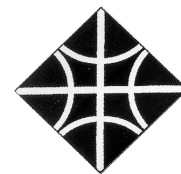


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Country Roads Quilt Guild
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May 2006

Terry's Tidbits

Hello! I hope you can make it to our May meeting! Mary Beth Harnett, owner of Quilter's Corner, will be presenting a program on the History of Quilting. She will bring quilts to show and will talk about antique and contemporary quilts. It should be educational and fun!

Last month's meeting was fun too. It was our annual Challenge Quilt Show and it was great to see how differently we interpreted this year's rules. There were fourteen wonderful quilts this year. I have posted a link to a slideshow of the photos. (Go to our website and click on the PHOTOS tab at the top of the page.) My quilt won the First place ribbon – how exciting! I don't think I've ever won first place for anything. Carolyn Gibson's quilt won Second place and Susan Cook's won Third place. Eva Thomas won the Best Beginner ribbon. Congratulations to all of us who participated! I sent a link to the photos to Rae (in Australia) and she replied saying how much seeing our faces reminded her of how much she misses us! Thanks to the Challenge committee for their good work and thanks to Lillian Bell and Linda Cunningham for providing the refreshments.

I've heard enough stories lately to know I'm not the only one whose memory is failing. Do you ever have trouble remembering when our meetings are? We have an idea for something to try. I have set up a Yahoo Group for our guild. There is a calendar where we can post important dates and the best part is that it can be set up to automatically email reminders as events approach. There is also a place in our Yahoo Group where we could post photos, links, files, etc. And, it's an easy way to communicate. By posting an email to the Group it will automatically be sent to everyone who has joined the group. Please let me know if you'd like to try out our group and I will send you an invitation to join!

It's time to start planning our yearly directory and we'd like to see your name in it! If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so soon. If you're a Diamond Member we still need your current info (address, etc). We want to be able to keep you on our Newsletter mailing list!

I'm seeing lots of spring flowers that are inspiring me to make a floral quilt – how about you? Hope to see you soon.

Terry

What's Happening?

While in London, Carol S. had dinner with Karen B. Karen was here about six years ago for one year while her husband was on sabbatical at NIOSH. She made an awesome impact on us, and she misses us as we miss her. She showered me with gifts!! Lace from Nottingham (used to be the Lace Capital of the world) which is where she lives. She also brought me three pieces of fabric that I believe she bought in London (I didn't get or even find any fabric shops!). She didn't leave anyone out - a t-shirt for Kevin from the University of Nottingham and some wonderful organic "fudge" for Roy!! I tasted the "fudge", it's nothing like our "fudge", looks like peanut butter fudge, but doesn't resemble the taste either! It was great to see her!

Janet S. won first place in the pieced, large quilt category at the Quilts and Wall Hangings Exhibition in Charleston, WV. Way to go Janet! Other quilts juried into the exhibition were made by Lisa A., Tommie E., Linda F., and Linda R. The awards ceremony is May 27, in conjunction with the Vandalia Gathering. All quilts will be on display in the Great Hall in the Cultural Center May 12 through September 4.

Terry C. visited the Three Rivers Quilt Show in Castle Shannon. Eva T. and Linda F. checked out the show, too, and made a stop at Quilters Corner in Finleyville. It was their first trip to the shop, but they will definitely go back.



Terry's Tips – I'm getting lots of questions about free motion quilting. Here's a tip if your machine won't allow you to lower your feed dogs. All you have to do is set your STITCH LENGTH to zero. Even if you can lower your feed dogs you may want to try it this way to see if you like the results better.

The April 13th meeting of the CRQG was called to order by Terry C., in the Community Room of the Mountaineer Mall. The March Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved and seconded.

Lisa A. passed around packets with program possibilities for the coming year. Some of the months are already scheduled. In June we will be making quilt postcards. Lisa wants feedback on what is important to you. Here she also mentioned the mini-quilts that she and Terry made to raise money for Alzheimer research.

Terry passed around the list of current members for us to proof-read our information. Committee and Hostess sign-up sheets made another lap around the room to fill in the gaps from last month.

