



The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

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

April 2009



Appliqué Block of the Month

Friday, April 3rd

6:00-9:00 pm

Room G112 Engineering Sciences Bldg.

WVU Evansdale Campus

This month's block is Forget Me Not Forever, page 24 in Grandma's Country Album. Please prepare the 1/4" bias strips for the stems prior to the class. Contact Eva T if you need directions to the meeting room.



Pieced Block of the Month

Town Square is the fifth block in the series (see pattern included in this newsletter). To view the completed project and access past block patterns, please visit our website

www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/BOM2009

Please send items for
the next newsletter to
Linda F. by April
24th.

Thank you to my
secret sister for the
very Springy goody
bag! I am now in full-
blown Spring fever!
Monica

Linda F visited the Quilt Museum in Harrisburg, Virginia, on a recent trip to the American Shakespeare Theatre in Stanton. The current exhibit, *Floral Abundance*, was a collection of floral appliqué quilts made by a local quilt guild. They were stunning! (Sounds like a good idea for a Challenge). They also had a fun display of small wallhangings titled, *Please Don't Touch*. The quiltmakers had fun designing clever and creative ways to say, "Don't touch the quilts!" which they placed around quilts displayed at their local quilt show. That's a thought. Maybe we should try it at Mountaineer Week. Of course, no trip to Staunton is complete without a shopping spree at Rachel's Quilt Patch www.rachelsquiltpatch.com and a greeting from Patches, the resident cat. Linda found another quilt shop in Dayton just south of Harrisonburg, Patchwork Plus, which is touted to be the valley's largest quilt shop. www.patchworkplus-quilting.com. It's also a member of the Fab Shop Hop.

April 2009 Treasure Report by Michelle

Birthdays!

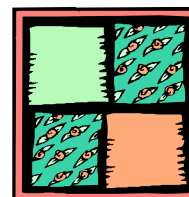
Beginning Balance			\$1,841.29
Income			
	Monthly mini	Feb	\$ 22.00
	Monthly mini	March	\$ 25.00
	Membership Dues		\$ 390.00
			\$ 437.00
Expenses			
	Mt Mall-April		\$ 25.00
	Newsletter	Michelle D Feb	\$ 38.75
	Quilting Bee	President Gift	\$ 40.00
	CRQG checks	2 boxes	\$ 41.50
	Mt Mall	Pat Knoechel	\$ 50.00
	Newsletter	Janet S Mar	\$ 25.95
	Newsletter	Linda F	\$ 28.22
	Mailing Labels	Linda F	\$ 12.71
	Website 8/08-3/09	Terry C	\$ 51.60
			\$ 313.73
Ending Balance			\$1,964.56

April

6 – Carolyn R.
 7 – Nancy S.
 12 – Lillian B.
 14 – Christine S.
 18 – Rhonda B.
 28 – Linda R.

May

1 – Tina S.
 9 – Jane B.
 25 – Donna F.
 28 – Jane F.
 30 – Leona W.



Country Road Quilt Guild Minutes for March 12th, 2009 meeting

The March 2009 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Melissa J. Several members were in attendance as well as one guest.

The February 2009 minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports

A committee sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in being on the 2009 committees.

Linus committee – Pat O. noted that she has more kits available and that there is fabric available to cut. Pat also noted that there is a quilt available to be quilted. Christine S. noted that she has some batting to donate. The June meeting is our Linus meeting. The "Linus lady" will come to the meeting to pick up our donated quilts. Pat noted that she is going to confirm this. Melissa asked permission to bring quilts from Quilters on the Run to add to the donation pile. Everyone was in agreement that this was a great idea.

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

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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 1:30pm show and a 6:30pm show. Hosting the event at a different venue was discussed; however, as many had already passed the news along that the event would be in the Mountaineer Mall, it was determined that we should stay here this year. It was decided to try to find a portable microphone for Pat to use in doing her presentation. Ticket sales and the Dominion Post article were discussed and a refreshment/attendance sheet was passed around. It was also determined that book orders at the Pat Knoechel presentations will only be taken up for guild members only, as it is too much hassle to try to get the books to non-guild members. Carol also noted that if you have items that you've made as a result of a Pat Knoechel presentation, please feel free to bring it to share with her.

Mountaineer Week Quilt Show – It was determined that we will continue to do the show. Terry noted that she is getting ready to start the planning process and would like to have a few more people working on planning this year if possible.

Christmas Party – Darlene and Eva noted that the plans for the Christmas Party are coming along quite well.

Public Relations – Betty C will send something to the newspaper about Pat Knoechel. She noted that it should be in the 3/22/09 paper.

Old Business

Country Roads ornament – Terry displayed an ornament for those who did not see it before. 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.

