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Country Roads Quilt Guild

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Susan's Scraps

Quilting is a stress reliever, yeah I know sometimes a new pattern is a stress, but once you get it to connect in your mind, it will be a stress reliever too!

The past two weeks, my Mom has been at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg. This has given me time to work on my original quilting love, hand piecing. Hand piecing can be done anywhere! It passes time while waiting on doctors, waiting on nursing assistants to answer call bells of your neighbor, and just watching your loved one sleep.

I had thought about trying the cathedral window quilt pattern years ago, but it always seemed too difficult. But when broken down and a lot of work done ahead of time, it is quite easy. At home I had cut the squares, pressed them, and piled them up for whenever I would have the time.

Well, Mom being in the hospital got to be the time I needed. Quilting is always with us. During joys and during long waiting periods, we will always have that love of quilting and faith to keep us strong as we can be. The thread of love binds us all.

— Susan

13TH ANNUAL QUILT RETREAT—MARCH 13-15

The Spring classes for the 13th Annual Quilt Retreat at Jackson's Mill have been announced! If you've never gone, you should; if you've never gotten the housing and/or instructor you wanted, you need to register early; and if you'd just like a sampling of the retreat, consider taking only a Friday afternoon class. A 4-hour mini session is just \$15 and it may be just the intro you need to this special event.

Informational sheets are out, so don't wait too long to register. Contact the WVU Extension Service—Lewis County office (304-269-4660) for your copy.

Mini session instructors include Tresha Cottrill, Ruth Ann Johnson, Brenda Casto, Debbie Kittle, Fran

Kordek, and Ann Kessel.

Weekend workshops begin Friday at 7 PM and end Sunday at 11:30 AM. Instructors include those named above and Jackie Perry, Linda Childers, Debbie Tiburzi, Judith Ann Bragg, Brenda Casto, Martha Offutt, Zepora Hughes, Kerri Smith, Kathy Lanham, Patti Anderson, and Sheryl Carpenter.

One mini session tackles "bindings." Bring your project and learn how to finish it! And, Fran Kordek's weekend session is a "studio" where you work on your own project "under the watchful eye of an experienced instructor." Fran will also provide two optional mini mystery projects on Saturday.

Next meeting:

September 11 — 6:30 PM

Mountaineer Mall

Attention: Auction in Progress!

Hostesses: Betty C and Susan H

**It's time ...
let's strip
down those
sewing
rooms. ...**



If you've been awaiting the right opportunity to get your quilting room in order ... NOW IS THE TIME.

Our September meeting is an "everything quilting" (reading material, rulers, tapes, stash, and gadget) extravaganza of selling. That's right ... anything connected to "quilting" is fair game. You bring it ... and we'll auction it. Bring some bags and boxes and several extra dollars; your job is not only to bring, but also to take away ... we're counting on you!

This is a fund-raiser for the guild, so all proceeds will go toward building up the guild's cash reserves. Let's raise some serious money in the name of quilting! This is your opportunity to clear your work space, get rid of all those "must haves" that you're not actually using, and to make room for more stash.

If you have CDs or books from the lending library, please let's put them back in circulation! Returns go to Susan H.

AUGUST MINUTES BY MONICA

The August 2008 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Susan H. Several members were in attendance.

The July minutes and Treasurer's report were approved and accepted as written.

Committee Reports

Mountaineer Week Quilt show – Terry discussed the possibility of members making small items for raffling at the quilt show for profit for the guild. Terry passed around a sign up sheet for those interested.

Challenge committee – It was determined by group consensus that the theme for this year's challenge will be "Seasons." Seasons can be literal (winter, spring, or basil, thyme, etc.), or figurative (seasons of a person's life, etc.). There are no size limitations; items can be small like a nametag or tote, or large like a bed quilt. Any quilted item that you make qualifies. Challenge entries will be unveiled at the May 2009 meeting.

Old Business

WV Quilt Guild – The WV Quilt Guild show was discussed. The show, which was very nice, was also a big success. The members of the WV Quilt Guild were very thankful for our help.

Block of the Month – The Block of the Month program will start in October. Instructions will be in the newsletter and patterns will be from the book, "Grandma's Country Album." Debbie passed around a list for those wishing to purchase the book. Connie Hudson offered to assist anyone who needs help with hand appliqué techniques for this project, as there is a lot of appliqué involved.

