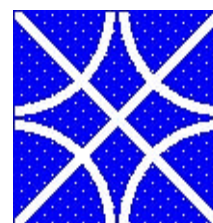




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Country Roads Quilt Guild

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July 2005

Carol's Candor

This time, I'm writing to you as I sit in an anorak chair overlooking a lagoon in Hilton Head Island, SC. I was just reading a "Carol's Candor" that I wrote around this time last year when we were coming back from Arkansas. Did you realize that gas was then a whopping \$1.68?! Fortunately we filled up last night here on the island for \$2.05, today it jumped to \$2.10! The resort that Roy's class is in this year is quite elegant, which only means they charge you for almost everything! Personally, I'm starting to prefer the Holiday Inn where the location is a little more convenient for getting things at an affordable price! Yesterday, we paid \$9.75 for 2 hotdogs, 1 snack size bag of chips, and 1 bottle of water!! (And that was the cheap place!) Today, I went to Wendy's and brought back lunch for us! Oh well, while I'm here, I'm going to savor every luxurious moment!

The beach is wonderful – the sand is fine and clean! The forecast is for some thunderstorms tomorrow, so I had vowed to get as much sun as possible. I did just that, so much in fact that I'm seeking shade AND more sunscreen today!! That must be why some of those people rent the chairs with the umbrellas!!

Today is Wednesday and we'll leave Friday

afternoon headed home. We'll get home on Saturday, only to leave again Wednesday for Wyoming, a road rat again!! But, unlike last year, we'll make it home in time for this year's meeting! I told Roy if at all possible, I wanted to be home by the evening of the 14th, so that's exactly when we're rolling in! I will be bringing the drinks, since I will probably roll in around 5 PM! I'm also hoping to bring a guest, my church has a new interim priest and his wife, Pat, likes quilts and fiber arts, so I'm hoping she'll be able to come. I haven't met her yet, she decided to acclimate herself to Mon General before getting acquainted with the town by having gallbladder surgery five days after she got here!! Sounds like a way to get out of unpacking to me – a little drastic though! I'm hoping to meet her this Sunday before we leave again.

There are way too many distractions to type for very long. A family has come to the hammock between me and the lagoon to celebrate Father's Day a little late. I'm trying to keep my mind here and not watch, I always find people interesting, (Wow! He just got a new pair of sunglasses and is pretty excited about it! He's now got two pairs of sunglasses with tags, on his head! Someone didn't communicate with the other about what they got Dad!) (Candor continued on Pg 2)

Let's Party!
Our next meeting
is our summer
picnic!
You won't want to
miss it!
July 14 — 6 p.m.



Grab your picnic basket ... it's time for the Guild's summer celebration!

Once more, we'll be meeting at 6 o'clock p.m. on our regular Guild meeting day at the Westside Senior Center in Westover. Picnic tables are available, but you might want to bring your own folding chair.

Directions:

from **Morgantown** - go across Westover Bridge - bear right onto Holland Ave - continue to Westover Triangle (at stop light), bear left onto Fairmont Road. As soon as you pass Dairy Queen (on right) turn left onto Dupont Road.

from **I-79** - Take Westover Exit - turn onto Fairmont Road towards McDonald's - continue past Shop & Save to the Bortz KIV Auto Sales (on left) - turn right onto Dupont Road.

from **Dupont Road** - go approximately two tenths of a mile to the Westover City Office building (on right). Turn right at the sign - Senior Center located in lower level of building - parking and picnic pavilion in back.

What's Happening



Congratulations to Linda J and Linda F for their success at the Schoolhouse Quilters Guild's 26th Annual Show. Linda J won

1st place in small wall hanging, large wall hanging, and group. She also won Best of Show for her Underground Railroad large wall hanging, and she received the Judge's Choice for the Cancer Quilt she designed and made with the Extension Quilters. Very impressive! Linda F received 2nd place for her Challenge Quilt, "Love Directs Our Course." Other than Mountaineer Week, this was Linda's first quilt show!

~Remember~

We eat at 6 p.m. sharp
at the Senior Center

Bring a covered dish to share!

You DO NOT need to bring
drinks, plates, cups, napkins, or
utensils!

CRQG June Minutes

The June meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was held on June 9th at the Ronald McDonald House. The meeting was called to order by President Caro. There were 19 members present with one guest, Sue's daughter. The May Minutes and Treasurer's Report published in the newsletter were accepted as submitted.

