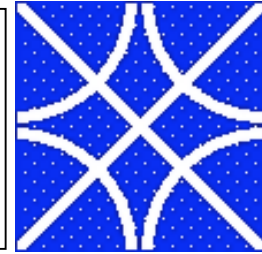




The Postage Stamp

March 2008



Toodles from Terry



I have happily served as an officer for the last four years and would like to thank each of you for your support and positive feedback. I look forward to every meeting and enjoy your company. I'm ready for some time off to relax and have less responsibility, but am happy I was able to give back to the guild. When my children were little, and again when my parents were ill, I wasn't able to give much to the guild. I was lucky to make it to some

meetings and grateful for whatever the guild could give me. Life is easier now and it was my time to give back. Be patient with me while I learn to sit back and not be in charge! Thank you so much to the wonderful women who served with me this past year. Sue is my right hand in more

ways than you know and it's been a pleasure serving with Melissa and Sheila. I'm looking forward to having room in my bag to bring my own show & tell and am eager to have time at meetings to socialize! I have complete confidence in our new officers and can't wait to see what fun they bring. Hope to see you soon!

Terry

WOW! If you have high speed internet and want to learn more about free motion quilting, you MUST check this out! It's a "TV" show on Quilters TV. The show is called Magical Machine Quilting, featuring Lorraine Strangness. She is awesome. It lasts 44 minutes, but you can watch it a little at a time, if you like - just pause it and come back later. Here's a direct link to her show:

<http://www.quilterstv.com/?bcpid=301927734&bclid=715980974&bctid=1201929124>

I've also put the link on our website, on our LINKS page, in the section of internet "TV" shows:

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

She covers everything - it's like your own personal class and you can watch it over and over. Have fun!

Thank you to my Undercover Quilter for the WONDERFUL jacket and organizer and dishtowel and all of the other goodies you've given me. I feel so spoiled! -- Monica





Upcoming dates...

- **March 14-16, 2008 (Fri-Sun)** -- "Nautical But Nice" Quilt Show
... sponsored by [North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild](http://www.npqg.org/)
- **March 27-30th** -- **Quilter's Heritage Celebration** — Lancaster, PA <http://www.qhconline.com/>
- **April 17-19th** -- **Three Rivers Quilt Festival** — IBEW Circuit Center, Five Hot Metal Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA
For more upcoming dates and events, go to our website:
<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/>

Reminder...

Country Roads Quilt Guild is sponsoring Patricia Knoechel, who will be presenting demonstrations on two books from Eleanor Burns' Quilt in a Day Series on April 1st (No Fooling!) at the Mountaineer Mall's Community Room. Attendees can choose between the daytime session from 1:30-3:30 or the evening session 6:30-8:30.

Patricia (Eleanor's sister) is a nationally renowned quilter from Carlsbad, CA. Her demonstrations will be on quilts featured in her recent books, VICTORY QUILTS and ELEANOR BURNS' SIGNATURE PATTERNS..

Attendance fee for the general public is \$5.00 to help defray expenses. Country Roads Quilt Guild is a group that was formed in 1983 to encourage an interest in quilting through learning and sharing. For more information e-mail countryroadsquiltguild@yahoo.com ... Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Sew Inn on High Street in Morgantown.

March 31-April 13: Sew Chic will be collecting old sewing machines to donate to charities. When you donate your old machine, you will receive a \$100 mail in rebate with your purchase of a new Bernina valued at \$999 or more.

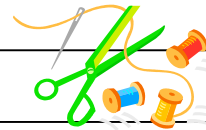
Libby Lehman will be coming to town on Friday, May 30th! Sew Chic is sponsoring two class sessions. Both will be lecture/demonstrations. Sheer Ribbon Illusions is in the morning, and Bobbin Drawing and Couching in the afternoon. LOCATION: Fairfield Inn in Fairmont, PRICE: \$40/session or \$60 for both sessions. Prepayment is required to hold your reservation.

Libby is a great teacher, with lots of helpful ideas and a wonderful sense of humor – see her if you can! www.libbylehman.us/



TREASURER's REPORT			
Beginning Balance		\$2,351.78	
Income:			
Monthly mini (Feb)	\$ 32.00		
No Name Tag	\$ 1.50		
Interest	\$ 0.11	\$ 33.61	
Expenses:			
Terry C (internet)	\$ 19.80		
Pat O (Linus)	\$ 21.61		
Mall (for Mar)	\$ 25.00	\$ 66.41	
Ending Balance		\$2,318.98	

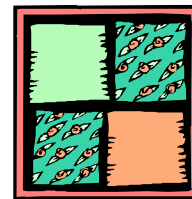
Please send items for the next newsletter to Linda F. by Friday, March 28th, 2008.



The Monthly Mini for the March meeting will be made by Sheila W.

The February mini was donated by Sue H. and won by Monica M.