Pat Sloan – There may not have been a huge increase in the Pat Sloan workshop after all. Debbie reported

that she was more recently quoted \$1400 instead of the \$1900 discussed at the last meeting. Details of the workshop and lecture were discussed: The lecture will be \$5 for guild members, \$15 for the general public. The workshop will be \$35 per person. Guild members attending will receive \$15 back from the guild if they attend the workshop. After 8/31/08, the workshop registration will be open to the public if any spaces are available. Tickets will be sold at the Sew Inn. Pat Sloan's website, www.quiltershome.com, has some examples of her work. In addition, information and a supply list for the workshop will be posted on our website shortly.

Cookbook Fundraiser – Bring recipes to Debbie, or e-mail them to her for inclusion in the recipe book. Quilting stories and tips are also welcome. To make the recipe book a success, we will need several recipes from each person.

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini, made by Sue M, was won by Brenda.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Announcements

It was announced that Mary McD will be having open heart surgery soon.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell and a guild-wide shopping spree at the Sew Inn.

Check your schedules and take time to send your Oct. newsletter info to Linda F by Sept. 26.

What's Happening ...
you know we ALL want to know

MONTHLY MINI

Monthly Mini Schedule

September—Melissa J

October—Michelle D

November—Darlene H

December—Connie H

Special thanks
to Sue
who made the August mini!
And, special congratulations
go out to Brenda
who was fortunate enough
to take it home. ...

PAT SLOAN

The lecture (Friday, Oct 10) is \$5 for members, and \$15 for non-members. You can pay at the door.

The Workshop (Sat, Oct 11) is \$35 for everyone. Guild members who attend will get a refund of \$15. If you want to register for the workshop, you must send your \$35 to Deloris R by the end of August. If the class isn't filled by Aug. 31, we will open it up to non-members.

Contact Debbie S if you have any questions.

Are you familiar with the END-OF-BOLT-SALE at the Sew Inn?

Last two days of each month you will receive 35% off when you purchase what is left on the bolt.

Do you have your FABRICAHOOLICS CARD? Don't leave home without it! Get your card punched for every fabric purchase to earn 20% discount on fabric when your card is filled. *All at the Sew Inn.*

WV QUILTERS, INC



Maybe you should consider joining the West Virginia Quilters! Their meetings are fabulous with door prizes galore ... and if that isn't

enough, they tout the following as the benefits of membership:

- Networking with other quilters statewide
- Directory of members, guilds, quilt shops, quilt teachers, judges and appraisers
- Quarterly Newsletter, "Pin Pals," with information on what is happening in quilting throughout the state
- Statewide meetings of quilters, with special programs & guests, workshops, and quilt shop vendors

Join now and be a part of the West Virginia Quilters, Inc.!

Membership dues are \$10 (going up soon to \$15). The membership year runs from April through March.

The recent quilt show held in Morgantown at the Waterfront Place Hotel was a huge success. The Little Quilt Auction raised \$2,357. And, participants to this 6th Biennial Quilt Show had the opportunity to view the

Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. Those who participated were touched by the quilts and the stories included with them. Those who took classes were inspired anew, and all were treated to the displays of 15 vendors. It was a great show.

Quilt Show winners from our Guild included the following:

- >Nancy S's "Sunshine and Shadow"
- >Carolyn G's "Swing on a Star"
- >Lou D's "Christmas Rose"
- >Terry C's "Come my Love"
- >Carolyn G's "Rustic Sun Flowers"
- >Carolyn G's "Nine All Around"
- >Linda J's "Sweet Memories"
- >Lou D's "Bluebirds"
- >Terry C's "My One and Only"

Some won in multiple categories.

Workshops being planned for the October meeting include Nancy Ray teaching string quilt workshops on Friday afternoon, Oct. 3 and Saturday morning Oct. 4.

As always, if you plan to attend the next meeting, consider taking along a quilting buddy ... it's twice the fun of going alone. Make a day of it. Stop along the way. If you've made quilting a part of your life, you might as well enjoy the moments.

MYSTERY SHOP HOP

The Mystery Shop Hop is sponsored by The Stitching House and Sew Much More in Buckhannon, WV. The trip is on October 2 and 3. Here is what the brochure said:

Mystery Harvest Shop Hop Bus Trip
Departing from Buckhannon, WV
Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008 at 8 AM.

