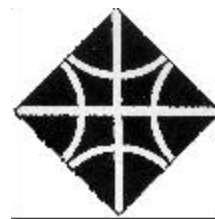


The Postage Stamp



April 2005

Carol's Candor

On the Road Again!! (Maybe they should write a song like that!) It's Spring Break and we're on our way back from seeing our four Grandkids in Arkansas. It was a lot of fun to see how much they've grown. It was the first time I got to meet the newest baby, now eight months old!! Took him a bit to warm up to us, but he finally made it around to letting us hold him for a minute or two! I made embroidered pillowcases for each of them with their names on them, the kids (at least the ones who can speak!) thought they were really cool!! Another Show and Tell, gone before I can even show it!!

After leaving the kids, we stopped in Little Rock and toured the Clinton Presidential Library. It was really interesting and we could've spent a lot more time there. It's the first Presidential Library I've visited.

When we walked in, we were invited to go downstairs to attend a Press Conference. We had no idea what we were in for, but obligingly went. It turned out to be a press conference announcing the 200,000 visitors to the Library had been reached the day before! We weren't the 200,000 visitor, but we were randomly picked to go to the press conference. Of course, Kevin moaned about not wanting to go and he'd sit in the car. But then there was one exhibit that he stood at long after we went on! It was a video of different speeches of

President Clinton and joke telling. I'd look back to check on him and he's just standing there laughing! I just asked him if he liked the Library, his answer was it was "pretty good". I guess in "Teenage Language" that it was acceptable and we won't be turned in for child abuse in making him go!

Another big highlight was getting to spend the night in Paducah, Kentucky! I visited the Quilt Museum this morning and was in complete awe of the exhibits. Thread painting seems to be the up and coming thing! Maybe I should get out that piece I started a few years back and try it again! My favorite was this huge wall hanging of a bird that the quilter had taken a picture outside her window. She hand painted the fabrics, and then had all this detail with machine quilting. It was awesome!

Another one was a special exhibit they had, that quilter also liked to thread paint. She had one represented water and images of things from four continents and how water might be used there. It was gorgeous – she had painted the fabrics in seven different hues of yellow and then used over 200 different colors of thread to "paint" her images. I do have a brochure of that one that I can bring to the next meeting. (Paducah continued Pg. 4)

April meeting!

April 14 – 6:30 p.m.
Quilt Guild meeting at
Mountaineer Mall

~CHALLENGE~

Program: Challenge Show
Hostesses: Lu Ann, Carol,
and Susan
**And don't forget the
monthly mini!!!**

Quilts and Keyboards for Ian

Thanks to all who agreed to foundation piece a heart block or two for this benefit. Mark your calendars for August 6. More information will be coming shortly.

In the meantime, please bring the finished heart block and any remaining scraps to our April meeting. Can't make the meeting? Can't finish the block? No problem, just call Sue.

Thanks bunches!

Sue

What's Happening. ...

As you all remember, Jane F. gave her daughter-in-law Rachel a one-day "crash" course in quilting some time ago, and Rachel successfully completed two quilts for her nieces. Over the recent Easter holidays, Jane celebrated Rachel's birthday by giving her a quilt book and a subscription to Quilter's Newsletter Magazine. In her card, Jane wrote: "Maybe you'll find a baby quilt pattern you like in QNM, but no hurry!!

(See Pg.3 for Rachel's "gift" to Jane)

2005 CHALLENGE

"Inspired by Words"! Come ready to judge for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Best Beginner. We will also be playing a guessing game—"Who Made This Quilt"? Please bring your quilts to the back room in a **brown paper bag**.

Thanks, Joan and Sarah

TIP: Piecing curves WILL NOT HURT.
Susan

**HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY!**



4 / 28-Linda

5 / 09-Jane B

5 / 09-Genie

CRQG MARCH MINUTES

The March meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was held on March 10th, in the Community Room of the Mountaineer Mall. There were 31 members in attendance, and one visitor (Terry's husband). The February Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

Sue presented the proposed budget. Two line items were added (Challenge and Quilt Show), and Community Service was increased by \$200. The Proposed Budget was approved.

Jane proposed that the President's gift be increased to \$40 which was approved by the members. Carol was given a Shelley Marshall teacup as thanks for her tenure as President. Carol thanked the Board for all their hard work. They made her job easier and more enjoyable.

Joan and Sarah gave an update on the Challenge Quilt and reminded everyone that quilts are due at the next meeting.

Sign-up sheets for Committees and Hostesses were available. Please consider helping out however you can. Sue passed out some information on Project Linus and presented plans to arrange a Quilt Day in January for members to get together for a day of sewing quilt tops for the project. The Guild would provide the batting and backing.

Since Ronald McDonald House is a recipient of Project Linus, should we continue to make quilts specifically for them? Watch for a survey in the April newsletter.