Next, Terry brought up this year's Quilt Show set for November 3rd – 5th at the Mountainlair. We discussed making several smaller quilts to raffle with the money for each going toward the maker's charity of choice.

At this point, we had the drawing for those participating in the "Phat Sisters' Club" this year. Remember to keep your lips sealed about whose name you have. Terry reminded us that membership "Dues are due."

National Quilting Day was a big success and those who participated really enjoyed it. So much so that Terry suggested we get together on a more frequent basis to work on projects together. There was resounding agreement for this idea shown by a raise of hands. She and Lisa had anticipated our positive reaction to this idea by reserving the Community Room for Sunday, May 21st from noon until 5 pm. We discussed the possibility of working on new projects together or bringing unfinished ones of own. Either way, it will be a great chance to quilt and visit at the same time.

Melissa asked everyone to pick up their membership cards.

Linda C. won the drawing for the monthly mini which was an organization book made by Melissa.

Next, we had our Show and Tell. Then, it was the unveiling of the 2006 Challenge Quilts. Over twenty people participated and each quilt reflected the uniqueness of its maker. The ballots were counted while we had our refreshments and the prizewinners are: 1st - Terry C; 2nd - Carolyn G; 3rd - Susan C; and Best Beginner - Eva Marie T. Congratulations everyone!

Sarah C., Secretary

Do you sometimes miss quilt shows or their deadlines for entering quilts? Do you remember reading about exciting events but don't know where? Would you like to be able to go to one place to check out dates for all the fun stuff in our area? Me too! I'd like to add a page to our website of any events our members might be interested in. Please send me any info you have on quilt shows, deadlines, shop hops, classes, etc, and I'll post them. Thanks!

Terry

Shows and Events

Quilter's Corner, Finley, PA,
<http://www.quilterscorner-pa.com/>

- May 5-7 – Birthday Celebration. You will be able to select from an amazing array of pre-cut half yard pieces (batiks at \$4.75 each and others at \$4.30 each). With each pre-cut half yard purchased, you can select another of equal or lesser value free!!! You may select as many pre-cut half yard pieces as you wish at this price, but this offer is valid for pre-cut fabric only.
- July 22nd and 23rd – Summer Celebration. Discontinued fabrics, books, patterns and other goodies. Fabrics are offered in backing size cuts of 3, 6 or 8 yards at unbelievable prices. "Quilters goodies" gift baskets will be offered in small (\$7.95), medium (\$9.95) and large size (\$14.95).

Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop

There is a bus trip planned on June 10th to take people to the southern shops participating in the Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop. I believe it will leave from the Pinetree shop - cost is \$35. Call 304-842-3200 to reserve a seat - they only have room for 47.

Delectable Mountains Quilt Guild annual quilt show & sale – April 21-June 4, 2006. Ice House Special Exhibit Gallery, Berkeley Springs, WV – 304-258-2300, info@macicehouse.org, www.macicehouse.org – gallery hours: Saturday & Sunday 11am-5pm. Jean Ray Laury Lecture & Workshops May 5-7 (call 304-258-5580 for registration info).

Millennium Quilters Quilt Show – July 7 (noon-8pm), July 8 (10am-6pm), Bridgeport High School. We have been invited to enter quilts in their show. Stay tuned for more details, or contact Karen Betler at 304-622-3274, millenniumquilters@gmail.com for more info.



Weekend Workshops – We've decided to start renting our meeting space on some weekend days so we can have a chance to hang out together in a relaxed setting. And we can get some sewing done too! Some months we may plan a workshop to do a particular project, other days will just be a chance to work on UFO's or ask for help and learn new techniques. We also hope to have a "Nametag Station" where you can make your first or an additional nametag. All the Saturdays were booked for May, so our first weekend workshop will be on **SUNDAY, May 21st**, from noon until 5 pm. Come for an hour or the whole day. You can bring a lunch or buy one at the mall. Bring projects you're trying to finish, or anything you need help with, and bring some smiles – you'll need them!

