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Country Roads Quilt Guild

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APRIL 2007

Terry's Tidbits

Spring has sprung – yeah! And with spring comes a new calendar year for our guild. (Dues are due – hint, hint!) If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please check out the enclosed membership form. The form in last month's newsletter got a little mutated, so if you sent in one of those, please also send me your birthday, phone number, and email address. We need current info from everyone for our new directories. Thanks.

Thanks to Sue M for helping me do piecing demos at last month's meeting. I think everyone had a good time. Thanks to Pat, Kris and Chris L for the yummy refreshments.

And a big thanks to Carol S for organizing Pat Knoechel's presentations. She is such fun—I hope she comes every year.

We have two programs planned for April. The Project Linus Coordinator will attend to accept our donation of quilts. Please bring any you have finished, or send with someone if you can't come. Also, Lou D will show us how to make her horse ornament!

Soon I will be sending in registrations for those of us planning to attend Ricky Tims' quilt seminar in Richmond in July. If you're interested, please let me know ASAP!

Have you ever noticed the beautiful quilts hanging in the entrance of Ruby Hospital? Our guild has been invited to display our quilts there. They are hoping to hang blue and gold quilts this fall. Please let me know soon if you have one or more you'd like to display (or if you'd like to make one by then). Thanks.

We have also been invited to enter quilts in a show in Kingwood in June. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

This has been a challenging time for Champaka and Jane. I've talked to both of them recently and they are grateful for the well wishes we have sent them. We come together because we love to quilt, but we do make friends and it's nice to be a part of this caring community of quilters.

Take care,
Terry

Next meeting:

April 12 — 6:30

Mountaineer Mall

*A message
from our Committee
Chair*

It's time to present our finished Linus quilts! The Project representative will attend our April 12 meeting and accept our quilts.

If you have some for Project Linus and cannot attend the meeting, be sure to send them with someone who will be there, or you may deliver them to my house.

Pat

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Did you know that just last year, nearly 2,000,000 blankets were donated to Project Linus. The 100% volunteer non-profit org. has a 2-fold mission:

"First, it is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer 'blanketeers.'

Second, it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for

interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children."

A vote of THANKS to all our members who took part in this very worthwhile project! And, a special "thanks" to Pat who took on the majority of the workload in coordinating the many work sessions and I know did more than her share of cutting, hauling, and soliciting fabric. Hopefully this will be something we'll want to continue ... maybe even with a few new recruits!



Guess whose mini-quilt is now on the auction block raising much-needed money for Alzheimer's research! See Pg. 8 ... and see how you can participate!

SCHEDULES

Monthly Mini Schedule

April—Melissa

May—Sandy

Special thanks
to Sheila
who made the March mini!



April 15 & 16 - The Quilt Bus will be at Lost Creek Community Center. Shoppers are welcome to come anytime from: noon - 6 pm on Sunday or from 10 am - 8 pm on Monday. Classes: Sunday - Mystery Quilt 1-6 pm, and Monday - No Whining 1-8 pm. If you need a registration form or supply list, there is a link on the website.

Check out www.quiltbus.com for information or send a message through the e-mail on the Millennium Quilt Guild web site (www.millenniumquilters.org).

The Lost Creek Community Center is easy to find ... Lost Creek is immediately off Interstate 79 two exits south of the Clarksburg-Bridgeport Route 50 exit. From exit ramp, turn east.

Welcome, Betty C. Not only is she a new member, but we seem to have put her immediately to work! Betty is our new Guild historian, and she's collecting anything you might have to document our guild: pictures, handouts, shows ... anything!

Check your schedules and take time to send your May newsletter info to Linda F. by April 24.

What's Happening? You know we ALL want to know!

MARCH MINUTES BY SHEILA

Treasurer Melissa handed out proposed budget sheets to everyone.

February Minutes read by Sarah, they were approved and seconded.

Treasurer's report that appeared in newsletter was approved and seconded.

A Get Well card for Champaka was passed around to be signed by everyone present.

Announcement that Project Linus Quilts need to be finished by April meeting. Project Linus is the April meeting.

Sign-up sheets for Committee Work was passed around for everyone to see. Membership Sheets passed around for everyone.

Explanation of proposed budget took place. Motion made to approve the budget was made. It is approved.

