

# The Postage Stamp

## December 2005

### Carol's Corner

It's snowing outside!! It's getting me in the mood for the Holidays that are approaching way too quickly! So much to do, *so little time!* I have so many ideas of things I'd like to make for gifts, and in reality know that few of them will actually come to fruition.

The Fran Kordek Workshop was great!! I'm now hoping I can manage to finish it, it was a lot of fun! I was disappointed, however, with the number of people who signed up and then didn't show up. Some of you missed out on some great techniques and an awesome project! I just ask that if you sign up, please be considerate and let someone know that you can not attend. It's a courtesy and we **are** adults. Enough nagging.

With Thanksgiving a few days off, I reflect on how many things we actually have to be thankful for. I was talking to a hostess of mine in Kingwood today and hearing about her niece in New Orleans and how the effects are still so real. The media has moved on to other news and people are still suffering, businesses are still not up and running and even the fast food restaurants are short handed having to pay \$10 an hour to just get workers. When we complain of having no electricity for a day or two, we need to take a hard look on how it could actually be. My family has a roof over their heads, warm beds to sleep in and food to eat. We have it made! Please keep those who are less fortunate than us in your thoughts and prayers. Yes, we are truly blessed!

For the very first time in my life, I

am having company for Christmas! Most of the time, we have been the ones that traveled (even when in Wyoming!) or just stayed home by ourselves. My favorite Christmases have been those of family around and the camaraderie that we share. My Uncle called a few weeks back and announced that he, two of my cousins, and one spouse will be "invading" for the Holidays. I'm so excited and yet so stressed on getting the proverbial basement clean (it's where a few beds will be going!). I accused my Husband of paying them to come out so that it all got done. The bright part of this cleaning scenario is that I might just actually be able to get back into the sewing room when everything is done!! (It better get done, I told you guys at the beginning of the year that since I had it in writing - that I had to be accountable!)

I hope to see everyone at the Holiday Party on **December 8<sup>th</sup>**! Remember the meeting starts at **6 o'clock** instead of the regular time. Don't forget your ornament if you want to participate in the exchange. Remember, wrap it and have your name on the **INSIDE!** I wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season. Try to take some time to sit, relax and savor the moment. My favorite time is to put on some music, turn off the lights, light a few candles, pour a glass of wine and watch the Christmas Tree Lights! And with my extended family around, it couldn't get any better!!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

Carol

Our next meeting is our Holiday Party! We will meet earlier because it's a Dinner Party!

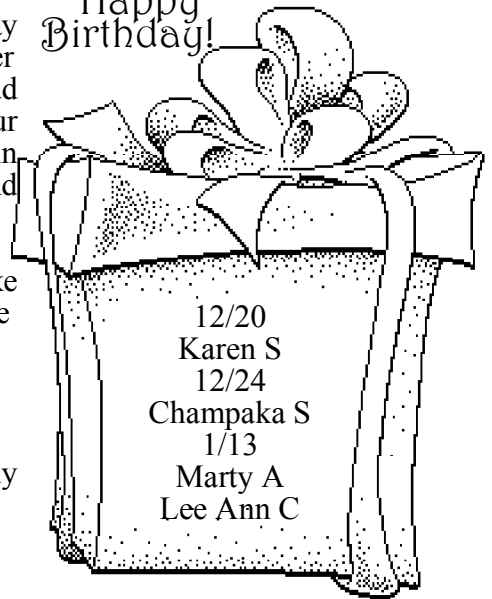
The meeting will start at **6:00 pm.**

Please bring:

- a covered dish
- a wrapped ornament with your name ***inside***
- a non-perishable food item for the food pantry

Make a Wish!

Happy Birthday!



Thank you! Thank you! Our Quilt Show was fun & successful! Thanks to all who contributed lovely quilted items for the show! Thanks to those who helped work the show, set up the show and decorate the space. Thanks to Janet Jo & Melissa for doing demos during the Show. And special thanks to Tommie for being my partner in everything! If you weren't able to attend the show, check out our website for a link to photos:

<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/QuiltShow2005.html>

(We've already been invited to run the Show again next year - they will have the dates in March, so think about whether you'd like to do it again next year!) Terry

## November Minutes

The November meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room at the Mountaineer Mall. Carol called the meeting to order at 6:30.

There were 29 members 3 guests present. The October Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

Terry gave a report on the Mountaineer Week Quilt Show. The show went well, and Terry thanked everyone who helped to make it successful. The lighting was much better this year. The People's Choice awards were: Janet Jo M, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Terry C, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Lisa A, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Joan L, Melissa J, and Monica M volunteered to serve on the Nomination Committee. If anyone wants to volunteer for an office, please contact someone on this committee. The new slate of officers will be presented in January and voted on at the February meeting.

The December meeting will be the Holiday Party at 6:00 pm on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a covered dish and a non-perishable food item for Scotts Run Food Pantry.

The Shelley Marshall Foundation contacted the Guild requesting a donation of quilts to be auctioned off to raise funds for the Foundation. Sue M and Janet Jo M both donated a quilt. This is the second time we have been asked to make a donation on short notice. Carol proposed that beginning next year we begin a quilt in anticipation of their request. We could do a pattern of teacups that members could make into squares.

## ***CROG November Treasurer's Report***

Beginning Balance	3,548.10
Income	
interest	0.15
monthly mini	26.00
no name tag	2.50
workshop	15.00
	43.65
Expenses	
Mountaineer Mall (Dec meeting)	25.00
workshop - overpayment	30.00
F. Kordek workshop	365.00
	420.00
Ending Balance	3,171.75

Two members recently suffered the loss of loved ones. Jan B's sister and Susan H's mother-in-law passed away.

Patricia Knoechel contacted Carol to arrange a return to Morgantown to present two shows on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It would be free for members and a \$5 charge to non-members.

Linda J was unable to secure a speaker for National Quilt Day. We will still go ahead with a quilting day at the Community Room at Mountaineer Mall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in March.

Sixteen people have signed up for Fran Kordek's workshop for Saturday. The charge was reduced to \$5 to cover the cost of the pattern. Sue will refund \$5 to anyone who paid \$10.

Following Show and Tell, Sue and Terry conducted a Christmas Ornament Workshop.

Linda F, Secretary

Newsletter deadline - December 29 (early because of holidays) - Terry - thanks!