Carol asked if anyone was willing to serve as Historian/Photographer, with no one stepping forward. She said that she'd call Jane and ask if she would be willing to do it another year.

The annual picnic was discussed and will be held at the Westover Senior Center's Pavilion. The Guild will supply the paper products and "silverware". Members are to bring a covered dish. It was brought up that people could share their recipes via the CRQG website by e-mailing them to Terry.

Susan said there are tickets available for Ian's Quilt and shared a newspaper article about Ian. Show and Tell was held and then we started showing the quilts that are being donated to the Ronald McDonald House. We had a total of 21 quilts donated. Lovies can be donated at anytime by bringing them to the House.

We also discussed Project Linus who also donates to the Ronald McDonald House. There will be a program in January about Project Linus and also a workshop being planned. It was mentioned that another workshop is being planned with Fran in November.

It was announced that the August meeting will be at the Sew Inn with a "Shop till You Drop" evening (Ginny will also be giving us a discount that evening). The Challenge will be revealed in the August Newsletter giving us an opportunity to purchase fabrics for the challenge.

The meeting was adjourned and some members took the tour of the Ronald McDonald House. (Minutes submitted by Carol with the aid of notes taken by Sheila)

Carol's Candor *con't*

Well I had to quit my writing at HHI, another wife from the class Roy was in came up to me and sat down to talk the rest of the afternoon. Was fine, I was supposed to be relaxing anyway! After leaving Hilton Head, we stopped at Mary Jo's Fabrics in Gastonia, NC. If you've never been there, you must go sometime, it's awesome!! Mary Jo is a real person and I've actually met her. She's 73 years old and still is working in her store! She has everything from Bridal to upholstery fabrics and close to half of the store is quilting fabrics! WARNING: it's hard to get out of there without doing some major damage to your checkbook!!

Well must run! I'm off to Wyoming in the morning! I hope to see all of you at the picnic! Remember, I'm bringing drinks and the guild is supplying the plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. Until then, HAPPY STITCHING! Carol

August newsletter

deadline July 29

Send your updates to Melissa J

Treasurer's Report by Sue

BEGINNING BALANCE..... \$4,147.03

Income:

Interest.....	\$.18
Dues (3 members).....	45.00
Guild Pin.....	<u>5.00</u>
Total income.....	50.18

Expenses:

S. Cook—newsletter and labels.....	52.30
C. Spears—reimbursement	
dues overpayment.....	15.00
Total expenses.....	<u>67.30</u>

ENDING BALANCE..... \$4,129.91

If you're a financial member by "Down Under" standards, you've paid your dues. If you're *not* yet a financial member of CRQG, **YOU SHOULD BE!** (See Sue)



ATTENTION QUILTERS:

Ian's benefit quilt show is fast approaching. Registration forms for those who are interested in putting quilts in the show are due by July 15. I will have additional forms at our July meeting if you need them. You can also hand in your forms to me at the July meeting instead of mailing them to Barb in Elkins. I will also pick up and retrieve your quilt for you if you need assistance. Please consider helping out and putting some quilts in the show.

The quilt show will be Saturday, August 6 at the Suncrest United Methodist Church, Drummond Chapel Campus. It will run from 10:00 to 4:00 and there will be musical concerts all day along with the quilt show. Also featured will be the beautiful "opportunity quilt" that many of you helped to create! Speaking of the Opportunity Quilt - I will bring it to our July meeting, along with tickets for anyone who is interested in them. Don't forget - there will also be a bake sale, a bracelet sale, and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to Ian's medical needs. The goal of this day is to raise awareness of CHD (congenital heart disease) and help out Ian. Thank you for your help and support. Call me or email me if you have any questions.

Sue

Marty's moving 7/13

(and we'll miss her!)

Contact a Guild member for
her new address!

New **Directories** available
at the picnic!

IT'S NEW! Your special recipes featured on the CRQG Website. We can share those and other easy entrees that we can put together quickly to leave more time for quilting! See the link from the [ABOUT US](#) section. For details, see Terry! (www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/recipes.html)

See new links to fun websites on our [LINKS](#) page (www.quiltersnewsnetwork.com/)

A SEWING ADVENTURE!

