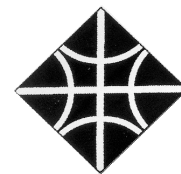


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Country Roads Quilt Guild
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May 2007

Terry's Tidbits

Terry's Tidbits – Are you ready for an exciting meeting? I am! We'll have our Spring Challenge Show at the meeting – can't wait to see how everyone interpreted the rules. We will also be revealing ourselves to our Phat Sisters. It should be a fun night of surprises. We will be drawing names again for secret sisters for the upcoming year. If you want to participate, but will miss the meeting, please contact me before the meeting.

Sounds like last month's meeting was awesome too. Can you believe we donated 60 quilts and fleece blankets to Project Linus? I'm so proud of us! Thanks also to Debbie S's daughter and her sorority sisters for donating the fleece blankets. I'm inspired to make even more.

And thanks to Lou D for showing how to make her horse ornament – maybe we'll have several to fight over at this year's ornament exchange! Thanks also to Sandy F, Linda F, and Carol S for providing refreshments.

The last of our Alzheimer's quilts was recently auctioned off. Lou's dove quilt brought in \$55 – that brings the grand total from our 22 little quilts to \$1181.56 – wow.

It feels good to use our talents to help others. I'd like to thank every one of you who helped in any way with the Linus or Alzheimer's quilts. And a BIG THANK YOU to Pat O for organizing our Linus efforts. She spent lots of time putting together quilt kits to make it easier for us to complete the quilts. She coordinated and cut the fabrics, included drawings to help with assembly, and often included batting too. Thank you, Pat!

Jane F brought to our attention another way we can help people. She spent many hours rocking her newborn granddaughter in the NICU at Ruby hospital. She is hoping to collect enough money to buy and donate two or three new rocking chairs so family members can have a comfortable place to rock their sick babies. Contact Jane if you'd like to help.

Have you ever walked into Ruby Hospital's entry and seen the beautiful display of quilts? Hopefully, their beauty provides a brief distraction to patients, families and staff. Enough of us have expressed an interest in displaying our quilts there, so we will discuss options at the meeting, whether to hang them in the fall or winter. If you have a preference, please let me know.

See you soon!

Terry

Help Wanted! We need a couple more hostesses for our June meeting. Please volunteer so we won't be hungry at the meeting!

Are you a quilter for hire? A local woman would like to find someone to make 2 twin size quilts from her children's baby clothes. Please contact Terry for her number if you are interested.

Blog vs. Yahoo group – We are still trying to set up a good way for our members to connect with each other and with Rae's guild in Australia. Our blog activity has been very slow. We are considering using our Yahoo group instead. That group site will allow any of us to post emails on any subject, we can also post photos, links and files. One great feature is a group calendar that can be set up to automatically send reminders, which is most helpful for those of us who get more forgetful every day. We will restrict the membership of this group to members of our guild and Rae's, so it will be by invitation only. If you'd like to check it out, please contact Terry and she will send you an invitation to join!

How would you like to be a journalist? We need a volunteer for publicity. No experience necessary. Basically, all that is required is to send news items to *Dominion Post* or other media sources periodically to promote the Guild. For instance, I think the community would be interested that we donated 60 quilts to the Linus project or that we donated 22 little quilts that raised \$1181.56 for Alzheimer's research. Please let Terry know if you're interested.

Support our Troops. Donate a magazine subscription. For each Gift Subscription, \$2 will be donated to the Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors (TAPS). TAPS is a non-profit Veteran Service Organization offering hope, healing comfort, and care to the thousands of American armed forces families who face the death of a loved one each year. See Melissa J for more information.

Is this your last newsletter??? The answer is YES if we haven't received your membership form! To renew your membership, please fill out a form and give it to Terry. If you are under 65, please include your \$15 dues. Thanks.

April Minutes

Welcome to guests Carol K and Pat O.

Sandy and Lou Ann Motion to accept March minutes from secretary report.

Monica and Michelle Motion to accept March Treasurer's report.

Challenge due in May. The challenge is to use purple and green, a Flower, a kaleidoscope, and a nine-patch.

Ruby Memorial is looking for bedsize quilts to hang in the hospital starting in September. The quilts will hang for four months.

Passed around hostess sheet and committee signup.

