



The Postage Stamp



Country Roads Quilt Guild

March 2009

Melissa's Mini-notes

Well it is another year, another set of officers, by the way –Thank you to Debbie, Monica and Michelle for agreeing to act as our officers for 2009-10 year. I am hoping that we can have another fun filled year with new techniques, mini projects and fun.

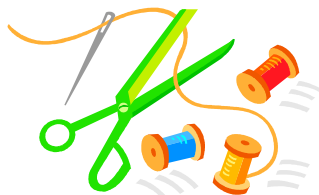
As you might remember, March is a very busy month for the guild. We will have a membership renewal, sign-ups for committees and Patricia Knoechel visit on March 31. In case you missed the last meeting, you'll want to mark your calendar so you will not miss Pat's visit. I am sure it will be as exciting as the last ones have been!

I am eager to start the new year and hope that you are as well. So, please be thinking of some new technique or small project, or whatever that you might like to have as the program for this year.

Also, do we want to continue with the 'Secret Sister'? Have you contacted your sister lately, you might want to do so before we reveal ourselves to each other in May. And if you have not thanked your sister, drop a line or two in the newsletter to let her know how much you appreciate her thoughtfulness!

At February's meeting we had quite a few Alzheimer Little quilts for the auction. Have you ever gone to the site to see the mini quilts? Here is the address www.alzquilts.org. We are among some very talented fellow quilters!

The Project Linus committee needs our help to piece and quilt the fabric that has been donated to this program. If you are unable to do the piecing and then the quilting I am sure we could find you someone to pair up with and between the two of you we can get a start on the quilts!



Do not forget the Spring Challenge-May 2009. Make any quilted item, any size, inspired by the word "Seasons" — for example: Seasons on the year, Your

Favorite Season, A Season of Your Life, Seasoning, whatever!

Here is a thought from the Guild Philosophy:

To encourage interest in quilting through learning and sharing

To widen our circle of friends who share a common interest in quilting

To provide an atmosphere to motivate creativity and improvement of skills



I would like to thank my Secret Quilting Sister for the great patterns and fabric I received in the mail. It is a delight to get such a special package. Thanks, I can't wait to find out who you are!!! Eva

Thank you everyone, for letting me play the part of president. There are too many of you past presidents that are hard to live up to. Our group has a lot of talent, and I am proud to be a part of it. Susan H.

A special thank you to Terry C. Thank you Terry for volunteering your time and talents to the Quilters on the Run program at Scott's Run Settlement House, Inc. The class really enjoyed your lesson on the quilt as you go block piecing that you taught at the quilt guild. We love having you and welcome you back anytime you have a new quilting technique to teach.

Thank you,
The Quilters on the Run

Country Roads Quilt Guild

Minutes for February 12th, 2009 meeting

The February 2009 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Susan H. Several members were in attendance.

The November and December 2008 minutes and Treasurer's report were approved. There was no meeting in January 2009 due to the weather conditions.

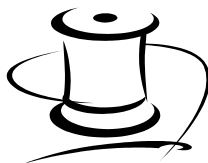
Officer Reports

Secretary – Monica noted that the attendance sheets for this month might be inaccurate, as she has no power and was unable to print off the correct version. Please make necessary changes/additions for this month. They will be correct at our next meeting. A "thank you" card was passed around for everyone to sign for Pat Sloan.

Committee Reports

Nominating committee – Christine S. reported that we still have no volunteers for President or Vice President. Several suggestions and ideas were discussed, including: having co-presidents who would take turns planning events and running meetings and establishing a program committee to assist the vice president in planning meeting events. Several members spoke out to encourage others to take a turn and become more involved in the guild by becoming an officer. It was determined that another article would be placed in the upcoming newsletter if no volunteers stepped forth at the meeting tonight, delaying elections until next month as the new officers are supposed to take office at the March meeting.

Linus committee – Pat O. noted that she brought kits to make plus some extra fabrics that need to be cut into kits. She also brought some finished quilts for display. Several ideas were discussed. Debbie S. suggested that instead of doing Linus every year, we submit Linus quilts every other year and work as a group on a breast cancer awareness quilt in the year in between. The idea is to give us more time to have a larger donation of Linus quilts, plus allow the guild to work together on a charity project that would benefit the breast cancer center. Susan H. suggested that people



work on Linus quilts on a "buddy system," while Monica suggested we use meeting time one month to work as a group on some Linus quilts.

Challenge committee – Debbie S. noted that the challenge quilts will be presented at the May meeting. The theme for this year's challenge is "seasons." It was noted that everyone participating should feel free to interpret the theme as needed.

