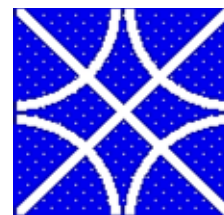




The Postage Stamp



Country Roads Quilt Guild

www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/

September 2006

Terry's Tidbits

Oh my – is it September already? We have some fun things coming this month. Lisa will teach us to do Folded Flowers at our regular meeting (a week earlier than usual, September 7th). Enclosed is the sewing supply list so you'll be prepared to join in the fun! Lisa will provide the fabric.

Our Project Linus Committee has been working on a plan to help us create small quilts for kids in need. On September 30th, we will have a Weekend Workshop to kick off our Linus project. We'd like to invite the Linus representative to a future meeting to present her with a stack of quilts – wouldn't it be awesome if we could give her 40 or more? We have another workshop planned for October 28. Our workshops will be from noon until 5:00 – please come for any part of the afternoon. We'll put you to work even if you only have an hour to spare. The committee is doing the organizing – all we have to do is sew! (Let us know if you can't come but would like to sew at home.)

Our last meeting was fun! Thanks to our Spring Challenge Committee for organizing our big challenge. Boy, you just can't go wrong with purple and green! Look elsewhere for all the intriguing details. And thanks to Susan H and Sheila for getting us started on our new DVD

lending library – we have three great disks to choose from. Watching is like taking a class, only you can do it in your PJ's! Thanks also to Debbie, Monica, and Michelle for last month's refreshments. It was a nice treat to see Charlene too. It was a great night – food, fabric and friends!

Do you surf? (Online, that is.) Do you check our guild website occasionally? Frequently? Never? Go to our homepage and click on the link at the top for "SITEMAP." You may be surprised at how much information we have available online. We have a free site now and the allotted space for our stuff is almost completely full. I have moved some guild pages to my personal site. (If you look at the URL at the top of your browser you'll see which site you're on – I've moved our LINKS and QUILTING EVENTS pages.) I'd like you'all to think about how important our site is to you. Yahoo is offering a site with more storage space (and no ads!) for \$5 a month. Should we upgrade our site? Do we have any webmasters amongst us who would like to maintain our site? Let me know what you think. Hope to see you on the 7th.

Terry

What's Happening

Linda and Tommie once again went to Hillsboro for the Pearl S. Buck Quilting Party, August 3-5. They arrived a day early to go shopping in Staunton, Va., and while visiting Rachel's Quilt Patch, they met owner Rachel W.N. Brown, author of Adoration Quilts. (Continued on Pg. 3)

POST CARD QUILTS

Terry is slated to teach post card quilts at the Sew Inn! If you missed our Guild meeting when the cards were made, you won't want to miss this opportunity! It promises to be loads of fun! Register soon before it's too late! Day and evening classes are available ... both on a Tuesday (9/26 or 10/24). ...

Our meeting date has changed! Sept. 7

When?

1st Thursday

September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Where?

Mountaineer Mall
Community Room

Who? (hostesses)

Joan
Brenda
Sarah

What?

Folded Fabric Flowers!

Please bring your hand sewing kits to include scissors, needles, light thread, dark thread and a wooden mini press iron (like the little one Eleanor Burns sells). Be ready to have fun and learn a new skill!

Monthly Mini Schedule

September—Sue
October—Darlene
November—Tina

AUGUST MINUTES BY MONICA



- Meeting called to order by Terry; one guest recognized.
- Minutes accepted (motion by Michelle; second by Sharon).
- Treasurer's report passed around for review. There was a revised May report (motion to accept by Chris; second by Sue).
- Card passed for Jane who fell and broke her ankle.
- Charlene was here! She's been ill and unable to make a meeting in recent months.
- Three DVDs here tonight: Fons & Porter (2-DVD set) and Ricky Tims (1-DVD) (A sign-up sheet for DVDs. Cards will accompany the DVD so everyone will know who to pass the DVD to when finished with it. The Guild will keep a master list of the DVDs as well. See Sheila to request a DVD to borrow.)
- Challenges! We have 2!

