Quilt Retreat being held at Jackson's Mill in mid-March. Judy C, Gitta J, and Deloris R all registered for Fran Kordek's Split Oak Leaves class. They're also looking forward (as is Debbie S) to Fran's Friday afternoon Hodgepodge Surprise Mystery Quilt class. Debbie is also taking Patti Anderson's Prairie Braid as her main class for the weekend along with Mary H. Linda F registered for Tresha Cottrill's Creating Shadows ... a technique where you spray bleach on the background around a leaf template, and then appliqué a leaf a little offset creating a shadow effect. Linda also registered for Zopora Hughes' Friday afternoon class where she'll learn more about the Japanese art of Sashiko (using a white thread with a long quilting stitch on a dark—usually navy—fabric). Carol R-S is also taking the Creating Shadows class with Linda, and Sandy F is taking the Weaver Fever being taught by Linda Childers.

Nancy S is teaching a 5-session class in Beginning Quilting followed by a 4-session class for Intermediates ... all at the Sew Inn. The first class starts Feb. 11, so get those registrations completed!

Terry C is teaching a beginners' course in Machine Quilting (Mar. 8 or 11). This "appetizer class [will] whet your appetite for free-motion quilting." And she's offering that, too. The main course of Machine Quilting (Mar 29 or Apr 2) will go beyond the basics of free-motion to provide you with over a dozen different categories of free-motion quilting designs. And, for those of you who took Terry's class last fall, there's a refresher course (Apr 29 or May 3)!

QUILT DISPLAY AT RUBY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Betty C reports: "Thirteen Country Roads Quilt Guild loaner quilts as well as some hospital staff quilts have been hung at Ruby Hospital. There are some in both the East and West lobbies; they can also be viewed from the second floor. By courtesy appointment, I photographed some of them. Hopefully, I can get an article about the display in the Dominion Post soon. Should you wish to take pictures, the hospital asks that you notify them. You may contact Mary Whisler. While photographing, the hospital requests you be respectful of the patients' and visitors' privacy and not photograph people with the quilt pictures. They are hung fairly high, so for me, this was not a problem."

THE SEW INN

Classes:

Besides those being taught by our Guild members, other classes include (but are not limited to):

- ◆ I spy w/ Bonnie McMillan
- ◆ Delectably Simple Mountains w/Brenda Quinn
- ◆ Embroidery Club w/Denise Roberts
- ◆ Computer 101 w/Brenda Quinn

Buy your fabric and supplies at **The Sew Inn** and save! Discounts apply so be sure to let them know you're registered for a class!

ELKINS SEWING CTR

For those of you who can't seem to get enough of Fran Kordek, she began the year off with SO many classes on her schedule. But, you need to get over to Elkins Sewing Center to register! These will be some of your choices:

2/13 Machine Quilting I

2/16 Morning Star

2/19 Mystery Table Runner

3/03 Color Selection

3/7-8 Trip Around the World Quilt
in a day and a half

4/12 Triple Tulips

5/06,13,20 Belles Fleurs
Appliqué Quilt

Other classes and instructors are also available. For needlecraft and sewing classes, learn to sew classes, sewing for kids, and monthly clubs, the Elkins Sewing Center has it all! They also have a 20% off coupon on their web site! Don't leave home without it!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Feb. 14 — Get out and VOTE at the Feb. meeting of the CRQG. No heated debates ... just a thank you to the nominations committee (of two) and a HUGE “thank you” to the four individuals who have accepted the burden of leadership.

Thank you!

Mar. 14-16 — Pittsburgh, PA “Nautical But Nice” sponsored by North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild @ Ross Twp Community Center. Hours Fri & Sat 10-5 and Sun. 12-5. (Admission \$5) www.NPQG.org

Mar. 15 — National Quilting Day ... check your local shop for events!

