



The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/

NOVEMBER 2007

Terry's Tidbits

Hello!

Please mark your calendar with the NEW DATE for our November meeting. Because of a home WVU football game, we will meet a week later, on November 15th.

As I write this we are preparing for another fun Quilt Show. Thanks to all who have helped and offered beautiful things for display. Stay tuned for more details in next month's newsletter.

Thanks to all who made little quilts for our Alzheimer's Challenge. They are lovely and meaningful. I'll keep you posted as they come up for auction on Ami Simms' website. (Sue M won the drawing from participants for the \$50 gift certificate!) Thanks also to Linda J and Chris L for last month's refreshments.

This month's meeting will be FUN! We will be foundation piecing a greeting card! Please bring hand sewing supplies. (See details elsewhere in the newsletter.) We'll also need to form a Nominating Committee at our meeting. We'll need 3 volunteers on the committee to find a new slate of officers for next year. Please consider being an officer next year. We

need a few people who are willing to serve so we can continue having fun at guild meetings. Check the Bylaws in your directory, or ask any of the current officers if you have questions about being an officer. You can do it! And we'll be grateful. Thanks.

Our Project Linus committee is planning another workshop so we can get started on some quilts for kids in need. It will be on Sunday, December 2nd, from noon until 5:00 pm, in the Mall's Community Room #2. Please join us for a fun afternoon!

We will display some of our larger quilts at Ruby Hospital this winter. We'll collect them at our January meeting. (Please read details elsewhere.)

Undercover Quilters – are you sharing treats with your secret sister? Has your sister forgotten you? Let me know if there are any problems and I'll try to help. Let me know if you have ideas for quick gifts for the holidays and we'll share them in the next newsletter. Thanks!

Terry

Date Change

Next meeting:

3rd Thursday

***November 15
6:30 PM***

***Mountaineer Mall
Community Room***

November Program Supply List

- ♦ Hand sewing supplies (needle, scissors, pins)
- ♦ Thread (medium grey, or medium shades of blue, green and brown)
- ♦ Little wooden "iron" if you have one (otherwise, we'll provide clothespins)

Hostesses:

Jane F
and Megan S

Contents:

Minutes	Pg 2
Treasurer's Report	Pg 2
Shop Directories.....	Pg 3
Md/Va Shop Hop.....	Pg 4
What's Happening	Pg 5
JMill 2008 Retreat	Pg 6
Workshops & Shows .	Pg 6

WELCOME TO MOUNTAINEER WEEK 2007

Celebrating 60 years of Appalachian Heritage! Mountaineer Week is happening now ... and one of the highlights of the week is the yearly Quilt Show! Thousands are expected to participate in the festivities that include "everything Appalachian."

These are our dates and hours:

Friday (11/2) 12 P.M. - 8 P.M.
Saturday (11/3) 11 A.M. - 8 P.M.
Sunday (11/4) 12 P.M. - 5 P.M.

"Mountaineer Week has definitely become the premier event in West Virginia that encompasses the unique aspects of Appalachian life, music, food, crafts, and programs." We're invited to join the university community for this celebration of the State of West Virginia. **If you have opportunity quilt stubs ... they must be turned in before the end of the Quilt Show!!!** Also, if you have quilts on display, they must be picked up **by 5 PM on Sunday.**

SCHEDULES

Monthly Mini Schedule

November—Michelle D

December—Gitta J

Congratulations
to Tommie E

who won the October mini
made by Sue M

SETTLEMENT HOUSE

Settlement House update!

Melissa tells us that along with some smaller projects to break up the hand quilting, the ladies are continuing to quilt on their underground railroad quilts ... and they're slowly but surely making progress. For some, they've never done this before! Teaching guests have included Terry, who taught everyone how to make quilted post cards, and Janet, who taught stack-n-wack. All are hoping that Janet will return after the first of the year to teach the tumbling blocks pattern. Let's all encourage a visit when the ladies are ready to show off their newly completed projects!