Big challenge: We will be drawing from 3 categories: color, object, and pattern. The Guild members each wrote one (color, object, and pattern) on pieces of paper. A drawing was done. The results were as follows: ~ Colors Green and Purple; ~ Object Flower; ~ Pattern 9-patch and kaleidoscope.

Can be any size (even clothing), and while you can include additional colors, objects, and patterns, you MUST have all of the above elements and your project must be finished. Challenge will be at May 2007 meeting. Guidelines will be in the next newsletter.

Small Challenge (October Alzheimer's quilts)

Lisa raised \$435 by making eight small quilts for Alzheimer's. The maximum size 9x12 (has to fit inside 9x12 US Priority Mail envelope and lay flat). Rules can be found at Ami Simms' web site (amisimms.com). Check progress of your auction on website. No secret in this challenge ... you can openly discuss your challenge and have the chance to win a prize w/\$50 value at October meeting.

Phat Sisters – If you haven't heard from your phat sister, contact Terry!

If you haven't gotten your directory yet, they're done and ready. ...

- Charity Quilts—Five volunteers have offered to make quilts for a charity of their choice with chances to be sold at the November Quilt show.
- Monthly mini made by Tommie and won by Eva.
- \$100,000 Quilt Challenge—Current issue is out – Linda's quilt is in this issue. People have reported finding the magazine at Barnes & Noble. Terry's copy was on display at the meeting.
- Lillian went to a class in Washington, DC on one-step quilting and another class "Drab to Fab." Items were purchased at Goodwill and were altered into beautiful items.
- "Linus Quilt Lady" (Pat O) is here and if you have any fabrics to donate, see Pat.
- Terry – We may try to plan a September workshop for Project Linus.
- Phat sister gifts were distributed.
- Debbie – Leaving a Legacy quilt retreat at Canaan. 10/25-27/06 – details in newsletter
- Shopping tonight at Sew Inn!! 20 percent discount.
- Show & Tell included Terry's back pack (from newsletter), a "Turning 20 Quilt" and a placemat purse, a sewing machine caddy, reversible table runners; a Fran Kordek class project, 3-pocket tote, a wall quilt (to make Joan's mother-in-law happy) and a radiant wall hanging by Sue.
- Linda regaled us with tales about a quilting trip she and Tommie attended in Hillsborough.
- Lillian – goodwill project revisited
- "Drab to Fab" – they felt wool jackets/shirts bought at Goodwill
- Make bias from old men's ties (not "old men").
- More show & tell – Terry had a photo wedding quilt.

NEXT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7

What's Happening con't

Linda not only got an advance copy of the book, but Rachel autographed it for her. What a thrilling experience! While at the quilting party, they worked on a coxcomb appliqué piece, a reversible table runner (taught by Linda) and the Celtic Appliqué by Machine taught by Fran Kordek.

Judy, Gitta, and Deloris all ventured to Lost Creek Community Center on Saturday (8/26) where they joined members of the Millennium Quilt Guild in making Venetian Tiles. The pattern, taken from Stack-n-Whackier Quilts, worked up beautifully, and Shirley was a pleasure to learn from. The all-day 9-5 session provided lots of time to get to know our fellow quilters and also gave us time to see everyone's "tiles" as they materialized. A wonderful day was had by all who attended.

Monica visited The Cherry Pit while on vacation. The shop is located in Sevierville, TN, just outside of Pigeon Forge on a quiet street in the historic district. Although not quite what Monica expected, it was a nice little store with several small rooms filled with fabrics, kits, books, and neat little displays. The sales ladies were especially friendly and noted that their monthly specials are available online (www.quiltingatthecherrypit.com). "I thought it was cool to visit this shop since I didn't visit it on our last trip to this area, and less than 2 months later the shop was featured in Quilters Newsletter magazine! I'm glad that I didn't pass up the opportunity ... and will probably plan

to make it a regular stop when we go to Pigeon Forge." Great tip from Monica!

