



The Postage Stamp



Country Roads Quilt Guild

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February 2010

Melissa's Mini-notes

Hello! We had a terrific turn out for last month's meeting! I cannot believe how many came, let's keep this up. Who knows with all our minds and bodies together what we can accomplish in this coming year!

Last month was our 'Techniques and Tips' with many of our members bringing in some of their favorite ideas! If you missed the meeting and have an idea that you think will be useful to others, send it to the newsletter committee for the next addition.

February meeting will bring Beth Newcome, PhD of Pierpont College with the State Feed Sack Collection. I know that some of you were very interested in this topic so try not to miss the February 11th meeting. I am positive that you all will enjoy her presentation. If you have something that is made (or you think it is) from feed sacks bring it in for 'Show-n-Tell'. I think we all would like to see it and I know Beth will like it as well.

March meeting brings Chris L. and 3 different methods of paper-piecing so you want to attend this as well. Don't forget that we also promised to make those Linus quilts and Pat is faithfully bringing them to each meeting for you all to take home and do. The Alzheimer Challenge is fast approaching in April and the Guild challenge in May! So, we all have lots to do, so...

Keep stitching,

Melissa

Follow this link for a tutorial on binding your quilts plus other useful information:

www.allpeoplequilt.com/techniques/finishing/better-binding_1.html.

Melissa received this email. Are we interested? Let's discuss it at the February meeting.

We are Patty O. and Carol A. and we are Co-Chairs for the 2010 Ellis County Quilt Show, sponsored by the Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County, Texas, USA. Here is the link to our website: www.elliscountyquilters.com. Our quilt show will be held July 16-17, 2010.

The theme for our 2010 Quilt Show is "Stitches Around the World". In support of this theme, would your guild be willing to send us an 8" square (unfinished size) piece of fabric with your guild name and location embroidered, appliquéd, or hand-written in the center of the square? We will take the squares we receive and sew them together to make a quilt top that will be prominently displayed at our quilt show. Any fabric, color and pattern are welcome. Our theme quilt will highlight all types of sewing groups from around the world. We would love to have a fabric square from your guild.

If you choose to send the 8" square, could we please get it by February 25, 2010? Please send them to:

*2010 Ellis County Quilt Show
c/o Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County
PO Box 301
Midlothian, TX 76065, USA*

We're excited about what our Stitches Around the World Quilt will turn out to look like. We will send you a picture of our finished project when it is displayed at our quilt show. Feel free to touch base with us if you have any questions.

Thank you so much and Happy Stitching!

Carol and Patty

Country Road Quilt Guild Minutes for January 14th, 2010 meeting

The January 2010 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Melissa J. Several members were in attendance, as well as one guest.

The December 2009 minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as written.

Committee Reports

Mountaineer Week Quilt Show – Terry reported that she has prizes for those who volunteered to work the quilt show. A drawing was held for the prizes, using the names of the people who worked the quilt show: Nancy S. won a \$50 Sew Inn gift certificate, Monica M. won the Ricky Timms' pattern "O'Tannenbaum," & Michelle D. won the Ricky Timms' pattern "Harmonic Convergence."

Linus Committee – Pat O. noted that there are lots of kits available and reminded all that there are only 6 months to go until the Linus meeting.

Challenge Committee – Reminder about the Ugly Duckling Challenge: The Ugly Duckling Fabric, Dimples G24 by Andover Fabrics must be used in making a quilted item of any size, in any pattern. In addition to the Dimples fabric, contestants may use up to 3 additional fabrics to complete their work of art. For your convenience, the fabric is available at the Sew Inn; just tell the staff that you are working on the Guild's Ugly Duckling Challenge and they will know what fabric to pull out for you.

Nominating Committee – Elaine S., the representative for the nominating committee, presented the guild with the 2010/2011 officer slate:

President – Melissa J.
Vice President – Monica M.
Secretary – Elaine S.
Treasurer – Michelle D.

The guild voted to accept the officer slate as presented. The vote will take place at the next guild meeting.

