

The Postage Stamp

- Country Roads Quilt Guild -
January 2014—Happy New Year!

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Tracy's Scraps

Happy New Year to all my quilting friends!! I hope everyone enjoyed holiday time with their family and friends. Thanks to all that came to our Christmas party and made it such a success.

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Are you organizing your sewing space using Michelle's great ideas? Did you find that stack of UFO's hiding in a drawer? My mind is whirling with ideas of all kinds. Babies on the way, weddings, birthdays, and little thank you gifts.

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting. We will be discussing officers for the 2014-2015 year.

Blessings to all,
Tracy

Words of advice from Tracy:
Measure twice and cut once.

Next meeting: January 9, 2014

Location: Harner Chapel UMC

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Program: Quilt Judging and Featherweights

Our sympathy is extended to Peggy and Dave of Country Roads Quilt Shop in the loss of their daughter Caton.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. ...

Spotlight: Campus Stitchers

Have you heard about Campus Stitchers?

Franny tells it best:

A year ago several WVU staff members talked about meeting once a month to stitch and visit. Since then beautiful and creative handmade projects have been shared at those gatherings. If a student shows up and wants to learn to knit, crochet, or sew, someone is always willing to show them how to get started.

Campus Stitchers meets on the third Thursday of the month in E. Moore Hall on the downtown campus of West Virginia University from 5-6 PM. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are all welcome to attend. They sit and stitch for an hour and share projects we have finished or are currently working on. There are stitchers of all fiber arts: crocheters, knitters, embroiderers, needle pointers, cross stitchers, quilters, sewists, spinners, and more. They share information on upcoming Fiber Arts events and assist with community projects like the yarn bombing of the tree at the Creative Arts Center and Family Fun Day at Mountaineer Week. There are no dues or formal meeting. Parking is free on Maiden Lane after 5PM. You are welcome to join us in the New Year. Our next gathering is January 16, 2014.

For more information, you can contact me by email.

(E. Moore Hall is located across the street from the Mountainlair on University Avenue. Paid parking is available in the Mountainlair's 2nd level garage. Meetings are held in E. Moore Hall's beautiful living room on the first floor right off the lobby.)

2013-2014 Officers

President – Tracy

Vice President – Michelle

Treasurer – Lesley

Secretary – Karen

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December Minutes by Karen

The meeting was called to order by President Tracy. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved with one correction to the treasurer's report.

Franny and Tracy met with Justin Shultz from Ricky Tims to determine sites for the future seminar. They viewed CAC, Waterfront, Lakeview and Ruby Community Center. A site for the future seminar will be determined later.

Franny stated that we need a promotions committee. They will need a list of quilt shops and quilt guilds that would be willing to participate in advertising. Those on the promotions committee will only be responsible for a small part and will be subject to change. Anyone with information on quilting groups or who would like to help should email Franny.

Tracy has worked out a budget for the Ricky Tims show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Franny stated that she will pay her own travel and lodging. A motion was made by Kathryn that the guild pay \$500. It was seconded by Leslie. The motion was then amended by Carol who stated that we pledge the amount made from the opportunity quilt which was \$720. It was seconded by Monica and voted on by the group.

It was discussed by the group that the \$200 given by WVU for the quilt show was becoming a tax problem. Carol contacted a friend during the meeting and got an answer as to what form had to be used. She mentioned a 501C. Anyone with any other suggestions should contact Leslie or Tracy asap.

Meeting adjourned.

New Year's Resolutions

To quilt MORE! (Patty)

Improve my machine quilting skills and finish some UFOs. (Linda F)

Keep up with 'Blocks of the Month' projects. (Kathryn)

To work on my great grandmother's quilt. (Rae Lynn)

Make a quilt for an uncle. (Christine)

Make a West Virginia quilt for myself.

Make my husband a Lone Star Quilt.

Will learn and not fear quilting feathers. (Michelle)

I will not buy anything new. I will work on my many quilt projects in my stash. (Linda R)

Get a big-girl quilt made for my 2½ year old granddaughter. (Betty)

Complete hand quilting a quilt I have been working on for years!

