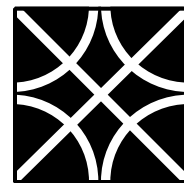


The Postage Stamp

June 2005



Carol's Candor—Since my last writing, I've been from one coast to another! The suitcases are unpacked and in the attic for at least a month! New York was fun, although it rained the whole day of the walk. I raised over \$400 for the cause and want to thank the guild and the individuals who helped sponsor me. Janet, I've got a few things to give to you, so I hope you're able to come to the meeting. I also have lots of pictures to show.

Our trip to California was also good, but way too short. I did manage to sneak (Roy knew, Kevin protested!) into a quilt shop in Trinidad, CA! I've been there several times, but it has changed ownership and I didn't find it quite as fun as a shop as before. The owner was burning several PartyLite candles though, so we struck up a conversation there! Samples in a Quilt shop are definitely inspiring, that's what usually screams at me to

buy!! She didn't have many, to Roy's delight – I left empty handed!!

I was sorry to miss the last meeting and thought of you guys as I was flying West. Thank you Terry for taking over in my absence, I really appreciate it. I'm really looking forward to the next meeting and to see all the lovely Lovies everyone brings (is that a gentle hint?). I have a cheater in my stash and am going to try to get it together for the meeting as well. See - you don't have to have a pieced item, although they are wonderful!

Don't forget, **the meeting is at the Ronald McDonald House**. Last year, we had a small turnout, please come even if you don't have a Lovie to bring. I have even a **Finished Show and Tell!!** See you there!

Until then...Keep on Stitching!!

Carol

There will be someone from the Ronald McDonald House at our meeting to accept the Lovie quilts we donate. We probably won't have a meeting there next year, so this is an opportunity to see the House if you haven't been there before. You should be able to take a tour of the House after our meeting if you like. Bring a lovie if you have one, otherwise, come anyway! It's inspiring to see what other's have done.

Next meeting

Thursday, June 9th

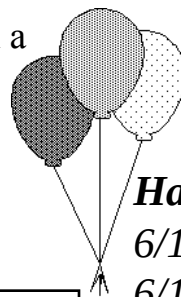
6:30 pm

at the

Ronald McDonald House!

(directions below)

The House is located at 841 Country Club Drive. It's close to Ruby Hospital and the WVU stadium. If you were standing in front of Ruby facing the stadium, the House would be to the right of the stadium - it's a really pretty, LARGE house. There is parking in front of the house, or you can park in the big lot between the hospital and stadium. The room we meet in is off to the left after you walk in the front door.



Happy Birthday to You!

6/14 Ruth Ann R

6/18 Chris L

6/24 Nancy S

6/25 Susan B

7/4 Gloria B

7/13 Janet S

7/15 Jan B

7/15 Lou D

May Minutes—The May meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was held on May 12th in the Community Room of the Mountaineer Mall. Terry C presided in the absence of Carol S who was off to California. There were 33 members present and 1 guest. The April Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

Terry noted that the Guild has grown to approximately 69 members. She reminded everyone to wear nametags and say their names when presenting Show and Tell so we can get to know everyone. Another great way to get to know other members is to volunteer for a Committee. We still need help on several committees as well as someone to make the "mini" for June and July. Darlene H made the May mini.

Tina W gave a report for the Workshop Committee. They are pursuing several possible guests. She has been in touch with Fran Kordek for a possible Saturday in the fall. Other negotiations are in the works with notable quilters to do a workshop or trunk show. Looks like a very interesting year is shaping up.

CRQG May Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	4,151.35
Income	
Interest	0.18
Dues (2 members)	30.00
No Name Tag	3.50
Monthly Mini	37.00
	70.68
Expenses	
Rent - May Meeting	25.00
Teresa K- May Program	50.00
	75.00
Ending Balance	4,147.03

Check out Clotilde.com if you're looking for generic free motion or walking feet for your machine, or call 800-545-4002 for a catalog.

Sue M gave an update on the "Quilts and Keyboards" Benefit for Ian. There will be music throughout the day as well as a quilt show at Suncrest United Methodist Church, Drummond Chapel on August 6th. Please consider showing a quilt. Registration forms were available and are due by July 15th. The Elkins quilt guild is also contributing. There will be a silent auction on a quilt made from the heart blocks that some of us made.

Linda F made some announcements. A couple ladies are looking for help with a quilt project. More information will be printed in the Newsletter. The first Annual McGrew House Quilt Show in Kingwood will be held June 10-12. Registration forms must be received by June 1, and quilts must be received by June 9th. Registration forms were distributed.

Melissa J announced that she has quilt design software and is willing to share it. If interested, let her know.

Teresa K presented the program on machine quilting and showed samples of her beautiful work. Very inspiring!

Linda F, Secretary



Feed dogs?



Machine Quilting Tip—

If your machine won't allow you to lower the feed dogs for free motion quilting, all you have to do is set your stitch length (and width) to zero. The feed dogs will still go up and down, but they won't advance the fabric. Some quilters prefer doing free motion quilting this way even if they do have the option to lower their feed dogs, so try it out and see what you think.

Our recent story in the newspaper prompted a couple of requests.

