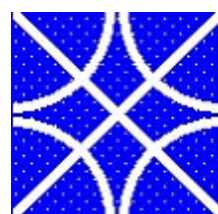


The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

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March 2006



Carol's Candor

Wow, two years have flown by! In keeping with my "on the Road" tradition, I almost wrote this last weekend when we were driving to Louisiana and back, but like many things, I put it off. It would've been appropriate, since so many of them have been done while we were on the road!

We visited the Grandkids in Ruston, LA. It had been almost a year since I had seen them and they have grown so much! Whew, so full of energy!! Jasper, the two year old, thinks that Granddad brings a swim pool with him! They were really disappointed to find that the pool was outside and it was way too cold to swim! And Lupé, the ONLY granddaughter was as precious as ever!! Both Jasper and Lupé LOVE horses, so since Jasper's birthday is on the 4th I'm going to make him a horse postcard quilt (maybe I can finish one that size!) at our mini-group on Monday. Lou let me use some horse fabric, since finding some at this short notice would be pretty difficult – thank you Lou, I owe you!!

I'm really looking forward to see what Patricia brings with her this year on March 28th. **Do try to attend**, she is awesome and listening to her is so motivating! Be sure that if you made anything that she demonstrated last year to bring it to show her. I know she would be pleased. I wonder if she would be so pleased that I **bought** lots of fabric in Lancaster last year after being inspired by her patterns and presentation (I think her idea was

for me to sew it also!)! I'm STILL going to get those sunflowers done someday!! You'll be the first to hear about it!! Tell your non-guild friends about it too, it will only cost them \$5, and who knows, they might have so much fun that they want to join the guild!! As for you, if you have PAID your dues, you get to come for FREE!! (Just a gentle reminder that your **dues are due** in March!)

THANK YOU all for a really **GRAND** two years! I was scared as heck when I accepted the job, and it took me at least 5-6 months before I stopped breaking out on my neck during the meeting! Being President is so much easier when everyone helps out and there isn't a lot of conflict. I've really enjoyed it and will leave the office with bittersweet feelings. It is going to be nice to bring some unfinished project (heaven knows I have plenty!) and work on it while someone else runs the meeting!

I'm nursing a cold (or some kind of bug) and the energy level is waning, so I guess I'll close. I'm not sure I'll know what to do without my little reminders from the newsletter editor for my "article". Kudos to the patient newsletter committee and for the **FINE** job you do on the newsletter!! (Maybe you could just write to say hi!!)

So until next time..... Keep on stitching!!

Carol

OUTGOING President

Our next meeting. ...

When?

March 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Where?

Mountaineer Mall

Community Room

Who? (hostesses)

Susan

Janet

Lu-Ann

What?

Our next meeting will be a "Yard Sale" of sewing related items. This is your opportunity to clean out your sewing room! Bring in usable things you don't use anymore, and you can sell them to someone else. And then you get to keep the money! Please stick a number on each item (with stickers or masking tape), and we'll provide a numbered list in the newsletter for people to write down their silent auction bids as we "shop." If you want at least a certain amount for an item, just write that down as the first bid. So, get in there and start your spring cleaning a little early! *Let the bidding begin. ...*



What's Happening

Linda's underground railroad wall quilt Amazing Grace was accepted by the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XVII at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Va. This is HUGE! Congratulations, Linda!

Linda R and Bey celebrated the Super-bowl "Quilter" style by attending the yearly 25 percent off sale at Quilter's Corner. Ah, *stash bliss. ...*

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SURVEY! SURVEY! SURVEY!

Think about activities, techniques, and guest speakers for the upcoming year, and come to the March meeting ready to discuss possibilities. New VP Lisa will be soliciting your suggestions for the coming year's programming.

Now's your opportunity to include on the program lineup anything in which you have an interest. A survey will be distributed at the March meeting!

Monthly Mini Schedule

March—Lisa
April—Melissa
May—Karen
June—Sheila
July—Rhonda

February Minutes by Linda F, Secretary

The Country Roads Quilt Guild met on February 9th in the Community Room of the Mountaineer Mall with 28 members present. The January Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

Carol spoke with Patricia Knoechel and has confirmed that she will be here on March 28th for two programs. She will showcase quilts and techniques from Eleanor Burns' new book, Through the Seasons. The program will be free to members, but non-members will pay an admission fee. The Mountaineer Mall has given us a cost break by charging \$50 for the day rather than charging by the hour.