For the May 21st quilt day you might want to make a comforter for the Linus Project. We have a donated role of thick batting that would be best for that treatment. You would need enough cozy fabric for both sides of the comforter and embroidery floss or yarn to tie it. (Quilting would be difficult on such thick batting)

Let the Phun Begin! If you have chosen to participate in our new secret sister activity this year called Phat Sisters here are the guidelines: Please do something nice for your "sister" at least 6 times during the coming year. Keep your sister's name a secret until we reveal ourselves next spring. You can bring goodies for your sister to our meetings – look for a bag or box designated for Phat Sister stuff and discreetly put your item in - we'll try to deliver things during the meetings.

DVD Lending Library

If you like the idea of a guild lending library of DVD's come to the meeting prepared to vote YES! And, also, let us know if there

are particular DVD's you'd like us to buy. There seems to be lots of interest in machine quilting so I'd like to recommend Paula Reid's "Fluff & Stuff, Machine Quilting" DVD. It's 1 hour 28 minutes and costs \$39.95 – you can read about it on Paula's website: <http://www.battsintheattic.com>.

Wanna help? If you haven't had a chance to sign up to be a hostess at one of our meetings, we still have a need for hostesses for a few months. We also need someone to be our historian/photographer (you would take photos of our events and keep our scrapbooks updated). Also, nobody has signed up for our workshop committee. Contact Terry or look for the Sign-up sheets at our next meeting if you'd like to help us plan a fun year!

Quilters Needed!

Phyllis Marshall, mother-in-law of Shelly Marshall, has acquired a panel of fabric with a teapot design and hopes to find quilters willing to use some of this fabric to make small wall hangings to be sold/auctioned at their fund raisers. As many of you know, one of the functions of the Shelly Marshall Foundation is doing tea parties at nursing homes, and library programs for children here in Morgantown. They have several fund raising events, mostly in the fall, in order to continue the foundation activities. The panel has six different teapots repeated in the fabric design. Melissa J. and Chris L. have already volunteered, but there is still plenty of fabric left. I plan to bring the fabric to the May meeting. If any others think you might be interested in providing this service (or other quilters who might), you can call or email me.

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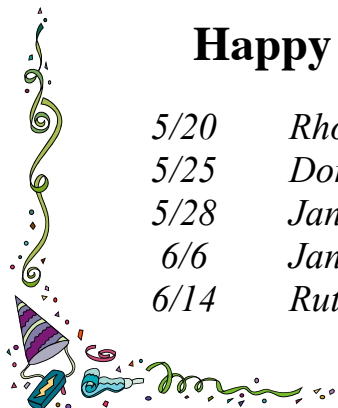
to our new member Wilda M.



Is this your LAST NEWSLETTER??? If you haven't paid your dues yet please do so ASAP so you'll continue to receive our newsletter. We also want to include your info in our yearly directory, so bring or send \$15 to Melissa J. If you are a Diamond Member (over 65) we don't need money, but we do need to know you want to remain a member. We need your name, address, birthday, phone number and email address. Thanks!

Happy Birthday

5/20	<i>Rhonda Lynn A</i>
5/25	<i>Donna F</i>
5/28	<i>Jane F</i>
6/6	<i>Janet Jo M</i>
6/14	<i>Ruth Ann R</i>



Treasurer's Report by Melissa J.

Beginning Balance3,207.43

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Monthly mini..... 27.00
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Judy C.-mar/apr news 78.69
Deloris R.-apr mailing 25.74
Jane F. -challenge..... 74.00
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Ending Balance.....3,211.82

Please send items for June's Newsletter to Linda F.
by May 26th.

Next Meeting

May 11th

Mountaineer Mall Community Room

Program: Quilt History & More, Mary Beth Harnett
from Quilter's Corner

Hostesses: Linda F., Sandy F., Lu-Ann B.

Monthly Mini will be made by Karen S.

June's program: Postcard Quilt Workshop!

CRQG "Logo"Wear

Members wishing to order wearables with the Country Roads Logo may do so by calling Leslie at Wheeling Quilt and Embroidery at 304-233-8299 or Fax 304-233-9331. Denim shirts (long and short sleeve), T-Shirts (all colors), sweatshirts, and tote bags are just a few of the items available. You may also send your own articles and they will embroider. Call Leslie for prices and postage. Our "logo" is kept on file at the shop. Wheeling Quilt & Embroidery, 35 GC&P Road, Wheeling, WV 26003