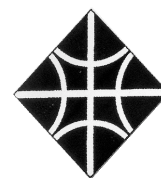


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Country Roads Quilt Guild

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September 2009

Melissa's Mini-notes,

What can I say...? We had a terrific time at the Sew Inn and as usual, Ginny gave us great deals on all our goodies!

Unfortunately, some of us did not make it to the meeting? I am wondering if this was just because of the timing or what? Do we need to re-think whether we want to continue to do this? Please think about this and let us know your thoughts at the September meeting.

What do you think of the "Ugly Fabric Challenge"? Very clever Challenge Committee for making us choose our own "ugly" fabric! At first I did not like the fabric; I have it on the work table in my sewing room and stare at it every time I go in. I think it is growing on me! I have a few ideas floating around, so we will see!!

This meeting coming up is all about "Christmas gifts". Bring your thinking caps and let's throw out some idea for gifts to make. They do not necessarily have to be just quilting, tell us what you are doing in other craft areas too!

At the last meeting, Terry gave us some food for thought with the next Paducah trip in the spring. We might be able to get a bus trip going. Let Terry know if you think you can go. Also, there was the information about Ricky Timms spring seminar and the guild participating in the promotion of the event. Ricky is going to send us some goodies for helping with this. More details will be coming and will be in the newsletter until the time of the event, so be watching!

I am probably forgetting something; maybe someone else will remember and fill the rest of us in?

Until then,

Keep stitching,

Melissa

Announcing the Ugly Duckling Challenge:

This year's challenge features the daunting task of transforming an ugly duckling into a beautiful swan. Anyone who attended the picnic will remember the Fun Survey. In one portion of the survey, members voted on which of the three fabrics that were presented could be considered the ugliest. Unbeknownst to the survey participants, you were actually voting on our ugly duckling fabric. The most popular fabric, Dimples G24 from Andover Fabrics, is our featured fabric.

Your assignment: Using the ugly duckling fabric and no more than 3 additional fabrics, create a quilted item (any size or shape) to transform our ugly duckling into a masterpiece. We will unveil our top secret projects at our May 2010

meeting.

The Sew Inn has several fat quarters already cut for use and the staff knows which fabric to cut if you need larger pieces. Just tell them that you need fabric for the Country Roads Challenge. Alternatively, if you contact Monica she will pick fabric up for you and bring it to a guild meeting (contact via e-mail, please), or you can purchase from another favorite fabric vendor.

Have fun and good luck as you work on your challenge pieces!

The Challenge Committee

Paducah 2010

We are considering a bus trip to the Paducah quilt show, April 21-25, 2010. We're still working on the details - the cost will likely be less than what was shared at the August meeting. Please contact Terry for more information!

Country Road Quilt Guild

Minutes for August 13th, 2009 meeting

The August 2009 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Melissa J. Several members were in attendance as well as one guest.

The July 2009 minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports

Directory committee – Directories were distributed among the members present.

Newsletter committee – An address list for current members was passed around for proofreading and members were asked to make corrections as needed so that the newsletter committee can ensure that it has the correct information.

Quilt Show – Terry noted that everyone should start thinking about what you might like to display at the show, which is in November.

Challenge – The 2010 Challenge, The Ugly Duckling Challenge, was revealed. Guild members unwittingly voted on their ugly fabric at the July meeting. The Ugly Duckling Fabric, Dimples G24 by Andover Fabrics must be used in making a quilted item of any size, in any pattern. In addition to the Dimples fabric, contestants may use up to 3 additional fabrics to complete their work of art. The Sew Inn staff cut several fat quarters of the challenge fabric and also made a note of the fabric so that the staff can help any member who is not at the meeting and would like to see the fabric.

Old Business

Quilt to Chance Off – Elaine brought the tickets for members to sell on the Quilt that we will be chancing off. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will sell tickets until Mountaineer Week, when the winner will be drawn.

New Meeting Place – The September meeting will be our first meeting at the Harner Chapel near Sabraton.

New Business

North Rotary – Melissa noted that she spoke to North Rotary about Country Roads Quilt Guild. The speaking engagement was held at the new WVU Alumni center and went well.

Website – Terry noted that our website address will change sometime before October. Yahoo is getting rid of Geocities and we will need to get our website address updated as a result. As our brochure has become outdated, we will also wait until we get the new website address to have them update and reprinted.

Ricky Tims – Terry noted that Ricky Tims has a new show coming to Cleveland this spring, April 29-May 1st, 2010. If interested in going along with a group, you may be able to go with the Charleston group if there are not enough people from this area signed up to go. The price is not currently set. See Terry or the Ricky Tims website for more information. It was also requested that quilt guilds promote the show. Those that do promote the show will receive a packet and some free items from Ricky Tims in exchange for promoting the show in each of our newsletters. It was properly moved and seconded that the guild participates in this program.