**Happy
Birthday!**

11/02 — Mary M
11/23 — Genevieve P
12/01 — Gitta J

MARCH MINUTES BY CHRIS L

September Treasurer's report was accepted.

The Mountaineer Week quilt show was discussed.

It was noted that some members who signed up to be an "Undercover Quilter/phat sister" are not participating. If you are unsure what your obligations are as an "Undercover Quilter/phat sister" please call Terry C for details.

Melissa J needs assistance in putting together the Holiday Party in December. Please call or e-mail her if you can help.

There are a few seats available for the bus trip to Paducah in April.

The monthly mini was donated by Sue M and won by Tommie E.

A nominating committee for 2008 board will be formed at the November meeting.

11 mini quilts were displayed then donated to the Ami Simms Alzheimer quilt project.

Show and Tell and refreshments followed the business meeting.

Meeting minutes taken by:

Chris L

Change

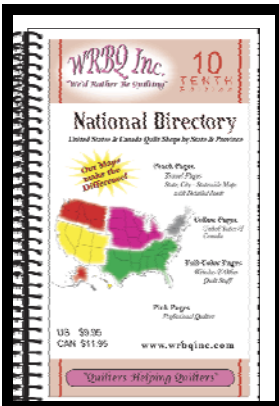
*Next meeting: 3rd Thursday
November 15*

Treasurer's Report by Melissa J

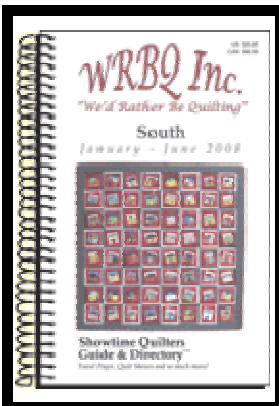
BEGINNING BALANCE.....		\$2,226.25
<u>Income:</u>		
Monthly mini (OCT)	31.00	
No Name Tag	1.75	
Interest.....	<u>.09</u>	32.84
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Janet S—newsletters.....	73.94	
Mountaineer Mall (Nov.).....	25.00	
Terry C : (Alz. Gift).....	50.00	
Opp. Quilt photos.....	8.06	
Internet.....	<u>24.75</u>	<u>181.75</u>
ENDING BALANCE.....		\$2,077.34

DON'T "HOPE" TO FIND A SHOP – PLAN ON IT

Vickie H recently shared that she had been driving through Shepherdsville, KY, when she saw a sign on the Interstate for House of Quilts. Like many of us, the thought of a new quilt shop to explore was exciting until she discovered that it wasn't a quilt shop at all but rather a shop that was selling quilts ... many of which were made in China. To compound her disappointment, there were no quilting books ... no interesting and new notions ... and no fabric. It's probably happened to most of us if not all. Excitement at the prospect of finding a new shop, and then disappointment when it's not what we expected. ...



If you're traveling in the U.S. or Canada this year, don't leave home without a copy of one of WRBQ's fabulous guides to direct your path! Their Regional Directories will tell you about quilt shows you can attend, retreats you can enjoy, and quilt shops you can visit on your trip. Shops are indicated on state-wide maps with detailed insets. Each section is color-coded: check out the peach-colored pages for a cross-reference of all shops; the yellow pages for quilt shops and services; a full-color section for websites and other great quilt stuff; pink pages for a listing of professional quilters; the white pages for shows, retreats, and conventions by date and lastly, the lavender pages for quilting exhibitions. They're billed as *A MUST for travelers* ... and for anyone who has used them, they are!



Quilt Shops, listed by state in the yellow pages, are updated every six months. The regional guides list quilt shows, retreats, conventions and shops in the United States and Canada. They are divided into 5 convenient regions (South, Northeast, Midwest, Northwest & Southwest) although border states are mentioned in a little less detail in each guide.

