

# The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild  
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## Monica's Maniacal Mini:

Our first meeting of the New Year found us together discussing unfinished projects and looking forward to a New Year full of completed UFOs! Those present at the meeting and interested in a little friendly motivation opted to "up the ante" this year and commit to making a New Year's Resolution to complete some of those items that have fallen by the wayside. The catch? If you don't fulfill your Resolutions at years' end, you will be held accountable to the tune of a fat quarter for each unfinished item you vowed to complete! You will need to show proof of completion, so document well by taking before and after photos of those projects! If you are up to the challenge and would like to make a New Year's Resolution of your own, see me at the next meeting and we will get you signed up! The February meeting will be your last chance to sign up.

We also found that Pat Knoechel will be returning to visit us again this year! Pencil her in for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She will again be doing both an afternoon and evening show and I'm sure she'll bring some goodies for us to purchase!

Sadly, our first quilting workday was cancelled due to the weather; however, we made plans to have another shortened workday immediately following the Fran Kordek workshop on 2/12/11. For those interested in attending, bring your sewing items (maybe some UFOs??) to the church from 1-5pm on 2/12/11. Terry has also offered to teach us how to make her big bag that day, so if you are sad that you did not get the chance to make it in January, here's your second chance!

The nominating committee came through once again and presented us with a slate of officers

for your 2011-2012 officer team. We will be voting on the slate at our next meeting and the new officer team will take over in March 2011.

Our February 2011 meeting will be something new and a little different from our normal fare. We are going to try to have a working meeting. Those in attendance will be working together to make a Scrappy Friendship quilt. If you are interested in participating, and I promise we'll try to make it fun, the details can be found later in this newsletter.

I hope to see you at the next meeting!  
Monica



Please send items for the next newsletter to Monica by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

If you are interested in making a block for the Spring-Joy quilt, please see Monica at the next meeting. The majority of the blocks are needle-turn appliqué and need to be turned in by our June 2011 meeting so that they can be assembled in time to be photographed for ticket sales and displayed at our November quilt show.

## Reminder...

If you signed up to attend the Fran Kordek workshop on 2/12/11, please bring your \$35 class fee to the next meeting. Those who have not paid or have not made arrangements with Michelle, the guild treasurer, by the end of our next meeting may lose their spot in the class. The snow-day make-up date in case of cancellation is 2/19/11, same time and place.

The Fran Kordek workshop, Quilt it in Sections, will be held at the Harner Chapel. Class will start at 9am, so come a little early to set up. The class should be finished shortly after noon. Feel free to bring something to share and eat lunch with fellow guild members before the afternoon workshop starts at 1pm, Terry's Big Bag or work on your own.

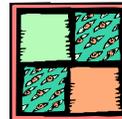


### The Great 2011 Crayon Challenge

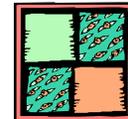
1. Each member who chooses to participate will choose one crayon color at random from a grab bag.
  - a. If you are unable to attend the August or September meeting, contact Monica to get a color picked for you.
2. The color chosen must be the predominant color of the quilt, representing at least 60% of the quilt. Black and/or white and one additional color may be added. Fabric may be purchased or hand-dyed and embellishments are allowed.
  - a. It is acceptable to use lighter and darker shades of your crayon in addition to the original shade of the crayon to help achieve your

desired effect; however, the original shade must be present in the quilt.

3. The quilted item can be of any shape, size, or design, but must be finished including quilting, binding, and label.
4. When turning in your piece, pin your crayon pieces to the outside of your quilt in a baggie.
5. Items are due at the May 2011 meeting.



### Birthdays!



#### February

- 11 – Sanae B.
- 14 – Lu-Ann B.W.
- 18 – Deloris R.
- 20 – Melissa J.

#### March

- 1 – Judy C.
- 6 – Monica M.
- 8 – Brenda Z.
- 13 – Janet C.
- 19 – Mary J.

### February Meeting Program – A Scrapy Friendship Quilt

The program for our next meeting is a devious plan to put us all to work! We will need people to sew, people to cut, people to press, people to pin & mark, and people to cheer everyone on. So you see, if you do not wish to lug along your sewing machine we will still have plenty for you to do!

Everyone, please bring **at least six 6-inch squares of a light colored fabrics and six 6-inch squares of medium to dark colored prints**. If you would like to bring your sewing pins, irons, cutting supplies or sewing machine, please feel free to do so! We are going to work together to assemble the squares into a Scrapy Friendship Quilt.

## Job Opening

Terry is ready to pass the torch on to the next person who is willing to take on the task of organizing the quilt show. Terry noted that she will be available as a consultant, but is no longer going to be in charge of organizing the quilt show. Anyone who is interested please let Terry and/or Melissa know at the next meeting.

Terry, thank you for all of the work you've done in past years for the guild while organizing the quilt show!



### Feb 2011 Treasure Report

Beginning Balance	\$2,244.15
Income	
Mini	\$23.00
No tags	\$2.00
Total	\$25.00
Expenses	
C Shaffer (Jan News)	\$11.19
Ending Balance	\$2,257.96

### Country Road Quilt Guild Minutes for January 13, 2011 meeting

The January 2011 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by Vice President, Monica M. Several members were in attendance.

The December 2010 Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved as written.

Monthly Mini – was made by Christine and won by RuthAnn.

### Committee Reports

*Nominating Committee* – Announced the Slate of Officers President: Christine S.; Vice President: Monica M.; Treasurer: Tracy E.; and Secretary: Michelle D. Voting will take place at the February meeting.

*Linus* – Pat O. brought some kits and stacks of fabric to use for quilts, there were whole cloth quilts available for quilting as well.

*Pat K.* – Pat has been scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>, both an afternoon and evening class, times to be announced at a future meeting. Carol S. will take care of publicity for the event.

### New Business

*Photo Directory* – It was suggested that the Guild have a photo directory, Louise offered to help if this goes through.

### Old Business

*Project Day* – This month's Second Saturday project day will begin with the Fran Kordek class in the morning and Terry's expandable bag in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to attend the afternoon session which will start at about 1pm. There will be time between classes for lunch and setting up. Remember to bring a food to share.

*Fran Kordek Class*—The members present moved and approved having Fran come and teach a class in February. The primary date is Feb. 12 with a snow day of Feb. 19. The class size will be limited to 15 students, as per Fran's request. The cost of the class and materials will be paid for by the participants. The class was filled at the meeting, a waiting list was available.

*Quilt Donation* – The kit provided by Susan B was available for members to look at. The members in attendance voted that the guild would provide the back ground fabric and that people who wished to participate could start taking blocks home in January. Blocks need to be returned no later than the June meeting.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell.