

The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/

JULY 2009

Melissa's mini-notes

Hello ladies!

I hope our last meeting went well. I know I left some capable ladies in charge. Thanks for taking care of the meeting for me ladies.

Well, as you all know, Paul and I made the jaunt around good ole West Virginia on the 6th shop hop. And before you ask, he did not win this year! We started out on Wednesday evening and did the first four shops, The Sew Inn, Sew Chic, The Stitching House and Elkins Sewing Center and then stayed the night in Elkins. Thursday, we went to Summersville and Victor then stayed in Summersville. On this trip, we have had more time to sight see the areas we were visiting. We went to Summersville Lake and gift shop and bought some yummy Blackberry Butter! Friday found us traveling to Charleston, Hurricane, Huntington and then Ceredo. But on our visit to Quilts by Phyllis we had arrived too early for Paul to sample their snacks, so we had to go back there before returning to Charleston to stay the night. While we were at Phyllis', Paul and I ate lunch with some of the ladies that were helping Phyllis. He was even talking to an Avon dealer about Avon! Something that even I do not do. He still surprises me after 29 years! Saturday, the final day of the hop had us going to Walton, Houchins' (a fabric shop between Walton and Harrisville), Harrisville, Parkersburg, and the Woolen Willow in Williamstown, which is also a favorite of ours. Our final night out was spent in Mineral Wells and on Sunday back to reality! All in all, we had another wonderful time doing the 6th WV Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop!

I am sorry to hear that none of our prize winners for the Challenge were able to make the meeting. Oh well, we just have to give them their things at the picnic at the Westover Senior Center Picnic Pavilion! Remember that we start early, 6:00 p.m. and do not forget to bring a covered dish and a friend that might want to check us out!

Have you been on any of the other Shop Hops that were happening recently? Please let us know so that we might jot it down to watch for next year. Do you know of any quilt shows coming up? If you have information please pass it on either at the meetings or the newsletter.

I need to get to work (sewing), so I'll see you at the picnic!

Melissa

*~Annual Picnic~
Westover Senior Center*

July 9—6 PM

Note our earlier start time

*Bring a covered dish,
your table setting, and (if
interested) remember the fat
quarter exchange*

QUILTERS CORNER

Sidewalk Celebration

Saturday ~ July 25 ~ 10:00-5:00 and

Sunday ~ July 26 ~ 12:00-4:00

You won't want to miss it! Gift baskets, backing cuts, precut 1-yard pieces at half price, and store and class samples available for purchase. Come and enjoy the suspense as the crowd awaits the 10 o'clock start on Saturday and the scheduled noon opening on Sunday.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Quilters Corner! They're being featured in the fall edition of American Patchwork and Quilting Top Shops magazine. Be sure to pick up your copy! Quilters Corner is taking advance orders for the magazine and is then adding names of those who make the purchase to a special "invite list" for the magazine premiere party they're hosting in September! Sounds like fun!

www.quilterscorner-pa.com/pdf/pdf_news/spring_summer09.pdf

Zepora's Quilting Seminar

Oct. 12-15, 2009

www.zepora.axelhouse.com



Thanks to all who made Project Linus such a success! Special thanks to Pat, our Linus Chair!

JUNE 11 MINUTES BY MONICA

The June 2009 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by Vice President, Debbie S. Several members were in attendance as well as one guest, Carol K., from Project Linus. The May 2009 minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports

Directory committee – Linda F. sent around a sheet containing each member's information for the directory. Members were asked to review the information, making corrections as necessary.

Old Business

Dues – Dues were due at the March meeting. Members who have not paid by the end of tonight's meeting will be dropped from the active roster.

May Workshop – The May 16th workshop, held at Harner Chapel in Sabraton, was a success. Members who attended talked highly of the workshop. Kathy H. showed off her completed wonder wallet. If you ordered a wonder wallet pattern and have not yet paid, please pay the guild. Melissa will be bringing the wonder wallet and origami bag patterns to the next meeting for those who ordered them and have not received them. Thanks to Melissa J. for teaching this workshop, which was quite fun! Hopefully, there will be more workshops in the coming months...

Quilters on the Run visitor – Beth N., who has a PhD in textile and design and visited the Quilters on the Run last month to do a talk on feedsacks used in quilting, has offered to come to speak to our group as well. Those in attendance voted to see if we could get Beth to come speak at one of our meetings.