Copies can be ordered on line, but they can also be purchased locally at the Elkins Sewing Center (Elkins) and The Pine Tree Quilt Shop (Bridgeport). The 2008 Guides are not yet available ... but they should be soon. Call the shop of your choice first and see when they're expected to be in. (Or check on-line:
<http://www.quiltershelpingquilters.com/header.htm>

2008 Jan-Jun South Guide Measures 8.5" high x 5.5" wide

The southern region guide lists shows, retreats, conventions, and shops in the South (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia) Even some of the Pennsylvania shops are listed in the "border" state designation! Yes, Quilters Corner (Finleyville) is there!

Are you traveling in the south next year? This book has it all! Like the nationwide directory, each section is color coded. The last section of white pages is the basic list of shows and shops by each state. These books are a must for travelers. Price does not include S&H so do check out the local shops first!

2008 Jan-Jun South Guide ~ \$5.95 ; National Directory ~ \$9.95.

WV QUILT GUILD

Vicki D and Carolyn G were our lone representatives to the West Virginia Quilters quarterly meeting held Saturday, October 27. The State Guild meeting was held at the new Holiday Inn & Suites in Beckley. Following the business meeting, a trunk show and lecture were provided by JeannetteTuff (past president of the Guild).

Of special interest was a discussion of the upcoming quilt show being sponsored by the West Virginia Quilters Guild to be held in Morgantown in July 2008. The Thursday-Friday-Saturday event will include classes (with eight already scheduled). As soon as all the details come together notification will be forthcoming.

The planning committee anticipates one additional newsletter coming out about the next meeting and then a supplemental newsletter or announcement for the quilt show. For all of you who are members of the State Guild, you'll want to be watching for those details.

Another proposed activity during the quilt show will be a small challenge "in blue and gold" and, or course, as you've probably heard, the Ami Simms traveling quilt display will be a part of this show!



www.amisimms.net/index.html

You certainly won't want to miss the opportunity to actually see this display in person. ... A listing of vendors for the show is also being compiled. Watch for upcoming details!

For those of you who are not yet members of the West Virginia Quilters Guild, Inc., please think about joining. Several of our members already belong, including Carolyn, Deloris, Gitta, Judy, Ruth Ann, Terry, and Vickie.

MD VA SHOP HOP

Quilters' Quest — Nov. 9-12! I hope some of you will plan to participate! The "Hop" is great fun ... especially when you travel with a quilting companion. Participating shop owner, Jinny Beyer designed this year's paper-pieced floral blocks and each shop will display their own unique settings for the collection. Full details and a list of all 13 shops on the website (www.quiltersquest.org/). If you're willing to spend even one night "on the road," you can get an excellent sampling of the shops. This would be "my" itinerary:

(1) Traditions at the White Swan in Hagerstown. (Be there when they open!) They expanded especially in the area of wall hangings and their pattern selection is extensive. You'll also find nice prices on fat quarters! (*Sisto's in Frederick is next, but I've never been there. ...*)

(2) My next stop: Capital Quilts — a great shop just off I-270 (Shady Grove Road East). They're a "must see."

(3) Take the Virginia side of I-495 (the Washington beltway) and turn at the second exit for Great Falls for the Jinny Beyer Studio ... her bordered fabrics are perfect for stack-n-wack and she's usually on hand in the shop to assist you ... grab an autograph if you can! (There are two other shops in VA — your choice!)

(4) Exit the beltway at Branch Avenue heading south to Waldorf. Check your time ... skip on down to LaPlata, Md and check out Material Girls Quilt Boutique — it's HUGE and wonderful! (Browse; enjoy)

(5) Now, back to Waldorf for Chesapeake Bay Quilting — a cute little shop that's packed with great projects. Day One is complete. Day Two ... first stop:

Cottonseed Glory Quilt Shop, Annapolis, MD — 6,000 bolts of glorious cottons from more than 85 leading manufacturers! (Not to be missed!) Also, be sure to include Seminole Sampler in Catonsville. (It's next door to a needlepoint/ counted cross stitch AND yarn shop!)