Judy recently stopped at Capitol Quilts in Gaithersburg, MD. Following last year's MD/VA Shop Hop, she knew a return trip was in order. The shop is fabulous and the owner, Gary McLaughlin, is a delight! Do visit the web site (<http://www.capitalquilts.com/aboutus.htm>), but ONLY if you're strong ... otherwise you'll want to jump in your car and head east. ... Judy also did some shopping at Jinny Beyers shop in VA and Material Girls in LaPlata, MD. ...

Gitta and Deloris are looking forward to starting a new block of the month class in September at Sew Chic. Can we assume that Debbie is also signing up? My guess is "yes" since Debbie provided the update!

Susan C and Susan H have been making the most of the new DVD lending library! (A special "thank you" to Sheila for her hard work on this worthwhile project!) Susan H has on her list of "to do's" all of the following: the diamond four patch, the blue lagoon tumbling blocks, and the easy pineapple block, which means it is not paper pieced, (although she never figured out what size squares they used, but the strips are 2.5") If anyone else figures the square size, Susan would be appreciative of that information!

Eva won the August monthly mini made by Tommie! Thank you, Tommie!

QUILT RETREAT

Leaving a Legacy - Quilter Retreat. Spend a few days with quilt instructors learning new patterns and skills. Classes during the 3-day period include: Pyrotechnics (known as Farmer's Fancy), Raggy Jackets, Bear's Paw Quilt, Chicken Pin Cushion, and more. *Lodge package offered. Day participants welcomed. For registration information, contact David Cooper 800-622-4121 ext. 2684.

Date(s): October 25-27

Time: All Day

Location: Canaan Valley Resort

Sponsor: Canaan Valley Resort

Web Address: [http://](http://www.canaanresort.com)

www.canaanresort.com

Email: marketing@canaanresort.com

Too busy this year? They're planning another one in March 2007.

Stay tuned for details for our own Country Roads Quilt Guild retreat planned for next Spring. If you have suggestions, please be sure to pass those along to one of our Retreat Committee members: Judy, Carol, Beth, and/or Lisa.

QUILT SHOW

Start counting your quilts! It's time to start serious planning for our November Quilt Show. We need to get an idea of how many quilts we will have from our members so we'll know if we need to solicit quilts from others. We're also planning to hang some large bed quilts above the craft area in the Lair ball-rooms, so here's an opportunity to safely display big quilts for all to see. Please think about what you would be able to put in the show, and we'll take a tally at our September meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, please contact Terry with your total. (Include your spring 2006 challenge quilt, if you made one, and if you're going to make a mini-challenge for our October Alzheimer's project.) *Thanks! Terry*

Treasurer's Report by Melissa

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$3,287.69	
<u>Income:</u>		
No name tag.....	3.00	
Monthly mini.....	45.00	
Member dues.....	15.00	
Interest.....	<u>.13</u>	63.13
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Sew Inn—Prizes from July picnic...	4.24	
Tommie—newsletters/directories...	142.24	
Mountaineer Mall (9/7 and 9/30).....	75.00	
Terry—postcards.....	60.71	<u>282.19</u>
ENDING BALANCE.....		\$3,068.63

October newsletter info
to Tommie by Sept 29

MELISSA ATTENDS BERNINA U



Dear Friends,

I started my trip to Bernina University with an invitation from Sue of Sew Chic in Fairmont. We left Pittsburgh, flew to Phoenix, AZ and then onto San Diego arriving about 11:00 am (3 hours later than Pitt.). The time difference does not

hit you when you are going out, but let me tell you, you make up for it coming back and then a few days afterwards!

We arrived at the Grand Manchester Hyatt Hotel at about 12:30. We checked in and found out our room was on the 20th floor overlooking the San Diego Bay and Marina. What a sight! The Manchester is the Cadillac of Hotels! I have never seen such beauty and grandeur before. There were two towers each rising 40 floors and in between the two towers was another four floors. These floors are where most of the classes were held. The swimming pool was on the top (4th) floor. The hotel even had its own tourist town called Seaside Village. There must have been about 60 different eateries and shops. At night you could take a ride on Cinderella's carriage or an open horse and buggy, which they lit up at night. One evening just before dusk, I saw a bride and groom take a ride in the carriage. How romantic!