Sue discussed the programs for the coming year. Pat Sloan is willing to come in Oct. 2008 for a two-day event. Discussion made to invite other guilds and sell tickets to the event. Workshop limit is twenty people. Will need to sign contract for her to come. A Pat Sloan link is on our website. Will make

decision in May about inviting her to come.

Received thank you note from Ronald Mc Donald House for donation made to them. Note was read by Terry.

New Business

Need someone to audit last years budget. Carol agreed to do the audit.. Rotary Club is looking for someone to make a wall size quilt for them.

Mention of Ricky Tims' Seminar and DVD collection to sign out.

Pat Knoechel - March 27th Workshop sign up sheet passed around. Two times to attend- afternoon and evening. Carol is in charge. \$5.00 charge for non-members. Refreshments are needed. She will be demonstrating from new books.

NIE Annual Book sale is looking for book donations.

Need help with mailing newsletter, see Linda F.

Show and Tell took place.

Program was demonstrations by Sue on Curved Seams and Terry on Partial Seams.

LANCASTER OR BUST!

Hopefully, many of our quilters will be able to attend the Quilters' Heritage Celebration being held Apr. 12-15 at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center. This 20th year's theme exhibit will focus on 'Celebration!'

While in Lancaster, be sure to visit the little town of Intercourse ...of course! To get a jump on other shoppers, visit them on their web site (www.intercoursevillage.com). There are some very special events and offers you won't want to miss! And The Old Country Store will be having a fantastic fabric sale that will run from Mar. 28-Apr. 18 ... yes -you'll be there! And, their midnight madness fabric frolic will be

on Apr. 13 when they'll be open until midnight!!! DON'T MISS IT! The Old Country Store is called "A shopper's paradise ... supplied by more than 300 local Amish and Mennonite crafts persons!" And don't forget about Zooks Dry Goods! They're bursting at the seams as always with more fabric than you can imagine. And there are many more: Obie (Oberholzer's) Country Store in Goodville; Hannah Stoltzfoos Quilts & Handmades in Smoketown; and Bird-In-Hand Country Store (Bird-In-Hand, PA). And do try to learn something about the Amish before you go. ... Reading about a typical woman's workday (www.amish.net/faq.asp) will make us all appreciative ... and "we" thought they spent their days leisurely quilting.

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As taken from the Ami Simms website:
The Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative (AAQI)
is a grassroots effort to raise awareness
and fund research to find a cure for Alz-
heimer's disease. All profit is donated to
Alzheimer's research. The AAQI is accom-
plishing its goals with two concurrent
programs: The first is a nationwide quilt
exhibit called "**Alzheimer's: Forgetting
Piece By Piece.**" It contains 52 quilts
each interpreting Alzheimer's in some



way. So far, an estimated 88,000 have
already seen these quilts. They will criss-
cross the country from August 2006 until
July 2009.

The second "Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts"
project, so named for the urgent need for
research dollars and the requirement
that these quilts must fit into a card-
board USPS priority mailer without fold-
ing. They are small works of art no larger
than 9 inches by 12 inches, auctioned on
the first day of each month or sold out-
right on the Internet or at selected ven-
ues across the United States.

*"My mother is one of more than 5 million
Americans who suffer from Alzheimer's
disease. I began the Alzheimer's Art Quilt
Initiative because I think it is possible to
make a difference, one quilt at a time.
Since January 2006 the AAQI has raised
\$58,680.60 for Alzheimer's research.
With your help we can reach \$500,000.
(I gotta dream big!)"*

Please join me, Ami Simms

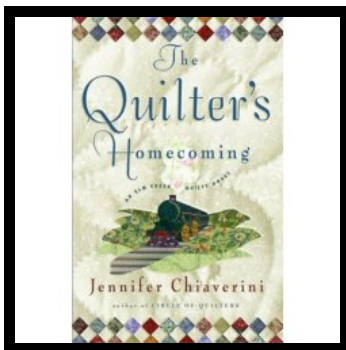
(taken from the Ami Sims website)

Please consider making a mini-quilt for this
worthy project ... many of our quilters have
already done so. ... To-date, our Guild has
raised over \$1,000 for Alzheimer's research.

