

The Postage Stamp



November 2005

Carol's Candor

Halloween is lurking around the corner....Hopefully, there are no goblins hiding to scare you! I like Halloween; it's a time when the child in us can come out! (Something hard for the more serious type!) Last week a few friends and I dressed up in costumes (a Fairy Godmother, a Ghoul, a Cat and a witch!) and visited Rich's Fright Farm. I'd never experienced the Fright Farm, and well you can say, I probably don't need to again for awhile. The most fun was dressing up and sharing a good time with friends!! I'm already planning a costume for next year! We reminisced about our Halloween experiences and traditions as children. It's amazing how different parts of the same country can be so different. Also, how times have changed for all of us! We talked about the big STRONG bags we'd carry not the little pumpkins like now; and how we got to stay out longer. It was a lot of fun! I wish we were able to greet the kids at our house for more than just the mere hour, it really is fun to watch them! At least it is when they are polite!



With this being my busiest time in my business, it leaves me with little time for sewing. It seems like I have to make an "appointment" in order to squeeze it in! Currently, I'm only signed up for one class. But I do have our mini-group (started on the t-shirt quilt). I also belong to another group where we meet to do some type of hand work (one person is working on a rug, another crochet, me whatever I can find requiring hand work – right now it's the embroidery squares that I later color with crayons). Even though I feel at times that I don't have time to go, I've been "forcing" myself to go. I find it to actually be a stress reducer and it gives me more energy later!

I'm not sure you'll get this before the Quilt Show, but I do hope you find some time to volunteer for a few hours. Terry and her committee really work hard to have it such a success.

Also, last word was we only have 13 members signed up to take Fran Kordek's class. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from one of the best! I took her last class she did for the Guild and **it was a lot of fun!** There is nowhere you will find a class for such a reasonable price, it's one of the benefits of belonging to the Guild. Try to make an "appointment" for yourself and join us, you won't be sorry!

Well, I better leave some room here for other news. I hope your Halloween was filled with only good treats!

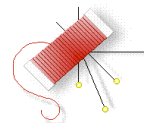
Until then.....Keep on stitching!!

Carol



The Shelley A.
Marshall
Foundation

contacted our Guild requesting that we donate quilts to be auctioned. Proceeds from the auction will provide funds to hold teas across the country. The Foundation was created to remember Shelley who perished in the Pentagon on 9/11. Sue M and Janet Jo M both donated quilts. Thanks guys!



Instead of purchasing an expensive reducing glass to view your quilt, buy a door peephole from the hardware store. Or look through your binoculars backward or use a camera lens to view the quilt. You can also stand with your back to the quilt and use a hand mirror to view it.

October Minutes

The Country Roads Quilt Guild met at the Community Room at the Mountaineer Mall on October 13, 2005. There were 33 members present. The September Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

Terry gave a report for the Mountaineer Week Committee. Bring quilts to Community Room in Mountaineer Room between 3:00-4:00 on Sunday, October 30th. Put them in a pillowcase or bag that doesn't look like a garbage bag and pin a registration form to each quilt. A sign-up sheet for working the show was circulated. For each _ hour worked, you will have a chance to win a prize at the Christmas Party. Please let Terry know if you are willing to demo quilting at the show. Melissa volunteered to prepare the labels. Linda J will handle the raffle quilt for the Extension Quilters.

Carol reported on the status of the Katrina quilts project. Camp Dawson said they didn't need any more material gifts, only money at this point. Finished quilts can be donated to Ronald McDonald House or Project Linus. The donated batting and backing can be used at the Project Linus workshop in January. Melissa announced that AQS is accepting quilts for Katrina victims.

A Nomination Committee will be formed at the next meeting. Please think about volunteering to either serve on the committee or as an officer.

A sign-up sheet for Fran Kordek's Celtic Design workshop scheduled for Saturday, November

12th was circulated. There is a fee \$10 for each participant which covers the cost of the pattern, and the Guild will pay the additional expenses.

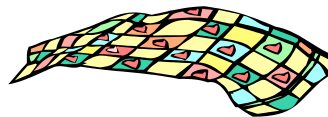
The November program will be a Christmas Ornament Workshop. Please bring hand sewing supplies (needle, thread, scissors, etc.).

Linda J had some ideas for National Quilt Day which is the 3rd week in March. She had a slate of speakers we might invite to speak on Saturday, March 18th. Suggestions were made to open it up to the public for a fee; members will attend free. Linda will contact Donna Poster, a nationally known quilter who has been on "Simply Quilts," and Sue will reserve our meeting room for that day. The Library has been very accommodating in the past, allowing members of the Guild to demonstrate quilting.