Next month's program will be a yard sale instead of the usual auction. Members may bring in sewing-related items for sale and keep the profits.

Linda reported on National Quilt Day. The Guild will meet in the Community Room of the Mountaineer Mall to work on quilts for Project Linus from 10:00 AM through 4:00 PM on March 18th. Bring lunch,

machines, extension cords, etc. More information will be in the newsletter.

WVU has contacted us to do the Mountaineer Week Quilt Show again. The Mountaineer Mall has also inquired if we would be willing to do a quilt show. It was decided that we do not have the manpower or equipment to do two shows and elected to continue with Mountaineer Week. Discussion ensued on the feasibility of doing a raffle quilt. The raffle of several small quilts was more popular than making one large quilt. Proceeds, along with money from the previous raffle, could be used to bring in some big name quilters. Terry has spoken with Mary Lou who stated that West Virginia is one of six states she has never visited and would love to present a workshop here. She would be expensive, but she is willing to give us a break if she can plan a workshop in conjunction with an invitation from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. We might also contact some local guilds to participate and share the expenses.

There will be sign-up sheets for various committees at the next meeting. Please think about how you can help. Request was made for volunteers to help with the newsletter. Mary, Monica, and Janet volunteered.

The possibility of having a retreat was discussed. Please send ideas to Judy. Carol suggested checking out Dorsey Knob.

Upcoming quilt shows were announced. Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show will be held at the Dulles Expo Center on June 2-4. You will get a discount at the NQA Quilt Show, June 8-10, in Columbus, Ohio, if you come on a bus. More information can be found on-line.

The new Board members were elected. They are Terry, President; Lisa, Vice President; Melissa, Treasurer; and Sarah, Secretary.

Sue presented the program on wool appliqué.

Darlene won the monthly mini made by Lillian.

Treasurer's Report by Sue

BEGINNING BALANCE..... \$2,714.10

Income:

No name tag..... 1.85

Monthly mini..... 20.00

Donation for charity quilts—

Mountainlair..... 200.00

Interest......13

Total income..... 221.98

Expenses:

Sew Inn—February program..... 31.80

Tommie—newsletter..... 46.20

Mountaineer Mall (Mar. 9,18,28).....125.00

Total expenses.....203.00

ENDING BALANCE..... \$2,733.08

Please pay your dues!

Please complete the "dues" form provided with this month's newsletter. It is important for ALL members to fill in the requested information ... even those who (because of their *diamond* membership status) don't pay dues!

Melissa, our in-coming treasurer, will be collecting.

Please note that dues are as follows:

- \$15 for regular members and junior members (18 and under) w/newsletter
- \$4 for junior members w/o newsletter
- No charge for diamond members who are over the age of 65

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

March 18 (10 a.m.—4 p.m.)

What better way of celebrating what we all love to do! An announcement will be put in the Dominion Post. This is a good time to welcome visitors to the Art of Quilting!

In 1989, the "Kentucky Heritage Quilters" organized a "Quilters Day Out" on the 3rd Saturday in March. In 1991, NQA officers voted to make it a national observance day and called it "National Quilting Day." Since then, it has become global. "National Quilting Day" was first celebrated in 1992 when the founder, Helen Storbeck, declared a day of celebration for all quilters and quilt lovers. Our "National Quilting Day" will be a combination of:

- Quilters working on their own projects
- Demonstrations of various kinds
- Project Linus

As far as I know, there will not be a special workshop for Project Linus, but Melissa has volunteered to do a demo showing an easy way to construct these quilts. She will be there from 10 a.m. until noon. It would be good if

those bringing sewing machines would come in about 15 minutes early to set up your table/work space.

You will need to bring or buy your lunch for the day. Looking forward to a fun eventful time. A day of sharing our sewing techniques and getting to know each other! What could be better than that?!

*Article provided by the
Quilting Day Committee*

Project Linus Blanket Guidelines

Blankets (quilts) can be quilted or tied. You can use 100% cotton, flannel, or polar fleece. Fabric needs to be new, clean, and washable, and they encourage the use of colorful, cheerful, and cuddly fabrics. Because of potential severe allergic reactions quilts must not smell of smoke or strong chemicals (including perfumed fabric softeners), or have pet hair on them. They will accept any size, but have a severe shortage of quilts for older kids (45" x 60" or larger).