Email from Jane F about granddaughter Annika, would like donations to buy new rocking chairs for NICU.

Clorinda at the Sew Inn, Bus to 5 southern Shop hop stores.

Phat Sister presents passed out by Debbie S.

Show and Tell.

Shelly Marshall Foundation needs teapot cozies made for May 6th tea. Check with Lisa A for details and pattern.

Melissa attended the Jennifer Chiaverini book signing in Pennsylvania. She brought information about Quilt Show in Washington Pa.

Monthly Mini won by Michelle.

Project Linus Presentation.

49 Quilts and 11 fleece blankets were presented to Carol Kiger. They will be distributed to Ruby Memorial Hospital. The blankets and quilts collected stay in the area.

Carol S is participating in Revlon Run Walk for Cancer the 1st weekend in May.

Welcome to Pat O who joined our guild at the March meeting.

April 07 Treasurer's Report by Melissa J

Beginning Balance	2,327.22
Income	
Monthly mini April.....	20.00
PK visit.....	330.00
No Name	-
Membership dues.....	240.00
Interest.....	0.11
	590.11
Expenses	
Newsletter Lou D-Mar	20.93
Newsletter Judy C	40.24
Mt. Mall-May rent	25.00
Lou-postage.....	25.35
Judy-postage.....	27.30
Terry C-PK visit	7.95
Sew Inn-pres. Gift.....	40.00
Carol S-PK Visit	58.10
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Ending Balance.....	2,672.45

By request, here's the recipe for some of the treats that Carol S and Linda F made for the last meeting.

Apple Cake

1 can apple pie filling	
2 cups flour	2 eggs
1 cup sugar	2/3 cup oil
1 1/2 tsp baking soda	1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp salt	1/2 cup chopped nuts

Put pie filling in ungreased 9" x 13" pan. Mix dry ingredients and sprinkle over pie filling. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over flour mixture. Stir just enough to moisten dry ingredients. Bake 40 to 45 minutes at 350°.

S'More Squares

Crust

14 graham crackers (approx. 2 1/2 cups crushed)
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup sugar

Filling & Topping

3 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
3 cups miniature marshmallows
1 cup (6 oz) milk chocolate morsels
4 graham crackers, coarsely broken

Preheat oven to 350°F. For crust, finely chop graham crackers. Add butter and sugar; mix well. Press crumb mixture onto bottom of a stoneware bar pan or large cookie sheet with sides. Bake 10 minutes. For filling, combine cream cheese, sugar, eggs, and vanilla; mix until smooth. Carefully spread cream cheese mixture over crust. Bake 12-18 minutes or until center is almost set. Remove to cooling rack. Immediately top with marshmallows, chocolate morsels, and graham crackers. Cool to room temperature. For easier cutting, refrigerate 15 minutes; cut into bars. Store covered in the refrigerator.
Yield: 32 bars.

Mountaineer Week Quilt Show – Mark your calendar for November 2-4! Ami Simms' traveling exhibit of Alzheimer's Art Quilts will not be available to us, because they can't be displayed in a space with windows. So, it's up to us again to fill the space. Please start to think about any quilted items you'd like to display during our show and if you'd like to make a little something to "raffle" off during the show.

Sue M and Terry C took a fun design class from Cynthia England in Lancaster and were blown away by the incredible quilts in the show. The multitude of vendors was icing on the cake

Terry C, Susan C, Vicki D, Jane F, Carolyn G, Linda J, Janet Jo M, and Sue M were fortunate enough to attend the Quilter's Heritage Celebration in Lancaster. (Although in reflection, Carolyn and Vicki might be wishing they had instead only traveled as far as Elkins!)