Fat Quarters Exchange – This month is the first month for the exchange, with the theme being anything patriotic. Next month, the theme will be sand or beach.

Quilt to Chance Off – Connie H. brought the quilt that we will be selling chances for to show off. The quilt is beautiful, pieced by Connie and hand-quilted by Christine S. Debbie will follow-up with Terry to see about printing tickets.

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini, made by Christine S., was won by Debbie S. Next month's mini will be made by Connie H.

New Business

New Meeting Place – Elaine S. moved to change our meeting place to the Harner Chapel, effective for the September 2009 meeting. All members in attendance were in agreement. We will ask Melissa J. if the guild will do a one-time yearly donation of \$300 (our budgeted meeting allowance), which may also cover any workshops, or if we will pay monthly.

Quilt Shows – It was requested that any information on upcoming quilt shows be submitted to the newsletter committee so that it can be in the next newsletter. Judy C. is doing the next newsletter.

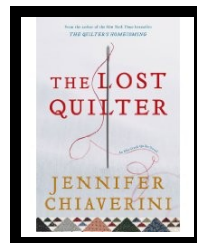
Janet S. – Janet S. announced that this meeting will be her last meeting, as she is moving to Portland, OR. At this time, Janet does not know her new address, but the guild will keep in contact.

September meeting – We will be focusing on homemade Christmas gifts. If you have any items you have given or received that you think would make nice homemade projects, bring them to the September meeting to show.

Next meeting – Picnic at Westover Senior Center. Please plan to bring your own table service and a covered dish to share.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell and our Linus Presentation. We were able to present the Linus program with 51 quilts, including 11 quilts donated by Quilters on the Run.

NEW FROM ELM CREEK



Master Quilter Sylvia Bergstrom Compson treasures an antique quilt called by three names—

Birds in the Air, after its pattern; The Runaway Quilt, after the woman who sewed it; and The Elm Creek Quilt, after the place its maker longed to return. That quilter was Joanna, a fugitive slave who traveled by the Underground Railroad to reach safe haven at Elm Creek Farm. This is Book 14 in the Elm Creek saga and may answer some questions raised in The Runaway Quilt! For a sneak peak at Chapter 1, check the author's web site (www.elmcreek.net/index.php/main/news/)!

MONTHLY MINI

Monthly Mini Schedule

July—Connie

August—Lillian

The June mini made by Christine was won by Debbie.

Thanks to all who continue to make and donate the monthly "minis." Monies raised supplement meeting room costs. If you'd be willing to make one, please let us know.



Fat Quarter Exchange

This month's theme will be sand or beach. You know it's not as much fun unless more participate! Join in the fun! (*Bags available*)

What's Happening

Our very own Nancy S. will have about 25 of her quilts and wall hangings at the Tygart Lake Lodge thru the month of June and extending until July 13. Tygart Lake State Park sits alongside the 10-mile long (1,750-acre) Tygart Lake. The lodge (where the quilts are being displayed) has a nice restaurant that "offers panoramic views of the lake and a variety of mouth-watering entrees," (their words not mine but I'd trust that they're true) and there are two gift shops on the property. Take a day trip ... the park is just minutes from Grafton.

Lou D. was awarded a Judges Choice award for her Mermaid quilt at the Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild's show. **Congratulations, Lou!**

Linda R. not only completed the entire West Virginia Shop Hop, but she visited three of the shops a second time ... and still found new things to purchase! Linda also travelled to the Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild's 2009 Quilt Show in Cumberland, MD. Hope she saw Lou's quilt on display. ...

Deloris R. had to recruit new "shop hoppers" after she wore out husband Rusty and grandson Forrest. She continued on her trek with sister Patty and a cousin visiting all the shops but those located closer to home!

Judy C. participated in two shop hops (WV and PA) but only visited one shop in each state ... The Sew Inn and Quilters Corner. Judy's looking for her secret sister! Won't you come up and make yourself known? Your thoughtfulness was so appreciated. ...

Gitta J. and Jeff checked out Wilson's Your Favorite Quilt Shop (www.iluv2quilt.com/) on Marsh Pike in Hagerstown, MD. Gitta says "They have a great selection of fabric along with other things. From the web site, click on 'About Us' and see some good pictures of the shop."

Sandy U. attended the Ricky Tims Seminar: *I was a part of the bus trip attending the Ricky Tims Seminar and it was a great experience!!! I think everyone had a great time. The bus ride was very smooth and Terry C. is a great coordinator. She worked hard to put this trip together for us. And I couldn't have had better roommates than Rhonda, Darlene and her Mom! I'd recommend this group anytime.*



July 4—Gloria B.

