



The Postage Stamp

October 2005



Carol's Candor



Well, as usual, I'm putting this off to the last minute! Time seems to be flying by way too quickly!! As I was going into the grocery store tonight, I noticed a sign stating when the flu shots would be given, something like October 13th and I'm thinking "Boy, they sure are planning ahead!" Then it was the wake up moment, "wait, that's only 2 weeks away!!" It doesn't seem like it should be even close to the end of September, much less October!!

September has definitely been an eventful month!

As for me, life is as hectic as usual. My PartyLite shows are picking up and keeping me busy as well as some projects around the house. My husband announced to me earlier this month that he'd like to take time off at the end of the month to paint the living room and kitchen. I panicked because I was scheduled to have a brunch meeting at my house on the 29th! After some realistic thought, I decided that there was no better way to get our fannies in gear than to have a definite deadline! So, we hit the project with vengeance last week! With 4 hours sleep the night before the brunch, the house (at least the part they would see) was ready! This was quite an emotional struggle for me. You see, I like bright colors in my quilts but as for my walls I've always been afraid of color. Dover White was always our "color of choice"! A friend once told me she had a designer say that white was like your room wearing its underwear! Keeping that in mind, I bravely started choosing some color! It took two samples for the living room and four samples for the kitchen/dining area before I found what I was HOPING would look good. I finally chose a sage green for the living room and a creamy tan for the kitchen/dining area. (I know, not real bold there!) We are now finished and I'm happy to report that I **LOVE** the change!! I'm beat and never want to see a paintbrush again although we still need to do 2 bedrooms and the bathroom! Somehow, those projects will have to wait and be taken on with less vigor!

I hope you're enjoying the fall, I can't wait to see the beautiful colors it brings. I think it's my favorite season except I'm not all that excited about what follows, the gloomy days of winter! Please be sure to get out and see some of the fall colors, you'll have plenty of time for sewing soon!

As I write this, I'm not sure of the status of the Camp Dawson quilts. They had stopped taking any donations of material possessions (only money!) We'll decide at the meeting what we want to do with the finished quilts. I want to thank all of you that donated time and/or materials. Your hearts were definitely in the right place!

Until then.....Keep on stitching (but don't forget the fall colors!)

Carol

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Barbara F

Lisa A

Betty F

UPDATES

Janet S

Janet Jo M

There are new links to easy children's quilt patterns on our PATTERNS page:



<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/KidQuilts.html>

It's Quilt Show Time!

Our Quilt Show will be happening during WVU's Mountaineer Week.

WVU Mountainlair

November 4-6, 2005

Friday, 1-9pm

Saturday, 11am-8pm

Sunday, Noon-5pm

The Show is always fun. Plan to attend and help out if you can. We will have sign-up sheets at our October meeting to get an estimate of how many quilts we'll have to show, and also a work schedule to make sure we have enough people to set up the Show and be present during the Show. If you can't make it to the meeting, let Terry or Tommie know how many quilts (or other quilted items) you want to enter and how much time you have to work the Show. We'll try to post the work schedule online.

As an incentive to work the Show we will again give away a Mystery Prize at our December meeting. You will have one chance to win for every half-hour you either work the Show or help with Set-up. You are responsible for tallying your hours - there will be a blue folder available at the Show for you to note how long you worked.

Every item in the Show must have a Registration Form attached. (There are 2 available in this newsletter, you can download more from our website and we will have extras at the meeting.) It is important for insurance purposes to note the Replacement Value of your item on the form. (Replacement Value is the dollar amount needed to make the quilt again. If your quilt has been appraised you can use that amount.) Large bed-size quilts should have a 4" hanging sleeve on the back.

We will be hanging the quilts on Tuesday, November 1st, at 8:30 am. You can bring your quilts to the Mountainlair then, or to our quilt drop-off at the Mountaineer Mall on Sunday, October 30th, from 3-4 pm. We will be in the Mall in front of the Community Room where our meetings are. If you can't do either, please get your quilts to someone who will be helping out on Set-Up day. (You can see who will be there by checking online, or call Terry or Tommie.)

Also let us know if you would like to demonstrate quilting during part of the Show.

When the Show is over all quilts must be picked up at 5 pm. If you can't be there to collect your things please make arrangements with someone else to be responsible for your quilts.

Contact Terry or Tommie if you have any questions and check out our website for details. Thanks!

<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/QuiltShow.html>

I would like to say a big "thank you" to all my quilting friends for the generous baby gifts for Lillian. What a blessing!!

Joan



ATTENTION QUILT GUILD MEMBERS! YOU ASKED FOR WORKSHOPS – FRAN KORDEK IS COMING NOVEMBER 12!

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 12, Fran Kordek will present a workshop on her Celtic Appliqué method. Some of our members have been lucky enough to take this class and it's been very popular. Cost is only \$10 per member - this covers the pattern fee for Fran - the Guild will cover the rest of the cost. To hold a spot, be sure to sign up at the October meeting and pay Sue M your \$10. (Once you pay, a supply list will be handed out). Don't miss out on the fun. To see the pattern, check out Fran's website at:

<http://myweb.cebridge.net/wkord ek/celtic.html>

*I thought I would be joining "you ladies" this month **BUT** here I am, running to Health South three times a week for therapy. They are slowly getting this arm to a somewhat useful state. Guess it will be spring before I make it back in full circulation. See you then.*

Genevieve

To brighten colors and remove age spots and yellow discoloration from quilts, combine 1 gallon of water and 1 quart of buttermilk with 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Soak the quilt in this liquid and hand wash with a mild soap for a reconditioned bright quilt. The natural ingredients are safe with no danger of damaging the quilt.

