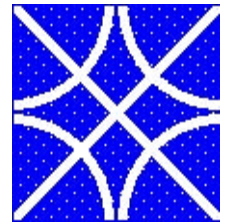


The Postage Stamp



Country Roads Quilt Guild

www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild

May 2005

Carol's Candor

These months are flying by way too quickly!! I was so excited last month about Patricia Knoechel's Demonstration and getting ready to leave for Lancaster that I overlooked one VERY important subject in my write-up. I want to THANK YOU for the beautiful Shelley Marshall Teacup!! I've looked at them and wanted one but never felt I should spend the money on one!! Now, I have it proudly displayed on my Secretary in our dining area.

You guys did a fantastic job on the Challenge Quilts!! It's always so neat to see how different everyone's are from the others when the same fabrics are involved! It was hard to pick a favorite! I'm hoping next year I get more organized and can actually do the Challenge again!!

I'm not on the road yet, but getting ready for another trip. This weekend will be my trip to New York City to walk in the Revlon Run/Walk for Women. I'll be walking with the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance Team and will be walking in honor of Janet. Last year I met ladies on the team that had been diagnosed up to 11 years ago. I felt there's a lot of hope for cancer survivors and was in awe of their courage and tenacity. It is really inspiring to be with so many people all working for the same cause! I'm looking

forward to going, even though it can be exhausting, we should have a good time. However, I am a little nervous about the weather! I just checked the forecast and they are predicting rain on Saturday! We are down there at 6:30 AM volunteering wherever, they need us, last year it was in the VIP tent, where I met a few stars. I'm not sure where we'll be this year.

I just realized a few days ago that I'm going to miss the next meeting. I'm really disappointed, I was looking forward to seeing Teresa's demonstration on machine quilting. We will be flying out that evening for California. Roy's daughter will be graduating that weekend with her Masters Degree, an event we can't miss! Unfortunately, it's going to be a very quick trip. We fly out Thursday evening and fly back Monday. Once we get to Sacramento, we will drive all day Friday to her house in Northern California. The graduation will be Saturday and we'll leave Sunday to drive back to Sacramento and then fly out Monday!! Whew!! There will be no time for visiting any quilt shops!! (Maybe I can sneak away for a bit to one that I really like in Trinidad, CA!)

I have started preparing a handwork project that I can take along to work on.

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Next meeting!

May 12 — 6:30 p.m.

Quilt Guild meeting at Mountaineer Mall.

Teresa will present our May program on Machine Quilting. It should be a fun, encouraging, inspiring program—don't miss it!

Hostesses: Linda F., Sandy, and Jane

Monthly Mini Contributors:

May—Darlene

June—

July—

Volunteers needed

August—Charlene

September—Sarah

October—Rhonda

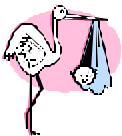
November—Melissa

December—Beth

January—Bonnie

February—Lillian

What's Happening



Michelle (one of our newer members) and her husband welcomed a new arrival to their home! They were blessed through adoption with a beautiful baby boy born March 12, 2005. Our best wishes to all!

Special CONGRATULATIONS to **Linda R.** who was juried in at the Cultural Center in Charleston. The Quilts and Wall Hangings 2005 Juried Exhibition will run May 13 – Sept 5. Linda entered her 2004 "Black and White and one other color" Challenge entry! Sounds like time for a road trip!

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The Postage Stamp

With the ease of the telephone and electronic messaging, letter writing has become a lost art. Challenge yourself to get back into contact with friends and loved ones. Buy a sheet of 20 stamps and use them specifically for this purpose.

The US Postal Service recently released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. Each sheet of 20 stamps costs an additional 60¢; but those funds go specifically for cancer research. If all are sold, \$35 million will be raised for vital research. You can help ... AND get back in touch with loved ones. Buy "Fund the Cure" stamps. It sometimes takes so little to do so much.



Special thanks

to Sarah and Joan for their creativity with this year's Challenge.

You brought out the creativity in us as well.

Job well done. ...

Update your e-mail address!

Corrections to your e-mail account?

Contact Terry!

countryroadsquiltguild@yahoo.com

CRQG April Minutes by Linda Fredrick

The April meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was held on April 14th in the Community Room of the Mountaineer Mall. There were 48 members present and 1 guest. The March Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

Carol asked members to consider volunteering to serve on a committee. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Members were reminded to complete a survey so Terry can plan future programs and/or workshops. Sue thanked everyone who made blocks for Ian's quilt.