Alas, no more room ... you're on your own! Check the website for a complete list of shops and for a glimpse of some of the quest quilts (www.quiltersquest.org/).

(Questions? Contact Judy)

MYSTERY HARVEST QUILT SHOP HOP

Ruth Ann R and Donna F went on the Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop (held Oct. 3-6). Thirteen shops in Southern Ohio, West Virginia, and Eastern Kentucky participated. Donna named Quilts & Things in South Point, Ohio as her favorite shop. "The bathroom," she reported, "was phenomenal. It was fully decorated for Halloween and almost everything in the bathroom was for sale (completed Halloween quilt, wall hangings, etc)." Ruth Ann liked The Fabric Shop in Pomeroy, Ohio best. She thought it had a good selection of fabrics ... with displays on the sides of their walls but not obscuring anything. Donna said that they even stayed open later for them on Friday night so they wouldn't have to back track Saturday morning, "How nice was that?!" Donna said: "Not only did we get to see many new and wonderful shops but we had a great time. It was very relaxing and just fun to get away with others who are interested in quilting"

"Our trip was highlighted by seeing quilt patterns painted on several barns in Ohio. We had fun figuring out the names of the blocks. The mystery of the shop hop, I think, was the scavenger hunt. We each had a sheet of paper with questions on it pertaining to quilting. Each answer was found in a different quilt shop (some were easy, some were not so easy). Every shop had designed a block using Marie Osmond's new fabric design and had packets made up with their block (most with a colored picture, very helpful I think). Of course, we bought all 13 blocks!"

ZEPORA'S QUILTING SEMINAR

Gitta J and Deloris R participated in Zepora's Quilting Seminar (Oct. 7-12) at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley. Both have participated for the past few years, but this was their first year to attend for all four days! We understand they enjoyed a wonderful time!

On Monday and Tuesday, they started with Cindy Casciato's "Sentimental Journey" — an appliqué-as-you-go project completed one square at a time. Each flower represented a special sentiment from the Victorian language of flowers. Each quilter was able to compose her own special message from the 12 flowers that they chose. Wednesday, they took Fran Kordek's "Sunburst" block that was inspired by a quilt documented during the W.Va. Heritage Quilt Search. The original quilt resides at the Pearl S. Buck Museum in Hillsboro. "Although it resembles Dresden Plate, it is constructed almost entirely by piecing. Strip piecing and freezer paper templates aid in its construction." The class project was an 18" pieced block, suitable for a wall-hanging, a pillow, or the start of a large quilt. Thursday, they enjoyed "Going in Circles"! The project, similar to the Drunkard's Path with an extra curve or two, taught raw-edge piecing technique to achieve perfect "stress-free" curves. The wall hanging (25"x25") used 16 fabrics from four colour groups. The morning was scheduled to be "mindless/stress-free" sewing while the afternoon was to be spent designing. The class was taught by Gyleen Fitzgerald.

Whereas most quilters come in and complete their registration processing on Sunday evening and assemble in the evening for a combined "show and tell" ... this year's participants were treated to a nightly show and tell. ... Both are looking forward to next year's schedule!

What's Happening

Bev K took Terry C's free motion quilting class at the Sew Inn. She says: "It was great now only if I practice maybe I can do at least one of the designs she taught. If anyone wants to learn free motion quilting and Terry teaches it again, you need to take the class. I would take it again."

Tommie E, Linda F, and Michelle D also enjoyed one of Terry's two-session classes at the Sew Inn. Other instructors on the fall schedule were Nancy S's 5-session class on Beginning Quilting; Bev K's 2-day session on "Mariner's Compass Medallion" and a 1-day class for the "Snowman Potholder" with paper-piecing; and Melissa J's Saturday class: "Lazy Girl Backpack / Tote Bag!" *Hey! Our membership boasts some talented people!*

Susan H reported that she and Sheila W spent a day together doing breakfast at IHOP then going to **The Sew Inn** to buy themselves something to "play with" for their birthdays! Both spent some time cutting and, by the time Susan left, Sheila had finished sewing her purse! Susan looks forward to piecing hers when her new sewing machine comes in from The Sew Inn. (Ahhhh!)