Pat Knoechel committee – Carol R.S. noted that Pat will be coming for a visit on March 31st, 2009. There will be two shows; a 1:30 pm show and a 6:30 pm show. Carol noted that she needs people to help organize and volunteers to bring refreshments. It was agreed that the fee for non-guild members would be \$5 to attend and attendance would be free for guild members. A sign-up sheet for refreshments will be passed around at the next guild meeting.

DVD Lending Library – Susan H. noted that she has Ricky Timms and Fons & Porter DVDs available to borrow.

Old Business

Ricky Timms – Chris L. noted that she is attending the Ricky Timms seminar, but needs a roommate. If anyone is interested, please contact Chris.

State Guild show at Waterfront – Debbie S. brought a door prize from the Waterfront show. All in attendance were placed in a drawing. Janet S. won the door prize item, which was a goody bag full of quilting items.

Block of the Month – The appliqué block of the month group, doing Grandma's Country Album, continue to meet at the Engineering Sciences building. Currently, there are 5 people in attendance although several more signed up. The group meets the first Friday of every month. Please contact Eva if you are interested in coming to a meeting but have not been able to make it.

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini was made by Melissa J. and was won by Sanae B.

New Business

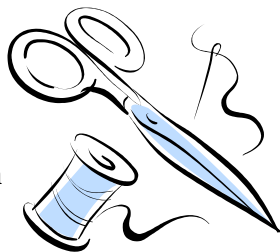
Country Roads ornament – Terry passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in purchasing

a Country Roads ornament. A crafter at the Mountaineer Week show was making quilt-theme ornaments and agreed to make the Country Roads block for the guild. The ornament is \$4 each and \$1 shipping. Shipping will be waived if there is an order for 10 or more ornaments.

Elections – Melissa J. and Debbie S. agreed to fill the positions of President and Vice President, respectively. As there was only one nominee for each office, all officers were voted in by a vote of acclamation. The new 2009 officer slate is as follows:

President – Melissa J.
V. President – Debbie S.
Secretary – Monica M.
Treasurer – Michelle D.

April 2009 meeting – Debbie noted that Debbie Kittle is willing to come to our April meeting to do a presentation on dimensional embroidery; however, Ms. Kittle does not drive at night and will require overnight accommodations. Ms. Kittle noted that she doesn't mind staying with a guild member. Connie H. offered to host Ms. Kittle in her home.



Announcements

Terry noted that a person who is coming to visit family and would like to schedule a mini-retreat with some friends contacted her for ideas on locations. Terry noted that if anyone has any ideas to please contact her.

Terry noted that Ami Simms is putting together another traveling Alzheimers exhibit and noted that she will get more information for those who are interested in participating.

Debbie noted that everyone will need to bring a needle, thread, and scissors to the March meeting as we will be doing a hands-on project. Debbie also noted that for those who are interested, you can go to the Quilt-in-a-day website and view Eleanor Burns' projects while she makes them.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell, which featured several Alzheimers mini-quilts. The mini-quilts will be auctioned off on Ami Simms website.

Appliqué Block of the Month

Friday, March 6th

6:00-9:00 pm

**Room G-112 Engineering Sciences Bldg.
WVU Evansdale Campus**

This month's block is Tree of Life, page 17 in Grandma's Country Album. Supplies to bring: freezer paper, typical sewing supplies, paper and fabric scissors, background fabric, and scraps for the tree, leaves and apples. Subsequent classes are scheduled for the first Friday of each month in the same place.

Directions: Engineering Science Building is the Tall Gray building on the Evansdale Campus. As you turn off at the Mon Boulevard on to Evansdale Drive (The Creative Arts Center will be on your left hand side) continue forward up the small hill and around to the right of the buildings. You will DRIVE around all of the buildings on your left hand side. Make a Left into the EAST parking lot after you have gone over the speed bumps. (You will see a wall with lettering for College of Engineering and Mineral Resources just before the parking lot and at the speed bumps). You can park in the lot on your left and go through the double doors with the canopy over top. This is the Ground floor, walk straight back to the conference room G-112. Signs will be posted to assist you. We hope to see you there!

Pieced Block of the Month

Lucky Star is the fourth block in the series (see pattern included in this newsletter). To view the completed project and access past patterns, please visit our website:

<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/BOM2009>

Project Linus

We will be bringing a number of new kits for Linus quilts to the next meeting and hope more of you will decide to make one. If you have been cleaning out your fabric stashes and have some you want to get rid of, we will always welcome new donations. Finally, if you have taken home a kit in the past and don't feel you have time to finish it, just bring it back to us and maybe someone else will be able to do it.

Thanks!

