



The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

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MAY 2008

Susan's Scraps

April showers, have brought the May flowers, which always reminds me of 100 different quilts that are like flowers on the bed!

Poppies, tulips, cabbage rose, as well as others in the "new to me book", curved two-patch system by Joyce M. Schlotzhauer which has an easy way of explaining curves for flowers in your quilting.

(Thank you Gene.)

Everyone has something that re-energizes their quilting! New flowers make me think of plenty! While outside, I see the colors of the new flowers and it gets me thinking of

Grandmother's flower garden first as well as appliquéing some tulips. With beautiful bright colors, just like the purple I am seeing from the phlox on the wall, and the lilacs in the neighbors' yard, and the tulips on the side.

I can smell the new quilts already. Mmmmmmmmm. Or is that just washed, new fabric I smell?

I feel a new quilt coming on!

Yours Truly,

the Scrap Bag,

Susan H

Next meeting:

Spring Challenge Show and Undercover Quilter Reveal

May 8 ~ 6:30 PM
Mountaineer Mall
Community Room

Hostesses:

Sandy F., Linda F., Carol S

SPRING CHALLENGE SHOW

The Spring Challenge Show is on the agenda for our next meeting ... May 8! You won't want to miss it.

Remember, the guidelines:

- (1) Must be a quilted game you can play
- (2) Must include the game pieces

And "NO" the game pieces don't have to be quilted. But, do bring the game rules!

Please bring yours in a brown bag and take to the back room when you arrive. Then everyone has the fun of voting on which one they like best!

UNDERCOVER QUILTERS

Undercover quilters will be revealed at our next meeting!

If you've been an undercover quilter this past year, please come to the meeting and find out the identity of your secret sister!

If you're unable to make it to the meeting, please send an e-note to Susan H or Debbie S to share with your secret sister so she can thank you.

To read some of the last "thank you" notes for the current year, please turn to Page 4.

Have you had fun as an Undercover Quilter? Would you like to continue our secret sister activity next year? If you didn't participate this year, would you like to do so in the coming year? We'll discuss at our next meeting! Come and share your thoughts!

Sept. 26-28.

Now that many of us have missed out on what sounds like the opportunity of a life-time ... taking the bus to Paducah, along comes another trip. This one is sponsored by Sew Special quilt shop in Uniontown, PA. They're planning a trip to Chautauqua, NY where they'll stay two nights at the Athenaeum Hotel. Eleanor Burns will be the featured speaker and will teach classes during the event.

"This is an absolutely fabulous place, even without the quilting festival, but add the festival and the combination is just unbeatable!" Sew Special will participate as a vendor. They promise an unforgettable weekend! Check them out! (www.sew-special.biz) or 724-438-1765.

SCHEDULES

Monthly Mini Schedule

May—Lillian

June—Betty

July—Diane

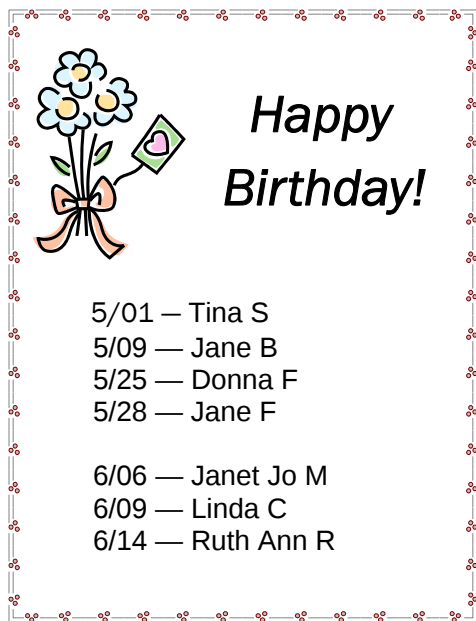
The April monthly mini made by Monica was won by Darlene.

Thanks to all who continue to make and donate these monthly “mini” quilts. The monies raised are used to finance the cost of our meeting room. If you’d be willing to make one, please let us know.

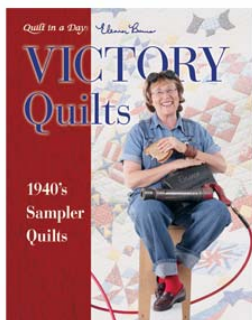
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Would you be interested in participating in a block of the month group? Come to the next meeting to express your interest.

Those interested will get a pattern each month at the meeting, with plans to make a new block with each succeeding month. If you are interested, please contact Debbie.