Complete my UFOs. (Gitta)

To get my granddaughter's quilt finished before she graduates high school – she's three.

Finish a king-size quilt for myself. (Tracy)

Finish what I have started. (Leona)

To finish the five baby quilts that I have started! (Monica)

Finish, finish, finish! (Deloris)

Favorites



What's everyone reading?!

Ten (including Betty, Judy, Kathryn, Leona, Linda R, Monica, Ruth Ann, and Tracy) named Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting; three (including Linda F. and Franny) selected American Quilter; another three (including Deloris and Gitta) named Quilters Newsletter; three for Better Homes and Gardens' American Patchwork & Quilting; and two named McCalls. Many others were named at least once. ...

Did you know that American Quilter magazine is a product of the American Quilter's Society? If you like the magazine, you might want to consider joining the organization. A \$25 membership includes a one-year 6-issue subscription along with many other advantages including a VIP 10% discount card for Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores that you can use all year long on full priced as well as sale priced merchandise; 43% off on AQS quilt show tickets; 20% off on books and supplies in the AQS store and online; discounts through Hertz Car Rental and Enterprise Rent-A-Car; and more! Don't wait; check to see if this subscription might be beneficial to you ... as well as a good read!

Words of advice from Tommie:

Don't buy more fabric than you can use.

Treasurer's Report by Lesley

Beginning Balance	2,103.28
Income	
Interest -12/09	0.10
Total	0.10
Expenses	
Linda F - mailing	17.64
Christine - supplies/food Dec. meeting	25.75
Michelle - supplies/food Dec. meeting	52.03
Leona - supplies/food Dec. meeting	101.71
Rae Lynn - supplies/food Dec. meeting	8.23
Tracy - supplies/food Dec. meeting	156.00
Total	361.36
Total Income	2,103.38
Total Expenses	361.36
New Balance	1,742.02

*Changes were made in the December treasurer's report to reflect that food for the quilt show setup was part of the money reimbursed to Carol.

Ricky Tims' Super Seminar

Deadline!

Franny needs to hear from you by January 8!

If you are interested in being part of the Promotions Planning Committee for The Ricky Tims Super Seminar in July 2015, please email Franny by January 8, 2014.

Franny will send you information on regional guild and shop lists we need to gather for the Ricky Tims office. Franny will divide the list geographically among the volunteers.

We will be marketing to guilds and shops in West Virginia, Western Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, Western Maryland, Eastern Kentucky, and all of Ohio. Most of the information can be found on the internet or by email. This is the next step in preparing for our marketing campaign. You will email the information back to Franny so she can put in a spreadsheet for the folks at Ricky Tims. This information needs to be ready by early March 2014. Thank you!

Join the effort! Be a part of the planning from the very beginning. Contact Franny and let her know you want to help!



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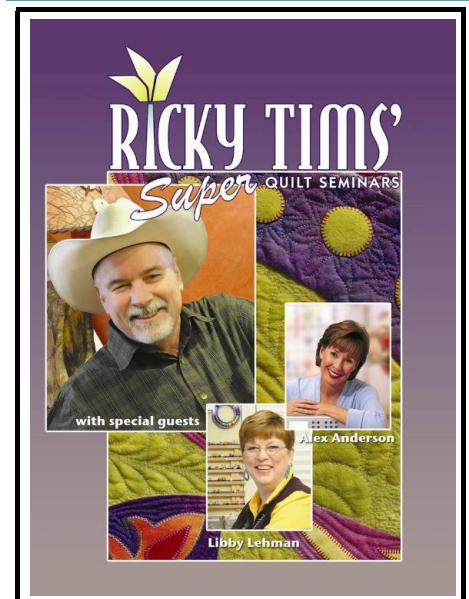
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Words of advice from Deloris:

Don't stress – just enjoy the process.