With fall weather arriving, Kris P reports to have resurrected her quilt frames — complete with the quilt top still attached to it (and pieced too many years ago). She says: "It's my treat to sit and quilt and watch DVDs of old TV shows. I can't project its completion date—should be 2008—but I won't quit!" (Now that's the spirit ... and that's QUIT ladies, NOT quilt.)

Betty C has been spending her weekends at quilt shows and shops! One VA show was in Madison (a quaint town that's home to "That Little Quilt Shop," which she really likes). She found out about the shop when she attended the Chantilly, VA show. The shop is housed in an old church — stained glass windows and all. Patterns, some fabrics and a classroom are upstairs where a choir loft would be. "They have many books and have quilts/wall hangings hung over the choir rail and all around the shop on the walls." Betty says she's purchased a lot of Civil War reproduction fabrics there in anticipation of one day making a Civil War quilt. Madison is about an hour south of Warrenton where her son and daughter-in-law live so she's able to combine pleasure ... with pleasure! The actual show was in the Madison Elementary and was their first. The theme was "Quilted Treasures." It was small but the auditorium was filled with quilts. They even had a Christmas Corner where guild ladies taught you how to make ornaments and Christmas stockings. They also had what they called "Artists Trading Cards" — playing card sized (2 ½ x 3 1/2) little "themed" quilts mounted on cardstock which are traded among the membership. (Similar but a bit smaller than our postcard quilts.) Betty also attended the Autumn Glory Festival weekend where she attended the quilt show held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Oakland. Next stop: Kingwood's new "Creative Stitches" shop where she purchased some border print! Betty also recycles fabric from swatches found in wallpaper books!

OTHER PURSUITS

Susan H is spinning and knitting. She also recently joined the Taylor County Arts Council.

Donna F is trying to get a baby afghan crocheted in between work and baby sitting. She's tried many different yarns: "I don't think I have a favorite. It depends on what project I am making." As an example, if she's making an afghan for a couple, she might use Red Heart, but for a baby she prefers a softer yarn. "I made an afghan for my sick (now deceased) brother-in-law using Lion's spun. It is very soft and he was very appreciative."

Melissa J likes to make clothes and crafts and crochet. She just finished making crocheted corner bookmarks for the United Methodist Women (UMW) and plans to make them some 'wonder wallets' and machine embroidery bookmarks. Melissa likes small projects that can be used for gifts and most of those are going to the UMW's fundraising efforts. She has also made some afghans. When asked about her yarn preference, she indicated that she usually works with crochet thread and uses yarn only when she has to.

Vickie H said she was only "a half-hearted crocheter, never getting past the scarf or throw blanket stage." "Knitting" she said, "was never [her] bag..." For some, however, knitting IS their "bag"! Judy C admits to having completed more knitted baby afghans than quilted blankets; Linda R has been seen with knitting needles in hand; and Gitta J has worn some of her hand-knit scarves.

Eva T enjoys making personalized items, crafts and handbags for individuals as one of a kind gifts. She says "it helps to express [her] artistic side." She'll also do alterations; mending, hems, buttons, zipper replacement, etc. If interested, contact Eva (216-6554).

THANKS ... UNDERCOVER QUILTERS



Thank you sister for the two magazines and the Halloween headband. I love it! (Melissa J)

I'd like to say thank you to my secret sister for the wonderful full pumpkin of goodies and the birthday post-card sent. It really brightened my day! (Eva T)

JACKSON'S MILL 2008 QUILTING RETREAT

We've reported before about the Spring Quilt Retreat held at Jackson's Mill. Please be aware that registration forms for the 12th annual retreat (being held March 14-16, 2008) are now available. If you want to stay in the best accommodations or you want a certain class or instructor, you'll want to sign up at your earliest opportunity. Forms are available at some of the local quilt shops or you can [download a form from the CROQ web site](#). DON'T WAIT ... REGISTER!