Treasurer's Report by Melissa

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$1,979.81
Income: No name tag.....	2.75
Monthly mini (JAN)	17.00
Monthly mini (FEB)	21.00
Monthly mini (MAR).....	11.00
Member dues.....	375.00
Interest.....	.08
	426.83
Expenses:	
Janet Simpson—newsletters.....	23.22
Mountaineer Mall (April).....	25.00
Janet Simpson (postage).....	.31.20
	79.42
ENDING BALANCE.....	\$2,327.22

MEET THE AUTHOR



A new book is out by everyone's favorite author: Jennifer Chiaverini: The Quilter's Homecoming. The latest in the Elm Creek series (and due out in April) is a roaring twenties adventure ...

... "a series that neatly stitches together social drama and the art of quilting."

"Newly wed in a festive yet poignant ceremony at Elm Creek Manor, bride Elizabeth Nelson takes leave of her ancestral Pennsylvania home. Setting off with her husband, Henry, on the adventure of a lifetime, the couple's trunks are packed with more than the wedding quilts..." You won't want to miss it! Nor will you want to miss the opportunity to

MEET THE AUTHOR!

Jennifer Chiaverini will be appearing locally! Come "meet and greet" her at the following locations on Tuesday, April 10. (And get her to sign your copy of her new book!)

Citizens Library — 2 PM (724-222-2400)
55 S. College St., Washington, PA

Joseph Beth Booksellers — 7 PM
(412-381-9385)
2705 E. Carson St., Pittsburgh, PA

SEW INN

Is everyone aware that the Sew Inn has a lending library?! We've encouraged use of the public library, but the Sew Inn's collection of books is growing ... and Jennifer Chiaverini is available. Next time you're shopping for quality fabrics, check out their collection! (If you ever had to justify the purchase of fabric, think of the money you save in gas by shopping locally—come on, let's build that stash... and pick up a book while you're there. ...

JACKSON'S MILL QUILTING RETREAT

Susan C — thanks for providing an overview for us on the WVU Extension Service retreat held in mid-March at Jackson's Mill! She reported as follows: Carol RS took Seminole Patchwork for her Friday afternoon mini session and Crown of Life for her regular class. Susan C (herself) took Welcome Banner for her mini session and Pyrotechnics for the regular class. Linda F and Sandy F took Punch Needle Embroidery for their mini session and Folk Art Lily Basket for their regular class. Susan H's mini class was cancelled, but she took Weaver Fever for the weekend. Debbie S and Rhonda L took Folk Art Lily Basket for their regular class. Veteran quilter Chris L (who attended for the 4th year) took Pyrotechnics taught by Fran Kordek. "I learned a new technique for paper piecing, cutting curves w/a rotary cutter, and numerous other quilting tidbits. Great class, great fun." (And great report from Chris!) Karen D (past president and member) was there, and she took Crown of Life. Gita J and Deloris R took Dangerous Curves!

Susan completed her report by saying: "The weather Friday was HORRIBLE! Rainy and cold. The dorm life was HORRIBLE!"

(Sounds like Camp Granada!!! Remember that song?)



*Hello muddah, hello faddah
Here I am at Camp Granada
Camp is very entertaining
And they say we'll have some fun if it stops raining.
Take me home, oh muddah, faddah
Take me home, I hate Granada. ...*

Ah, but then it stops "hailing" and YES! The sun has peeked through! Susan continues: "Classes were **GREAT** and fun was had by all." Great report! THANK YOU, Susan! (I might add that with Zepora's early departure, Susan and Carol did get to spend at least one night in the "comfort" of the Lodge ... bet they'll get their reservation in a little earlier next year!!!

Deloris and Gitta reported that the vendor's mall was especially nice this year with a great presentation from The Stitching House and Sew Much More — a new shop that just opened March 1 in Buckhannon (29 South Kanawha Street). If you liked the Weaver Fever quilts that were being made at the retreat, this new shop had kits pre-cut and ready to go!

Susan H and Mary H reported having an especially good time. Mary participated in the "Delectable Mountains" class, and Susan was one of those who took the Weaver Fever class! (We'll all expect to see her completed project.) Instructor for Weaver Fever was Linda Childers. Surprisingly, Susan met Linda just days before at the Fiber Guild meeting at Jackson's Mill. In her words, Susan said: "It is a wonderful experience [and] if you have never been there, you should try to come next year." Yes, I think several more of us will be attending in 2008.