Sue announced that her mother-in-law is arranging a benefit for Ian and asked for our help. He has had two open heart surgeries and faces more in the future. On Saturday, August 6, 2005, there will be a quilt show and recital for Ian at Suncrest United Methodist Church, Drummond Chapel Campus. The goal of the day is two-fold: 1) raise money to help pay for Ian's medical expenses; and 2) raise public awareness of the prevalence of congenital heart defects. Please help by showing a quilt, donating to the silent auction, or making a block for the quilt that will be auctioned that day. Sue distributed fabric packets which need to be finished by the next meeting, April 14th.

The monthly mini, made by Sue, was won by Marty.

Jane once again did an excellent job as auctioneer. Many of us went home with fabric and books to inspire us to get sewing and quilting.

Linda, Secretary

Treasurer's Report by Sue

BEGINNING BALANCE..... \$3,377.94

Income:

Interest.....	\$	.13
Monthly mini.....		42.00
No Name Tag.....		3.75
Patricia K Workshop.....		90.00
Dues (22 members).....		330.00
Auction.....		<u>211.50</u>
Total income.....		677.38

Expenses:

Terry—President's gift.....	35.00
Rent—March Mtg/Patricia K Wksp....	75.00
Thomasene—newsletter.....	47.90
Total expenses.....	157.90

ENDING BALANCE.....\$3,897.42

Keep your membership active!
Contact Sue to pay your \$15 dues

2005-2006 Budget

BEGINNING BALANCE 3,231.54

INCOME (DUES) 50 x \$15 750.00

TOTAL 3,981.54

EXPENSES

Newsletter (12 x \$50)	600.00
Christmas Party	300.00
Rent (9 x \$25)	225.00
Directories	100.00
Historian	40.00
Community Services	300.00
Program/Speakers	400.00
Challenge	50.00
Quilt Show	150.00
Reserve Carryover	300.00
Miscellaneous	1,476.54
President's Gift	<u>40.00</u>

TOTAL 3,981.54

Passed Mar. 10 by membership vote.

TIP: Buy the best fabric you can afford to buy for your projects. You put in the same amount of work, and a lot of it, so you may as well end up with a project that will last.

Janet Jo

TIP: Use the same ruler for measuring fabric for a project; I have found enough of a variation among/between rulers and mats to cause piecing problems.

Hope

The Sew Inn

Upcoming classes with CRQG teachers

04/09 Fabric Boxes — Sue H

4/15,22 Starburst — Linda R

4/18,25 Template-made Stack
and Whack — Charlene L

4/26,5/3 Tee shirt Quilt
—Linda R

5/9,16 Raw-Edge Applique
—Linda R

TIP: ALWAYS check colorfastness of your fabric; and buy quality fabric if you want your quilt to last and if you do not want your colors to fade rapidly. Cheap fabric produces cheap quilts (in most instances).

Charlene

TIP: If it's not perfect, DON'T SWEAT IT. Accuracy comes with practice. You have to make mistakes, just to learn how *not* to make them again.

Susan

What's Happening. ...continued

"No Hurry" ... don't pull our legs, Jane! The "no hurry" mother-in-law also gave Rachel a maternity top that said "BABY" on it with an arrow pointing down. "When you get pregnant, have this on and I'll know" Jane told her, and Rachel said "Okay." The next evening they all went to Rachel's niece's birthday party and, as she was opening her gifts, Justin and Rachel's dog came out into the room wearing a shirt that said "BIG SISTER." *Big Sister?* After repeating it twice, Jane tells us she started crying and screaming!

***Yes! I'm going to be a
Grandmother again!***

Good news! Congratulations, Jane! And, she's found a quilt she's decided to make in the latest QNM. Do you believe in ESP? Jane found the quilt and decided to make it for Justin and Rachel's child ... two days before they gave her the good news! ESP or not, Jane is one happy quilter! (Thank you, Jane, for sharing!)

Judy is also sharing the love of quilting with her daughters. Judy's daughter Kendall chose to complete a quilt as a part of her Creative Expression class coursework in elementary education. Kendall's

flannel top is taken from the book: Paper Piecing with Alex Anderson. At present, over 20 blocks are spread across one of the quilting design boards offered by Terry at our February meeting. (Thank you, Terry!) As a Christmas gift, Judy treated daughter Stephanie to a weekend at the 9th Annual Quilt Retreat at WVU Jackson's Mill where they participated in Fran K's "Sunburst" class and each now have the top completed for a block-sized wall hanging.

Other Guild members who participated at the Jackson's Mill retreat weekend were Kris (who took the Feathered Star class) and Melissa (who participated in the Jacob's Fan class taught by Marilyn M). During the Saturday evening 'show and tell', Melissa not only showed her progress on her current project, but she also shared her completed quilt top from last year's shop hop and a totally completed Delectable Mountains quilt from a class taught by Marilyn M at last year's retreat. And I think we're probably all aware (especially now) that the Delectable Mountains pattern is one designed by Eleanor B.