July 13—Janet S.

July 15—Jan B.

July 21—Mary Lou M.

July 21—Sandra U.

July 22—Emma Lou W.

Aug 5—Mary Louise A.

We all obviously have a hobby or we wouldn't be part of CRQG, but for those of us who find little time to enjoy our quilting, this short piece is for you.

... To Our Good Health

Do you have a hobby? We often find ourselves consumed by our work or caught up in making sure that our families are receiving the attention and time that they need. We encourage loved ones to take on a hobby, but when is the last time you have taken the time to work on a hobby you love? It is important to your health to take part in activities you love to do. This will help alleviate stress and keep you happy. My hobby is scrapbooking. I feel great when I look back on my scrapbooks and reflect on the great times I have had in my life.

from **Becca Fint-Clark**
WVU Extension Agent—Nutrition and Health Team

This is your green light to go ... for your health's sake, let's start quilting!

Treasurer's Report by Michelle

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$2,335.24
<u>Income:</u>	
Membership Dues.....	15.00
Monthly Mini	10.00
Haught Pattern Reimbursement ..	7.00
Interest.....	.10
	<u>32.10</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Challenge Winners	
Connecting Threads gifts.....	55.00
Office Depot June Newsletters.....	<u>37.45</u>
	<u>92.45</u>
ENDING BALANCE.....	\$2,274.89



Sunny greetings from Alaska!

This summer so far has been beautiful - sunny & warm. We've had our share of rainy, cloudy days, but today is sunny out so I'm focused on that. With the nice weather it's sometimes difficult to find/make time to sew since we want to enjoy our short summer. This year my husband and I have taken up golf and are really enjoying it. We have a small 9-hole course just a few minutes from our house. It's set in an old field

(Palmer was settled as a farming community in the 1930s) and it is so peaceful on the course and has great views of the mountains all around. We often see small red foxes and bunnies on the course. (The fox "hunt" and steal the golf balls.) I also love gardening and have enjoyed planting lots of different things this year. Now on to quilting adventures...

Each year my mom and I participate in a Block of the Month at our favorite local quilt shop Sylvia's Quilt Depot (www.sylviasquiltdepot.com). Sylvia is a great teacher and has amazingly friendly & knowledgeable staff. The block of the month we go to is a little different this year than in years past. We paid \$10 for the first month (they always start in Sept.), and as long as you finish your block (which only takes about an hour) and are on time (they lock the door once we start!) the next month is free! If you miss a meeting, or don't finish your block you pay \$5. Pretty good deal and of course gets us all in the door to see the new items she has in stock. We have a great time there. Another thing Sylvia does is provide a 6 month shop mystery. Once a month you go in and pick up a free mystery step. Each step contains cutting & sewing instructions, so you never know what you're going to end up with. We start those in January, and receive the final step the beginning of June, then the last weekend of July we have an outdoor quilt show called Quilts on a Line and everyone that participated brings in their mystery quilt. It's always a lot of fun to see how different the pattern looks based on color choice and placement.

This past year I've gone to 2 surprise classes (you just show up w/your machine & stuff). The "surprise" is that they have put together little projects (fabrics & backing & batting) and you pick one out of a basket. As the evening progresses you get instructions as you go along. The first one I went to we made the small tote bag from the Happy Hour quilt book and the 2nd one we did was a Christmas card holder just before Christmas.

I always hope to finish a small quilt project in time to enter it in our State Fair at the end of August, but haven't yet. Maybe this year. :) My mom finished & entered 3 quilts & 2 wall hangings last year and won a first place on one of the quilts and 2nd on the other.

I hope all of you get a chance to visit Alaska during the summer. Looking forward to my in-laws visit in August!

Susan

Sylvia's
QUILT ♦ DEPOT

FABRICS—AND SEW MUCH MORE!!

Lou D. visits Alaska:

The first of June, my husband and I went to Alaska as part of a group on a National Geographic ship which toured the Inside Passage. It was a wonderful time to be there because many of the animals we saw had just given birth and there were lots of newborn babies. The ship stopped at the towns of Sitka and Petersburg where I found wonderful quilt shops specializing in Alaskan themed fabrics.

A message from the Sunshine State!

Hi All:

I didn't get home to the shop hop this year ... wish I had!