CHALLENGE

The challenge looms before you ... are you ready?! Remember that you need to include **ALL** five items: nine patch and kaleidoscope, green and purple, and a flower (or flowers)! You've still got time!

What's Happening

Deloris has retired after a 25-year career with the WVU Extension Service in Morgantown. **Congratulations Deloris!!!** Now she'll surely be setting the quilting world afire! (Although Deloris never had trouble getting her quilts completed ... the quilting world would have been better served had Gitta or Judy been the ones to retire – then they'd have had no excuses!) But Deloris does look forward to more quilting as well as more travel. I know we all join in wishing her the best!

Ruth Ann and Donna attended the March 3 seminar at Trax Farm in Finleyville, PA sponsored by Quilter's Corner. They've reported that it was a very informative day. There were four "stations" to choose from for each time slot beginning at 10:45 a.m. and going through 3:40 p.m. (with a break in between for lunch). Some of the classes were hands-on (such as embroidery) while other classes included: machine quilting, complete machine binding, pieced curves, as well as a book review and many others. Prizes were given at almost every session! And the "goodie bag" that they brought home was especially nice! Donna reported that it was "a wonderful day to just get out and learn more about quilting." Not to mention the fact that they met other quilters and got some good tips along the way!

Melissa J reported that her "Quilters on the Run" (QOR) class from Scotts Run Settlement House (SRSH) are very excited about the Patricia Knoechel quilt event and are so glad that quilters from outside the guild are welcome to attend. So, a big "thank you" from SRSH QOR.

Linda R recently visited her brother to retrieve the quilt she had given him so that she could enter it in the upcoming competition in Charleston. And, while there, she paid a visit to the **Quilt Company** in Allison Park, PA. and said their display quilts were beautiful. In fact, "their entire shop is lovely" so if you make it as far as Quilters Corner, you should go the extra miles to the Quilt Company ... *at least once!* Linda reports that they're already displaying the new spring Peter Rabbit fabric line and are having a contest using the new Dick & Jane panel and accompanying fabric.

Deloris and Gitta took the Weaver Fever class at the Sew Inn in January (taught by Brenda) and Deloris completed a queen-sized quilt and has purchased the fabric for another!

UPDATE FROM NANA JANE

To all her friends at the Quilt Guild, Nana Jane says: ***"Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers ... and keep them coming!"***



Annika Janelle (who was born on March 12 and weighed in at 7 lbs) remains in the hospital. Nana Jane commented that "She is still unable to eat" and, with her always quick wit, added: ***"She must not be related to me!"***

Annika was on a respirator for eight days and was medicated but now just needs to be able to eat on her own before being released from the hospital.

On the positive side, Nana Jane has been able to spend LOTS of quality time with 4 1/2 year-old Annalea, who has been waiting patiently for her little sister's arrival home!

Jane gives you her heartfelt thanks for your thoughts and prayers and she'll keep us updated on Annika's progress.



THANK ... PHAT SISTERS

I would like to thank my Phat Sister for all of the wonderful goodies I have been getting. I am anxious to find out who you are. May God Bless you. (*from Donna*)

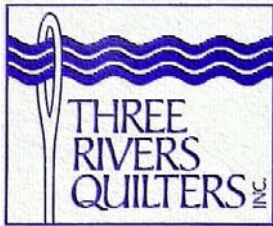
I'd like to thank my phat sister for the beautiful and delicious valentine's present. I'm thoroughly enjoying it. (*from Janet Jo*)

A special "thanks" to my Phat Sister! I've so enjoyed the cards and gifts: the magazine, the fabric, the ruler. And I'm especially looking forward to trying the wash-away foundation paper! Thank you so much! (*from Judy*)

A special thanks to Ruth Ann for answering Judy's call for a copy of the Sept./Oct. issue of the Quiltmaker magazine! (Copy received; by mail, no less!)

Please make use of our Guild listserv! If you have something to share (or request), just send your message to Terry, and she'll be glad to see that everyone receives a copy.

Also, if you hear of upcoming shows or events that we may not know about, send something to the listserv!