September Minutes

The September meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was held on September 8th at the Community Room at the Mountaineer Mall. Carol called the meeting to order at 6:30. There were 24 members 3 guests present. The August Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

Terry gave an update on the Mountaineer Week Quilt Show. We have officially been asked to coordinate the show which is scheduled for November 4th through the 6th. They have agreed to improve the lighting and have already submitted the work order. Thomasene volunteered to co-chair the committee with Terry. Please consider volunteering to help in whatever capacity you can. We will have more information as we get closer to the show. The "Quilts Of Hope" quilt made by the Mon County Extension Quilters to raise money for breast and cervical cancer will be displayed. Linda Jones will be in charge of handling the raffle.

Arrangements were discussed for making quilts for approximately 50 children staying at Camp Dawson in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Pat designed a label to personalize a quilt for each child. Sewing sessions will be held at St Thomas of Beckett on the Old Cheat Road. Bring your sewing machine, iron, cutting mat, rotary cutter, and anything else you need. If the times don't fit your schedule, consider stopping by to pick up a packet to sew at home. We hope to make 10 quilts per week. A schedule will be posted on our website.

Fran Kordek was scheduled to do the Celtic appliqué workshop on Saturday, November 5th. Since that's the weekend of Mountaineer Week, Sue will contact Fran to move it to November 12th. The cost will be \$10 for members, and the Guild will pay the rest of the expenses.

Susan C announced that there is a mistake on the fourth page of the Challenge Quilt handout, "Easy Piecing Method for 9" block. In item C where it says 8 pieces 1 3/4" square, it should be 8 pieces 2 1/8" square. Everywhere it says 1 3/4" make that 2 1/8" also.

The program for the October meeting will be Antique Quilts Show and Tell. If you have an antique quilt, please bring it to the meeting so we can see them and hear their stories.

Following Show and Tell, the program was a Trunk Show presented by Donna Carnegie, from Grafton. She delighted us with her funny stories and beautiful quilts.

Linda F, Secretary

Donna Carnegie gave us a recipe for removing pencil marks from quilts. (She uses a # 2 mechanical pencil to mark quilting designs.)

3 parts rubbing alcohol
1 part water
2-3 drops dish detergent (not Dawn or any with a degreaser - clear Palmolive is good)

Mix all and use a soft toothbrush to remove pencil lines. Wash quilt.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13th
Community Room
Mountaineer Mall

Program: Antique Quilts Show
and Tell

Hostesses: Linda R
Thomasene E
Bev K

Our October Program has been changed. We will not be talking about Display ideas for quilts. We will try to put those ideas into a newsletter sometime. Our Program will be Antique Quilts Show & Tell. If you have old quilts you'd like to share please bring so we can see them and hear their stories.

CRQG August Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$3,971.57	
Income			
No Nametag	1.75		
Dues (2 members)	30.00		
Interest	<u>.17</u>	31.92	
Expenses			
Mountaineer Mall (Sept/Oct Mtgs)	50.00		
Carnegie-Sept. Program	70.00		
Carol S Reimbursement (charity quilts)	<u>188.78</u>	<u>308.78</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>\$3,694.71</u>	

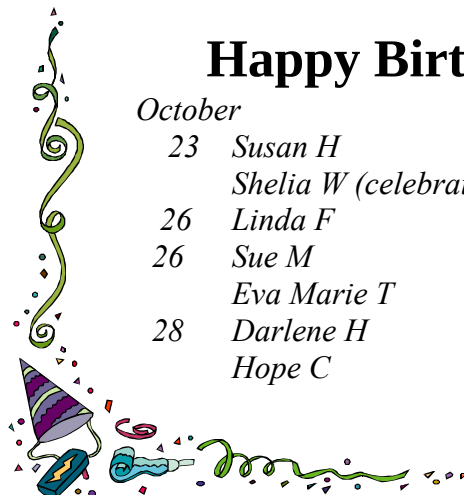
Happy Birthday

October

23 Susan H
Shelia W (celebrating 40!)

26 Linda F
26 Sue M
Eva Marie T

28 Darlene H
Hope C



**Smithtown Quilt & Craft Show
October 8th
9:00 am –3:00 pm**

The 20th annual Smithtown Quilt and Craft Show will be held at Smithtown Community Building on Rt. 73 south, a few miles down from Goshen Road ext off I-79 south. They are interested in having us bring a few quilts to hang in their show.

If anyone is interested, please contact Kris P. Quilts need to be delivered to the community building by 8:30-9:00 am the day of the show and picked up after the show is over at 3:00 pm.

They have lots of homemade food (potato soup, chicken sandwiches and hot dogs, baked items and goodies, homemade pies) and 14 different craft displays/vendors (from hand made wooden furniture and chenille bears to fall decorations).

**10th Annual Quilt Retreat
Jackson's Mill
March 17-19, 2006**

Lots of interesting workshops are scheduled for this year's Quilt Retreat at Jackson's Mill. For those of you who wanted to take Fran Kordek's stained glass workshop, here's your chance.

For more information about fees, lodging, and meals, please call WVU Lewis County Extension Office at 304-269-4660. For questions about workshops, call Linda Schmidt at 269-5755 or email LSSchmidt@citynet.net

If anyone wants a copy of the registration form, Melissa J would be happy to copy them. Just let her know.

Please send items for the November Newsletter to Linda F by October 28th.