Pat, Hope & Lou

Fab Shop Hop
Virtual Shop Hop
March 1-31, 2009

The Fab Shop is an internet fabric shopping adventure. You'll have an opportunity to explore your "soon to be favorite" fabric/quilt shops and design studios as you qualify for random prize drawings. You could be a grand prize winner of a Bernina or Brother sewing machine or a Perfect Caddy mobile storage cabinet. At each site, look around on the various pages to find the purple bunny with the aqua background that looks like this below:



Click on the bunny, and a prize registration page will come up — fill in your email address. This sends a message to their database that you visited that shop. You will receive an e-mail confirmation that you have registered at that site. Print this page for reference if you like to track where you have been. You can then continue shopping at that site or go back to the home page for that site and continue on the Hop. That's all there is to it.

Register at www.fabshophop.com.

Patricia Knoechel
March 31, 2009

Patricia Knoechel will be presenting demonstrations on two books from Eleanor Burns' Quilt in a Day Series on Tuesday, March 31st at the Mountaineer Mall's Community Room. Patricia (Eleanor's sister) is a nationally renowned quilter from Carlsbad, CA. Her demonstrations will be on quilts featured in her recent books, **NIGHT & DAY**, **LOVER'S KNOT**, **HOW CHARMING** and **FOX & GEESE**. Attendance is free for Guild members and there is \$5.00 fee for the general public to help defray expenses. The demonstrations will be offered at 1:30-3:30 or the evening session 6:30-8:30.



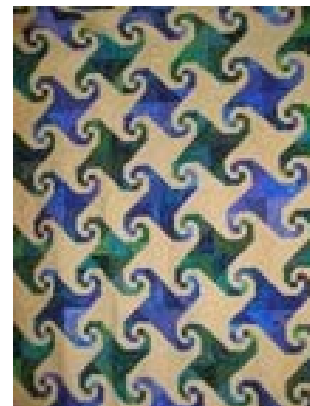
Fabric Fair
April 4, 2009
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
South Park
Pittsburgh, PA

Proceeds help the Salvation Army. Pay by check and then it is a tax deduction. Call Lillian if you need directions. Or just go on 857, 43, then 119, then exit off at 51 toward Pittsburgh and entering Brentwood, turn left at the Gulf Station, and continue through the light and at (before) 88, turn left into South Park. It's in the Home Ec Center, next to the Police Headquarters.

Three Rivers Quilt Show
April 16-18, 2009
The Circuit Centre & Ballroom
Five Hot Metal Street
Pittsburgh's South Side
www.threeriversquilters.org

Three Rivers Quilt Festival is juried by NQA certified judges and features over 100 entries including bed, wall, appliquéd and pieced quilts. The show includes over 20 vendors. This year's theme is *Quilts in Motion*.

Raffle Quilt 90x102



Shop Hops

2008 Mountain Quilt Quest
June 10-13, 2009
www.mountainquiltquest.com

Western Pennsylvania Shop Hop
June 11-14, 2009
www.westernpashophop.com

Happy Birthday

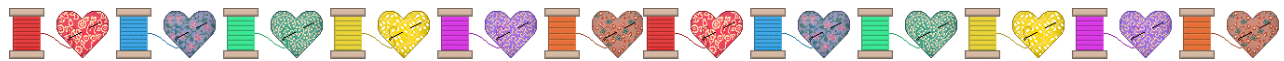
March

1 Judy C.
6 Monica M.
8 Brenda Z.
13 Janet C.



April

6 Carolyn R.
7 Nancy S.
12 Lillian B.
14 Christine S.



It's that time of year again! Please complete this form and give to Michelle with your dues for next year. Thanks!

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

Name-

Address-

You are eligible to be a free lifetime "Diamond Member" if you are over age 65. Are you over 65?

Birthday

(Month & Day only)-

Phone(s)

Email address-

Is email a good way to communicate with you?

Next Meeting

March 12th, 6:30 pm

Community Room, Mountaineer Mall

March meeting is hands on. Please bring scissors, needle and thread

Hostess: Lu-Ann B-W. and Pat O.

Mini will be made by Leona and Christine

Remember secret pal will end in May. If anyone has any ideas to replace secret pal then let Debbie know. I do not know if we will do this again. Think about it and we will talk about it at the March meeting.

Any ideas you may have for upcoming programs would be very much welcome. Please let Debbie S. know!

Don't forget the spring challenge. The deadline is fast approaching (May meeting). The theme is Seasons. This can be a seasoning, a season of your life or fall, winter, summer or spring. Have fun with it. You still have time to get it started.

Thanks to Carolyn G. and Leona and Christine who volunteered to be the hostess for April.

Please send items for the April newsletter to Monica M. by March 27th.