PATRICIA KNOECHEL WOWS US AGAIN



As always, Patricia Knoechel presented a fabulous show and left us still wanting more. ... Along with the presentation of Eleanor’s new book and the many beautiful quilts made using the patterns, she treated us with a glimpse into her family as well (much as the book itself does). Orders were placed by many who have now received their own copies and are probably way ahead of all the rest of us. ... Numberwise, there were 47 at the early show and 41 at the evening show. Special thanks to all who helped ... from those who collected money to those who prepared dessert. Special thanks, of course, go to our “organizer” Carol RS.

“Eleanor’s new book: Victory Quilts represents a look back in history to the 1940’s and life on the home front. This Sampler Quilt offers patterns and techniques for 20 blocks, each one representing a slice of history with a story to tell. The blocks are traditional patterns, popular during that era and each one a symbolic remembrance: Sky Rocket recognizes the tragic bombing of Pearl Harbor; Broken Sugar Bowl brings to mind rationing during the War; Signal Light recalls air raid warnings; Army Star honors our Armed Services.

Along with strip piecing, Eleanor teaches techniques for squaring up triangle pieced squares, appliqué, flying geese patches, Y seams, and more. Make a Sampler Quilt “set on point” or straight set. Each method is clearly explained and has step by step illustrations in full color. Ribbon and swag borders are explained in detail and add unique interest to the quilt projects. Same block repeat patterns are included in addition to a table runner. Victory Quilts contains yardage and cutting charts for several quilt sizes and the blocks can be made in either 12” or 6” finished sizes. The book has more than 200 pages and includes traceable templates. Eleanor also shares a recipe for Sugarless Cake, a popular treat in wartime when sugar was rationed. Take a step back in history and stitch your quilt in memory of those long gone days!”

Treasurer’s Report by Deloris

BEGINNING BALANCE..... \$2,531.46

Income:

Monthly mini 18.00

No Name Tag 2.75

Dues..... 210.00

Patricia Knoechel..... 360.00

Raffle..... 77.00

Interest..... .10 667.85

Expenses:

Carol — PK visit..... 44.54

Michelle—Stamps 24.60

Sally Rowe—show 100.00

Mountaineer Mall (May)..... 25.00 194.14

ENDING BALANCE..... \$3,005.17

**HAVE YOU
PAID
YOUR DUES?**

APRIL MINUTES BY MONICA

The April 2008 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President Susan H. In addition to several members, one guest was in attendance. The March minutes were approved and accepted, as was the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Committee formations were discussed. Sign-up sheets for various committees will go around at the next meeting.

DVD committee – Susan H mentioned that she has several DVDs and will try to remember to bring them to the next meeting.

Retreat committee – Debbie S discussed renting space at Tygart Lake Resort for a day.

Linus Project – Pat O announced that our June meeting is dedicated to Linus. As always, more kits are available for pick-up. Pat also asked that those wishing to bring in Linus quilts wait until the June meeting if possible.

Challenge committee – Everyone is reminded that the challenge quilts will be unveiled next month. Challenge quilts will need to be a playable game and must be finished.

Refreshment committee – The need for refreshments at future meetings was discussed. A sign-up sheet was sent for the coming year.

Old Business

WV Quilt Guild – The WV Quilt Guild will host a quilt show at the Waterfront Hotel this year, July 17-19. It was noted that the WV Quilt Guild is looking for assistants for the show. "White glove people" and people to help with set-up are especially needed. Terry passed around sign-up sheets for those that are interested and will do so again at the next meeting. Set-up is 7/16/08.

Pat Knoechel – Pat's presentations were discussed. Debbie won the bags that were donated by Carolyn. Deloris noted that while she didn't have the figures readily available at the meeting, she plans to put a report in the newsletter indicating how much money was made at the raffle.

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini, made by Monica, was won by Darlene.

New Business

Block of the Month – Discussed interest in participating in a block of the month group. Those interested will get a pattern each month at the meeting, with plans to make a new block each month. If you are interested, please contact Debbie.

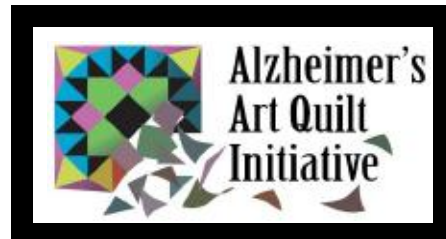
Cookbook fundraiser – Discussed possible interest in creating a guild cookbook, complete with quilting tips, as a fundraiser.

Upcoming Quilt shows – Terry noted that there is a Spring Quilt Camp at Camp Horseshoe in St. George, WV in April. In addition, there is a Fall Quilt Retreat at Jackson's Mill, 9/20-9/21/08. It was also noted that there is a quilt show in Castle Shannon on 4/19/08.