Speaking of Eleanor, Rhonda and Debbie attended the Amish Quilt Show in Berlin, Ohio last month and got to

meet Eleanor B ... in person, when they attended her 25-year trunk show that evening. She signed their book, and they had their picture taken with her. They report that she was very friendly and, as expected, they had a great time.

Debbie, Rhonda, Deloris, and Gitta are all participating in the 2nd Saturday Club at Sew Chic and are busy with ROWS of blocks in the making of a Christmas row quilt entitled Christmas Joy Sampler published in F&P's "Sew Many Quilts" (Jan/Feb 1999 thru Nov/Dec 1999).

Linda and Carolyn were pictured on the front page of the local section in the March 13 Dominion Post as they judged entries in the Mason-Dixon Historical Park's March 11-12 quilt show. With a backdrop of varied-colored quilts and with pencil and paper in hand, the ladies looked VERY professional!

Also pictured in The Dominion Post (March 10) was a quilted wall hanging donated by Cynthia. The quilt was being raffled off to benefit the Parents' Place, a "nonprofit, non-denominational education and support organization for parents and preschool children."

Paducah ... **President's message** **continued. ...**

A quick stop to Hancock's of Paducah and we were on the road again! Bought only one yard of fabric, have to save my money for Lancaster!!

Next weekend, I'll be going to the Quilt Show in Lancaster, PA. Linda F, Sandy F, Terry C and I will be spending 3 days over there. It's always fun to get inspired by all the things! Then, the end of April, I'll be going to New York City with some friends to walk in the Revlon Run/Walk for Women's Cancers. We did that last year and we had a blast!! In May, it's off to California to see Roy's daughter receive her Master's Degree. Whew, I'm already getting tired thinking about it!

(Second Edition!) I'm re-writing the end of this. Yesterday our visit from Patricia K was a grand success! I worried whether there would be a good turn out and then I worried whether we'd be able to accommodate everyone!! We had 49 in the afternoon and 48 in the evening!! I'd like to thank Susan C,

Janet Jo M, Chris L, Sue H, Sandy F, Linda F, Darlene H, Monica M, Eva T and Sue M for all your help in Hosting and helping wherever needed! We even had ladies I've never seen before offering to lend Patricia a hand unloading. I was proud of how people stepped forward to help. And I can't forget our two "Vana Imposters," Jan B and Judy C, for so graciously helping her during her presentation in holding up the quilts! I heard lots of positive comments on her presentations and she is willing to come again next year. I'm not sure what other groups do for her, but I think she was surprised to find so many willing helpers and the hospitality we showed. If you missed it, plan to definitely see her next year!!

I'm anxious to see all of your Challenge Quilts in April!! I've got to close and get packed! We're leaving in the morning for Lancaster! Hope to see you all at the April meeting!

Until then.....

Keep on Stitching!!

Carol

Update your e-mail address!

If you aren't currently receiving our updates via email, please send your email address to Terry C

Man-Made Quilt Exhibition

A man-made quilt exhibition of 26 quilts by 22 male quilters is being shown through 4/17 at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA
<http://www.wmuseumaa.org/>

May newsletter deadline

Forward info by 4/28 to
Judy C

Tip: When shopping for fabric for a project, pick a main fabric that you like, then, in that same grouping or collection, you will find a variety of coordinating fabrics.

Melissa J

QUILT SHOWS (and meetings!)

- 4/8-9 Jackson County Quilt Show & Sale**—Ripley, W.Va.
- 4/9 WV Quilters, Inc.** (The next meeting of the WV Quilters, Inc will be held at 1 p.m. in the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Hurricane, W.Va. Guest speaker: Sylvia R. (Vendor booths open at 11 a.m.)
- 4/15-17 Three Rivers Quilt Show at Castle Shannon Fire Hall** featuring over 100 bed-sized quilts as well as over 20 different quilt vendors and technique demos.
- 4/20-23 American Quilters Society Quilt Show and Contest**
Paducah, Kentucky
- 4/27-30 Camp Horseshoe's Weekend Quilt Camp**—history of the Under ground Railroad and Eleanor Burns' Underground Railroad sampler. Choose from six different classes being offered (304-478-2481).
- 5/11-15 2005 Western PA Shop Hop!**
Mark your calendars—more details to follow in May!
- 5/20-22 Strawberry Festival Quilt Exhibit**
Rockefeller Center at WVWC in Buckhannon. Quilts should be taken to the gym on 5/17 (10-6) or 5/18 (9-10 a.m.). Prize money Contact the Upshur County Extension office for more information.
- 6/16-18 The National Quilting Association's 36th Annual Quilt Show**
Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio

Almost Candy Bars

- 1 pkg devil's food cake mix
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 (14oz) can sweetened condensed milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine cake mix and margarine. With pastry blender, cut in margarine until crumbly. Sprinkle evenly in bottom of ungreased 13x10 baking pan; press lightly.

Sprinkle with butterscotch chips, chocolate chips, coconut, and nuts. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over all ingredients and bake for 20 to 30 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely. Cut into bars. ENJOY! Shirley S (from Jane's "intermediate" quilters).