The Sew Inn is sponsoring a special event focused on *sewing technique* and you won't need a Viking to participate ... but you will need to register. Lunch will be included ...and vendors will be selling their products! Details at the Sew Inn (296-6802)

Message from Down Under

Hi Everyone,

Greetings from Oz!!!

It's been quite a while since I last wrote, but I think of you all at CRQG a lot.

Life here has slipped back into its normal routine. I think last time I wrote, I had been having trouble settling down. Well, 12 months on, and I have made a few changes - I've resigned from my job, and am currently "re-thinking my options". I don't think I ever settled back into it the way I thought I would - either I had changed, or my expectations had. It has taken some time, but I finally decided that life is too short, and so I am "unemployed" for the moment. The only problem is - how will I support my habit (of buying fabric) now??? At least I may find some time to actually sew some of the stuff I have already bought!

Apart from that, life is busy and hectic. My quilt group, which I started in Feb 2004, just after we got home, with 5 members, now has 24 financial members. We meet on 3rd Thursday monthly, but then some of the girls decided that wasn't enough, so now we meet on the 1st Thursday as well. Not only that, but the ones who are available during the day meet on the last Friday of the month as well. Our next Friday meeting will actually be a field trip.

There is a big quilt show on in Melbourne at the end of July, so we will all go there for the day. It is a pretty big event that attracts exhibitors from all over the world. They also hold workshops with international instructors, so it should be a lot of fun.

Our group is called "Not Just Quilters" because when we formed, some girls didn't quilt, or else also did other craft, but wanted to join for the social aspect. That was OK by the rest of us, but now we have them pretty much all quilting, which is great. Last year was a big learning curve for the group. We had

beginner quilters as well as some more experienced ones, so we felt our way through the year. This year though, we have moved forward quite a bit. We have had a guest speaker in, we are in the process of doing our first Round Robin, we have begun a challenge, and we are making a charity quilt as well. The challenge is a simple one, I just handed out the patterns to 2 blocks. They must use both blocks at least once, but that is the only rule. Apart from that they can do anything they like.

Last year 6 of us went on a "quilting retreat" in August (winter) to a beach side resort. It was a great weekend. We did heaps of sewing, talking and eating and it was a great success - so much so, that we are doing it again this year. The house we stayed in had magnificent ocean views, so after rugging up for an early morning walk along the beach, we huddled by the fire and looked out at the ocean. The Olympic Games also happened to be on that weekend, so due to the time differences, we ended up sitting up most of the night to watch. It was great fun. This year we are not going to the beach as there are 15 of us going and the house is not big enough. We are going to a conference centre, not far from here, with a big room where we will be able to set up machines and sew to our hearts content (we hope). The conference centre is in a lovely bush setting, so instead of walking along the beach, we will try a nice walk through the bush.

Well, I think that brings you pretty much up to date with what is happening here in Australia (for me anyway). I'd love to hear from you guys, and don't forget, Australia is a great place for a holiday!!!

Best wishes to everyone, and happy quilting.

Rae

What's Happening con't

Gitta, Deloris, Judy, Linda J, Jane, Susan, Carolyn, and Linda F all attended the Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild's 26th Annual Quilt Show at the Allegany County Fairgrounds.

Rhonda and Debbie completed the W.Va. Shop Hop ... and loved it! (And who wouldn't!?) Someone also mentioned that Tommie completed the hop. Anyone else? Judy was fortunate enough to win one of the daily prize drawings from Sew Chic in Fairmont. Her "goodies" included a small Simplicity cordless sewing machine, loads of patterns, over a half dozen fat quarter collections, and lots of quilting odds and ends. Thank you Sew Chic ... and all the shops that made the 2005 Shop Hop such a wonderful experience! Now, let's finish those shop hop quilts! The Sew Inn is planning a *special surprise* for those who complete their quilts in time for next year's hop. ...

There were lots of participants at the Cultural Center ... all WINNERS just for being juried in. ... Ask Carolyn for all the details! Some of those represented at this year's showing included Kay, Cynthia, Denise, Debbie, and Linda R.

Chris attended a 1-day quilt class in Arlington, VA on 6/18. The hands-on workshop was hosted by the Quilters Unlimited Guild of Northern Virginia and the class—Ghost Layers and Color Washes—was taught by quilt artist Katie Pasquini Masopust of Santa Fe, NM. Chris said Katie is an excellent teacher and very funny, and declared the class to be one of the best technique classes she had ever taken.