Give them a call if you can help.

Louise B is 91 years old and has quilted all her life. Unfortunately she now has macular degeneration and is unable to see well enough to quilt. She has completed about a third of a cathedral windows quilt and is looking for someone who is willing to help her complete it. If you are interested, you may view the quilt and make a cost estimate by calling her in Kingwood.

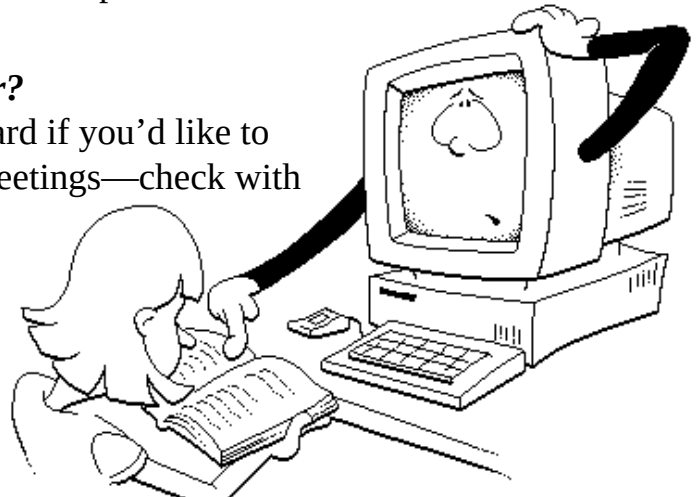
Shelia S of Morgantown has collected some of her sister's clothing in the hope of making a quilt in her memory. Our "Challenge" quilts intrigued her, and she is seeking someone who could help her get started. She has never quilted but is willing to do the work with a little direction. If you're interested, please call Shelia. She would be happy to sit down with you and show you what she has. Maybe if several people got together, it might be fun to see what developed.

Curious about designing quilts on your computer?

Melissa has offered to lend her copy of Quilt Wizard if you'd like to check it out. Terry has it and will bring it to our meetings—check with her if you'd like to borrow it. Thanks, Melissa!

Speaking of computers, check out our website!

<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/>
There are new links to interesting websites on our LINKS page. Please send Terry others if you have some good ones to share.



Rhonda Lee's a Grandma!

Evelyn Elizabeth
arrived at
12:05 AM, Tuesday, May 17.
She weighed 7 lbs. 9.1 oz.
and was 19 inches long.
Congratulations, Mimi!

Welcome to our newest members!

Linda C (6/9)

Karen S (12/20)

Michelle D (9/10)

Nancy S (6/24)

Mary Lou M (7/21)

Also, Sarah C
has a new alternate
phone number

Ready for a road trip???

May 26-June 27—Columbus, OH—Small Works Invitational, works by Quilt Surface Design Symposium faculty, Studio B of Grandview, 1628 W First Ave., 614-481-9802; www.galleryatstudiob.com

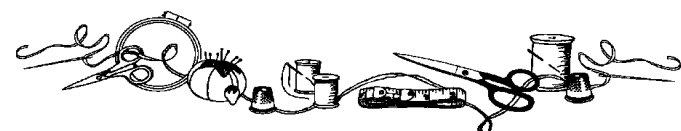
May 29-June 26—Columbus, OH—Quilt Surface Design Symposium Invitational 2005, works by selected artists, Columbus Cultural Arts, 139 W Main St., 614-297-1585

May 27-Sep. 5—Athens, OH—Quilt National 2005, Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Ctr., 8000 Dairy Ln., 740-592-4981; www.quiltnational.com

June 4-July 1—Scottdale, PA—23rd Quilt Show, West Overton Museums, West Overton Village, 724-887-7910

June 11-14—Columbus, OH—Fabric 2005, University Plaza Conference Ctr., 3110 Olentangy River Rd., 614-297-1585

June 16-18—Columbus, OH—National Quilting Association's 36th Show, Greater Columbus Convention Ctr., 614-488-8520; www.nqaquilts.org



June 15-29—Reynoldsburg, OH—Sacred Threads 2005, Reynoldsburg High School, 6699 E Livingston Ave., carol@movealong.org; <http://home.att.net/~sacredthreads/sacredthreads.htm>

July 28-31—Hershey, PA—Quilt Odyssey 2005, Hershey Lodge and Convention Ctr. 717-423-5148; quiltodyssey@supernet.com; www.quiltodyssey.com

Aug. 11-13—Columbus, OH—World Quilt & Textile--On Tour, Columbus Convention Ctr., Mancuso Show Mgmt., PO Box 667, New Hope, PA 18938; 215-862-5828; diana@quiltfest.com; www.worldquilt.com

Aug. 12-13 Elkins, WV—Log Cabin Quilters' Show, First Baptist Church, 412 Randolph Ave., Mary Utt, PO Box 981, Elkins, 26241; 304-636-7586

The Sew Inn has a limited supply of brochures for the **Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild's 26th Annual Quilt Show**, June 17-19.

www.schoolhousequilters.org/index.html

The Sew Inn also has brochures relating to the upcoming **Shop Hop**.

Newsletter Deadline—June 30

(early because of holiday).

Please send items to Judy C.

Thank you!