Scheduled Classes:

Friday mini-sessions (1-4 p.m.)

- Dimensional Embroidery with Debbie Kittle (Intermediate-Advanced/Hand)
- Folded Fabric Ornaments with Tresha Cottrill (Beginner/Hand)
- Hodgepodge Surprise Mystery Quilt with Fran Kordek (All/Machine)
- Marking Sashiko for Quilting with Zepora Hughes (All/Hand)
- No-Sew Applique with Brenda Casto (Beginner/Hand)
- Prickly Stars with Ann Kessell (All/Machine)
- Quilter's Travel Case with Debbie Tiburzi (All/Machine)

Weekend classes:

- Appliqued Split Hearts with Jackie Perry (Beginners-Intermediate/Hand)
- Celtic Applique with Zepora Hughes (All/Hand)
- Crazy Patch with Martha Offutt (All/Hand)
- Creating Shadows with Tresha Cottrill (Intermediate/Machine)
- Day and Night with Debbie Tiburzi (Beginner to Advanced/Machine)
- Dimensional Embroidery with Debbie Kittle (All/Hand)
- Fabric Dyeing with Judith Ann Bragg (All/Hand)
- Night Vision or Air Castle with Ruth Ann Johnson (Beginners/Machine)
- Prairie Braid Quilt with Patti Anderson (All/Machine)
- Split Oak Leaf with Fran Kordek (Intermediate/Machine)
- Stack-N-Whack Fancy Fans with Brenda Casto (All/Machine)
- Tennessee Waltz with Kerri Smith (Advanced Beginner/Machine)
- Toulouse with Ann Kessel (All/Machine)
- Weaver Fever with Linda Childers (All/Machine)

*Next meeting:
3rd Thursday
November 15*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2008

Feb. 21-24, 2008 Hampton Roads, Hampton VA

Mar. 27-30, 2008 Quilter's Heritage Celebration, Lancaster PA

Apr. 23-26, 2008 Annual American Quilter's Society Show—Paducah

Jun. 06-08, 2008 Quilter's Unlimited, Dulles Expo Center

Jul. 24-27, 2008 Quilt Odyssey, Hershey PA

Project Linus
Providing Security Through Blankets

Project Linus Workshop

Sunday, December 2nd

Noon – 5:00 pm

Mountaineer Mall Community Room #2

You can work on a kit provided by the Linus Committee, or bring your own lovie quilt to work on. If you don't want to bring your machine, you can still help with cutting and ironing. Join us and you'll have fun and feel good about helping those in need.

RUBY QUILT DISPLAY

Ruby Memorial Hospital Quilt Display

We have agreed to display some of our quilts at Ruby Memorial from Jan.-May. They're looking for bed-size quilts, but may be able to hang some slightly smaller. All must have hanging sleeves. We will collect them at our Jan. 10 meeting and they will be hung around Jan. 15. They will come down early to mid-May. Right now they have 14 spots available. Please let Terry know if you have any quilts you'd like to display. The quilts certainly brighten the space for those who walk through the hospital lobby.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Send your December newsletter info to Linda F by November 30.

What's Happening?!

Send it to Linda F!

Is there something special that you'd like to learn to do ... and someone special you'd like to teach you?

Please drop a "wish list" in the mail or send an e-mail message [to Linda](#) to be included in the December newsletter!

- ♦ I'd like to learn how to appliqué from Connie. (Judy)
- ♦ I'd like to learn to cut my binding from Carolyn. (Judy)
- ♦ I'd like to learn ... *what?*

What would YOU like to learn?

Who would you like to learn it from?