For more information and/or inspiration, see the Project Linus web site. (<http://www.projectlinus.org>)

Do your part ... serve on a Guild committee

A good way to help the guild and also get to know each other better is to be on a committee!

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting so we can volunteer for the committees that best suit our skills and interests. Here's a brief description of each committee for you to browse so you can decide which ones suit your fancy.

Challenge – plan next year's quilt challenge (share rules in August or September – challenge usually due in April or May)

Directory – 3 or 4 people could work together to create, proofread and make copies of our yearly directories to be distributed at our July meeting

Historian/Photographer – we need someone to take pictures of guild events and keep our albums up to date

Holiday Party – plan activities and decorations for December party

Lovies/Project Linus – help plan workshops and other events to support community efforts to provide quilts to those in need

National Quilting Day – help plan activities for event in March of next year

Newsletter – we're in pretty good shape, but if you'd love to help we could always use more publicity – contact newspaper to promote our activities

Quilt Show – help plan for and work our show in November

Retreat – investigate retreat options and help plan event

Workshops – plan workshops for our guild members (choose topics and find teachers)

What's Happening con't

Terry was "our" main attraction at the Sew Inn's recent anniversary celebration and sale. This was an excellent opportunity to promote (and autograph) her *first* professional pattern! "What's In Your Cup?" provides 13 block designs with dozens of "garnish" options to mix and match! Stop by the Sew Inn to pick up your copy and to see her wall hanging that's still on display! And, for a little inspiration, check out her web site! (www.terrychilko.com)

Gitta and Deloris will be making the Lone Star Log Cabin in an intermediate-to advanced-level class at the 10th Annual Quilt Retreat (Mar. 17-19) at WVU Jackson's Mill. They've also enrolled in the pre-retreat "Borders and Bindings" mini-class on Fri. afternoon.

Sheila will be teaching a Beginner's Quilt Class for the Morgantown Art Association (MAA)! The class project, offered at their Gallery in the Mountaineer Mall (Apr. 21-22 from 10-3:30 p.m.), will be piecing the computer-generated sickle and log cabin pattern that Sheila created. A quilting technique finishing class will be held May 26-27. Registration is being held at the MAA Gallery at the Mall. (For more info, call 291-5900.) Contact Sheila for supply list and pattern.

Bev, Janet Jo, and Linda are all teaching Spring classes at the Sew Inn!

Vicki, Tommie, Jane, Carolyn, Bev, Lindas F&R, and Sandy have all been mentioned as possible attendees to the Quilters' Heritage Celebration in Lancaster.

ROAD TRIP. ... Our own "bug" lady Jane has tentatively volunteered to chauffeur us to Pittsburgh on Mar. 25 for the 2006 Spring Mix (see "Shows" - Pg. 4). Side stops could include Quilters Corner and the Quilt Company (Allison Park)!!! Lunch, of course, will be enjoyed along the way. Ah, let's see, how many quilters will fit in a VW bug? (Just kidding!) Jane is providing a 7-passenger van. If others have vans, let's organize a caravan! (We can all contribute toward the gas.)



Quilting and Needlework

Seminar (presented by Quilters Corner at Trax Farm ... Fee \$37)

Sat. (3/11, 10:30-4) Over 30 topics will be shared in lecture, demo, hands-on, and book review format. And "yes" you will have to choose. ... Box lunch, quilt display, and goodie bag! You **MUST** register by Mon. 3/6 (724-348-8010).

UFO Night @ the Sew Inn

Fri. (3/10) Enjoy a day and/or evening at the Sew Inn attacking your ever-growing pile of UFOs! Help is available! This is an opportunity NOT TO BE MISSED! (Rumor has it that at least two of our CRQG members will be there with machines in hand. ...)

