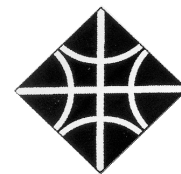


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December 2007

## Terry's Tidbits



'Tis the season to think  
about our Holiday Party!  
It's a fun night to enjoy  
good food and good

company. I hope to see you there.

I hated missing last month's meeting, but we celebrated an early Thanksgiving with our daughter in Brooklyn. We had a great visit and enjoyed an outing to Manhattan's Bead district – what fun.

We owe a Super Big Thanks to Sue M. for taking over last month – she was the only officer who could make it to the meeting! Thanks also to Linda F. and Jane F. for covering for the other officers. Thanks again to Jane and Megan S. for refreshments. It sounds like you had fun with the foundation pieced greeting card program – thanks to Sue and Susan C. for sharing their expertise.

Our Quilt Show was a lot of fun. It really is fun watching and talking to folks as they admire the quilts. Our Opportunity Quilt was very successful – we raised \$781! Thanks so much to Connie Hudson for donating such a lovely quilt, and thanks to all who sold (and bought!) tickets. We all wanted to win. However, the lucky winner was Cindy Wilson, from Morgantown. We will have a thank-you drawing at the meeting from those who worked the show – the prize just arrived and I'd like to keep it for myself!

Please consider serving as an officer next year. Our Nominating Committee will be asking for volunteers at the meeting, or via phone calls. Don't make them work too hard! (Thank you, Sandy F. and Linda F.)

Let me know if you have a bed quilt you'd like to display at Ruby Hospital. We will collect them at our January meeting and they will hang until early to mid-May.

Our Alzheimer's challenge quilts are being processed on Ami Simms' website. You can check them out and watch the progress – I have put up links on our website's PHOTO page to get you there.

Speaking of Ami, I am about to take off for Chicago to spend a few days with her at Bernina's USA headquarters. It's a Teacher's Reunion of (famous) teachers and new designers they are mentoring. I'm quite excited and hope to have fun stories to share when I get back. So, I'd better get packed!

Hope to see you at the meeting.

*Terry*

## Time Change

**The December Meeting will  
begin at 6:00 p.m. (1/2 hour  
earlier than usual).**

## Project Linus

We had a Linus workshop earlier this month and hope to plan some more in the next few months. Please think about joining us, or take a prepared kit to work on at home. Feel free to volunteer your services to do part of a quilt if you prefer to just make the top, do the quilting, or attach the binding. Teamwork is a good thing!

I recently received the Jan/Feb 08 issue of "Quiltmaker" and there's a Project Linus pattern included, developed by Matthew Pridemore. It's a 36" x 36" crib-size quilt called Hopes & Dreams. It could be enlarged by adding more blocks to suit an older child if need be. Matthew's wife Heidi designs quilts, so he tried his hand at designing a block. The editor asked him if she could use his block for Project Linus. I was also browsing my Fall/Winter 2007 B H & G "Quilt Sampler" when I discovered the Woolen Willow in Williamstown, WV. If you're into felted wool projects, this might be a place to check out. I want to get there soon.

*Betty C.*

## What's Happening

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### Bus Trip to Paducah

If you signed up for the Paducah bus trip, remember that half of the cost of the trip is due by December 20<sup>th</sup>. You can make your check payable to Mountaineer Country Tours and mail it to Bev Taskar, Rt. 1, Box 29, Newburg, WV, 26410. Bev said 2 ladies from Charleston are looking for two roommates so they can rent the quad room. If interested, call Bev at 304-892-2853. There will be free shuttle service around Paducah.

### Merry Mayhem's Mystery Quilt Days

Here is something else fun to do online and at home. Planet Patchwork has "Merry Mayhem's Mystery Quilt Days". November 26, 2007 was the last one. Next one is scheduled for New Year's Day-Clue: In The Pink. I did the one yesterday, you make a quilt with others from around the world, chat with them, ask questions regarding the quilt instructions with 'Merry Mayhem'. I think she creates the mystery quilt patterns. It was a lot of fun. You met new quilters from all over. Made a quilt. This is the site address for the November 26th "Wonderful One-day Mystery Quilt"

[www.planetpatchwork.com/mystery125.html](http://www.planetpatchwork.com/mystery125.html)

If you go to the site and register, they will send you updates for the next mystery day, fabric requirements, etc. I had a lot of fun reading some of the chats on the site. Some of the quilters are really friendly and funny! I am planning on doing the New Year's Day one as well.