Connie had gall bladder surgery recently and is at home recovering. Cards can be sent to Connie at her home address. The meeting concluded with Show & Tell, refreshments, and a presentation by Sally Rowe, our guest speaker.

WV QUILT GUILD

July 17 - 19, 2008. West Virginia Quilters, Inc. will be sponsoring their 6th biennial quilt show, "WEST VIRGINIA WILD AND WONDERFUL" (9-6 PM) at The Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown. In addition to all the quilts made by quilters around the state, this year they'll be featuring the special traveling quilt exhibit: Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece (sponsored by the Law Office of Julie Gower Romain).



The quilt show will also feature workshops, a merchant mall, and a little quilt auction. Featured teacher, lecturer, and judge will be Sandra Dorrbecker. A lecture by Ms. Dorrbecker will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, July 19. The Little Quilt Auction will be held the same day at 2 PM.



Workshops (held Thursday and Friday) will feature Susan Brittingham, Tresha Cottrill, Sandra Dorrbecker, Fran Kordek, Judy Lilly, Linda Luggen, and Nancy Johnson-Srebro. As always, go to the web site (www.wvquilters.org/calendar.html) for complete details.

Remember too that Terry has started a Volunteer List for the WV Quilters show. Please let her know if you can share a few hours to help! Go to our web page to see what she has so far or contact Terry by phone.

A special word of thanks to Carolyn who donated the bags that were won by Debbie at the Patricia Knoechel Show. Carolyn afforded us the opportunity to add \$77 to our treasury!

Thanks Carolyn!

RELAX & "RETREAT"

There's a **Fall Quilt Retreat** at Jackson's Mill. Yes, once again, they are sponsoring a fall getaway! I know you'd enjoy being there! This is a 2-day affair ... or you can go for just a day! Choices include: Tennessee Waltz (Kerri Smith) with the Eleanor Burns' book of the same name, and Tis the Season (foundation pieced) (Jackie Perry) — both are 12-hour workshops beginning Saturday at 10 AM and ending at 12:30 PM on Sunday. Ten-hour workshops (10-5 PM Saturday and 8:30-12:30 Sunday) include Star-Crazy Tree Skirt/Table Topper (Ann Kessel); and 6-hour workshops on Saturday (10-5 PM) include Chenille Rug or pillow (Tresha Cottrill); Christmas Stained Glass Quilting (Fran Kordek); and Tote (Brenda Casto). Shorter workshops are also included. Contact the Lewis County Extension Office for further information (304-269-4660).

And, do check the Internet for full descriptions of the classes offered at **Zepora's Quilting Seminar** (Oct. 5-10). Pictures are provided for all classes! What an easy process to use in selecting the class you want to take! If you've been to Jackson's Mill, Cedar Lakes is very similar. Get all the details on Zepora's website. There are 1-, 2-, and 4-day classes available. For more info: 304-684-7113 / www.zepora.axelhouse.com

When giving a quilt as a gift, wrap it in acid-free tissue paper and include instructions for storing it safely ... and correctly.

Every quilter

has a masterpiece within.

(My husband wants mine to hurry up and make an appearance.)

THANK YOU! UNDERCOVER QUILTERS



"Once again I was surprised with great gifts from my undercover quilter. Everything spoke of "spring," my most favorite season. I just love all the flowers in bloom now—even my apple trees are flowering. The "guess who" card had blooming spring flowers, some like I found as I mowed grass recently. The pink dress bag (ready to decorate)—I remembered thinking it would be a fun accessory to take to the beach to carry things like lotion and sunglasses; of course it could be used

for so much more—I have buttons galore I could embellish it with; one just has to use their imagination. My undercover quilter used it to hide very springy Mary Engelbreit fat quarters by Moda. As I looked at the two floraed yellow pieces with the multi-colored striped border, I had visions of making them into a small, decorative throw pillowcase. It could be lined with the green accent batik with subtle flowers I also received. I have a pillow in my navy wing chair that would fit such a pillowcase perfectly; the spring yellow sitting in the navy chair would really make it "sing" spring. Thank you very much for these special gifts. This month I'm looking forward to meeting my secret "sister of the cloth" and thanking her in person for all the many wonderful gifts I've received this year."

— Betty

Thanks to my undercover quilter sister. I am very thankful for the beautiful items you surprise me with. I feel very lucky that you have my name.

— Lillian

A special "thanks" to my undercover quilter! You were hit by double events ... my birthday and anniversary. Thanks so much for the lovely gifts. They were perfect!

— Judy

I would like to thank my Undercover Quilter for my gift last month. She has been so kind to me this year. Thank you for all of my goodies. I can't wait to find out who has my name.

