



# THE POSTAGE STAMP

Country Roads Quilt Guild

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org>

February 2014

## Tracy's Scraps

We have seen enough snow, ice, and frigid temperatures to last all year long. And even though I have had some time to sew, I am ready to be out shopping at quilt shops and enjoying retreats. We missed many of you at the January meeting and hope to see you in February. Our February meeting will be a working meeting to prepare for us to host the WV Guild in March. Everyone stay warm and safe and keep sewing!

**Next Meeting:** Feb 13

**Location:** Harner Chapel UMC

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Program:** Tissue holder working meeting

**Hostess:** ?

**Novelty:** ?

Hope to see you there!

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

From Betty C:

The "Something Blue" Quilt Exhibit at the ArtSpace in Herndon, VA is open until March 2, 2014. The theme of this show is right up my alley since I decorate in classic blue/white. A local news story on the exhibit is at: <http://www.herndonconnection.com/news/2014/jan/29/quilt-exhibit-display-artspace-herndon>.

AQS QuiltWeek Lancaster, PA is March 13-16, 2013.

Local information is available from:

<http://www.padutchcountry.com/pennsylvania-dutch-country/aqs-quilt-show-lancaster-pa.asp?SID=1f308e34-3f69-4177-9cdb-b2eff3c31022>.

Registration is open and can be found at:

<http://aqsshows.com/AQSLancaster>.



### February

14 – Lu-Ann B-W

14 – Linda J

18 – Deloris R

20 – Melissa J

22 – Franny K



### March

1 – Judy C

6 – Monica M

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## Country Roads Quilt Guild Minutes January 2014 Meeting

The January 2014 guild meeting was called to order. Both the December 2013 Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved by the members present.

- Franny K is seeking volunteers willing to help compile a list of quilt shops, guilds, retreats, and other interested parties to whom we can market the Ricky Tims Seminar. She has a list started but we need to ensure that all groups are contacted. A sheet, broken down by state, was distributed so that volunteers can call and confirm the information. The guild must return the list to coordinators at Ricky Tims at the end of March. No date has been finalized for the seminar.
- It was voted NOT to continue holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month as project days. However, we may plan a specific day on an as-needed-basis.
- Election Committee – All officers of 2013 have agreed to remain in their current position. Everyone voted to keep the current slate of officers.
- It was requested that each newsletter contain the hostess and novelty volunteers for the next meeting.
- Pat Knoechel will be returning to the St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Morgantown on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Carol S will be out of town and Linda F has volunteered to coordinate the event.
- Watts Museum is looking for a volunteer to do a quilting demonstration on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Also, a group in Morgantown is planning an "Ugly Sleeping Bag" event for a homeless service project. They are requesting materials, guidance, and other helpful input. For more information on either of these opportunities, please contact Tracy E.
- Donna Bray was the guest speaker at the January meeting. She gave an information packed and entertaining presentation on featherweight machines. Donna brought several featherweights from her collection. Many members learned a lot!



Several links that Donna mentioned in her talk include:

1. Glenn Williams Florida: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/joyof301s/glenn.htm>
  2. Graham Forsdyke in England: <http://www.singer-featherweight.com>
  3. Quality featherweights and attachments - lots of info: <http://www.april1930s.com/>
  4. Yahoo group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SewItsForSale/info>
- The WV Quilters Spring Meeting 2014 will be held at St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Morgantown on March 29, 2014. The planning committee met on Jan 4, 2014.
  - The questionnaire at the end of this newsletter will be handed out at the February meeting. Please take time to think about what activities you would like to see happen for the following year. The officers look forward to serving you and want to provide things that you will enjoy! If you are unable to attend mail to: Michelle D.