At night, if you looked back towards the city, you can see the Emerald Tower. This building had five small towers shaped in an emerald shape with green lights that lit up at night alternately.

Our first night was started off with a Welcome Reception. Music, good food, and lots of Bernina teachers, dealers and technical people were there. We had a good evening. Then off to bed, as we were tired puppies and tomorrow promised to be busy.

Thursday, I started the day out with some mini classes that you could pick and attend. I went to Beyond the Bath and Beyond for Sergers, My Designer Handbag, Card Tricks (software), Hoochy Mama Methods (one of my favorites), and Build Your Customer Foundation with Foundation by the Yard. We went to the opening session at 1:30 pm. This was to recognize the various districts and talk about the past year. We were even given hints about what was to come in the future. This was the last time Sue and I were together, except for meals.

Friday had me going downstairs to register for the BSR Blast Event to be held this night. Only 100 (of 1400) could attend. You had to get up early and register. So I was up at 5:00 am and downstairs at 5:15 am and was the 13th person in line. By 5:30 there were about 80 people waiting. I registered and was one of the lucky ones to go to the Bernina BSR Blast! (More on this later)

My first Friday class was at 8:30 am called Revamped Kids Camp with Barbara Alenci. This class provided ideas on how to set up and hold a kids camp. They gave us all the info that one would need to plan, set up and carry through. (I have the info on a disc. As a matter of fact, I have all the classes offered during this university on disc. They gave all participants a complete copy, whether you attend the class

or not.)

Next up was the Bernina Club House with Sue Beck. This was a required class for dealers, shop owners and employees. This gave all kinds of ideas on how to get people in for classes and clubs.

Growing Gracious was my first hands on class. I enjoyed K Hay, she is from Australia. We made a charlatan pillow. This was fun! If you want to see it, it is hanging at Sew Chic in Fairmont. If there is enough interest, Sue might hold a class.

Ok, the BSR Blast was to introduce the Bernina Stitch Regulating foot which is now available on the 730, 430, 440 and maybe some of the other machines. You will have to ask a dealer which machines it will work on. This was a hands-on class as well. The various teachers set up the room in four stations. The teachers and Bernina staff were dressed as construction workers with Bernina BSR Blast hardhats! They handed out our fabric packet which included sparklers and directions for the project we were to make.

You were assigned a number which directed you in which order to go to the various stations. In one station you learned how to sew with fancy thread, another had you using the BSR for free motion, another was the twin needle free motion (I loved this one the best, it looks like ribbon with cording in it), and then on to the binding. I liked this one too! I made a little red (Bernina print) tote to hang around your neck or maybe for a little girl's purse. It is hanging at the Sew Chic as well.

If Friday was an indication of how the next four days were going to be, I would not get to go sight seeing, which was ok! Bernina University is a once in a lifetime event!

Saturday started out with Serged Delights. This was showing all that can be done with the Bernina Sergers. All the Hype about Hoops was next. In all honesty, I can't remember much about this one other than it showed you what you can do with the new larger hoops. I then had a free afternoon, so I went to see the village and do a little souvenir shopping, then back to the room for a much needed nap.

I have not mentioned the food, which was mostly seafood. The prices of everything were staggering! Most meals were not below \$25 per person. Forget about McDonalds or Burger King, there were none to be found. However, I did find a little stand that you could get a burger and fries and cold drink for \$9. Even a salad cost \$15!

Sunday was just as exciting as the others and just as busy! Today, I had four classes to attend and then the closing banquet. First, I went to Presenting Your Own Creative Retreat with J. Gigas. I have info on how to do this on the CD. Next was Stitch Therapy with M. Bennett. This was on how to use thread and such to embellish your projects. Then accentuating Accessories with V. Tracy and guest speaker Kay England was next.

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THE AMAZING LINDA J ...