Carol reported on Patricia Knoechel's visit. Everyone loved her, and Patricia said she would be willing to come back again next year if we want her. She sold a lot of books so we hope to see a lot of beautiful quilts for Show & Tell.

Carol informed us that Janet has ovarian cancer and asked that we keep Janet in our thoughts and prayers. Carol is walking in Revlon Run/Walk for Women in New York on April 30th, and members voted to sponsor Carol with a \$50 donation in Janet's name. Coincidentally, Carol's team is walking for a cure for ovarian cancer. Teresa will present a program on machine quilting

at the next meeting. Maybe you can put together a quilt top and get some tips on how to quilt it!

Tommie won the mini made by Sue.

Show and Tell was followed by the presentation of the Challenge Quilts. Carolyn won 1st place with her quilt inspired by the poem, "When I Am Old I Shall Wear Purple." Sun Bonnet Sue has grown old and now wears a purple bonnet, but she's still just as adorable as ever. Linda F. was inspired by a verse from The Prophet by Khalil Gibran and won 2nd place. Frankie Valli singing "My Eyes Adored You," inspired Janet Jo to make a whimsical quilt that won 3^d place. Thomasene won 1st place in the Beginner's category for her Sweet Angel Kittens quilt. If you missed the meeting, you can find pictures of all the quilts on the Guild website. Terry did a great job of taking the pictures and posting them to the website. If you haven't visited it lately, you should check it out. (<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/>) Terry continually adds information and links that you'll find very interesting and helpful.

Treasurer's Report by Sue

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$3,897.42
<u>Income:</u>	
Interest.....	\$.16
Monthly mini.....	66.00
No Name Tag.....	4.50
P.Knoechel Workshop.....	190.00
Dues (17 members).....	255.00
Guild Pin.....	<u>5.00</u>
Total income.....	520.66
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Rent—April Meeting.....	25.00
Koffee Klatsch—coffee	
P. Knoechel workshop.....	30.00
Carol—misc. expenses	
P. Knoechel workshop.....	110.74
Joan—challenge.....	50.99
Revlon Run/Walk for Women donation.	50.00
Total expenses.....	<u>266.73</u>
ENDING BALANCE.....	\$4,151.35

No-Bake Cereal Bars

from the Patricia Knoechel workshop

- 6 cups Special K
- 1-1/2 cups peanut butter
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips

Place cereal in a large heatproof bowl; set aside. In a saucepan, combine peanut butter, corn syrup and sugar. Cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves, stirring occasionally. Pour over cereal and stir until well coated. Spread into greased 13x9x2" pan. In microwave or heavy saucepan, melt chocolate and butterscotch chips; stir until smooth. Spread over bars. Yield: 1-1/2 dozen. From Carolyn as taken from *Taste of Home*, June/July 2002 issue.



Remember that preventive maintenance is always best!

For all your Viking maintenance and/or repairs, the Sew Inn provides *fast* on-site service! (304-296-6802)

June newsletter deadline May 27

Information should be sent to Terry countryroadsquiltguild@yahoo.com

Keep your membership active ... send your
\$15 dues to:
Sue

Patchwork Jewels of Monroe County

If you're interested in the arts and in scenic drives through the countryside, you might want to consider a weekend getaway in neighboring Ohio. The enclosed brochure describes the *Patchwork Jewels* of Monroe County and provides a map that will guide you on a "quilt barn" self-driving tour as well as other noted points of interest. There's an interesting read on how the quilt block patterns were chosen and their relevance for Monroe County (e.g. The Bowtie representing the county's garment and factory industry and Flying Geese Var. acknowledging the county's history with the Underground Railroad). The 8-foot square "blocks," painted on barns throughout the state (or in this case county), can all be viewed in a much smaller rendition at the Monroe County Fairgrounds on back of the grandstands on SR 26.

Although started in Adams County, Ohio, as A Clothesline of Quilts in Appalachia (www.clinchpowell.net/quilt/history.html), similar "paintings" are taking place throughout Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee where research into property owners' family quilts have guided block selection. In Tennessee, by the end of 2004, nearly 50 of the 200-pound blocks were in place. For more information, see the QNM March 2005 issue (Pg. 11), or check out some online reading (www.grundycountyia.com/Quilt_Website/Home%20Page.html) (www.appalachianrcd.org/quilttrail/index.htm). But for some first-hand knowledge ... visit Monroe County, Ohio. You'll be glad you did!

