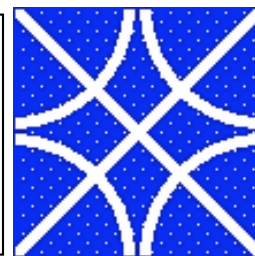


The Postage Stamp

August 2007



Terry's Tidbits



Are you ready to shop 'til you drop??? Our next meeting will be at The Sew Inn and Ginny is offering us a 20% discount on items purchased that night. Start making your list! We'll also find out about our big spring Challenge!

July's picnic was fun, and yummy. Thanks to all for sharing good food. Please send me your recipe if you'd like to share. Thanks to Susan C for providing the drinks, and thanks to Carolyn G for making the arrangements to use the pavilion. It is a wonderful place to have a picnic. Also, Connie brought her lovely quilt that she is giving us to "raffle" off at our quilt show. Thanks, Connie!

The Mountaineer Mall has offered us a free table for their Arts & Crafts Sale on August 18, as part of the Wing Cook-Off. Please let me know if you can spend part of the day at our table. You can bring quilts to display or items to sell. Feel free to bring some hand work. Maybe we can encourage some new folks to learn to quilt. See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are planning another Weekend Workshop for Sunday, August 12th. We will learn how to string piece blocks as part of a new quilt-as-you-go technique. Blocks can then be joined together to create quilts for Project Linus. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter. Should be fun!

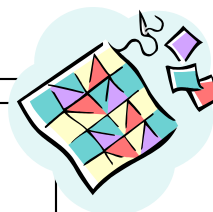
Well, I guess I've been saving the best for last. Some of us attended the Ricky Tims Seminar and I don't even know how to explain how wonderful it was. Our brains are now bursting with new ideas. Ricky's specialty is coming up with easy, innovative ways to make complicated-looking quilts. He doesn't follow many of the standard quilting "rules." His techniques are liberating and stimulate creativity. The seminar greatly exceeded all of our expectations (and mine were high!) We may go again when he does it in Frederick, MD, in 2009. Go if you have a chance — you won't be disappointed!

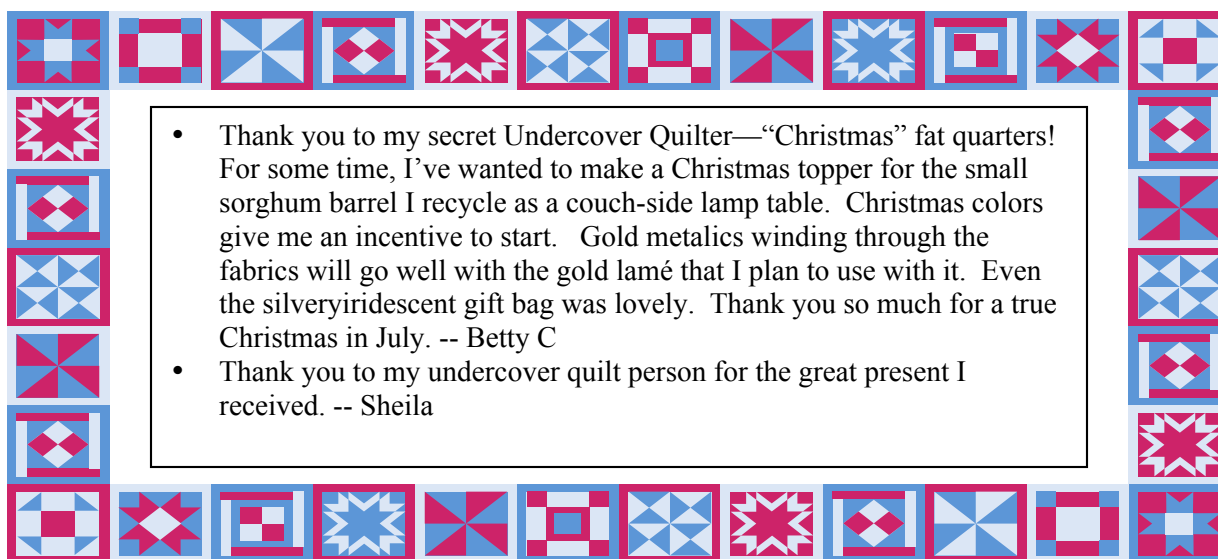
AND WE GOT TO MEET ALEX ANDERSON!!! She looks so different in person. She's petite and even prettier. What fun.