I just this morning finished a baby quilt for my new great granddaughter. I made it bigger than a crib size, since she is now six months old! I'm still collecting fabric of course! I'm trying to practice machine quilting; I just can't seem to get the stippling the way I want it! But I am plugging along.

Haven't attended the quilt guild here for several months. They just don't have any new or good ideas, or want to try anything new, so I can do that myself at home. Boy do I miss "Country Roads"! There just isn't another like it!

I'm also still knitting socks, and started a "One Stroke Painting Class"! I need one more thing to do! I am beginning to think I have too many irons in the fire!

Oh also have been making clothes for the three great grands. It's sort of hard to do it long distance, tho, I am going to strive to get some UFOs out of the way. Now is a good time because it's our "winter" hee hee, no one goes out of the house unless its necessary!

I am ready to start a wall hanging for our family reunion in Washington state in August, so am putting that together, hopefully in time!

Love getting the newsletters, but I always have a day of "homesickness" after I get it. But keep them coming anyway! I'm still at Hancock Fabrics, and love it when new fabrics come in! I get a yard of this and that for my stash! When I re-retire I am going to QUILT!!

Hello everybody, miss you all.

Marty





Hi Everyone and Greetings from the "Other Side",

With winter setting in over here, I think enviously of you in your lovely warm weather. Winter is not my favourite time of year, but I guess it does make you appreciate it when the warmer weather returns. Having said that, our past summer was the hottest on record, and with the devastating bushfires in February, we were all very glad when the weather cooled down. It was a terrible

few weeks in our part of the world, and affected everyone deeply, even those who were not directly involved. It's amazing, though, how such horrible events really bring the community together and often bring out the best in human nature.

Since I last wrote to you, life has become more and more busy, as I'm sure it is with you all. I am still involved with my quilting group, "Not Just Quilters" and our membership continues to grow. We are well into our yearly programme, and looking forward to our annual winter retreat in August, when we will hibernate for a whole weekend in a lovely warm lodge overlooking the lake, eating, sewing, talking and generally having a lot of fun. There may even be a glass or two of good wine consumed! We recently had our dinner meeting, where we all worked on a common project, but as usual, finished up with very different quilts (it is always amazing how different colour ways can result in such different results). We have also been asked if we would like to hold a quilt and craft show in conjunction with a local harvest festival in February, so are looking into what would be involved and whether we would be able to manage such a big event.

Apart from all of the usual things happening, in August last year I was asked if I would take part in a research project being done at Victoria University. The subject was "Women, craft, wellbeing" and was to investigate the reasons women do craft and what it means to them. I thought at the time, that it would entail a questionnaire, ticking boxes, but the researchers wanted to interview the participants personally, to get a more personal view. When they arrived for the interview I was shocked to see them unloading camera, sound equipment and lights. They had decided to film the interviews so that they could refer to them later while completing their paper.

Some time after this, we all received an email telling us that they were so impressed with the footage they had taken, that they wanted to include it in their research project, and make a leaflet to put out with it in support of the film. The film goes for about 10 minutes and is made up of excerpts of all of the interviews done of the research subjects.

Well, the leaflet evolved into a 68 page book entitled "...it keeps me sane... women craft wellbeing", with a page or two about each of the 18 research subjects, their reasons for doing craft and what it means to them. The title came about because it appears that at some time during the interviews, all the participants told the researchers that craft keeps them sane. The book and film were launched at Victoria University in Melbourne, in February when all the participants were invited to display some craft work at an exhibition in support of the book. Since then, the researchers/authors have been interviewed on radio, and it is possible that they will expand the film into a documentary to be aired on TV.

The manager at our local Library, where I work 2 days per week, heard about the book, and knowing about my craft group "Not Just Quilters" organised to display some of our work at the library during May. In addition to this, I have been asked to teach a craft group at work. With winter upon us, I thought that knitting could be of interest and so will be teaching beginners' classes in July.

I think that just about brings you up to date with events here in Oz. My regards to everyone, and I hope you have a great summer.

Rae

CRQG LIBRARY

Grand Finale by Ricky Tims

This DVD workshop is available to those interested in "fine machine quilting and finishing techniques." The DVD covers everything once the quilt top is complete: "innovative marking techniques, creating your own quilting designs, managing the quilt, machine trapunto, bobbin quilting, bobbin trapunto, and two exciting heirloom bindings made completely by machine."

