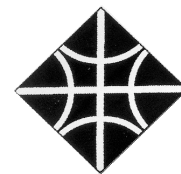


The Postage Stamp



Country Roads Quilt Guild
<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild>

June 2006

Terry's Tidbits

It's been a fun month for some of us who are participating in our Phat Sisters activity. I don't know who drew my name, but she's risk taker! I opened my front door on Mother's Day to find a gorgeous red geranium! She was pretty sneaky to pull that off and I do love it – thanks. We're putting a space in our newsletters for phat sister thanks if you'd like to thank yours.

It's also an exciting time for some of us who are getting our names "out there." Linda J is in the running for the \$100,000 Quilt Challenge from the magazine of the same name. Let's all keep our fingers crossed. Way to go, Linda!

Lisa A and I just received copies of Bernina's "Through the Needle" magazine featuring a story on Ami Simms' Alzheimer's Quilt projects. Our names are in the credits for some of the auction quilts shown in the article. What fun! (It's issue 18 – Sew Chic may get some copies.)

And, I just signed a contract with Quilters Newsletter Magazine to feature my fast finish triangle technique! It's tentatively scheduled to appear in the November issue – can you believe it?!?

Our "Weekend Workshops" got off to a great start. Several of us had a fun afternoon sewing and laughing. We have scheduled two more, so mark your calendars for Saturday, June 24th, and Sunday, July 23rd. The room next to our regular meeting space is wonderful for a sewing workshop, so we have decided

to have our regular June guild meeting there.

We hope to have a fun June meeting learning how to make postcard quilts. Yes, you can actually mail them! I've sent one as far away as Seattle and it arrived just fine. They are so small that it's a fun way to try a new technique and finish it quickly. We will provide fabric kits to make a cute cupcake with candle design. Please see the list of supplies you should bring elsewhere in the newsletter.

Last month's meeting was great too. Mary Beth and Barb came from Quilters Corner in Finleyville, PA, and presented a very interesting program on the history of quilting. Who knew Mr. Singer wasn't a nice guy? They donated two books to our guild – not sure what to do with them since we don't have a library anymore, but I will bring them if any of you would like to take a look. They are, "Classic English Medallion Style Quilts" by Bettina Havig and "Virtues" by Jeana Kimball. We hope to bring Mary Beth and Barb back again sometime. In the meantime you may want to check out their shop – there is a link to their website on ours. Thanks also to Linda F, Sandy F and Lu-Ann B-W for our refreshments.

Mary Lou Weidman just sent me this quote – sounds like good advice: "God gives us each day as a gift, don't forget to pull on the ribbons."

Terry

What's Happening?

Melissa J is going to the Bernina University in San Diego June 28-July 3. She is excited to learn some new techniques and meet some famous quilters, not to mention sun and fun!

Check out the new National Quilting Magazine called \$100,000 Quilting Challenge. There will be 4 issues every year. Each issue will feature ten winners. **Linda J's** quilt "Amazing Grace" (her underground railroad quilt) has been chosen for the 3rd issue coming out in August. One of the 40 winners will win the \$100,000 prize. Selection is based on a ratio of 75% judge's choice and 25% votes received from the public. The public can cast their votes Oct. 31 through Dec. 11. Watch for more information on how to vote. The grand prize winner will be determined on or about Dec. 12.

Fabric needed for "**Linus Project**" quilts! If you have any 100% cotton fabric you would like to donate for this cause, please bring them to the next meeting. We will collect them to be used at a "Linus Project" workshop in the near future.

Pat O

Our Quilting Through the Seasons books were shipped May 24th and should be here next week. Make sure you come to the next meeting to pick up your book.

May Minutes

The May 11th 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.

Terry welcomed our guests and the guest speaker, Mary Beth H and Barb H. Terry pointed out the paper sack near the attendance book for depositing your "Phat" sister gifts. She also passed cards to sign for both Charlene L and Champaka S.

Terry mentioned that there is a June 1st deadline for Directory information and reminded us of the May 21st get-together in the smaller room next door.

Carolyn G held up a catalog of items that can be ordered with the guild logo still on file at Wheeling Quilt and Embroidery. Carolyn offered to submit a one-time group order. Have your orders ready by the June 8th meeting. We may also order directly at any time.

Carol S thanked her board for the two years she enjoyed working with them with the gift of a tape measure for each.

Terry moved onto new business with the proposed idea for a Guild DVD lending library. This idea was approved by a show of hands. Sheila W stepped forward to look into the DVD possibilities. She is open to suggestions and will compile a list for us to vote on.

Terry reminded us that the second Friday of every month the Sew Inn invites you to UFO Day. This runs from 10 am to 9 pm. It is come and go as you please. Be inspired to cross that elusive finish line on one of your projects.

The Fairmont Guild has invited us to help fill their bus to the June 9th Quilt Show in Columbus, Ohio. The cost is \$45 and there are a limited number of seats available: see Terry for contact info.

Terry held up several examples of quilt postcards she has made. She has yet to decide which pattern to choose for June's project. It seems that everyone who starts making these little projects cannot stop. Maybe it is because you can actually finish one that same day you start...WOW!

The Bridgeport Guild is sponsoring the Millennium Quilt Guild show on July 7th and 8th. They have invited our guild members to display quilts in the show. They need a heads up on the number of participants. Terry has submission forms which are also available online.

Lisa A stepped forward to be our first guild "Sunshine Lady." She will be purchasing the cards that we pass around to sign.