Judy C, Deloris R, and Gitta J seemed to have been the CRQG's only representation at the West Virginia Quilters annual meeting in Elkins. Prior to the meeting (hosted by the Log Cabin Quilters of Elkins), they made a brief stop at the Elkins Sewing Center before going on to the meeting where a pre-meeting lunch was served, and, following the business meeting, they were treated to a fabulous presentation by guest speaker Froncie Quinn. Froncie's lecture, "Oft Think of Me," was a pleasant trip back in time to the 19th and 20 century of quilting with actual stories behind the making of the original quilts that hang in the Shelburne Museum (VT). Froncie provided an excellent presentation and trunk show. Apparently after a few years of living in Vermont, she approached the Shelburne Museum about "patterning their antique quilts so the general public could make reproductions of their wonderful collection." One of the especially nice things about the patterns is that they include the stories of the individuals who made the original museum pieces. Froncie has since worked with RJR Fashion Fabrics to create a fabric line from the Shelburne Museum collection; works with Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, doing the same with their antique quilt collection; and in her latest opportunity, she has been approached by Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum to draft patterns of their quilts "with the goal of miniaturizing some of the designs." Definitely visit Froncie's website (hooplapatterns.com/simpquil.htm) ... and see some of what you missed! Froncie conducts workshops (as she did for the WV Guild) and has a line-up of presentation topics. We should definitely think about bringing her to Morgantown!

And, if you're not currently a member of the West Virginia Quilters—where you would have had the opportunity to hear Froncie Quinn's presentation—you should seriously consider joining. The meetings are ALWAYS good, and we (CRQG) now have elected representatives in that organization!

Congratulations to Vicki D and Carolyn G who were voted in (in absentia, no less) as Co-Directory Editors for the 2007-08 state guild directory. There was a really nice write-up on both Vicki and Carolyn and it can probably be viewed at the West Virginia Quilters website

(www.wvquilters.org). While you're there, pull up a registration form, and get your \$10 dues in as soon as possible. There still might be time to have your name included! For details, check with Vicki or Carolyn as they're longtime members. Then, you can look forward to the upcoming meeting on July 7 in nearby Bridgeport (hosted by The Millennium Quilters of Bridgeport). The meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Benedum Festival with a quilt show at the Bridgeport High School on July 6-7. Workshops are planned so be sure to visit the Guild's web site (www.millenniumquilters.com). Just to give you an idea of what's to come ... Carole Nicholas from the Jinny Beyer Studio in Great Falls, Virginia, will be teaching a border print kaleidoscope quilt workshop on July 6 with an evening trunk show from 7-8:30. The following morning, Barbara Hollinger (also from the Jinny Beyer Studio) will be teaching a class from 9-11:30 on selecting colors for your projects. Then at the actual meeting of the West Virginia Quilters, Carole Nicholas and Barbara Hollinger will be presenting a trunk show of different quilts from those shown at the Friday night Trunk show. You should seriously consider joining the West Virginia Quilters ... you're missing some truly exceptional meetings.

Judy C, Donna F, Carolyn G, Gitta J, Deloris R, and Ruth Ann R took advantage of the opportunity to attend the Three Rivers Quilt Festival held in Castle Shannon, PA. And, although there were probably 20 vendors in attendance at the show, I understand most of our Guild members also included a trip to nearby Quilters Corner as a part of their day's outing. If you'd like to see some of the prize-winning quilts from the Three Rivers Show, you should go to the web site (www.threeriversquilters.org/index.html) of the Three Rivers Quilt Guild.

Carol S and Linda F also went to 3 Rivers Quilt Show and made a stop at the Quilter's Corner. It was Carol's first trip to the shop, but it won't be her last! We purchased the pattern and fabric to make purses together someday soon!!

Special congratulations go out to Linda R! Linda was juried into the Quilts and Wall Hangings 2007 juried exhibition at the Cultural Center in Charleston. The summer-long exhibition will be displayed in the Great Hall and in the Art Gallery of the Cultural Center, State Capitol Complex in Charleston. This is really quite an honor ... as many of you know, the Cultural Center is considered to be West Virginia's "official showcase for the arts." Hopefully, many of you will be able to get to the Cultural Center to view the display. (Further information on dates and times will be provided in the next newsletter.) The actual

presentation of awards will be made during the annual Vandalia Gathering. The judges had three words at their disposal: excellent, satisfactory, and needs improvement. Linda received four ratings of excellent! (And, as I'm sure you can imagine, *she needs no improvement!*)

- ✓ Visual impact ... excellent
- ✓ Use of color ... excellent
- ✓ Piecing technique: precision stitching, grain line, shadow-through ... excellent
- ✓ Finishing: corners, backing, border, binding ... excellent

The juror, Jane Hall (Raleigh, NC), said of Linda's quilt: "good fabric selection, light and dark values well placed to create a strong pattern." And, if you missed seeing the quilt during the Guild's Show & Tell, you may have seen it when Linda taught her "thangle pattern" class at the Sew Inn. The square was called "Underground Railroad" and all the fabric came from Linda's leftover fabric stash. Yes, that was the one! Well done ... and well-deserved congratulations to Linda!