There were 2 door prizes this month; a doll made by Lisa A won by Melissa J and a Halloween wall hanging made by Melissa J and won by Jane F.

The program was an Antique Quilt Show and Tell. Members brought in antique quilts and told the story of how they acquired them and a little history about the quilt and the quiltmaker if known.

Linda F, Secretary

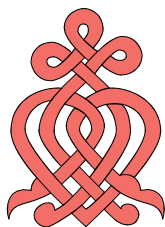


Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$3,694.71
Income:		
Interest	0.16	
Monthly mini	35.00	
Workshop	<u>90.00</u>	125.16
Expenses:		
Mountaineer Mall (Nov. Meeting & Nov. Program)	120.00	
Tommie E – Sep. & Oct. Newsletters	110.28	
Sue M- Nov. program supplies	<u>41.49</u>	<u>271.77</u>
Ending Balance		<u>\$3,548.10</u>

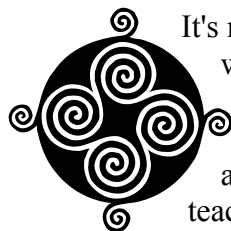
FRAN KORDEK WORKSHOP - OOPS!

The Guild members have spoken! After our last meeting, the officers of the Guild have decided to change the cost requirements of the Fran Kordek workshop on November 12. Please note: we mis-spoke about the cost at the last meeting. The \$10 fee for the workshop covers 2 items: \$5 pattern fee for Fran and \$5 to help defray the room cost. A large number of our members have already taken the class and have already purchased Fran's pattern. As a result, the following changes will be made:



1. If you already paid \$10 to attend and have not purchased Fran's pattern in the past, the Guild will keep \$5 to pay Fran for your pattern and will refund \$5.
2. If you have purchased Fran's pattern in the past and want to participate in the November 12 workshop, you may do so at no extra cost.

As a result of this change, the Guild will be picking up the entire workshop cost (Fran's fee, Fran's mileage and room rental). Guild members will only be required to pay the \$5 pattern fee if they have not already purchased the pattern. The thought behind these changes is that the Guild worked very hard to earn this money and this is an appropriate way of spending it. Questions? Contact Carol S.



It's not too late to sign up for Fran's workshop on Saturday, November 12.

We will be learning Fran's Celtic Appliqué method and it promises to be a fantastic class. Fran is an excellent teacher - don't miss this opportunity. The workshop will take place at our regular

meeting place (the Community Room at the Mountaineer Mall). Workshop times are 9:00 - 3:00. Remember, with a 9:00 start time, you need to get there earlier to set up your machine. Don't forget to bring an extension cord (just in case), the sewing items notes on the supply list and a lunch for yourself. We still have spots available - so the workshop will now be open to non-members for \$20. If you are interested, contact Sue M to reserve a spot.

QUILTING TIPS AND TRICKS

Cutting Mat Cleanup: Clean your rotary cutting mat with a napped lint removal brush. This prevents dark or light lint from depositing on your next cut of fabric.

Stop Unraveling Threads: Cut strips from cling wrap and wrap it around the spool and bobbin to secure the thread.

Flannel Carriers: Cut out large pieces from a flannel-backed tablecloth and roll it up to store quilt blocks and unroll it when you're ready to work on it.

Prescription Bottles: Store thread spools in an old prescription bottle to prevent the thread from tangling. Burn a hole in the lid with a hot nail for ease in controlling the thread. Bobbins can also be stored this way. Store discarded needles in an old prescription bottle too - this lessens the chance for needles to get lost in the carpet and thus avoid accidents.



Happy Birthday!

November
23 Genevieve P

December
1 Gitta J
16 Beth M



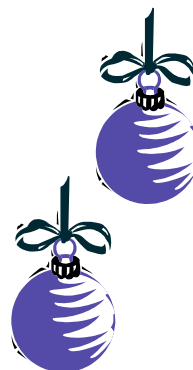
Next Meeting

November 10th, 6:30 pm
Community Room
Mountaineer Mall

Program: Ornament Workshop

Hostesses: Jane F, Judy C, Charlene L

Bring your hand sewing supplies to our November meeting. We will be making a holiday ornament. You'll need a needle, thread (white), scissors to cut the thread, and the patience to try something new. Questions? Call Sue or Terry.



Please send items for the December Newsletter by November 23RD to Terry C (the deadline is early this month because of the Thanksgiving holiday).