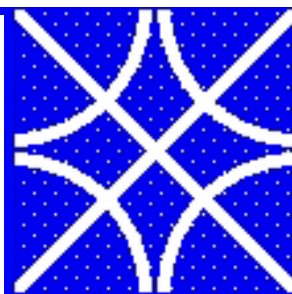


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Country Roads Quilt Guild

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

October 2006



Terry's Tidbits

Once upon a time our guild met at South Jr High. We used to shoo the custodian away when he came at 9:30 to clean the room. We weren't ready to leave! Times have changed and now we're lucky if anyone stays until 8:30. Some of us are longing for the good old days when we would visit longer and have more fun laughing together.

So, I'd like to do a little survey to see how many of us might like to stay longer. Maybe we could have a small "mini-group" who would meet after the regular meeting. We could plan little activities, or just bring our own things to work on. I'm curious about why we leave so early now. Are we just too busy or too tired to stay? Or, maybe you didn't know we could, but we are allowed to stay until 9:30. I'm sure there are lots of good reasons why some need to get home early, but for those who could stay longer maybe we should give it a try!

Please fill out our little survey and give to me at the meeting, or email your responses if you can't make it. Then I'll know whether to pursue having a "meeting after the meeting." Feel free to stick around after our next meeting if you want to give it a try. Thanks.

And, speaking of our next meeting, I'm anxious to see what tiny quilts we'll come up with for our Alzheimer's Mini-Challenge! Ami Simms is allowing us to bend her registration rules a little to make it easier. Look at the Mini-Challenge info elsewhere in the newsletter if you are planning to participate. And, as an extra incentive, we will have a drawing to give away \$50 worth of quilting goodies to one lucky participant in the challenge.

We are planning another Project Linus Weekend Workshop on October 28th – come join in the fun!

Have you checked out our new and improved website? We voted last time to upgrade to a site with no ads – yeah! We also have lots more space now so we can keep adding items.

I'm still in the process of improving the looks of all the pages, but it'll all be nice someday soon. The owners of Mountaineer Corner have volunteered to pay for the website upgrade this year (\$60). (**A BIG THANKS to Lisa A.!**)

Another big thanks to Lisa for presenting a fun program last month on Folded Flowers! And thanks to Joan L., Brenda Z. and Sarah C. for our refreshments.

Please let me know how many quilts you will be entering into our Quilt Show so we'll know if we need to solicit quilts from others. Please read the details of our upcoming Quilt Show – it will be here before we know it!

Hope to see you soon! Terry



It's Quilt Show Time!

Enclosed are 2 Registration Forms if you will be entering quilts in our show. (We will bring more to our meeting and they are also posted on our website.) Please put a Replacement Value on each form for insurance purposes.

We need to collect all quilts by Sunday, October 29th.

We will have a quilt drop-off at the Mountaineer Mall on that Sunday from 1-3 pm. If you can't make it then, please contact Terry C., Tommie E. or Janet Jo M. to make other arrangements. Please bring your quilted items in pillowcases or bags that don't look like trash bags. Please attach your Registration Forms to each quilt with a safety pin.

Large bed-size quilts should have a 4" hanging sleeve on the back. If you haven't already, please let Terry know how many items you will be entering in the show so we'll know if we need to solicit more.

We need more volunteers to set up and work the show!

Our work schedule is posted on our website. We really need a few more people to help with set-up and a few of our work shifts during the show could use an extra person or two. Please contact Terry if you'd like help out. It's always fun! Also think about if you'd like to bring a project to work on

as a demo during the show.

We will have a drawing for a prize from members who work the show. You are responsible for tallying your hours when you work! There will be a tally sheet at our main table at the Quilt Show. You will have one chance to win for every half hour you work at the show or during set-up.



Our September Weekend Workshop was a great kick-off for making Project Linus quilts! Our Linus committee did an awesome job of creating quilt kits, so all we had to do was show up and sew! Several tops were sewn together and sent home with batting and backing for finishing. Pat O. will bring extra kits to our meeting if you'd like to take one home. Join us at our next Project Linus workshop on October 28 from noon-5pm, Community Room 2, Mountaineer Mall.

Minutes

September's meeting of the CRQG was held a week early, on the 7th, at the Mountaineer Mall. Terri called the meeting to order, and the Aug. minutes

and Treasurer's Report were approved and seconded.

The new DVD's are now circulating, and the members who have watched them have found them helpful.

Terri brought up her meeting at the Mountainlair regarding the Quilt Show scheduled for Nov. 3-5. She passed around one clipboard for volunteers and another to count the number of quilts for display. Terri estimated there should be around 70 to fill the room. There is also room to display large quilts above the crafter's booths in the main hall.