2007 Three Rivers Quilt Festival

The theme for this year's festival is: Bear's Paw. The festival times are:

Friday (4/20) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.***

Saturday (4/21) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday (4/22) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where is it? Castle Shannon Memorial Fire Halls, Rt. 88 and Grove Road in Castle Shannon. Admission to the show and all events listed below – \$5.00

What's there? Lots of quilts in two buildings; demonstrations; vendors; flea market; quilts for sale; and a Snack Café.

***FRIDAY parking is at a cost of \$2 or you may park for free in the Linden Grove lot across the street.

I hope you'll support the Three Rivers Quilt Festival. The community is benefited HUGELY by their outreach. ...

- this annual [quilt show](#), the Three Rivers Quilt Festival, a juried and judged exhibit which celebrates the art and craft of quilting. Proceeds from the show allow us to make meaningful contributions both to the quilting community and to the community at large.
- annual donation of quilts to such Pittsburgh-area groups as Womansplace and Mom's House, using both purchased and donated materials.
- frequent donation of isolet quilts for the premature babies of the West Penn Hospital Neonatal Unit, using fabric donated by guild members and backing and batting donated by the West Penn Cot Club.
- The 2004 Wal-Mart Quilt Block Contest. After the national winners were chosen in the 2004 Wal-Mart Quilt Block Contest, members of Three Rivers Quilters made two quilts from the blocks that were left over. These and other quilts similarly completed will be donated to the children's hospitals in each state.

www.threeriversquilters.org/index.html

After the show, go on over to [Quilters Corner](#). They'll be at the show, too, but their shop is too close by to miss!

PATRICIA KNOECHEL—again and again and again

We never tire of Patricia Knoechel. In fact, those who have seen her seem never to leave her show without expressing the hope that she return ... *again and again and again!*

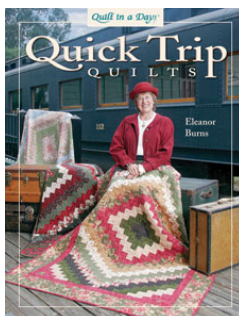
This year, was no exception. ...

And, as always with lots of new must-have rulers, new fabric, new ideas ... there was also, as we've come to expect, new books!!!

Who, when you think of it, is probably responsible for providing us with more quilting books than anyone else? You've got it! It MUST be Eleanor! And who's the best salesperson for Eleanor?

Patricia Knoechel

Sixty six quilters enjoyed Patricia's 1:30 show and another 27 turned out that evening at 6:30 for a second showing. ... Some attributed the smaller evening showing to one of the WVU basketball games that coincided with our program to which Patricia quickly responded: "You mean there's a life outside of quilting?!" Oh, we all thought, but there shouldn't be! Too many lovely quilts were here ... far too many to be missed.



A "quick trip" with Eleanor ... now wouldn't that be nice! Eleanor's new book will be out this month! I hope you ordered a copy at the show.

Otherwise, you can still get one at one of our local quilt shops or even on-line at Eleanor's website along with many other books and special sale items!!! And the rulers! Did you pick up one of those new WAVY rulers for that scalloped edging? They were fabulous!

The "Quick Trip" quilts were strip-

pieced and based on the "Trip Around the World" format. Reading from the website: "A Bargello effect is achieved with the 'Quick Quarter' pattern, and for the artist in you, piece a 'Water Lily' which adds a bit of appliqué to a rippling water background. The patterns are easy enough for a beginner but will challenge seasoned quilters to achieve just the perfect effect for an inspiration quilt. Eleanor's technique for this quilt is fun and so easy that it is truly a 'Quilt in a Day.' Let your personality shine through in your quilt by fabric selection and placement. Yardage and cutting charts are included for all five-quilt sizes with bonus instructions to make table runners from your scraps. The book features sample quilts that symbolize locations from the desert to the sea. Take a trip to your sewing room and create your dream vacation with a Quick Trip Quilt!"

And then there's the newest book: "Magic Vine Quilt" due out at the end of April!

"Grow a flower garden in beautiful fabrics to grace your bed or wall as Eleanor Burns presents Magic Vine. The patterns originated in the 1930's in a newspaper quilt column written by Florence LaGanke Harris. As part of a series, LaGanke presented one new pattern each week. In addition to the pattern, the reader was treated to a fictitious story about a quilt group and their leader, Nancy Page. In the group, they shared stories, and decided on what colors to use for their flowers.

Twenty-two flowers are appliquéd in rows with twinning vines. It is magical because of the variety of flowers that grow on the vine. The vine grows quickly, like the magic vine in Jack and the Beanstalk."

Ah, but we can't tell you everything here ... go to the **Quilt in a Day homepage** ... www.quiltinaday.com/

BLOGGERS ... *where are you?!*

What's with the inactivity on our BLOG site?!

We need all you Internet-connected quilters to get on line and start to participate! Commit yourself to at least logging on once and introducing yourself. ... Then maybe our "sister" guild in Australia will be motivated to do the same. Isn't it kind of fascinating to think that we can participate one-on-one with a Guild as far away as halfway across the world? As Terry has said, not only

would it be "a place to get to know each other, [but] also a venue for discussing possible joint activities (block exchanges, round robins, whatever!) We could also connect with our own members who have moved away (like Susan in Alaska and Marty in Florida)." Rae, we understand, has already alerted her members, and they, like us, are reacting a little on the "slow" side. So, let's give it a try. ... What have we got to lose? Log in, and we'll provide a FULL report in our next newsletter!

THE QUILT SHOW

"The Quilt Show" is on the air! It's the new show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims that will be available to watch on your COMPUTER! You must have high speed internet access to be able to download it and enjoy it in a timely fashion. Cost for the show is \$24.95 (unless you were one of the "early birds" that got your request in by April 1).

But do check it out, if you're interested. You may still be able to watch their trailer for free: <http://www.thequiltshow.com/>

If you sign up now, you'll be able to access all 13 Series One Shows until December 31, 2008.

ZEPORA'S QUILTING SEMINAR

Zepora's Quilting Seminar is being held at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, W.Va. (Oct. 7-12). A complete list of classes is on-line (www.zepora.axelhouse.com) as well as a registration form.

Holt Lodge ... \$65/night
Mountaineer Motel ... \$45 per night
Cedars, Lakes, Main Motel ... \$44
Dorm rooms: \$13.20 if 8 register;
\$19.80/night if 4 register
Payment for lodging must be rec'd by Cedar Lakes by August 31.

Teachers include: Irene Kerr (Finleyville, PA), Peg Bingham (Akron, OH), Lorraine Covington (Ocala, FL) Fran Kordek (Elkins), Gyleen Fitzgerald (Churchville, MD), Erma Kranstuber (Valley View, OH), Debby Lee (Rock Hill, SC), Kris Pelletier (Vernon, CT), and many more. Classes are for everyone from beginners to advanced — hand work as well as machine. Classes are held Monday thru Thursday. Some are one-day classes, some are for two days, and a few are for the full four days.

Check the schedule for complete details.

Fran Kordek will be teaching "Sunburst." "The block was inspired by a quilt documented during the W.Va. Heritage Quilt Search. The original quilt resides at the Pearl S. Buck Museum in Hillsboro, WV. Although it resembles Dresden Plate, it is constructed almost entirely by piecing. Strip piecing and freezer paper templates will aid in its construction. The 18" block is suitable for a wall-hanging, pillow, or the start of a large quilt."

Gitta and Deloris have attended for the past two years, but have registered for all four days this year! You can consider that a stamp of approval! Judy has also attended in the past and has registered for one two-day class this year.

So, if the Jackson's Mill retreat caught your attention, here's one that you need to sign up for NOW! It fills up quickly, so don't wait!

SHOP HOP

I KNOW you're attending the W.Va. Shop Hop (Jun. 13-16); so mark your calendars now for the Western PA Shop Hop!

June 20-23 (Friday thru Sunday).

You can pick up your passport at any participating shops. If you go to the Three Rivers show this month, stop by Quilters Corner and get one. This year, 15 shops will be participating for fun, prizes, goody bags and a progressive quilting project! Last year's shops included Quilters Corner, The Quilt Company, and Kate & Becca's Quilt Patch. They stretched from Scottdale to New Wilmington. Pick a day or two ... *what else are you going to do. ...*

FOR SALE

Does anyone know if Lillian's quilt stand is still for sale? If you have things for sale, you can advertise them on-line through Terry or contact the Newsletter Committee to have it mentioned in our newsletter. Lillian was selling a Grace Quilt Stand — Baby to King. Paid \$1250, but will accept best offer. (See her at the next meeting.)