Old Business

Jo-Ann Fabrics Discount Cards – Melissa noted that she has the discount cards. To use the card, you must have your quilt guild membership card as well as the Jo-Ann Fabrics Discount card with the guild's tax ID # written on the back. Keep in mind that not all Jo-Ann Fabrics are participating members; however, it was noted that the Jo-Ann Fabrics in Bridgeport accepted the card.

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini, made by Christine S, was won by Lillian B

Bus Trips – Terry noted that both the Paducah and Ricky Timms bus trips were cancelled due to a low number of people signed up. Terry noted that if anyone has an interest in getting together a bus trip to another location, to please let her know.

New Business

A place of our own – Melissa announced that the church donated the top shelf in the linen closet in our meeting area to the guild us to have as a storage area. She also noted that an umbrella, left at the last meeting, will be placed there to wait for its owner to claim it.

Melissa's e-mail dilemma – Melissa noted that her e-mail is temporarily down. If you need to contact her, please call her at home.

Mountain Quilt Festival – Melissa noted that Phyllis, a lady from Hurricane, WV is organizing a trip to go to the Mountain Quilt Festival in Pigeon Forge, TN. Melissa noted that she has Phyllis's contact information for those who are interested.

February Program – Melissa noted that the February Program will be a talk on feedsack quilts by Dr. Beth Newcome.

Free to a good home – Thomasene E. noted that she brought some fabric for giveaway. Melissa noted that she brought copies of "The Country Register" for giveaway.

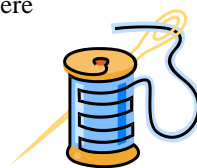
Sew Chic – Debbie S. noted that the Sew Chic has a monthly e-mail newsletter. In the past couple of months, there has been a 40% off coupon in their newsletter.

Ami Simms' name quilt – Terry noted that Ami Simms wants Terry to do a name quilt. Each name on each strip of the quilt represents a person who has/had Alzheimers. Terry noted that she will bring the quilt in to show once she completes it and that she has to have it done by April 2010.

Terry, quilt celebrity extraordinaire – Terry has a photo of one of her story quilts published in Mary Weidman's new book, Out of the Box. Congratulations Terry!

Alzheimer's Challenge – The Alzheimer's challenge will be at our April meeting. Forms and rules for the challenge will be in the next newsletter. The finished product should be no larger than 9x12 and participants were reminded to get permission before using patterns so that copyright laws are not violated. It was noted that some quilt artists offer free patterns on their website that can be used, one of which is Pat Sloan. Embellishments on the quilts should be sturdy, "use no embellishments that would be hurt if a truck ran over it!" Thomasene E. volunteered to get the information together for this challenge and will help to coordinate the finished products getting sent out.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell and discussion on favorite quilting tools and techniques.



Kelly A. has openings if anyone needs longarm quilting done. She can be reached at Kellykwilts@gmail.com or 304-366-493

Betty C. found the following article in the 26 Jan 2010 *Uniontown Herald Standard*. Maybe some of our group has something to donate; or maybe the Project Linus Committee could spare a few blankets for Haitian Relief. Betty will bring a copy of the entire article to the next quilt meeting if anyone is interested. The "sew in" is scheduled for February 1st (before you receive this newsletter), but perhaps they will take donations after that date.