Pat O. talked about the upcoming workshops for Project Linus. The first was Sept. 28th and we assembled precut quilt kits. Anyone may request a kit to complete a quilt at home.

Eva Thomas passed around a book of ideas for the Spring Challenge and showed us the many possibilities for a nine-patch and kaleidoscope blocks. She mentioned that any Stack 'N Whack block is also a kaleidoscope block.

Morgan Manor is looking for a quilt teacher for their residents. Sheila W. volunteered.

Terri asked for phone committee volunteers in case there was a last minute change.

Minutes cont.

Bev, and Joan all raised their hands.

Terri mentioned the possibility of displaying quilts at Ruby Memorial. We concluded that we would look back into it in Jan.

Terri asked for \$5.00 month to upgrade the website. The suggestion was approved.

Sue M. made the beautiful monthly mini and shared the story of her last-minute effort.

Show and Tell was followed by Lisa A.'s program on folded flowers.

Submitted by Sarah C.

Our big **Spring Challenge** has lots of us thinking about possibilities. Since Stack & Whack quilts count as Kaleidoscope blocks we are planning a Stack & Whack workshop! Stay tuned for details. Specific details about the Spring Challenge Rules will be in our next newsletter and posted on our website soon.

Alzheimer's Mini Challenge!

It's time for our Alzheimer's Mini Challenge! Here's what you need to know:

Your quilt must be flat and no larger than 9" x 12" (with no embellishments that could be harmed during mailing).

You must provide written permission if your quilt was made

from a copyrighted design. We will have registration forms to fill out at the meeting. You will need to provide the following: Title of Quilt, Your Name, City, State, Quilt Width & Length, Materials/technique, Artist's Statement (if you have one), Your email address (if you want it published), Dedication (optional) and How the Quilt can be Displayed (is there a hanging sleeve on the back, etc). You can include a note that will be given to the person who wins your quilt in the auction – you can ask them to let you know where your quilt ends up, if you'd like to know. (Please attach note to the quilt or your registration form.) Also, we will provide pieces of paper (4.25" x 5.5") for your contact info for a drawing. Ami is having to give away a Bernina sewing machine! Please sign your quilt with your name, city & state. Leave the bottom right corner of the quilt back blank so we can add the auction number. When you arrive, please take your challenge quilt to our back room and pin up on the far wall. Pin them fairly close together so we can get a good picture with the quilts (and us!) afterwards. Thanks!

Here's the site Sheila found with a pattern for a kaleidoscope block. This version is foundation pieced (I think the red line is in the wrong place in the pattern). The Challenge

committee says there are different options for making kaleidoscope blocks, including Stack 'n Whack, but here's one version:

<http://www.quilterbydesign.com/lessons/kaleidoscope/kaleidoscope.html>

Thanks to Wilda M. for volunteering to be our new historian. And thanks to Bev K., Melissa J. & Joan L. for being our new Phone Committee. Thanks, guys!

Monthly Mini Schedule

October - Darlene H.

November - Tina W.

October Hostesses

Darlene H.,

Eva T., & Sheila W.

Welcome New Members

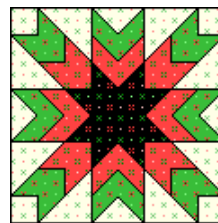
Mary H.

Christine S.

Tina W.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2006

Send information for the next newsletter to Monica M. by Oct. 27th



Thank You's

A Thank You to My Phat Sister for the lovely gifts I have received in August and September. I love the Pumpkin Doll and American Color fabric, with star buttons. Sheila W.

Thanks to my Phat Sister for the Halloween fabric. What fun! Also, my belated thanks for the Moda charm squares. I loved them so much, I bought more!
Linda F.

I'd like to thank my sister for my generous gift certificate and fat quarters. And I adore my tin "caddy" that I use to make a nice home for my work in progress! I take it everywhere. Thanks so much!!! Michelle D.

Thank you so much for my book on log cabins and the fabric. I can't wait to start something with them. Melissa

I'd like to thank my Phat Sister for the Gooseberry Book, Christmas fabric and all the other nice gifts. Bev K.

Thanks to my Phat Sister for another gift. The note pad is on my fridge. I use it often. Tommie

I would like to thank my Phat sister for all of the wonderful gifts she has given me. Thank you also for your thoughtfulness when I was going through a very busy time. Donna F.

Phat Thanks – I'd like to thank my phat sister for the special fat quarters for every season. I love them all! Terry

Congrat's

To **Debbie S.** for winning one blue ribbon and one white ribbon at the Preston County Buckwheat Festival for her quilts. Two out of four, how great is that!!