— Donna

ONLINE VIDEO DEMONSTRATIONS

Watch Eleanor Burns demonstrate:

- ◆ Flying Geese Ruler
- ◆ Fussy Cut Ruler
- ◆ Triangle Square Up Ruler
- ◆ Scallop, Vines & Waves Template
- ◆ Triangle in a Square
- ◆ Binding

www.quiltinaday.com/television/default.asp

SOMETHING IN COMMON

Beverly

Carol

Carolyn

Chris

Donna

Jane

Linda

Linda

Lu-Ann

Nancy

Rhonda

Ruth Ann

Susan C

Sandy

Terry

Tommie

Vicki

What do these fortunate quilters all have in common?

Could it be a fabulous trip to Paducah?!!

Yes! They've all just returned!!! And, while they all must have stories to share, we've received just two wonderful accounts of their travels. By the time you finish the reading, you'll be ready to climb aboard the next bus to Paducah.

from Linda:

Paducah was great. By my count there were 17 members on the trip. Despite the 13 hour drive, so-so lodge accommodations and horrible complimentary wine, I think everyone had a good time. The quilts were awesome and inspiring, and there were so many vendors that it was overwhelming. Many of us went to see Ricky Timms or Eleanor Burns, or both. Ricky was better than I ever imagined. He arrived on stage riding his Harley! He is an amazing pianist. He brought a friend with him, Cat Bowser, a cabaret style singer. Not only did she wow the crowd with her voice, she kept us in stitches with her jokes. I didn't go to Eleanor's show, but those who did said it

was fun, mostly a show-and-tell. Eleanor remembered Jane even though it's been several years since Jane was on stage doing her imitation of Eleanor. The weather was perfect, and we arrived back in Morgantown late Saturday night with lighter purses and much heavier baggage.

from Donna:

Our Paducah trip was phenomenal! If you ever get the opportunity to see a Ricky Timms show-GO!! He was very entertaining and very inspirational. The Eleanor Burns show was well worth seeing too. All of the Quilters that are on TV (Eleanor Burns, Billie Lauder, Ricky Timms, just to name a few) that we saw were so personable and down to earth. There were so many vendors it was almost impossible to get to see all of their wares. I think every machine I have ever heard of was represented there (and some of the group bought machines at great savings). The facility was so big and very well laid out. We took pictures. I would have liked to have spent all 4 days there (we lost 2 days to travel time). I would recommend if you haven't been to this show that you definitely plan on going at least once (if you can limit yourself to just once).

Did you know that Quilt in a Day is now open in Paducah, Kentucky and that you can sign up now for the 2008 Paducah Sewing School? However, you can also visit Quilt in a Day on the Internet (www.quiltinaday.com/). Think about going there today. You can shop online for books, patterns, DVDs, fabric, rulers, notions and more. And, if you especially like the new line of fabric that Patricia Knoechel shared with us, you can also do that shopping on line. There are more than 900 bolts available from the on-line store! And, you won't want to miss the video demonstrations and highlighted products. No bus needed! Don't totally miss out on the Paducah experience ... do some on-line shopping and brighten your day!

THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL

Ruth Ann and Donna took the opportunity to attend the Three Rivers Quilt Show on April 19. This year, it was moved to a new location to much larger accommodations ... and a much better show, in their opinion. There were many more quilts and many more vendors than they had seen in the past. It was a very enjoyable day, topped off by stopping at their favorite quilt shop, Quilter's Corner in Finleyville, PA.

The show's over ... but you can still make a trip to Quilters Corner.

Directions follow:

79N toward Waynesburg/Washington

70E (toward New Stanton)

43N (near where the PA turnpike joins 70)

Finleyville exit (toll road)

Left at end of exit ramp (pass under Rt. 43)

Left at the first stop sign (3-way stop)

Sharp right at next stop sign (Rt. 88)

Stay on 88 until you get to Quilters Corner (about a mile on the left).

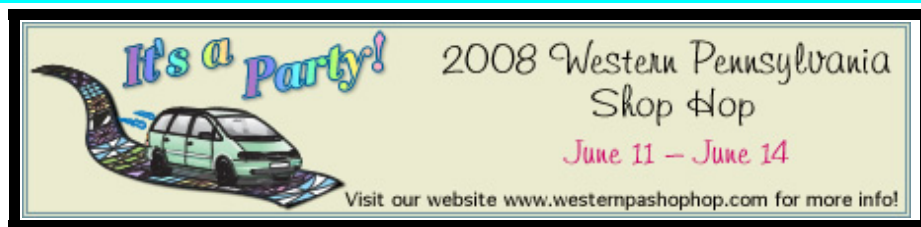
~ ALEX ANDERSON ~

Lillian had the opportunity to attend the Alex Anderson quilt session in Pittsburgh and found it to be interesting. "Alex believes that we, quilters, should put our name on the front of the quilt, just like an artist."