Quilting Caveman Style and Fishing by Ricky Tims

Ricky takes "boring" out of the instructional video by taking you along on a fishing trip and when the fish won't bite, Ricky decides to combine his fishing with some quilt instruction. You'll enjoy being along for the outing. ...

Quilting for Show by Karen McTavish

"This handy guide explains the keys that separate award-winning show quilts from the rest. Newcomers learn how to improve upon basics such as blocking and adding a sleeve, as well as how to make machine quilting look like hand quilting. A bonus DVD demonstrates how to perform specific techniques.

Love of Quilting Disc 1 and Disc 2 by Fons & Porter (*Check out the disc cover*)

Let's shower Janet with "best wishes" as she relocates closer to family in Portland. (I'm sure her mail will be forwarded.)



**Janet,
we're going to
miss you!**

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results.

The Sew Inn
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Morgantown, WV
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Christmas in July

Remember ...
All fabric used in your
class sessions can be
purchased at the Sew
Inn at a 15% discount

Our members are teaching. ...

The Jolly Snowman—Bev K.

A paper-pieced snowman July 9

Quilt-as-you-go Runner—Nancy S.

Focus fabric quilt as you go! ... July 13

Peppermint Twist—Bev K.

A paper-pieced candy cane wall hanging!... July 23

More great classes!

Kansas Winter Quilt—Judy H.

76" x 86" raw edge appliqué lap quilt ... July 6, 20

Circular Christmas Hot Pads—Bonnie M.

Colorful hot pads for your Holiday table ... July 8

Brrrrrr! Charm Pack Snowman—Ginny S.

A snowman with just one charm pack!... July 15

Snow Day Poster Quilt—Clorinda A.

A Patrick Lose design! Mostly trace, cut, and iron on! ... July 17

Sweet Treat Bag—Clorinda A.

Small bag/purse made with sweet rolls ... July 30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jul. 9 ... CRQG annual picnic at the Westover Senior Center. Picnic begins at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish, your own table setting,, and a fat quarter if you're participating in the fat quarter exchange.

Jul. 10-11 ... Millennium Quilters Quilt Show is being held in conjunction with the Bridgeport Benedum Festival – Friday and Saturday (Jul 10–11). The show is being held at Bridgeport High School (Fri noon-8 p.m. and Sat. 10-6 p.m.) Adm. \$5. Vendors boutique (with 8 vendors already registered). The guest instructor, Cathy S., will be teaching 2 classes and will bring a trunk show on Friday, July 10. See the Hoffman Travel Exhibit of Quilts and Dolls. The show itself is non-juried and ribbons will be awarded.

Jul. 11 ... Walnut Hill Quilt Show (10-3 p.m.). The annual quilt show at Walnut Hill United Methodist Church, 132 Collier Road, Uniontown, PA. Exhibits will include needlework in addition to quilts. Quilt demonstrations, a bake sale, craft sale, and flea market. Lunch, including homemade pies, will be available in the picnic pavilion. Quilts will be judged in numerous categories and ribbons will be awarded. (For more information, call 724-569-1895.)

Aug. 13 CRQG meeting at The Sew Inn (Morgantown)

Aug. 28-30 ... Appalachian Treasures Quilt Show, Raleigh County Convention Center, Beckley.



**Send your August newsletter
info to Monica by July 31**

THE QUILTING BEE

25 W. Main Street
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304-265-1059

The owner of The Quilting Bee is in charge of hanging quilts at the Tygart lodge, and she's in need of more quilts or wall hangings by July 13 for a 6-week showing. The theme is Weaver Fever and Pink Lemonade. So, if you have quilts in these two themes and want to show them off, contact Becky at The Quilting Bee. There's room for 24 quilts and wall hangings. Wouldn't you like yours to be among them?!

Reserve this date—Nov. 13-15

Quilting Retreat at Tygart Lodge

Contact The Quilting Bee (304-265-1059) for more info.

Packets are coming out soon!

Word has it that our own Nancy S. will be teaching the class project or bring your own UFO!

WVQ QUARTERLY MTG

The next West Virginia Quilters' meeting will be on Saturday (7/18), at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1600 Kanawha Blvd., Charleston at 1 p.m. (www.trinitywv.org). The program will be a lecture/trunk show by Kathy J. of Charleston. She will show a large number of quilts from her collection and put them into historical context. Two specialties in her collection are red and green appliqué quilts from around 1900 and kit quilts -- some quite old, others including block of the month quilts into the present (www.wvquilters.org/).