Arrive back in Buckhannon on
Friday, Oct. 3, at 9 PM
(approximately). Enjoy the 12 shops on the Mystery Harvest Shop Hop in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Trip includes overnight stay at Hampton Inn, 2 meals (and a continental breakfast), and bus \$180.00/double occupancy. Call or stop by to reserve your spot! A \$50.00 deposit is needed by Aug 15, 2008. Full payment reservations will be taken until September 15, 2008.

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Buckhannon, WV 26201
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Although the deadline has passed, please check to see if there might still be room available.

Participating shops include:

Parkersburg Sewing Center—
Parkersburg, WV

Quilters Corner—Marietta, OH

Pieces of the Past Quilt Shop—
Harrisville, WV

Nelsonville Quilt Co.—Nelsonville, OH

Honey Fork Fabrics—Logan, WV

Sew Many Blessings—Ceredo, WV

Quilts and Things—South Point, OH

The Fabric Shop—Pomeroy, OH

Neff's Country Loft—Belpre, OH

The Woolen Willow—Williamstown, WV

The Craft Attic—Ashland, KY

The Stitching House and Sew Much
More—Buckhannon, WV

Treasurer's Report by Deloris

BEGINNING BALANCE..... \$2,873.71

Income:

Monthly mini (Jul)..	21.00	
Sloan Class	35.00	
Sloan Lecture.....	5.00	
Member dues.....	45.00	
Interest.....	12	106.12

Expenses:

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ENDING BALANCE..... \$2,979.83

What's Happening

Terry C went to the Lowell Quilt Festival in Lowell, MA, in August. She took her third workshop with her quilting hero, Mary Lou Weidman. Stay tuned for another fun story quilt! (Terry's story quilt about her and her husband won a blue ribbon at the WV Quilters Inc show in Morgantown in July!)

Terry said: "I discovered the Quilted Bear Den shop in Hyde Park, NY. It has the yummiest selection of fabrics and nice samples. (I bought fabric for my next story quilt.)"

www.quiltedbearden.com It probably goes without saying that we'll all look forward to seeing it.

Ruth Ann and Donna are planning to attend the Mystery Quilt Shop Hop from Buckhannon in October. (All the details were provided on Pg. 3 of this newsletter.)

Betty C's son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child (a girl) in December. "My daughter-in-law informed me that she expects a baby quilt! I don't think she'll get it this year, but I've found one I want to make that was featured in the Jul/Aug 07 issue of Quiltmaker. Problem is, it requires the RJR ABCs So Soft So Sweet quilt panel of alphabet letters—they had it in pink, lavender and blue tones. RJR no longer carries this item. I've checked e-bay and found one of the alphabet blocks, but I need all of them to make the quilt. I don't know, by some remote possibility, if any of the guild members would have it in either pink or lavender? I did find a panel with Beatrix Potter alphabet letters on the web, so will make do with that if I can't find the other."

Judy C welcomed her first granddaughter Peyton Ann who was born on Aug. 10. Her grandson Noah, who is now 20 mos., paid a visit to meet his new cousin.

Melissa J recently put out a call to see if anyone could help with a T-shirt quilt and Betty C responded to the call. She met with the individual on a Saturday afternoon and helped her cut the T-shirts and plan the block layout. According to Betty: "She hand quilts and plans on hand quilting it for a family friend with cancer, who did them a favor. He's a big NASCAR fan, the shirts are all NASCAR-related, and he's always wanted a quilt out of some of his T-shirts. She has a quilt frame set up and is currently working on one for a grandchild. When it's finished, she will begin work on the T-shirt Quilt. Her next step is ironing on the fusible interfacing. After that, I'll help her with sashing and assembly. We're recycling just about everything in the shirts—even the back 'Winner's Circle' neck tags. Some of the leftover T-shirt fabric may become cornerstones between blocks. She will not likely finish quilting it by Nov., but I've offered to help her and encouraged her to just get the top done so we can show it at the WVU quilt show. I think she'd like to do that. As an aside, the T-shirts are all Dale Earnhardt, Jr. I'm not really into NASCAR, but did learn this fact. Last year was the last year he raced a car with the #8. These shirts all have #8 somewhere. We had one small piece left over with the #8. We planned on putting that on the back since it doesn't fit on the front—or we could appliqué it on the front somewhere. I don't know if Marion wants to or not, but I'd like to find a small matchbox car with the #8 on it and use the block as a pocket for it. Would anyone know where I could find the car?"