November's issue of Quilters Newsletter Magazine has **Terry C. Fast Finish Technique** featured on page 32!

Good News for Fans of "Simply Quilts"... HGTV has announced it will continue to air episodes of "Simply Quilts" Monday through Friday through the end of the year! Congratulations to everyone who participated in the campaign to keep this excellent resource for all quilters on television. It appears those cards and letters worked...at least for the time being!

How About This Quilt Shop!

I recently was in Berkeley Springs, WV and visited the quilt shop called Acorns & Oaks... Quilts and More. The owner said she would be happy to have members of the guild visit and could even open the shop special to accommodate us. She also promised something special if we

came. Her phone number is 304-258-2277. Website www.acornsandoaks.com

Vickie H.

THE PLACE TO BE

How about attending the **21st annual Smithtown Quilt and Craft Show:** SAT Oct. 14, 10a-3p, at the Smithtown Community Center on Rt. 73 south. Take Goshen Road exit from 79, then go south a couple of miles. There will be a sign along the road. Free admission.

Fifteen people are listed for craft & sale tables. They will sell potato soup, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, etc. plus homemade baked items and candies and pies. There will be door prizes AND A QUILT RAFFLE, donated by Nancy Swisher, with the drawing to be held on December 1, 2006. Come early if you want food; it sells fast!

New links have been added to our guild's website for Greg Ellis (quilt photographer at WVU) and for Project Linus (info on their organization plus lots of links for easy projects).



CRQG September Treasurer's Report by Melissa J.

Beginning Balance	3,068.63
Income	
monthly mini	34.00
member dues	-
No Name	4.00
interest	0.13
	38.13
Expenses	
Terry C.-alz. Challenge prizes	28.31
Lou D.-newsletter	53.81
Melissa J.-postage/dir.mailing supplies	24.13
Mt. Mall Oct. 12th & 28th rent	75.00
	181.25
Ending Balance	2,925.51

Birthday's

October

4-Pat O.
6-Vickie H.
11-Carolyn G.
17-Vicki D.
23-Susan H.
23-Sheila W.
26-Linda F.
27-Sue M.
27-Eva Marie T.
28-Darlene H.
28-Hope C.

November

23-Genevieve P.
24-Betty F.

This comes from "Quilt Connections", an e-newsletter from *Quilter's World*.

Removing Blue Marks

Judith shares a hint: "Regarding how to get the blue markings out of a whole-cloth quilt: I work in a store that deals with vintage linens and restoration work. We use a product called Linen Wash. The list of stains that it will remove is impressive. It is a soaking process that is safe for vintage fabrics, also quilts. We do not recommend using bleach for removing anything. A diluted solution of hydrogen peroxide (one part peroxide to 10 parts water), applied with a Q-tip or soft cloth, and a clear rinse after can also be used. Fels-Naptha bar soap is another good cleaning agent. It can be rubbed on using the bar, or shaved and mixed with water to form a paste. Items can be soaked in a washer, but do not agitate. It is OK to spin out the water, then dry appropriately." Hope C.

Please answer these 2 questions to help us with future planning.
Detach and return. Thanks!

1-Would you be willing and able to stay later on meeting nights? _____

2-If not, why not? _____

We are excited to tell you about the new Viking Sewing Adventure we will be hosting on Thursday, November 2, from 10:00-4:00. If you have been to one of the previous Sewing Adventures, you know how packed with fun and ideas they are. Jess will be our educator, and she will be talking about quilting, home dec, and garment sewing. She will also entice you with the new Fabric Mover with stitch regulator, and show some basic, easy software tricks. Lunch will be provided and a fun day is guaranteed. You do NOT need to be a Viking owner to attend. If you sign up at the Sulky Seminar on Oct. 3, we will be offering \$5.00 off the registration fee of \$25. We hope you can join us. Ginny and the staff @ The Sew Inn 296-6802

The Millennium Guild of Clarksburg, WV will be sponsoring a workshop:

MACHINE APPLIQUE' THE FUN & EASY WAY with Karen Kay Buckley on Saturday October 21, 2006 at the Lost Creek Community Center 9 AM to 3 PM \$40 for non-members. The project will be the Rose of Sharon Pillow which you can view on Karen's web site at www.karenkaybuckley.com. If you would like to join us for a fun day, please contact Pat G., 842-4586, pgray@aol.com, Elizabeth L., 622-4755, ek1120@aol.com or Cindy B., 842-4960, cbuffing@msn.com. Please contact us as soon as possible to reserve your space.