April 2009 meeting – Debbie noted that Debbie Kittle is willing to come to our April meeting to do a presentation on dimensional embroidery. Ms. Kittle does not drive at night and will be staying with Connie H.

Cancer quilt – Discussed making a quilt to raffle or donate to the cancer society. An idea was proposed for everyone to make a block, then put the blocks together, have someone quilt it. We can then donate to cancer society for it to be chanced off as they choose.

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini that was made by Christine S. and Leona W. was won by Betty C.

New Business

Meeting location – Discussed possibility of moving the guild meetings to another location. Melissa asked that anyone who knew of another, more suitable, location to have our meetings would call and get information on it. We need space for at least 35 people to meet, as that is our average.

Secret Sisters – Discussed whether or not we should continue having secret sisters, and it was determined that most people are ready to try something new instead. It was moved and accepted that we try instead to have a "fat exchange," which would start at the June 2009 meeting. The idea is for each person who is interested in participating to bring one fat quarter of fabric in a small, unmarked brown paper bag (Put your name on the inside so your exchange partner will know who to thank). At the meeting, everyone who brought a fat quarter will choose one of the unmarked bags from the table, getting a new surprise fat quarter to add to their stash.

Donated quilt – Connie H. noted that she will donate a quilt top, batting, and backing to the guild if someone will agree to quilt it. She has completed the top and does not want to complete the quilt (The quilt is from the Block of the Month program that Connie is teaching). Christine S. agreed to hand quilt the top. The guild can sell chances on the quilt at the Mountaineer Week show if they wish. Discussed printing tickets soon; however, Terry needs to confirm the date for the Mountaineer Week show. Elaine S. noted that her old guild starts selling chances on a quilt a year in advance of when the drawing is held. This allows them to take the quilt to various shows to get a little more face time and sell more chances. Elaine offered to chair a group to do this for this quilt.

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Linus motivation – Elaine suggested that, in order to motivate people to make Linus quilts, each person who completed a Linus quilt receives a free chance to win the monthly mini. It was moved and approved to begin doing this. Pat O. noted that people can bring their Linus quilts to show for show and tell during whatever month, but requested that they take the quilts home with them after the meeting until the Linus meeting so that she will not have to carry a large load of quilts back in for the Linus donation meeting.

Dues – Dues should be paid this month, or by the April meeting if possible. Diamond members of the quilt guild pay no membership fee, but are free to donate if they would like.

Budget – The 2009-2010 budget was passed around for review. The budget will be discussed and approved at the next meeting. In the meantime, Sue M. has agreed to audit the 2008=2009 budget.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell and refreshments provided by Lu-Ann B-W & Pat O.

The End (finally!)

Melissa's Mini-notes:

I want to apologize for the last meeting taking so long; we had a lot of things to go over to catch-up so to speak. In an effort to minimize the business end of the meetings, I would like for the committee reports to be limited to 5 minutes each, if a discussion is needed for an item we can take a few more minutes for that. I think we all would enjoy more time for the monthly program than the business end of the meeting. With all that said, I think we accomplish a great deal. We have decided after having a few successful years with the 'Secret Sister' to discontinue this in May. However, we will start a new program called 'Phat Exchange'. All those who are interested are to bring a fat quarter in a small paper bag to put on a table to later exchange with someone else. We will start this in June, so start looking for that fat quarter now. Don't forget your dues for membership in the guild are due! You will have until June 1st to pay them. If you do not pay your dues, you will not receive the newsletters or be a member in good standing. Connie announced that she has a quilt top that she will donate to the guild for fundraising during the next year. You go Girl! She will donate the binding, batting and backing to complete the quilt, but does not want to quilt it. Then, when we asked for volunteers to complete this beautiful quilt, Christine volunteered to hand quilt it! Thanks ladies!! Then Elaine agreed to chair this new committee! She will make sure that this quilt gets out to events around the area to be seen and sell tickets starting with the Quilt show in November 2009, for a year with the winner notified in November of 2010. She will need some help, so give her a call. Oh, this means that we voted to do the Quilt show again and Terry will try to have some details in April.

I need your help, you have all been in the room that the Mountaineer Mall has moved us to, and we agree that the room has problems, so we want to search for another location that we can meet. This location should be a good central location and have good parking, but also must remain within our budget (\$25.00 per month). Please, if you know of a location, call them and find out if they would be willing to rent to us and bring your information to the next meeting.

Mark your Calendar, May 16th, 10-2:00 p.m. at Harner Chapel United Methodist Church located behind the Wonder Bread Store, our first workshop for this year! We will be making 'Wonder Wallets' and an 'Origami Bag'. Be sure to let me know if you want to participate so we can order you a pattern. The pattern is about \$7.00, so bring your money and let us know how many to order.

Well, I think I have bent your ears enough! See you at the next meeting.