What's Happening. ...continued

Terry's picture appeared in the March 2005 issue of Quilter's Newsletter magazine (Pg.80)! Terry says you'll need a magnifying glass to see it; but it's there all the same! The photo's from Mary Lou's story quilt retreat Terry attended last fall. The Retreat is scheduled to happen again in September in Greensburg, PA. Contact Terry if you're interested in becoming a story quilter and want to learn from the master! Check out Mary Lou's website and catch the story telling fever (www.marylouquilt designs.com/).

Carol participated in the April 30 Revlon Run/Walk for Women. The Run/Walk has been credited with providing \$32 million for cancer research, counseling, and outreach programs. Checks can still be sent to Carol until the end of May.

Sandy, Linda F., Carol, and Terry attended the 18th Annual Quilter's Heritage Celebration in Lancaster. The group stopped at the Traditions of the White Swan in Hagerstown on the way. Jane, Vickie, and Susan also went to the show. I like to think of going to a show as compared with going to Las Vegas ... only BETTER! For both places, you go with your pockets full of money, but unlike returning home with empty pockets, a quilt show gives you the opportunity to return home with a WHOLE stash! Hope you ladies loaded up. ...

Judy (and daughter) attended the Jackson County Quilt Show sponsored by the CEOS and the Creative Quilters of Ripley, and the following day attended the WV Quilt Guild's quarterly meeting in Hurricane. Following the business meeting, a "Design Happens" trunk show was provided by Sylvia.

Carolyn, Beverly, Linda R., Tommie, Judy, Gitta, and Deloris attended the Three Rivers Quilt Festival in Pittsburgh and later did a little "shopping" at Quilters Corner in Finleyville!

Inspired by the Patricia Knoechel workshop, Gitta, Deloris, and Judy (and daughter) fashioned their own 2-day retreat. They "started" Patricia's Dresden Plate table runner! (Stay tuned for "show & tell"!)

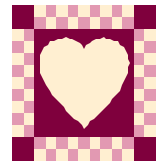
Thomasene and Gitta took the Reversible Raggy class taught by Ginny at the Sew Inn. We'll look forward to seeing the completed project at Show and Tell!

Deloris, Judy and Thomasene are taking the Raw Edge Applique with the classic Dresden Plate pattern ... also at Sew Inn and taught by the Quilt Guild's own Linda R.!

Apologies to Chris and Kris! It was Chris (with a "C") who participated in the March quilting retreat at Jackson's Mill.

Thanks to those who completed a block for the "Ian" benefit!

Thank you!



Rhonda Lee, Janet, Judy, Michelle, Thomasene, Linda F., Melissa, Linda J., Joan, Charlene, Monica, Sue, Deloris, Sandy, and Tina.

Summertime is roadtrip time!
Hope you're taking in all these fabulous shows!

Carol's "Candor" con't.

It's a wall hanging that has all the outlines embroidered with the stem-stitch and then it's colored with crayons!! I've seen some of these in the past but have never done one. I saw this one (a flower arrangement for each season) in Lancaster and loved it!! Maybe, just maybe, I'll have something to show in the fall!!

For those of you that ordered books from Patricia Knoechel – I've e-mailed her to see if she has any idea when the books will be shipped. I heard at the Sew Inn that they didn't come off the press when expected so there has been a delay. Hopefully, I'll receive them before the next meeting and I'll make sure someone gets them there for you. I just wanted to give you an update (as little as it is) on them.

Well best get going, I hope you all come to the meeting and get lots of tips on machine quilting!

Until then.....Keep on Stitching!!

Carol



Dieters take note! A fat quarter has fewer calories than a hot fudge sundae! *Splurge!*

May 11-15, 2005

Western PA Shop Hop

One lucky winner will take home \$650 in gift certificates! A \$50 gift certificate for each of the 13 featured shops. All "stops" along the way are within a 50-mile radius of Pittsburgh! Pick up your \$5 passport today. Goodies and door prizes in each shop along the way.

June 8-11, 2005.

WV Quilt Shop Hop

For information, stop in at any of the participating quilt shops: Cherry Tree Quilt Shop, Quilt & More, Crafter's Patch, Quilts by Phyllis, Elkins Sewing Center, Sew Chic, Pinetree Quilt Shop, Sew Inn, Quilt Shoppe, Sneeds Vacuum & Sewing Center, Quilts & Crafts, or The Traveling Quilter.