Mar. 15-16 — Manassas, VA “Cabin Branch & Stone House Quilters 2008 Quilt Show” at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Hours Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4 (Admission \$5) www.cabinbranch.org or www.stonehousequilters.org

Mar. 15-16 — Bowie, MD “Fans of Friendship Quilt Show” sponsored by Southern Comforters of Bowie, MD, Inc. www.southerncomforters.org

Mar. 26-29 — Berlin Ohio “8th Annual Amish Country Quilt Show” sponsored by Gramma Fannie’s Quilt Barn. Held at Berlin Christian Fellowship. Hours Wed. 12-5; Thurs 10-5; Fri 10-6; and Sat. 10-3. (Admission \$5) Lydiann or Jo Ann at 330-893-3243 or amishfarm@tusco.net

Mar. 26-30 — Lancaster, PA 18th Annual “Spring Quilt Blossom Festival” sponsored by Country Treasures at the Continental Inn, Lancaster Hours: Wed 1-6; Thurs-Sat. 9-6; and Sun. 9-2. (Free admission)

Mar. 27-30 — Quilter’s Heritage Celebration, Lancaster PA at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conf Center. Hours: Thurs 9-5; Fri 9-7; Sat 9-5; and Sun. 11-4. Single day admission \$10. www.qhconline.com

Apr. 5 — the WVQ meeting will be held in Ripley, WV in conjunction with a local quilt show (the show will be April 4 & 5)

Apr 17-19 — Three Rivers Quilt Festival sponsored by Three Rivers Quilters, Inc. IBEW Circuit Center, 5 Hot Metal Street, Pittsburgh. Hours: Thurs & Fri 10-5; Sat. 10-4. (Admission: \$6) www.threeriversquilters.org

Apr. 17-19 — Columbia, MD “Color My World” sponsored by Faithful Circle Quilters at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County (Admission: \$6) www.faithfulcirclequilters.com

Apr. 19-20 — Hagerstown, MD Mason-Dixon Quilt Show “Quilts in Bloom” sponsored by Buchanan Trail Quiltemakers & Friendship Quilt Guild. Held at Hagerstown Community College. (Admission: \$5) See web site for \$1 off coupon <http://BTQ.smith1028.com>

Apr. 22-26 — Paducah, KY., 20th Antique Quilt Show “Can’t Have too Many Baskets” sponsored by Rotary Club of Paducah. (Admission \$5) www.paducahrotary.org

Apr. 23-26 — Annual American Quilter’s Society Show—Paducah. For information, go to www.AmericanQuilter.com or call 270-898-7903.

Apr. 23-26 — Paducah KY – Quilt in a Day! Eleanor will perform three free shows daily at 10, 1, and 4 beginning Wed., April 23-26. Carson Park Fairgrounds. The Quilt in a Day Store opens Apr 19-26.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

We extend our best wishes to
The Sew Inn
on their 35th anniversary.

They’ve invited us to join in their festivities! Beginning Saturday, Feb. 16, they’ll begin a sale that will be in effect throughout the following week. However, there are additional specials on the big day only so don’t miss out! In addition, there will—as always—be door prizes and tasty treats! Mark your calendars: Feb 16!

~ Happy 35th Anniversary ~

Watch, too, for these important “every month” special features:

- ♦ End of Bolt Sale last 2 days of each month when you receive 35% off when you purchase what’s left on the bolt.
- ♦ Mystery Sale unveiled during the first week of each month!
- ♦ UFO Day is the 2nd Fri. of each month—10 AM until 7 PM
- ♦ Fabricaholics Card: punched for every fabric purchase!

WE’RE INVITED

March 15 – Mountaineer Mall
Chili Cook-Off

We have been invited to attend the Mountaineer Mall Chili Cook-Off on March 15, from noon-4 PM. The day will include lots of activities, including a Craft Show. They will waive the entrance fee for us if we’d like to participate. We could demo quilting, show quilted items and/or sell things. Please let me know if you’d like to participate, so we’ll know if we have enough interest to reserve a table. Thanks! Terry

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Send your March newsletter info to Monica. All information should be sent to Monica by the Feb. 29 deadline.