Congratulations to Linda!

The current issue (Issue #3, 2006) of the \$100,000 Quilting Challenge Magazine has our own Linda featured, starting on Page 24. Her "Amazing Grace" quilt has been chosen as one of the forty quilts in the running for the \$100,000! She has already won \$1,500 worth of prizes for getting chosen. We can vote for Linda's quilt starting at the end of October—stay tuned for details. If we've bought all of the issues in town, maybe we could ask a local quilt shop to order some, or you can order a back copy from the magazine (800-245-5891) or (www.quiltingchallenge.com5891).

GEE'S BEND STAMPS

Get your Gee's Bend Stamps soon ... while they're still available!



Release Date: August 24th, 2006.

The American Treasures stamp series is intended to showcase beautiful works of American fine art and crafts. For the 2006 issuance, art director Derry Noyes chose photographs of ten quilts created between circa 1940 and 2001 by African-American women in Gee's Bend, Alabama.

Noted for their unexpected color combinations, bold patterns, and improvised designs, the quilts of Gee's Bend are also remarkable for the humble materials with which they are made and the humbler circumstances in which they are born. Until recently, necessity limited the quilters to fabric

from everyday items such as flour sacks, old dresses, and worn-out denim and flannel work clothes. Stains, mended holes and tears, faded patches, and seams all became integral parts of a quilt's design and ensured that the materials, as well as the quilts, told the story of Gee's Bend.

Today outside interest in the quilts of Gee's Bend is growing. Art historian William Arnett and his son Matt began collecting the quilts in 1997. Their collection—which has been exhibited in museums around the U.S.—resides with Tinwood Alliance, a nonprofit foundation in Atlanta, Georgia, that supports African-American vernacular art. The renewed attention has had a positive social and economic impact on the lives of the quilters and other residents of Gee's Bend. In 2003 the women of Gee's Bend, with the help of Tinwood Alliance, formed the Gee's Bend Quilters Collective.

The American Treasures stamp series was inaugurated in 2001 with the Amish Quilts stamp pane. The 2002, 2003, and 2004 issuances featured artwork by John James Audubon, Mary Cassatt, and Martin Johnson Heade, respectively. In 2005, the theme returned to textiles with the issuance of the New Mexico Rio Grande blankets.

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THANKS PHAT SISTERS

A belated "thank you" to my Phat sister for the lovely fabric. The wrapping was as lovely as the gift, although I especially loved all the beautiful fat quarters. They are the perfect colors and inspiration to begin again on a UFO I had put aside. Thanks so much. *Lou*

Thanks to my Phat Sister. I loved the fabric bundle!! *Lisa*

Did you sign up for Phat Sisters? Don't forget to send a little something to your sister! Let Terry or Debbie know if you haven't received any phat goodies yet or if you're having trouble getting things to your sister. Thanks.

LINUS WORKSHOP

Saturday (9/30) noon – 5 p.m.

Bring your sewing machines and help put together quilt tops from kits we have assembled ready to sew. Also, if you have fabrics you would like to donate, please bring them to the Sept. 7 meeting, either in whole pieces or cut into 8½" squares. You could also bring these the day of the workshop.

If a lot of people participate, we should be able to make a great number of quilts for the Linus Project.

You can also make Linus quilts at home. We hope to have a big presentation later in the year.

The Linus Project Committee



CLASSES AND MORE ...

Quilters Corner

Strippy Stars with Jo Morton!

(Sunday, Sept. 17 from 12:30-4:30)

"You will begin stitching a recreation of an early 19th century style chintz strippy quilt. Jo will discuss fabric selection and share a neat piecing technique and her tips for pressing the small pieced stars." Fee \$38 (*Waiting list only*)

Eagle Medallion with Jo Morton

(Monday, Sept. 18 from 10-4:30)

"This 40"x40" wall quilt was inspired by a bed quilt from the 1830's. Learn Jo's needle turn appliqué techniques while working on the center eagle, stars, and branch with leaves. Work on accurate border piecing and pressing techniques as you proceed toward the outer edge." Fee \$74 (includes a light lunch)

Sew Chic

Sew Chic will be celebrating their 10th anniversary with weekly in-store specials and a weekly basket drawing starting September 9. Free demos from 10-4 on September 9!