If you know where Betty might find the needed RJR ABCs So Soft So Sweet quilt panel, or a matchbox Earnhardt with the #8, please let her know. ...

SECRET SISTERS

I would like to thank my phat sister for the wonderful bear, book and fabric. I love them. (Christine S)

Special "thanks" to my secret pal for the wonderful gifts ... you obviously know my needs! The pins will come in handy and the fabric was great ... Thank you too for the fat quarters and decorative bag. That was a nice surprise! (Judy C)

Thanks so much for the patterns and notes in the mail, I can't wait to make them. It's a joy to open mail that isn't a bill.....:) Thanks, Eva

If you haven't yet communicated with your secret sister, please do so soon.

If you are participating in this fun activity and haven't heard anything by the September mtg., please contact Debbie S so we can send a reminder.

MARTHA OFFUT

Mountain Heritage Quilt Guild is sponsoring a workshop with Martha Offut and a few openings remain. The 2-day session will be held Nov 7 & 8 (10-4 PM daily) to teach dimensional embroidery. Cost is \$10 per day or \$20 for the entire workshop plus the cost of a kit of your choosing.

For more information, contact Pauline (986-2142 or almosthvn2@msn.com). Don't wait as space is limited and few openings remain. The class will be held at the Y in Pleasant Valley, and I understand several CRQG members are participating.

Please encourage Monica and her scout troop to pay us another visit to share their on-going sewing projects!

Sew Chic

Route 3, Box 339, Fairmont, WV
Phone: 304-366-4135
Hours: Mon-Fri (10-6); Sat (10-2)
Web site: www.sewchic.com

Sew Chic's 12th Anniversary Sale

September 8-13

We will be honoring a 12% discount storewide. The Happy Machine and other sale promotions are excluded from this sale.

Book Sale - Buy One/Get One

September 1-30

Selected Martingale Titles (That Patchwork Place) are offered buy one, get one free.

Super Saturday Sale

October 18

Details will be announced later.

Christmas Open House

November 1

15% discount on regular priced items storewide excluding the Happy Machine. Stop by to see the samples and join us for refreshments.

CLASSES

Shangri La:

Sept 16, 23, and 30 (5:30-8:30)

Paper piecing and your choice of appliqué is used to assemble this 68" square quilt with a scalloped border.

Stained Glass Quilt:

Oct 15 and

Oct 29 (5:30-8:30)

The technique for doing stained glass will be taught in this class.

Scrap Therapy

Daytime - Aug. 26 (10-12 noon) and Sept. 16 (10-1 PM)

Evening - Aug. 27 (5:30-7:30) and Sept. 17 (5:30-8:30)

Learn how to organize and use fabric scraps. Scrap Therapy provides you with a proven system to organize your scraps which will be shown during Session 1. In Session 2, you will make a Scrap Sak to hold your fabric bins. Each quarter, there will be new projects!

Second Saturday Club



This club will begin their new session on Sept 13. (NOTE the new starting date!) They'll be using Golden's Journal, so enroll now so your book can be ordered. Each

month, you'll meet at 11 AM for a brief discussion on assembling two of the blocks. During the year, you'll learn techniques which will enable you to create this 20-block sampler honoring prairie farm life. Check with some of our CRQG members (such as Debbie, Gitta, and Deloris) who have participated in the past and who are looking forward to this next round of classes. ...

SEW INN CLASSES

Terry C:

— Machine Quilting - Appetizer Course (Part 1) ... Sept 13 or 10/18

— Machine Quilting - Main Course (Part 2) with tons of free motion quilting ... 11/22

Bev K:

— Crazy Jacks ... 10/8 and 15

— Paper Piecing 101 ... 10/30

Nancy S:

— Cake Mix (6-9 PM) using 10" squares and a jellyroll from the same fabric collection ... 9/15 and 22

— Beginning Quilting Part 1 (6-9 PM) 9/29, 10/6, 13, 20 and 27

— Beginning Intermediate Quilting Part 2 (6-9 PM) . 11/3, 10, 17 and 24

Remember that if you purchase your class fabric at the Sew Inn, the classes are discounted! Don't miss out on this opportunity to save!

And, if you enjoy chatting with Ginny on your visits to the Sew Inn, here's your chance to take one of her classes!