Paducah Show – It has not yet been determined if there will be a Paducah show due to some problems with the site. In the event that there is a Paducah show, there may be a bus trip in the works. It will likely cost \$600-630 for double occupancy. See Terry for more information.

Road Trip – Monica and Michelle noted that they are going to make a trip to Quilt Company and Quilters Corner on Saturday, September 19th, 2009. Those wanting to ride or drive along can contact Monica or Michelle.

Hope's Advent Request – Hope wants to make a unique advent calendar for this holiday season. If anyone has a unique idea or pattern to share or can help to point Hope in the right direction, please contact her.

Tygart Lake – Tygart Lake is hosting a quilt retreat this fall. Prices for those planning to stay will range around \$170.50. Becky, from the Grafton quilt shop, and Nancy S. from our guild have more information. The number for the Grafton shop is 304-265-1059.

Next meeting – A Homemade Christmas. Bring your examples of, ideas for, and/or patterns for great homemade Christmas gifts!

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell and shopping at the Sew Inn.

September 2009 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$ 2,219.89
Income	Membership Dues	15.00
	No Name Tags	1.50
	Wonder Wallet	
	Reimbursement	14.00
	Monthly Mini	23.00
	Raffle Ticket Proceeds	47.00
	Interest for August	0.10
		<u>100.60</u>
Expenses	Elaine S. - Raffle	
	Ticket Cost	25.43
	Michelle D.-Newsletter & Stamps	40.50
		<u>65.93</u>
Balance		\$ 2,254.56

Happy Birthday

September

- 4 Debbie S.
- 6 Susan C.
- 10 Michelle D.
- 17 Sandy F.
- 27 Betty C.
- 28 Carol S.

October

- 4 Pat O.
 - 5 Ruth H.
 - 6 Vickie H.
 - 7 Lydia G.
 - 11 Carolyn G.
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WV Quilters Inc Retreat October 9-11, 2009

There's still room left for you at the first-in-a-long time West Virginia Quilters retreat October 9 to 11 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley. Imagine a whole weekend of nothing but eating, sleeping, and quilting, quilting, quilting! This will

be a relaxed, low-key chance to work on individual projects with no distractions, while getting to know quilters from all around the state. The greatest benefit we've gotten from working on the planning committee for the West Virginia Quilters show has been making new friends. Now you have that same chance to make new friends without doing the work -- while finishing UFOs at the same time! What could be better! Need a roommate? More info? Call Terry.

The retreat is open to all West Virginia Quilters members. For information on how to join, go to www.wvquilters.org or call Norma J. at 304-926-6866.

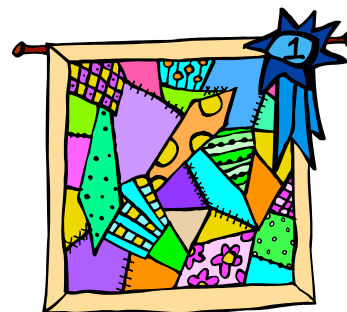
Martha Washington Quilters Guild 2009 Quilt Show

November 6th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
November 7th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Church of the Covenant
267 East Beau Street
Washington, PA 15301

Directions: I-70 exit at Beau Street (Exit 20)
Turn left onto Beau Street (Rt. 136).
Go approximately 1 mile. The church of the Covenant is on the right. Look for the Quilt Show sign.

Mountaineer Week Quilt Show November 13-15, 2009

Our Quilt Show will be here before we know it! Please start thinking about how many of your quilted items we can display during the show. Large bed quilts need hanging sleeves, smaller items do not. Also please consider helping with the show set-up or working a few hours during the show. It's always great fun watching and interacting with visitors as they enjoy our quilts. We'll have sign-up sheets available at the next meeting. Thank you!



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September Meeting

September 10

6:30 p.m.

Harner Chapel United Methodist Church
(behind the Hostess Bread Store)

Hostesses: Brenda Z. and Louise A.

Mini: Diane T.

This month's program will be Homemade Christmas gift ideas. So Ladies bring out things that you have gotten as gifts or are making as gifts for others and bring for our show and tell Christmas meeting.

If you have a pattern that is not copyright, bring and we will put on our website or make copies for those who do not have internet. If there is a copyright law, then tell us where you got the pattern or idea.

Fat Quarter Exchange for the September meeting should be Autumn/Halloween theme.

PIZZAZZ for Your Quilts

Do you use "safe" color combinations in your quilts? Try a different perspective ... Mother Nature. Natural gemstones provide a pleasing combination of colors you might not normally consider. Jasper, Petrified wood, and Lepidolite (if you're feeling pinkish) are just a few options. Check out the natural gemstones at www.firemountaingems.com and add a new twist to your quilting.

Many thanks for the kind thoughts, words and cards sent in this time of loss to our family.

Donna F.

Please send items for the October newsletter to Judy C. by September 25th.