QUILT SHOWS—YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

April 14—West Virginia Quilters Annual Meeting at Elkins.

Hosted by Log Cabin Quilters Guild - Randolph County Community Arts Center beginning at 1 p.m. Guest speaker Froncie Quinn's lecture, "Oft Think of Me," will take us on a journey through the 19th and into the 20th century with the stories behind Froncie's museum reproduction quilts and the original quilts that inspired those reproductions.

April 25-28—23rd American Quilter's Society Quilt Show and Contest, Paducah Expo Center, Paducah, Kentucky. (AQS, PO Box 3290, Paducah, KY 42002; 270-898-7903; fax 270-898-1173; shows@aqsquilt.com; american-quilter.com)

June 7-9—38th National Quilting Association Quilt Show, Greater Columbus Convention Center. Classes begin June 6. (NQA, PO Box 12190, Columbus, OH 43212; 614-488-8520; coordinator@nqaquilts.org; nqaquilts.org)

June 8 -10—Third Annual McGrew house Quilt Show - James C McGrew was instrumental in WV becoming a state and his Civil War era home in Kingwood is being restored. Quilts arrive on Wednesday, June 6, from 3-7 pm. Judging will be at Noon on June 7, 2007. Quilt show will be open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Their Special Feature is Saturday - Marilyn Maher will give a quilt lecture on Saturday morning at 10 am and Fran Kordek will teach the WV Star Simplified quilt block at 1 pm. Fabric kits will be provided and the cost is \$45. For a registration form contact Grace (329-0648).

Nancy S ... congratulations! Nancy recently made headlines in the Dominion Post for being named a semifinalist in the **23rd Annual AQS Quilt Show and Contest** being held in Paducah. Nancy is one of 412 others in the annual contest with her quilt, Irish Rose. The individual whose work is declared *best of show* will receive the Paducah Best of Show Award and, if that's not enough, it comes with a \$20,000 cash prize. "In addition, the quilt will become part of the permanent collection in the Museum of the American Quilter's Society. The show attracts more than 35,000 quilters, collectors, enthusiasts and vendors to Paducah each spring." Nancy, of course, was one of our very favorite instructors at Sew Chic in Fairmont. *Congratulations, Nancy, we know this honor is well deserved. You have our best wishes for coming out on top!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 10—Jennifer Chiaverini at Citizens Library in Washington (2 pm)

April 12-15—Quilter's Heritage Celebration, Lancaster

April 14—West Virginia Quilters Annual Meeting

April 15-16—the Quilt Bus at Lost Creek Community Center

April 20-22—Three Rivers Quilt Festival at Castle Shannon Memorial Fire Hall

April 25-28—Quilt Show and Contest —Paducah Expo Center, Kentucky

July 6-7—Millennium Quilt Guild's Third Annual Quilt Show at Bridgeport High School (details in next month's newsletter)

July 7—"Selecting Colors for your Projects" workshop with Barbara Hollinger (9 am to 11:30 am Benedum Civic Center, Bridgeport) (details next month)

July 7—West Virginia Quilters Meeting, Bridgeport (Benedum Civic Center, hosted by Millennium Quilt Guild. (complete details next month)



Lou D's appliquéed and hand quilted entry to Ami Simms' "Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts" project.

And the bidding may still be ongoing ... but it's all over on April 10!

706—Peace (High Bidder: Katie)

There still may be time to submit your bid. The donation is for a fabulous cause — one that we're all going to try to work a little harder on next go-round. Go to the Ami Simms website and watch the bidding.

Darlene's second Alzheimer's quilt was auctioned off last month. So far, our quilts have raised \$1126.56! Lou's quilt will add to that total. You can check out the auctions at amisimms.com.

And don't forget that, at our April meeting, Lou will be teaching us how to make her horse ornament. You won't want to miss it! See you on Thursday. ...



Happy Birthday!

4/06—Carolyn R

4/11—Joan L

4/12—Lillian B

4/14—Christine

4/18—Rhonda B

4/28—Linda R

5/09—Jane B

And we have one quilter who has been sneaking under the radar for the past two years while the rest of us are all getting older! NO WAY! Sorry, Melissa — HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... **PLUS TWO!** (Melissa's birthday was Feb.20)