<u>March</u>	<u>Birthdays!</u>
	<u>April</u>
20 th Lisa A.	6 th Carolyn R.
25 th Rhonda A.	12 th Lillian B.
	18 th Rhonda B.
	28 th Linda R.



ALL MEMBERS must fill out this form and return to Deloris – thanks!

To be a member this year, please give or mail this form to Deloris R. If you are under 65 years old, please also include your dues of \$15. Thank you!

Name-	You are eligible to be a free lifetime "Diamond Member" if you are over age 65. Are you over 65?
Address-	
Birthdate (Month & Day only)-	Phone(s)
Email address-	
Is email a good way to communicate with you?	

February Minutes CRQG

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

A correction was made to the "What's Happening" section in our last newsletter. Though Vickie D. wishes she could have gone to Florida, it was Vickie H. who attended the Southwest Florida Quilters' Guild quilt show in North Fort Myers, FL.

The December and January minutes were approved and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted.

Terry thanked the Nominating Committee for their work and introduced the new slate of officers. The following individuals were unanimously approved by vote of the Guild to act as new officers:

President – Susan H.
Vice President – Debbie S.
Treasurer – Delores R.
Secretary – Monica M.

Pat O. gave an update on Project Linus. She happily reported that all kits were taken at our last meeting. Pat brought new kits as well as CRQG labels to use on our Linus quilts. Pat also noted we need to determine when to present quilts again to Project Linus – must wait until we have a reasonable amount.

Terry noted that our quilts are hanging in the lobby areas of Ruby Memorial Hospital. Betty C. is working to get publicity in the newspaper sometime in March.

Terry reminded the guild that June is our 25th anniversary.

A vote was taken to continue the Monthly Mini program – a signup sheet was passed around for the next year.

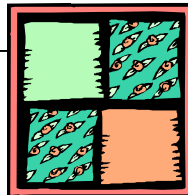
An audit of the books was done by Carol S. All items were found acceptable and recommendations for improvements were suggested.

CRQG was invited to participate in the Mountaineer Mall's Chili Cook-Off – the guild voted decided not to participate.

Our March program will be made by one of our members, Tina S., who owns her own long arm quilting business.

The monthly mini, a Sew Inn gift certificate "made" by Sue H., was won by Monica M.

Show & Tell took place, Terry was honored for her service as President, and our program, redwork sewing, took place.



**Don't miss the March Meeting! There will be a presentation by long arm quilter, Tina S.
Hostesses will be Pat O., Chris L., and LuAnn B.-W.**

The article below is from Debbie B., member of the Cass CEOs. The quilt she mentions is beautiful and I thought maybe you could put this in the newsletter or out on the list serve incase anyone would like to see it. It is a wonderful quilt and an opportunity for [their] club to raise funds.

Melissa

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For those of you who did not know my mother, Ruth F., she was accomplished at hand embroidering quilt tops and then sewing the quilts by hand. She did this as a hobby and it would take her about 1 year to complete each project. Some of her quilts have won awards in quilt shows and I am the very proud owner of many of her quilts. She also made sure that each of her six grandchildren own one of her creations.

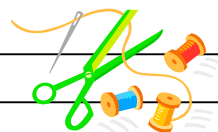
In 1999, she began embroidering what would be her last quilt. She completed the quilt top and in the winter of the year 2000, she began to do the handquilting. To my knowledge, this pattern has no name, but, in my mind, I call it "Circles of Love".

I am associated with a club called Cass CEOS. The "CEOS" means Community Educational Outreach Services. I donated the unfinished quilt to our club and many of our members and some friends and family completed the quilt this winter. We plan to show the quilt at many events this year until November 1st. We plan on being at the North Central WV Home Show on Saturday, March 8th and at the Chili Cookoff on March 15th, both also at the Mountaineer Mall. We may be at Relay For Life in June and the Rib Fest in July. We also plan on being at The Greatest Yard Sale on Earth in August.

Our goal is to use all donations for our club's charitable causes. Our club is very proud to be located in the western part of Monongalia County and some of the projects that we are most proud of stay in that area. We collect school supplies each August for St. Ursula's and help a needy family by donating gifts at Christmas. We have raised money in the past to help The Shack keep their after school programs up and running and we actively contribute to The Settlement House with most of our donations going to their food pantry. We also donate items to the Ronald McDonald House, Rosenbaum House, the Linus Blanket Project and the neo-natal intensive care unit at Ruby Memorial Hospital. Our club also plants flowers each year at the Pursglove Veterans Memorial in honor of all of our service men and women.

We would love to see you at one of the above-mentioned events and hope that you will forward this e-mail (long though it may be) to your many friends and family in the area. If you want to know more about the quilt or our club, you can call me. I appreciate any help you can give us - either by passing the word along or by donating to the quilt raffle this year.

Thank you - Debbie B.



Quotes to live by...

- *"Sewing: A creative mess is better than tidy idleness." ~Author Unknown*
- *"Veni, Vidi, Velcro. I came, I saw, I stuck around." ~Author Unknown*