<http://www.rickytimes.com/seminars>



Check out the Ricky Tims' web site and see what a wonderful opportunity is heading our way! Check with Franny to explore where you can best help. ...

Retreat, Retreat, Retreat!

Spring Training at Cedar Lakes

March 13-16, 2014

Yes ... there's still time to register and this is one that you won't want to miss! If you've been waiting for Fran Kordek to teach Winding Ways, it's happening in March at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, W.Va. This is the inaugural event for this retreat. If you missed the deadline for the Lewis County retreat at Jackson's Mill, you've just been given the opportunity to fill that void. ... I hope to see some of you there!

Here's what was still available as we went to print:

101—Reversible Quilts..... Janet Andrews
105—Think Spring—Welcome to my Studio..... Cindy Casciato
107—Whirligigs! Lorraine Covington
110—Scrap Control Sandy Heminger
112—Winding Ways aka Wheels of Mystery..... Fran Kordek
114—Big Star Blocks..... Debby Lee
117—Optical Illusions Erin Underwood

Do go to the web site and see color pictures of all projects and make your selection! Registration forms are also available on line. Cost for registration is \$40 and tuition is \$100 for the 2 1/2 days of instruction. Class sessions will meet all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning. Contact Cedar Lakes for details on room and meals ... or you can book at one of the three local hotels.

Remember, it's not too late to secure your spot!
Register now, enlist some friends, and attend this event!

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http://www.pegspatches.com/TOC/TOC_14_spring/STC_2014_spring.html

http://www.pegspatches.com/docs/TOC_docs/STC_2014s/STC_class_list_2014s.pdf

Quilters Corner—Finleyville, PA

Dates to Remember (partial listing)

Jan. 18 Fat Quarter Fling (All through the store and just \$1.26 each)

Feb. 2 Game Day Super Sale (25% off every regular priced item)

Feb. 24 – Mar. 7 Art to Heart Trunk Show featuring Nancy Halverson's new book Table Please with a trunk show of her machine appliqué in a series of runners, placemats, chair covers and centerpieces

Mar. 1 – 31 Marlous Trunk Show ... "unique bag patterns w/modern flair!"

Mar. 8 QC Quilting and Needlework Seminar Day at Trax Farm

Mar. 16 Scrap Sunday

Let's talk Featherweights!

Jan. 25 (3-5 p.m.)

Featherweight and 301 TLC (Mary Beth)

Learn to take care of your machine and hear some history about the Featherweight. The \$29.50 fee includes oil, lubricant, and small screw drivers.

Feb. 15 (3-5 p.m.)

Sewing with your Featherweight (Mary Beth)

With a little instruction and a bit of practice, you can construct accurately pieced blocks and entire quilts. Learn about Featherweight supplies, machine set up, accurate stitching and machine attachments. Actual stitching practice piecing the pre-cut block included in your \$19 class fee.

Country Roads Quilt Shop

Jan. 11 (10 a.m.) Second Saturday Club – The Loyal Union Sampler Quilt (\$50 includes book)

Jan. 16 (6-8 p.m.) Beginning Needleturn Appliqué (6-week course) (Cost: \$60)

Feb. 6 Appliqué Club – Work on a project of your choice and hang out with your appliqué friends. Need help or motivation? Join your friends on the first Thursday of the month. (No cost) Check the shop calendar for additional events of interest.

Words of advice from Ruth Ann:

If you ever get a chance to go to a quilt retreat – you should! They are fun, can learn a lot from the other quilters and great camaraderie.

Words of advice from Patty:

Don't sweat it if your seams don't match or you lose your points.

Words of advice from Fanny:

Use a flannel back plastic tablecloth (from Big Lots or General Dollar) and pushpin to wall for a quick and cheap Design Wall!

Words of advice from Leona:

Always press, press, and press.

Words of advice from Michelle:

Stop, stand up, and move around at least once an hour. If you get frustrated while working, stop, take a long break and return with patience.

Please forward items for the Feb. newsletter to Lu-Ann by Jan. 31