*Melissa J.*

Summer is over; where did those sunny days and green leaves go? The Christmas season has arrived all too soon and I'm frantically trying to get gifts sewn--tea cozies for a couple of friends and Christmas stockings from denim jeans. Hopefully, I'll get everything done--my time is very limited when I'm gallivanting to quilt shows and shops every weekend, working during the week and trying to remodel my version of "This Old House!" Wish they'd drop by and remodel my house or I wish I had a few more carpentry skills and tools; but I learned a lot of basics from my dad, so I'll slowly build a home. Hope to see you at the Christmas party. Happy Quilting--stay in stitches.

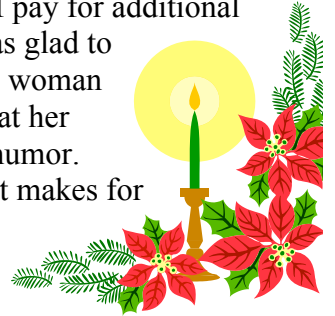
*Betty C.*

## Thank You

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Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers for us. Mother was able to come back to the Heritage yesterday evening provided I pay for additional full time nursing, which I was glad to do. She is truly a remarkable woman and I am constantly amazed at her tenacity and weird sense of humor. Coupled with Alzheimer's, it makes for an interesting journey.

*Jan B.*



I'd like to thank my Undercover Quilt Sister for the charming Mary Engelbreit collectible pincushion purse. It's adorned with cherries and houses tiny thread spools, scissors, and a couple of hatpins. It looks like it belongs in a country cottage, which is exactly how I'm trying to remodel my "stuck in the 50s time warp" house--it won't be a home until it's set free from its dungeon-like "brown" everything. The pin cushion was hidden inside a springy fabric (my favorite season); hopefully it'll give me incentive for a spring project--after my silhouette project for my son and daughter-in-law's anniversary in April. Thank you so much for the cottage inspiration.

*Betty C.*

I'd just like to say Thank You to my secret quilter for the book with the patterns for the totes and purses. I can't wait use it! Thanks again!

*Michelle D.*

***New Officers needed*** --Terry, Sue, Melissa, and Shelia have done a wonderful job this year, but their time in office will soon come to an end. Please considering serving next year. You may find it very rewarding, just ask some of the past officers. If you want to volunteer for one of the positions, please let Sandy F. or Linda F. know. The slate of officers will be presented at the January meeting, and elections will be conducted at the February meeting. Check out the Bylaws in the Directory for a description of the duties of each office.

## CRQG Nov 07 Treasurer's Report

by Melissa J.

|                         |               |                   |
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| Beginning Balance       |               | \$2,077.34        |
| Income                  |               |                   |
| monthly mini: October   | -             |                   |
| Guild Pin               | -             |                   |
| No Name                 | -             |                   |
| Membership dues         | -             |                   |
| Interest: October       | 0.09          |                   |
| Mt. Week : Opp. Quilt   | <u>781.00</u> | 781.09            |
| Expenses                |               |                   |
| Newsletter: Deloris R-  |               |                   |
| postage-Nov             | 25.83         |                   |
| Terry C: Nov. program   | 29.68         |                   |
| Chris L: Bagels-Q Show  | 10.89         |                   |
| Mt. Mall: Dec. rent and |               |                   |
| Dec. 2 project          | <u>75.00</u>  | <u>141.40</u>     |
| Ending Balance          |               | <u>\$2,717.03</u> |

*\*Report does not reflect the November meeting Mini, newsletter copying expenses or any expenses from members for the Quilt show. December's report will reflect those items.*



## Mountaineer Week—Viewer's Choice

Did everyone see the Viewer's Choice article in the November 18th issue of the Dominion Post? The Lifestyles editor did a great job given the facts and photos Terry C. and I provided her. As historian, I will include it in the Country Roads Quilt Guild's scrapbooks.