PROJECT LINUS ASKING FOR BLANKETS

The article suggests that most Project Linus blankets are donated to local organizations and are rarely sent out of the area--except possibly after the 9/11 attacks or Hurricane Katrina. "People say it's hot in Haiti, but blankets are used as a source of comfort." Morgantown's St. Francis Central Catholic school will gather to make blankets on Feb. 1st. Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause can donate in two ways: Make a hand-made blanket--quilt, afghan or fleece; or donate funds for postage by writing a tax-deductible check to Project Linus and send it to Chelle Adams, Chapter Coordinator for SW Pennsylvania. She has pledged to send 800 blankets to the national effort--a goal of sending 10,000 Project Linus blankets to children affected by the devastating Haitian earthquake. She is looking to the local community to help make good that pledge. Adams explained that Heart International (www.hearttoheart.org) is giving Project Linus room to send 10,000 blankets to Haiti, but she needs funds to send the blankets to Heart-to-Heart in Kansas. Local residents can drop off donated blankets for Project Linus at three locations: Chelle Adams in Point Marion, her mother Sandy Hritz in Brownsville or her mother-in-law JoAnn Adams in Star Junction. The three women are spread throughout the county, hopefully making it convenient for donors to reach one of them. For more information on how to donate, call Chelle Adams at 304-216-3313; Sandy Hritz at 724-785-3790 or JoAnn Adams at 724-785-3790.

What's Happening?

Monica M. and Michelle D. are going to a quilt retreat in Ripley, WV, Feb 5-7th! They're looking forward to two nights and three days to sew, jabber, and eat good food!

Ruth Ann and Donna are planning on going to Camelia Elliott's spring retreat in VA in May. This is the same retreat we went to in November but she is having two this year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Linda R., Renuka A. and Thomasene E. are taking a Cathedral Windows class at Sew Chic.

Don't miss the Game Day Super sale on February 7th at **Quilters Corner** in Finleyville, PA. All regular priced in stock merchandise will be offered at 25% off. You'll be able to shop all day and still make it home to watch the Super Bowl.

The Sew Inn and Sew Chic should have details available soon about a bus trip for this year's WV shop hop which is scheduled for June 9-12..

Sew Chic -- Special Valentine & President's Sale
February 1 - 14: Save 20% on Red and Pink Fabric
February 15 - 22: 12% off if your total purchase is between \$1-\$100. 22% off if your total purchase is over \$100. Excludes: Bernina, Sewing Workshop, Go Cutter with dies, and Greenpiece.

The Sew Inn Anniversary Sale --February 27th 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Sale prices good through March 6th. End of Bolt sale: Last two day of each month you will receive 35% off when you purchase what is left on the bolt.

Quilting and Needlework Seminar at Trax Farm
Saturday, March 13th, 10:30 am - 4:15 pm (\$39)
A day filled with quilting and needlework seminars (over 24 different topics will be shared in lecture, demonstration or hands on format). Register at Quilters Corner in Finleyville (724)348-8010.

Patricia Knoechel is coming back on March 31st. As in the past, she will have two presentations.

3 Rivers Quilt Show -- April 15-17
The Circuit Centre, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA
Theme: Nine Patch
Quilts can be submitted January 1 through March 1. More information and entry forms available on their website: www.threeriversquilters.org.

Camelia's Semi-annual Quilting Retreat

May 13-16, 2010 and Nov 4-7, 2010 (will consider an extra day if there is enough response). This is a UFO retreat, no classes offered. Just time to SEW, SEW, SEW. Donna and Ruth Ann went last year and loved it! Email: quiltingretreat@gmail.com or call 540-651-7777 for more details

Happy Birthday!

February

11 Sanae B.

14 Cu-Ann B.-W.

18 Deloris R.

18 Diane T.

20 Melissa J.



March

1 Judy C.

6 Monica M.

8 Brenda Z.

February 2010 Treasure Report

Beginning Balance	\$2,451.04
Income	
No Name Tags	1.75
Monthly Mini	24.00
Interest January	<u>0.12</u>
Total Income	25.87
Expenses	
Harner Chapel (Jan-March)	<u>75.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$2,401.91

Don't forget!

April 9th – Alzheimer's Challenge

May 13th – Ugly Duckling Challenge

June 10th – Linus Quilts Due

The Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminar will be held April 29-May 1, 2010 in Cleveland, OH!



Next Meeting

Thursday, February 11th

6:30 p.m.

Harner Chapel UMC

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Monthly Mini: Louise A.

Hostesses: Cathy H. and Chris L.

Welcome to Our New Member

Renuka A.

Please send items for the next Newsletter to Monica M. by Friday, February 26th