Linda J shared a very exciting "Tell". Her Underground Railroad Quilt is one of 10 that will appear in the August issue of the new magazine: "\$100,000 Quilt Contest". There are only 4 issues per year, so that translates to a 1:40 chance at the prize. Get ready to vote!

Sandy F was the ecstatic winner of the monthly mini: a beautiful little wall quilt by Karen S.

Gene P is soliciting a volunteer to complete a quilt for an acquaintance who is willing to pay for your time. The theme of the quilt is centered on the 1985 Olympics.

Volunteers needed to create a block for the raffle quilt in support of the Shelly Marshall memorial. Hope C has the Teapot fabric to be incorporated into each block.

Then Debbie passed out the "Phat" sister packages. There was a feeling of Christmas in the air for those who received a gift.

Next, we had our Show and Tell. Melissa showed us her vest with quilt quotes. My favorite was: "Buy all the fabric you can hide."

Beth H presented her trunk show which walked through the history of quilting.

Sarah C, Secretary

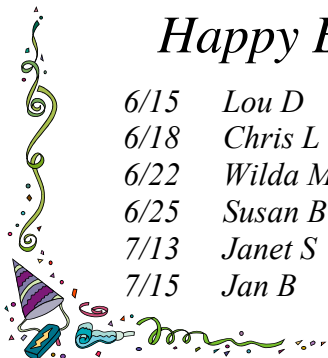
Happy Birthday

6/15 Lou D
6/18 Chris L
6/22 Wilda M
6/25 Susan B
7/13 Janet S
7/15 Jan B

Welcome to our New Members

Wilda M

Freda M



Treasurer's Report by Melissa J

Beginning Balance	3,211.82
Income	
No name tag	3.50
Monthly mini	35.00
Dues	60.00
Interest	.13
Pins	5.00
Patricia Knoechel Workshop	360.00
	463.63
Expenses	
Judy C-April news	29.67
Mary Beth H Trunk Shop	70.00
Carol S-PK Workshop	51.08
Mtn. Mall room rent May 11& 21	75.00
Mtn. Mall room rent June 8 & 24	75.00
	300.75
Ending Balance	3,374.70

Thank You

I'd like to thank my phat sister for the Stairway to Cat Heaven pattern and fat quarter of Civil War fabric. Loved them both.
Tommie

I was so excited when I found a package from my Phat Sister in my mailbox. She was right on! I loved the Batiks. Thanks,
Linda F.

I'd like to thank my PHAT sister for the wonderful pack of fabrics that I received at the last meeting. -
Lisa A

Quilt Shows, and Events

Please let us know of upcoming quilting events (shows, classes, shop hops, etc). Send to Linda F or Terry C so we can put them into our newsletters and website calendar of events. Thanks!

Mark your calendar for the **CRQG Weekend Workshops!**

Saturday, June 24, noon-5pm
Sunday, July 23, noon-5pm

June 8-10 – **NQA Quilt Show**, Columbus, Ohio.
www.nqaquilts.org/2006show/welcome.html

June 10 – **Mountain Quilts Quest Shop Hop**.
There is a bus trip planned on June 10th to take people to the southern shops. It will leave from the Pine Tree Quilt shop in Bridgeport; cost is \$35. Call 304-842-3200 to reserve a seat.

July 7-8 – **Millennium Quilters Quilt Show**, Bridgeport High School. We have been invited to enter quilts in their show. Contact Terry if you want to put a quilt in the show. She has the registration form and details. For more information, email milleniumquilters@gmail.com.

July 7-8 – **New Summer Quilt Festival**, Spruce Forest Artisan Village, Grantsville, MD. Quilt Display, Judging and Sale, Quilting and Piecing Workshops and Demonstrations, quilting supplies, vendors. Free admission – Donations accepted. Bring antique quilts for professional evaluation.
www.spruceforest.org/calendar.html

Are you getting our guild updates via email? If not, your email provider may think our emails are spam. If you'd like to be able to receive the emails please email your address to countryroadsquiltguild@yahoo.com and place our guild address in your email address book.

Please send items for the next newsletter to Thomasene E by June 30th.

Next Meeting

June 8th



at 6:30 pm

Mountaineer Mall – Community Room 2

(the room next door to where we usually meet)

Program: Postcard Quilt Workshop

Hostesses: Sue M and Tina W

We will provide all fabrics, fusible web, interfacing & the pattern.

If possible please bring:

- An iron and ironing surface (and extension cord if you have one, optional)
- Dark permanent marker (sharpie is good) or pencil
- Paper scissors
- Fabric scissors
- Cloth pressing cloth (could be a 5" x 7" scrap of muslin)
- Appliqué pressing sheet (non-stick), optional
- Rotary cutter & mat
- Rotary ruler – 6" x 6" or larger
- Seam ripper



If you can bring your sewing machine, you may be able to finish the postcard during our meeting. If you don't bring a machine you can still do the fusing and finish the sewing at home. If you bring your machine please also bring the following:

- Threads for appliqué and machine quilting - light & navy blue, milk chocolate brown, candy pink, golden yellow (you may do all the appliqué with black thread if you like). You can use cotton, polyester, rayon, metallic or monofilament – bring whatever threads you're comfortable using.
- Bobbin threads – bring light or medium colors – dark may show through the backing.
- Sewing Machine Feet –
- Walking/even-feed foot and/or
- Free motion/darning foot
- Open Toe Appliqué Foot



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Linda F