Betty C.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Irish Rose" by Nancy S.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Midland Trail" by Lou D.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Amazing Grace" by Linda J.

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| Monthly Mini<br>November's monthly mini was made by Michelle D.<br>December's will be made by Gitta J.,<br>January's by Eva T. |
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## CRQG 2007 Holiday Ornament Exchange



As customary, we will have our annual ornament exchange at our Holiday Party in December. This is loads of fun and is always a highlight of the evening. So we all understand what's going on, here are the rules:

- ✓ If you'd like to participate, bring one ornament in a wrapped package. Your name should be inside the package. Not outside – inside! That way once it's opened, we'll know who brought the ornament.
- ✓ When you arrive at the meeting, we'll have a table for you to place your package on. You'll also draw a number to determine the order of choosing.
- ✓ Once an ornament has been chosen and opened, it can be "stolen" by the next person. If someone "steals" an ornament that you already opened, you get to go back and chose another package.
- ✓ An ornament can only be "stolen" ONCE. Once it's happened once, the ornament is off-limits.
- ✓ If someone wants to "steal" your ornament, please be a good sport about it! We all open ornaments that touch our hearts and we hate to give them up, but the spirit of the game must be maintained. If you get one you really hate to part with, ask the quilter who brought it where it's from and go buy another one.



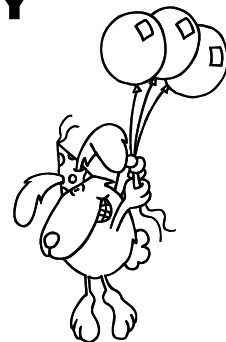
Think about participating – it's plenty of fun! If you have any questions before our December meeting, please contact Melissa J. or Sue M.

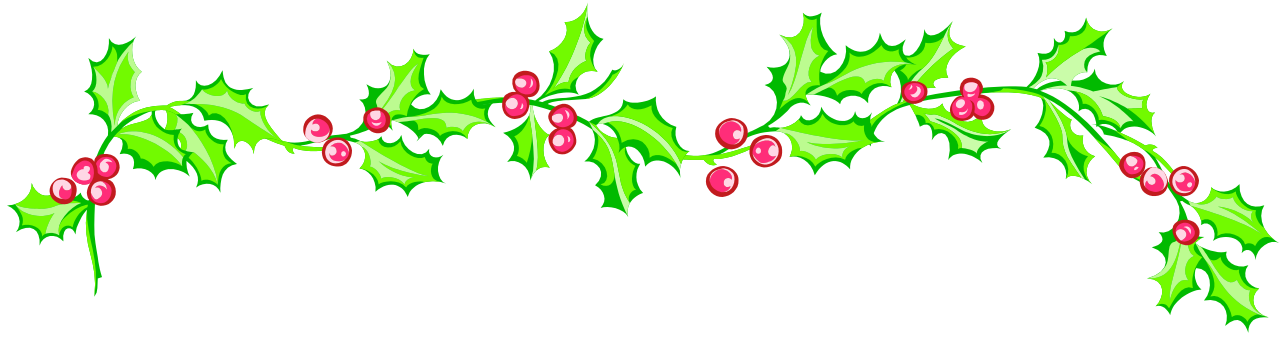


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 1 Gitta J.  
24 Champaka S.

Jan. 4 Patty O.  
13 Marty A.



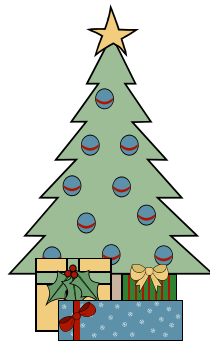


## **Christmas Party**

Dec. 13 at 6:00 pm  
Regular Monthly Meeting Room  
Mountaineer Mall

This year's Holiday Party will start at 6:00 pm (30 minutes earlier than our regular meetings). It will be a covered dish dinner. The guild will provide a ham. Bring your most tempting delights for our taste buds to savor. Rules for the ornament exchange are elsewhere in this newsletter. The doors to our regular meeting room will open at 6:00 pm - no sooner.

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of friendship, food, and frivolity!



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Please send items for the next newsletter to Thomasene E. by December 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Country Roads Quilt Guild