June 17-19, 2005

Blue Ridge Quilt Festival

Workshops by Scott M (designer from Asheboro NC); Susan B (Quilt U instructor); Jennie R (Great Britain—nicknamed the "Calico Queen"); Julia P (educator and artist); Barb S (patterns appear in Keepsake Quilting); and more ... including Fran K (Subtle Endeavors) of Elkins! PLUS, a dozen or more vendors!!! See their website (www.brqfestival.com/)!

May 23—June 6

Quilt in a Day Trunk Show

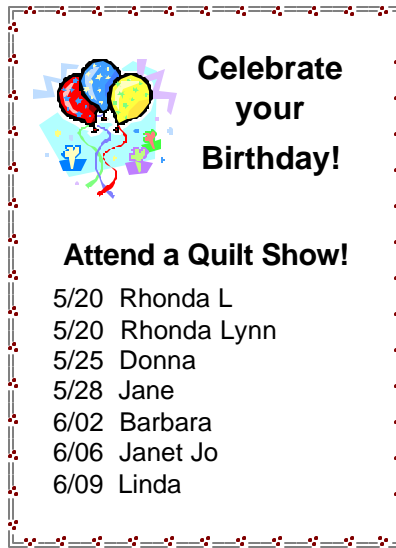
Egg Money Quilts

Stop in at Sew Chic (Fairmont) and see the quilts from Eleanor B's new book "Egg Money Quilts." If you love 1930's fabrics ... this is the show for you! "Egg Money Quilts is not only a collection of thirteen vintage quilt block patterns with two layouts, but also a treasury of extra projects created from the blocks."

<http://www.sewchic.com/>

(1/4 Mile from I-79 Exit 139)

Call for book availability!



**Celebrate
your
Birthday!**

Attend a Quilt Show!

5/20 Rhonda L
5/20 Rhonda Lynn
5/25 Donna
5/28 Jane
6/02 Barbara
6/06 Janet Jo
6/09 Linda

June 17-19, 2005

Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild, Inc. presents the **26th Annual Quilt Show** (10-5 p.m.) at the Allegany County Fairgrounds in Cumberland, MD. (Check with Judy for a brochure.)

Some of the 2005 highlights include: Antique Quilt Collection, Appraisals, 2005 Raffle Quilt, Demonstrations, Featured Quilter—Irene K., Silent Auction (small and mini quilts), vendors, and the Hoffman Challenge Exhibit.

Four classes offered

(registration deadline: May 1)

*Beautiful Just White!
(w/Karen)

*Machine Quilting Domestically
(w/Linda)

*Dimensional Embroidery
(w/Irene)

*Learn Hand Applique
(w/Barbara)

Special Antique Quilt Collection Trunk Show and Quilt History Lecture at 1 p.m. daily with Suzanne in the Demonstration Room.

Check their website for further details including a listing of over a dozen vendors ... AND directions to the event!

(<http://www.schoolhousequilters.org/index.html>)

SHOWS, MEETINGS, CLASSES

5/11-15 **2005 Western PA Shop Hop!**

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. Upshur County Extension 473-4208.

6/08-11 **WV Quilt Shop Hop**

6/15-29 **Sacred Threads 2005 Quilt Exhibition**, Reynoldsburg, OH.

For more info visit their web site: <http://home.att.net/~sacredthreads/>

6/16-18 **The National Quilting Association's 36th Annual Quilt Show**

Columbus, Ohio - www.nqaquilts.org/2005show/

6/17-18 **55th Annual WV State Folk Festival**. Thimbles & Threads Quilt

Guild of Glenville will have a special booth, "A Patchwork Gathering." www.etc4u.com/folkfest

6/17-19 **Blue Ridge Quilt Festival**, Blacksburg, VA. (www.brqfestival.com/)

6/17-19 **Schoolhouse Quilters Guild 26th Annual Show**

Elkins Sewing Center



*Upcoming Classes
w/Fran
(304-636-9480)*

5/11 Computer Quilt Design

Includes the very basics of drawing and coloring blocks, designing quilts and calculating yardage with the aid of Quilt-Pro software
10 a.m. or 6 p.m.

5/14 Rose of Sharon w/machine appliqué and mitered frame border.
10 a.m.

5/21 Beneath the Boughs—29"x12" project features six deer under pine and oak boughs. Raw-edge fusible appliqué and free motion quilting
10 a.m.

6/04 Stack and Whack Fans
10 a.m.