See you at The Sew Inn! Terry

HERE IS A SITE THAT OFFERS THE FABRIC FROM THIS YEARS SHOP HOP IF ANYONE IS LOOKING FOR IT...

www.BIGSKYCOUNTRYQUILTS.COM





- Thank you to my secret Undercover Quilter—"Christmas" fat quarters! For some time, I've wanted to make a Christmas topper for the small sorghum barrel I recycle as a couch-side lamp table. Christmas colors give me an incentive to start. Gold metallics winding through the fabrics will go well with the gold lamé that I plan to use with it. Even the silveryiridescent gift bag was lovely. Thank you so much for a true Christmas in July. -- Betty C
- Thank you to my undercover quilt person for the great present I received. -- Sheila

Weekend Workshop – Sunday, August 12th, noon-5:00 pm, Mountaineer Mall Community Room #2

Come join us for a fun afternoon! We will learn to string piece and will create quilt-as-you-go blocks. This technique is done entirely on the machine and will allow us to put our blocks together to make quilts for Project Linus.

Please bring the following:

10" squares of cotton batting

10" squares cotton quilting fabric for backing

strips of any cotton quilting fabrics, any width equal to or larger than 1" wide (the strips can be nicely cut with parallel edges, or "strings" with unparallel edges)

"walking" even-feed foot will be helpful, if you have one

If a few of us can bring the following, we can share:

Iron, ironing surface, rotary cutter, mat, 9" square or larger rotary ruler, bias tape makers (3/4" & 1")

If you don't want to bring your machine, you can still help with cutting and ironing.

Reminder...



Don't forget our Alzheimer's Challenge! Our little quilts are due at our October meeting. They must be no larger than 9" x 12" and must be an original design, or an old block that is in the public domain, or you must have written permission to use someone else's design. Let's see how many we can make this year!

Hokie Hope Virginia Tech Quilt Project

Angelina Kendra, a Virginia Tech alumna, is organizing an effort to make quilts for each family who lost a loved one in the Virginia Tech shootings. The Hokie Hope project still needs over 100 blocks. Terry mailed off hers and 6 made by Debbie S. If you still want to make one, do it soon, while they still need blocks.

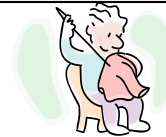


Lost & Found – Someone left large metal tongs and a yellow kitchen towel at the picnic. Contact Terry if you won't be at the August meeting to pick them up.

Please send items for the next newsletter to Linda F. by Friday, August 31st, 2007.

Linda J, Janet S, Lu-Ann B-W and Terry C had an incredible time at the Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar in Richmond. It was the equivalent of taking 14 classes, and the three days were full of tips, tricks, tons of inspiration, lots of learning, plenty of humor and even a wonderful concert. Ricky, Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman were available for pictures and autographs, and "Bob the Thread Guy" (owner of Superior Threads) taught everything there is to know about thread and needles. Don't miss a chance to attend one of these seminars!

July's Monthly Mini was made by Melissa J and won by Connie H.
August's will be made by Lou D, September's by Linda F.



Birthdays!

August

1st Charlene L.
31st Bev K.

September

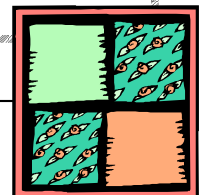
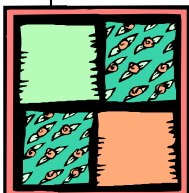
4th Debbie S. 18th Kris P.
6th Susan C. 27th Betty C.
10th Michelle D. 28th Carol R. S.
17th Sandy F. 28th Tina W.

Charm exchange theme this month will be "flowers".

Big or little flowers, 6 1/2 inch square.

However many you bring, you can take home.

Scrap quilts need as many different fabrics as you can find! The more, the merrier!
Let Terry or Susan H. know what fabrics you would like to exchange next month.



"Passion is more important than perfection."
Ricky Tims

August meeting will be at The Sew Inn. Sheila W and Sue H will provide refreshments.

Hello! We've been invited to participate in the Wing Cook-Off/Arts and Crafts Show at the Mountaineer Mall. We have reserved a table. If you'd like to sell any quilted items, or display some quilts, please let me know. This could be an opportunity to promote the guild. Here's the info - please let me know if you'd like to man the table for any part of the day.