Lillian also attended Hilton Head Quilt Festival and saw many interesting quilts. She was even able to take a lot of friends, male and female, to see this event. It wasn't easy, persuading Harley Davidson bikers to go to a quilt show, but they truly enjoyed it.

Pat Sloan workshop in October!

Check out her home page;
it's fabulous w/SO much to see!
www.quiltershome.com/



A 4-day party ... sounds like fun! Mark your calendars for these four days: Wed. (6/11) 10-5 PM; Thurs. (6/12) 10-9 PM; Fri. (6/13) 10-9 PM; and Sat. (6/14) 10-5 PM. Check the website for a picture of their progressive quilt! Goodie bags will be prepared and door prize drawings will be offered at each shop along the way. Get your \$5 passport at any shops listed and have it stamped along the way to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. (All shops are within a 50-mile radius of Pittsburgh.) Passports have info and maps for each shop, along with great recipes and free patterns. And, don't forget to turn your passport in at the completion of your hop. ...

2008 Grand Prize - \$500 in Quilt Bucks

(to be spent in any of the participating shops)

2nd Prize - \$200 in Quilt Bucks

3rd Prize - Quilters Gift Basket

There are 14 participating shops; Quilters Corner and The Quilt Company (Allison Park) included. ... (<http://www.westernpashophop.com/>)



Mountain Quilt Quest Participants

June 11-14, 2008 • Wednesday thru Saturday; Hours: Wed. - Fri. 9am-8pm; Sat. 9am-4pm.

Visit the website to pre-register (www.mountainquiltquest.com)

Fun, fabric, and prizes are in store for you at the 2008 Mountain Quilt Quest. As always, each shop will have a different pattern and fabric kit. Collect all 13, and create a wonderful quilt memory! Each shop will also have a FREE collectible 2008 quilt charm to commemorate your journey. (Restrictions apply.) Passports are free at all participating shops. Participating shops include the following: Elkins Sewing Center, Parkersburg Sewing & Quilting Center, Pieces of the Past Quilt Shop, Quilt Shoppe LLC, Quilts and More, Quilts by Phyllis, Sew Chic L.L.C, Sew Many Blessings, Sew Many Things, Sneeds Vacuum & Sewing Center, The Sew Inn, Ltd., The Stitching House, Sew Much More, Inc., and The Woolen Willow, LLC. Register to win special prizes. Each shop will have daily drawings with a \$50 value. Grand prize drawings include:

- ♦ \$50 Shopping Spree from each shop (A \$650 value)
- ♦ \$100 Gift Certificates (3 winners)
- ♦ \$25 Gift Certificates (3 winners)

*Drawing held on June 16, 2008. Need not visit all 13 shops to enter Grand Prize Drawing. Need not be present to win. For more information, check the Shop Hop web site (www.mountainquiltquest.com/)

SEW CHIC

National-level quilting instructor Libby Lehman will be presenting two class sessions on May 30. Session 1 (9-12 noon) will be a lecture/demonstration called Sheer Ribbon Illusions. Session 2 (2-5 PM) will be a lecture/demonstration called Bobbin Drawing and Couching.

LOCATION: Fairfield Inn (304-367-9150) in Fairmont (A block of rooms is available for out of town attendees — mention Sew Chic for discount.)

PRICE: \$40/session or \$60 for both.

Pack a sack lunch or go to one of the many restaurants around Middletown Mall. Prepayment is required. There are still some class openings so register soon at Sew Chic (304-366-4135). Lehman is terrific, get there if you can!

MILLENNIUM QUILTERS

Millennium Quilters Quilt Show will be held in conjunction with the Bridgeport Benedum Festival — Friday, July 11, noon to 8pm, and Saturday, July 12, 10am to 6pm, Bridgeport High School, 515 Johnson Ave., Bridgeport WV 26330, Door entry fee: \$5.00, 75+ quilts. Will include vendors, door prizes, raffle quilt, Hoffman Challenge Exhibit, and demonstrations. It's a non-juried show and ribbons will be awarded. Classes will be taught by Karen Montgomery, the owner of The Quilt Company in Allison Park, PA and also fabric designer for Timeless Treasures, book publisher, and pattern designer. For info and entry form: (www.millenniumquilters.com)

DUES ARE PAST DUE

Complete the form in your March newsletter and return to Deloris

June newsletter info to be sent to Susan H by May 30