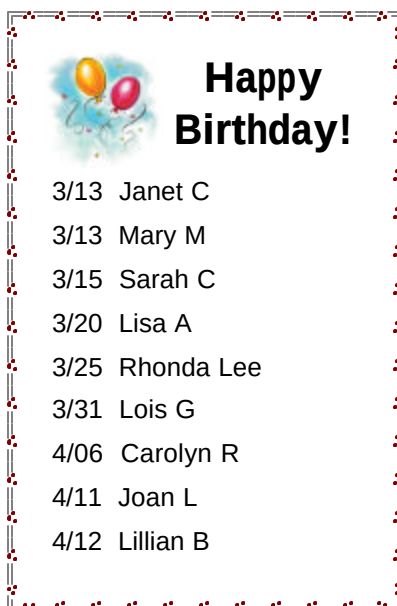
Sew Inn classes w/Guild instructors

3/08 (6-9pm) Hand embellishment with Janet Jo!

3/14,28 (6-9pm) Bella Bella Quilt with Bev. Bring Renaissance Italy home with paper-pieced mosaics.

(3rd Monday) Linda says to "trust her" for a 5-session "mystery" class where you'll make a throw to bed-sized quilt! Sorry, no details ...it's a mystery!

And here's one that just sounds good:
4/1,8 (10-1) Turning Twenty Again! Yes!



Hey girlfriend ... be my PHAT sister!

We're going to start something new (and fun!) this year called "Phat Sisters." It will be similar to Secret Sisters you may have been a part of elsewhere, but this will be for our guild members who love fat quarters! (But, since we may not want to be called "Fat" Sisters, we'll go with "Phat" which the dictionary defines as slang meaning excellent, first-rate.) Those who want to participate will draw names at our April meeting and then we will anonymously give fat quarters or other goodies to our "sisters" occasionally throughout the coming year. We will identify ourselves next spring.

Road Trips and Retreats

We're going to be formulating plans for a CRQG Retreat in the 2006-07 year. If you have ideas or any positive thoughts about participating, please pass those along to Judy. Also, you'll see in this newsletter that we're going to try a one-day ROAD TRIP! If you're interested, see Jane or Judy. If, however, you're interested in a two-day shop hop with an overnight stay for either the Pa. Shop Hop (May 3-7) or the Md./Va. Quilters Quest (Nov 9-12) let Judy know or, better yet, join the "Retreat" committee!

Countdown ...

About 50 days until the 2006 Challenge!

Just a reminder: the Challenge is just 50 days away. All you need to make is a minimum of one block! Don't be left out! Join the fun! Win prizes! Help make this year's challenge a success. Let's have a big showing of entries. This is a good chance to make something to have to put in the quilt show in November! All details on the web!

www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltquild/aboutus.html

SHOWS and OTHER HAPPENINGS!



March 6-18—Pineapple Stars Trunk Show at Quilters Corner displaying the beautiful foundation-pieced favorites from Sharon Rexroad's book: Pineapple Stars: Sparkling Quilts, Perfectly Pieced. ...

March 24-26—Spring Mix in 2006, presented by the N.Pittsburgh Quilters Guild and being held at Ross Township Community Center on McKnight Road Fri./Sat (10-5); Sun. (12-5) Admission \$5. www.npqg.org/index_files/Quilt_Show.htm

March 28—Patricia Knoechel at Mountaineer Mall. Two sessions will be offered: 1:30-3:30 and 6:30-8:30. No charge to CRQG members; \$5 for non-members. *Last year's presentation was wonderful ... invite your friends!*

April 1—Annual WVQ meeting, Glenville, W.Va. at the Gilmer County Senior Center. Special guest: Holice Turnbow. Come early! Vendors open at 11; (lunch on your own); state guild business meeting at 1; lecture by Holice Turnbow (1:30); and show and tell (2:30). www.wvquilters.org/calendar.html

April 6-9—Quilters Heritage Celebration, Lancaster www.AmericanQuilter.com

April 13—Challenge Quilt Show (hostesses: Linda and Lillian)

April 21-23—2006 Three Rivers Quilt Festival at Castle Shannon Fire Hall

Updates on our CRQG web site!

On the ABOUT US page, see the March special events under: "Calendar of Events." The Monthly Mini schedule is included so we can remember who's making the mini each month. Last year, an incomplete document was provided in the directory for the By-Laws, so what's online is the entire listing. On our LINKS page there is a link to Quilted Postcards. Terry added a link on the postcards page to a site that sells rubber stamps for stamping the address side of the postcard. (You'll all be making lots of postcard quilts after our June meeting!)

April newsletter info
to Judy by March 30