Thanks! Terry

IT'S TIME FOR THE 14th ANNUAL CHICKEN WING COOK-OFF

AUGUST 18, 2007

11:00am – 6:00pm

Mountaineer Mall would like to invite you to participate in the Arts and Crafts Show during the 14th Annual WAJR/WVAQ Chicken Wing Cook-Off.

Last year's event drove thousands of people to Mountaineer Mall with over 40,000 wings being consumed during the cook-off. There will be lots of live entertainment and activities inside and outside the mall for people to see and enjoy. Please join in the fun and plan on being here for the Arts and Crafts Show during one of Morgantown's best events of the year.

Congratulations to Linda F and Terry C for winning ribbons at the Millennium Quilt Show in Bridgeport! Linda won a blue ribbon for her bed size quilt, "Heavenly Garden," that she made for her aunt for Christmas (it also won a ribbon at our show last year, and at the Cumberland show earlier this summer). Terry won first and second place in the small wallhanging category, with her 2004 "For Mom" Challenge and her 2007 Kaleidoscope Challenge. She also won an honorable mention for a tiny painted quilt. The Millennium Show has an NQA judge and many categories, so you might want to consider entering quilts in their future shows. Whether you win a ribbon or not, it can be helpful to read the judge's comments about ways to improve your quilts.

Terry's Thoughts on Challenges ...

Sometimes life's challenges make it difficult to participate in quilting challenges. But, if you can find the time, I'd really like to encourage every one of you to participate. There were many in the past I did not participate in (often because we were required to use a particular fabric, usually blue, and with the exception of turquoise, blue is not inspiring to me). However, I decided a few years ago to try each year and I've learned a lot in the process. There were times when I really struggled with the challenge rules, or required fabrics. (Maybe that's why they call it a challenge?) But, in the end, the rules have forced me to go places I wouldn't have gone on my own, and the quilts have been better because of it. When someone else imposes rules, you are forced to be more creative as you figure out how to make something you like. I don't know what our next Challenge will be, but I think we should all GO FOR IT!

July 12, 2007 CRQG Meeting

Welcome to guests Mary (Melissa's Mother In Law) and Diane.

Charm Quilt Square Exchange is beginning. Anyone who wishes to participate please bring 6 1/2" squares to share. Tonight's theme is Christmas Fabric. Contact Susan H for more information.

Project Hokie Hope—Still in Need of Blocks for the quilts.

Details: 12 1/2" block—any design

Virginia Tech colors Orange and Maroon, add black, brown and white for accents to blocks. Sign name, city, and state somewhere on the block.

Please include, prepared binding, backing, batting- 16" square, neutral color thread to assemble tops.

Mail donations to Angelina Kendra, 288 Barbour Rd, New Britain, CT 06053.

You may email her at a_Kendra@yahoo.com for more information.

The evening's Program

Food and Fun.

Show and Tell.

Monthly Mini was made by Melissa J. The winner of the Monthly mini was Connie H.

News:

Ricky Tims' seminar in Virginia is taking place this weekend, several members will be attending. Ladies, please share the information you learned at from him at our next meeting.

Quilt Show July 14, 2007 at Wesley United Methodist Church. Benefits Congenital Heart Disease Condition. It is from 10 am-4 pm. Let's show our Support.

On August 18th the Mountaineer Mall is offering our guild a free table to display and or sell our quilts at the Wing Cook Off event. Can be a set-up informational booth for our guild as well. Seeking members who are interested in helping man the table and provide quilts for display or sell.

Directories are now available.

Word is Mary M has died. The question posed is about making a donation in her name. Suggestions anyone?

Spring Challenge will be announced at the August Meeting.

Workshop at the Mountaineer Mall Community Room, next door to where we regularly meet. Scheduled for August 12, 2007 starting at noon until 5 pm. Will be learning String Quilting. Please bring your sewing machine. Contact Susan H for more information.

2007 Ohio Amish Country Quilt Shop Hop
Oct. 31-Nov 3
e-mail: QuiltShopHop@zoominternet.net

Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop
October 3-6
Craft Attic Quilt Shop (first on the list)
dmag999893@aol.com for information.