Chris L is proud, pleased, overjoyed to announce the birth of her first grandchild; A little girl, Alexandra Louise, born April 14th, in Wellington, NZ. Mom, dad, baby are doing fine - grandma can't stop crying tears of joy. Chris is spending 2 1/2 weeks in NZ helping out (holding the baby). Life is good.

NEW MEMBERS:

Patty O

Dawn H

Thank You

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful gifts you have sent to me. I have enjoyed each one and appreciate you. Thanks so much

Brenda Z



I would like to give a special thank you to my Phat Sister. I loved all of the wonderful gifts that I received. I can't wait to find out who you are....be ready for a big hug!! -Lisa A

I'd like to thank my phat sister for all the wonderful gifts and patterns she has given me throughout the year. I greatly appreciate each and every one! I look forward to finding out who you are. Thank you soooo very much! Michelle D

A Tremendous Thank you to my "Phat Sister."
Melissa

Thanks to my Phat Sister for all the wonderful gifts. It's been a great year! Watch for a surprise at the next meeting. Linda F.

Thanks to everyone who completed quilts for the Linus Project. We should all be very proud of donating so many! The project will go on, so keep on making them! We will continue to ask for donations of fabric and make up kits for all who want to do it that easier way.

Pat and Lou
The Linus Committee

Monthly Mini

April's monthly mini was made by Melissa J and won by Michelle D.
Future Minis will be made by Sandy F in May and Connie H in June.

Happy Birthday

May

9 Jane B

25 Donna F

28 Jane F

June

6 Janet Jo M

9 Linda C

14 Ruth Ann R



Upcoming Events

- May 18-20 – The Celebration of Quilts Show (A non-juried show for quilt lovers being held at LaRoche College, Pittsburgh (Admission) Schedule: Fri. (11-5:30); Sat (10-5:30); and Sun (12-4). Check about their retreat weekend! Featuring Trunk Shows from Keepsake Quilting, Hoffman Challenge, a Moda Raffle Quilt, a Pink & White Raffle Quilt for the Women Breast Cancer Foundation, Dawn to Dusk Classes, 22 Vendors, Dinners & Fashion Show, & Weekend Retreat (www.npqg.org/index_files/CelebrationofQuilts.htm)
- Jun 1-3 – 34th Annual Quilt Show at Dulles Expo Center (www.quiltersunlimited.org)
- Jun 8-10 – The 3rd Annual McGrew House Quilt Show, Kingwood, WV
- Jun 22-24 – Schoolhouse Biennial Quilt Show 2007 (10-5 PM) Allegany County Fairgrounds, Cumberland, Md
- Jul 14 (10-4 PM) – The National Congenital Heart Defect Awareness 6th Annual Quilt Show held in memory of Ian Patrick Stroupe at Wesley United Methodist Church, 503 N. High St., Morgantown (www.chdquilt.org)
- June 15-16 (Fri, Sat) – "Tied to Grandma's Apron Strings" 23rd annual quilt show of Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Club, New Cumberland, WV
- June 20-23 – Western Pennsylvania Shop Hop
Fifteen area shops unite for fun, prizes, goody bags, and a progressive quilt project. Here's a peek at the corner of the Summer Sizzle Sampler.
- July 6-7 (Fri, Sat) – [Millennium Quilters](#) Quilt Show Held in conjunction with the [Benedum Festival](#) in Bridgeport, WV
Bridgeport High School Cafeteria, 515 Johnson Ave (I-79 Meadowbrook exit -- about 30 miles south of Morgantown -- left on Johnson Ave, left at Sheetz)
Fri: noon until 8 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Admission: \$4.00
For more information, email Millennium Quilters@gmail.com.
- Jul 18-21 – Northwest PA Shop Hop – Quilting Around the World (Meadville, Carlton, Clarion, Union City, Sharpsville, and New Wilmington, PA)
- Jul 26-29 – Quilt Odyssey 2007 (Hershey, PA) www.quiltodyssey.com
- Nov. 2-3 – Martha Washington Quilt Guild Show Church of the Covenant, 267 East Beau Street (Route 136), Washington, PA 15301
For information, call Sue at (724) 258-8458