Ginny S:

* WICKED PUMPKIN RUNNER

This cute pumpkin table runner can use many of your fall and Halloween scraps. It's fun & easy! (6-9 PM) 10/9

Nancy will also be teaching a machine embroidery class at Classic Quilt in Clarksburg

SEPTEMBER AUCTION OF FINE 'SABLE'

SABLE could be part of Auctioneer Jane's repertoire when the sale begins at our September meeting.

SABLE is something you want to keep buying until you feel guilty buying more. When Lillian went to Chicago and talked to some of the women at the American Sewing Guild, they didn't refer to their stash as "stash," they called it SABLE. She just stared until they explained that SABLE is 'Stash Accumulated Beyond Life

Expectancy.' And, I'm sure that many of us are guilty of that! Someone else said they heard "stash" referred to as a "collection" and a friend referred to herself as a collector of fine fabrics.

Whatever the name, feel free to bring some of yours to our September meeting auction. **CLEAR YOUR SHELVES!** Once that's done, you can start anew! Please donate your SABLE to the September auction ... we'll all be glad you did.

CHALLENGE

Spring "Seasons" Challenge Rules:

Create a quilted item that is inspired by the word SEASONS. It could be a representation of the 4 Seasons, Your Favorite Season, A Season of Your Life, or even Seasoning! Use your choice of fabrics to make a quilt (postcard or nametag size to King size), or make a quilted bag, garment, pillow, etc. Bring your completed item for the big reveal at our May meeting!



Everyone gets ALL the sessions from ALL THREE teachers!
 NO SEWING - NO SUPPLY LIST - NO HAULING MACHINES!
<http://www.rickytims.com/seminars.html>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Oct 1-4—Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop. Activities include a scavenger hunt, fun and prizes. (www.mysteryharvestshophop.com)

Oct 2—Mystery Harvest Shop Hop Bus Trip; departing Buckhannon on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 8 a.m. Arrive back in Buckhannon at approx. 9 p.m. Enjoy the 12 shops on the Mystery Harvest Shop Hop in WV, OH, and KY. Trip includes overnight stay at Hampton Inn, two meals (and a continental breakfast), and bus (\$180/double occupancy).

Oct. 4—West Virginia Quilters Oct. meeting hosted by the Stitchin' Sisters of New Martinsville. Meeting will be held at the West Virginia Northern Community College. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning workshops on "String Piecing" with Nancy Ray.

Oct 10—Lecture by Pat Sloan on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Guild's Mountaineer Mall meeting place. Cost is \$15 for non-members.

Oct 11—Quilts and Crafts at the Smithtown Community & Senior Center from 10-3 PM (see column to the right for more details).

Oct. 22-25—"Fall Quilters" Quilt Retreat at Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV. Instruction provided by Ann Kessel and Mary Smith. Workshops available for participation include Mariner's Compass Quilt and Pin Cushion. (www.canaanresort.com)

Oct 24-25—The Quilters At Heart Guild Quilt Show at the Stockert Youth Center, Buckhannon. Show will include boutique, demos, door prizes and vendors. (304-472-3658).

Oct. 29-Nov. 1—Ohio Amish Country Quilt Shop Hop. (www.amishquiltshophop.com)

TRIP PLANNED

Ricky Tims Seminar trip planned

Mountaineer Country Tours is planning a bus trip to Ricky Tims' Super Seminar (Apr 30 - May 2, 2009) in Frederick, MD. This is the same tour company that organized the Paducah trip last spring. Ask Terry, Lu-Ann, Janet, or Linda J. if you want to hear about their experience at Ricky's Seminar last summer. ...

QUILTS AND CRAFTS

The Smithtown Community & Senior Center will be sponsoring their annual quilt and craft show on Oct 11, from 10-3 PM. There will be quilts on display; also, craft vendors will be set up. The quilt that will be raffled off on Dec 5, will also be on display. It is a variation of the log cabin in brown and pink and was made by new quilters of the community. They will also serve food and have drawings for door prizes. The Smithtown Community & Senior Center is located on Route 73 S, about 3 miles from the Goshen Road exit off Interstate 79. To display a quilt, contact Nancy S.

TRUNK SHOW! Eleanor Burns Victory Quilts trunk show will be at **Sew Chic** September 2-15.

Happy Birthday!

9/04—Debbie S
 9/06—Susan C
 9/10—Michelle D
 9/17—Sandy F
 9/18—Kris P
 9/27—Betty C
 9/28—Carol R.S.
 9/28—Tina W
 10/04—Pat O
 10/05—Ruth H