Read Your Quilt Show Programs!

According to the program, some of the quilts on display at the Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild's Annual show were hand crafted by inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution Prison Camp at Mexico Farms. The 15 men involved in the project (since beginning in 1999) have donated over 500 quilts to the local hospital and domestic violence shelter. They are currently making lap quilts for returning wounded soldiers. They have also donated to the Memorial Hospital Pediatrics Unit, Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Family Crisis Resource Center, Salem Children's Home, and Project Linus. If you would like to donate fabrics, batting, or funds to help produce these quilts, contact Sara.

The on-going inmate project at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland is a community service project sponsored by Guild members. In addition to the 15 men currently participating, there is a waiting list of those *wanting* to participate. Another endeavor, the Guild's "Happy Huggie Quilt" project provides quilts to the

Cumberland Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Ward for sick and/or injured children. For more details, see the Schoolhouse Quilters Web site. (www.schoolhousequilters.org).

According to the program, proceeds from last year's Three Rivers Quilt Festival helped the Three Rivers Quilters Guild to create and then donate approximately 100 quilts to Angel's Place, Child's Way, and The Children's Institute. Members have also "made and donated approximately 375 isolet covers for the premature babies of the West Penn Hospital Neonatal Unit. Donations were also made to Heinz History Center for the preservation of Quilts, WQED for quilt programming, and the University of Nebraska Foundation to the International Quilt Studies Center." More information is available on their web site (www.threeriversquilters.org).

Not-To-Be Missed Events!

July 8-9 (10-5) 28th Annual Summer Festival and Quilt Show—Spruce Forest Artisan Village. Craft vendors, mountain music, quilt show, and regional foods ... or enjoy a leisurely lunch at Penn Alps, pick up some produce at the Hilltop Market, and be sure to stop by Four Seasons Quilt Shop to complete your day!

July 30 (10-5) and July 31 (12-5) Quilters Corner Summer Celebration! **NOT TO BE MISSED!** Unbelievable buys on gift baskets, backing cuts, discounted books and magazines, and shop demo quilts – take some home with you!

August 1-15 Allegro by Atkinson Designs ... Stop into Quilters Corner to see their trunk show!

September 2-5 The Stonewall Jackson Jubilee Quilt Show! Quilts must be pre-registered by Friday, August 19. Jubilee Quilting Workshop being held Friday, September 2 (9:30-4 p.m.) – Whimsical Felted Wool Wall Hanging. Instructor: Nancy Ackley of Weston. Registration deadline for workshop August 12. (Questions? Call 269-4660)

October 9-14 Zepora's Quilting Seminar at Cedar Lakes Conference Center (Ripley). One, two, and four-day sessions. Check with Zeporah (684-7113) to see what classes are still available.

Tip: If your *UFOs* are *OOC* (out of control), join the monthly second Friday evening group at Sew Inn at 6pm! *It could* be labeled a support group; but it's also a place where you can come and sew with assistance and good conversation! Check w/Linda for details! (Sew Inn: 296-6802)

NEWS FLASH

~THE QUILT COMPANY~

Featuring the quilts

of Lee Ann

and her Mother!

Lee Ann and her mother have been selected as featured artists by The Quilt Company in Allison Park, Pa. The Quilt Company is having mini shows by "select" area quilters during the summer months and asked Lee Ann and her Mom to share their quilts July 5-16. If you've been wanting to go to The Quilt Company (labeled the largest quilt shop in western PA), now is the time to do it! Get a group together and go. You'll definitely be glad you did. Call (412-487-9532) for directions or visit their web site.

Sew Chic

Classes all summer long

Call for details (366-4135)

Everyone's talking about Egg Money Quilts. And, there are two long-term classes at Sew Chic so that you can get your Egg Money quilt projects completed!

5:30-8:30 every Tuesday in both August and September *and/or*

11 a.m. for the 2nd Saturday Club beginning August 13

Check with the shop for details! Remember to take advantage of your 10% Guild discount ... it applies to books as well! Need 30s fabrics? A new supply of Aunt Grace fabric is on the way (call before you make the trip).

Just announced July Sale (now until July 16!) Buy 3 yards of any fabric and get 1 yard free. ... *See you there!*



Happy Birthday!

A gift certificate to your favorite quilt shop says it best!

7/21 Mary Lou

8/01 Charlene

8/07 Bonnie