Schoolhouse Biennial Quilt Show 2007

(www.schoolhousequilters.org/index.html)

When: June 22-24, 2007
Where: Allegany County Fairgrounds, Cumberland, Md.
Sponsor: The Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild, Inc. of Cumberland, Maryland assisted by the Creative Needle Quilters

At the 2005 show, [Linda J](#) and [Linda F](#) were both award winners at this show! And those of us who attended in 2005 are already looking forward to the opportunity to attend again this year.

Karen Phillips-Shwallon, who did a fabulous trunk show at one of our guild meetings in Morgantown, will be teaching a hand embroidery class on Sunday (from 1-4). Other classes are offered on Saturday! Check on-line for a complete listing of classes.

You might also be interested to know that a substantial number of the quilts that were on display in 2005 were created by inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, MD ... and they were outstanding! Please be sure and check the Guild's website to see the details of their community service activities which includes the on-going inmate project at the Federal Correctional Institution where guild volunteers meet with interested male offenders on a weekly basis to construct small quilts for at-risk children. According to their website, "since 1999, they have donated over 500 quilts to the local hospital and domestic violence shelter." As we understood from talking with Guild members, there is a waiting list of inmates wanting to participate in the program!

The Schoolhouse Quilt Show is now on a biennial schedule ... so if you miss this show, you'll have to wait two years to see it again!

Directions: From I-68 East or West, take Exit #42 - Green Street/US 220 South. Proceed south on US 220 approximately 2.5 miles. Take a left onto Moss Avenue (immediately after Shooter's Bar & Grill). Fairgrounds are just beyond the railroad tracks. The show is in the new Multipurpose Building on the right after you enter the Allegany County Fairgrounds. Parking is free.

Quilt Registration: Check with sunbonnet@atlanticbb.net or call 301-729-5464 for more information.

2007 Highlights include quilt appraisals, demonstrations, door prizes, the Hoffman Challenge exhibit, antique quilt display, miniature/small quilt silent auction, vendors (of course), and so much more! Check the website! More than 300 quilts are expected.

For additional information contact: Linda (sunbonnet@atlanticbb.net)

Fiberart International 2007, April 13 through August 19

(<http://www.pittsburgharts.org/>)

The 19th juried exhibition of the Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh is being held at two locations: Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and Society for Contemporary Craft. Now produced on a triennial basis, the show features a record-breaking 93 works, a third of which are by artists outside the United States. Countries represented include Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Taiwan, and United Kingdom. An astonishing variety of techniques and materials are employed by the artists, often in a single work. Many combine traditional procedures such as stitching, quilting or weaving with rusting, photocopying, heat transfer and even burning. The jurors also reflect the international aspect of this year's show. Artist Naomi Kobayashi exhibits extensively both in Japan and internationally. Artist Dorothy Caldwell is a founding member of the Textile Dyers and Printers Association in Canada. Lois Moran is Editor-in-Chief of American Craft and currently serves as Vice President for the North America on the World Crafts Council Executive Committee. Caldwell writes, "I was delighted to discover work that was subtle, elegant and restrained as well as work full of humor, tongue-in-cheek wit and offbeat ideas." Directions: Take I-79 North to Pittsburgh. Take I-279 toward Pittsburgh. Immediately after exiting the Fort Pitt Tunnel, make a slight right onto I-376/US-30E. Take exit 2A to merge onto Forbes Avenue toward Oakland. Turn left at Morewood Avenue. Turn right at 5th Avenue.

Please send items for the next newsletter to Monica M by June 1.

Next Meeting

May 10th – 6:30 p.m.

Mountaineer Mall

Program – Challenge and Phat Sister Finale

Hostesses – Jane F, Carolyn G, Lu-Ann B-W

- Please bring some of the fabric used in the kaleidoscope block. It will be interesting to see the variety of patterns that emerge from one piece of fabric.
- Melissa will bring copies of her origami bag pattern that she showed at the last meeting.

It's not too late to register with our group for Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminar. Please contact Terry, no later than our May meeting if you're interested.



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