October 20-21, Judy Lilly (from

Myrtle Beach) will be teaching kaleidoscope-stacked plates which are similar to Dresden plates, but with a stacked method of cutting. That class will be held on Friday (10/20) from 6-9 and all day (9-5) on Saturday (10/21).

Old St. Nick — (9/8,15,22,29)
5:30-8:30

Peek-a-Boo Quilt—(9/13,20)
5:30-8:30

And you should watch for the scheduling of Jessica's Garden. ...

Sew Inn

Tuesday Night Quickies (Sept-Jan)
To include placemats, table runners and more—(Linda)

Star Light, Star Bright (Paper-Pieced Mariners Compass)
(10/12 + 26) (Bev)

Thangle Fall Maple Leaf Quilt
(10/9 + 23) (Linda)

Hand Quilting Workshop (10/16)
(Lou)

I Spy (11/6 + 13)
(Janet Jo)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 7—CRQG monthly meeting—NEW DAY ... this month only.

September 7-10 — Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Harrisburg, PA

September 30 — CRQG Weekend Workshop — Mountaineer Mall (12-5) Room 2

October 3 — Sulky Class at The Sew Inn (call Ginny for details!)

October 12 — CRQG monthly meeting — Don't forget! Our Mini-Challenge Alzheimer's quilts are due at our October meeting. Whip up a little something for a good cause. Talk to Terry or Lisa if you have any questions.

October 25-27 — Leaving a Legacy—Canaan Valley (www.canaanresort.com)

October 28 — CRQG Weekend Workshop — Mountaineer Mall (12-5) Room 2

November 3-5 — CRQG Quilt Show — Mountaineer Week (Mountainlair) Would you like to make a small item to "raffle" off at our quilt show for a favorite charity? We still have room for one or two more. You can work alone or with a quilting buddy. Let Terry know if you're interested.

November 3-5 — WV Quilters, Inc.—5th Biennial Quilt Festival, Christmas in the Mountains at Tamarack Conference Center, Beckley, WV (www.wvquilters.org)

BERNINA U *continued*

They showed us some of the latest fashion Bernina has going. One was a cute little jacket that was reversible. Kay was in charge of finding models to show off the jackets. I was picked as one of about a half dozen ladies to model. This was fun and Kay is a hoot! Since this was to be our last night at the BU, it was also the closing event. As with all the past BU's, the President, Mr. Martin, was in disguise. They had a gentleman from the San Diego Zoo come and talk about a few of the animals that the zoo has. One was the monkey that played in the Pirates of the Caribbean with Johnny Depp. She was in heat, so she was very affectionate with the man from the zoo. It was a hoot to watch this fellow and the eager monkey who was not getting what she wanted! He brought out an orangutan and an animal that I cannot remember what it was. The last critter to come out was a gorilla. President Martin dressed as a gorilla! I am told that every year he does something different.

We had a wonderful meal of fish and chicken. The Bernina people thanked all the dealers and presented awards for the 2005 year. We had live mariachi band and dancing. This was also the scene for the top dealer of 2006 surprise. The top dealer would receive, at next years' BU in Orlando, FL, a MINI COOPER! Of course it is red with BERNINA on the side. Everyone was very excited about this award.

This was a fantastic opportunity for a person like me to attend. Everyone cannot just up and go to the Bernina University; it is for the dealers and employees of the dealers. I have to thank Sue of Sew Chic for inviting me to go with her. I had a great time and loved looking in the Merchant Mall. Oh, this was for dealers to look over products, see new stuff and place orders. If I could do it again, I would. It is a great experience!

Melissa

Sulky Sew Exciting Quilted Home Seminar

Tuesday, Oct. 3 (1-3:30 or 6-8:30)

at Drummond Chapel

Further information and registration details at the Sew Inn.