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## January 2014 Treasurer's Report

**Beginning Balance:** **\$2103.28**

**Income:**

Interest thru 12/9 \$0.10

**Total** **\$0.10**

**Expenses:**

Linda F – mailing \$17.64

Christine S - supplies/food Dec. meeting \$25.75

Michelle D - supplies/food Dec. meeting \$52.03

Leona W - supplies/food Dec. meeting \$101.71

RaeLynn R - supplies/food Dec. meeting \$8.23

Tracy E - supplies/food Dec. meeting \$156.00

**Total** **\$361.36**

**New Balance** **\$1,742.02**

\* changes were made in the December treasurer's report to reflect that food for the quilt show set-up was part of the money reimbursed to Carol S.

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## WV Quilters Spring Meeting Highlights from their Jan 4 Meeting

### FAVORS

We decided to make the tissue covers as the favor. Directions can be found at:

[http://www.barbstamps.com/files/fabric\\_tissue\\_holder-1.pdf](http://www.barbstamps.com/files/fabric_tissue_holder-1.pdf). Paper copies were available at the meeting and also can be found attached to this newsletter. Keep an eye out for good prices for tissues. We will cover the cost of favors; the state guild will pay for everything else.

### **\*\*FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE A WORK MEETING\*\***

We encouraged everyone to make some tissue covers on their own and bring them to the February meeting. We will have a work meeting that night to see how many more we can make. We will need a total of 100 covers. The following are ways you will be able to participate at the next meeting:

- bring fabrics from home, pre-cut or not
- cutting station (mats/ruler/rotary cutters)
- ironing station
- pinning station
- sewing station (a few machines/sergers should be enough)
- if we have the tissues by then, the final station would stuff them

### VENDORS

Michelle D has mailed out invitations to the local shops. Local shops can be a vendor at the event, provide information on their hours and location, or provide coupons for shopping that day.

- The Sew Inn
- Country Roads Quilt Shop
- Sew Chic
- Classic Quilts (Clarksburg)
- Eleanor's (Reedsville)

Kathryn G will follow up with a phone call. If any of the local shops choose not to be a vendor, other shops could possibly be invited to participate. Kathryn G and Terry C will visit the church soon to determine how many vendors we can accommodate and if the vendors will need tables. The guild could offer to rent 6 or 8 foot tables; the church doesn't have as many tables as we may need.

### LUNCHEON

Kathryn G graciously volunteered to coordinate the luncheon.

Soups in crockpots, sandwiches, meat/cheese deli trays, sandwich skinnies for buns, hummus with pita or skinnies, and veggie trays were discussed.

Drinks - coffee and hot tea (cream, sugar, tea bags), cold tea, bottle water

Desserts – this month we will start a sign-up for guild volunteers to bring desserts.

The Kingwood Buckwheat Stitchers also would like to help.

We will look for paper products at Sam's Club.

# Fabric Tissue Holder Directions

With 10 collections of “Stampin’ Up!” Designer Fabric to choose from, this project is sure to be a gift you can give to many on your gift giving list! Not only is it practical and useful; it’s adorable! This pocket sized Tissue Holder features “Stampin’ Up!” Designer Fabric. The beautiful coordination of three fabric designs for each collection adds to the simplicity of making them. Don’t worry about having stellar sewing skills. If you can sew a relatively straight line using a straight and zigzag stitch, you’ll be all set to go!!



## **Supplies:**

One package of “Stampin’ Up!” Designer Fabric - #122335 **Flirtatious** and **Spice Cake**

#124066 and #121817 **Springtime Vintage** shown in assembly

Coordinating thread

Coordinating Embellishments - #115604 Fleurettes and #119747 Brights Designer Buttons

Kleenex Brand Tissue pack

## **Cutting Instructions:**

•Make pattern pieces from paper; a 4” x 4” square and a 4” x 5 ¾” rectangle

•Cut the following pieces from the designer fabric

Two 4” squares from one fabric print

Three 4” x 5 ¾” rectangles from the other two fabric prints



1. Fold both 4” x 4” squares and two different rectangle prints in half. Press fold with your fingers.
2. Lay the only unfolded rectangle right side up. (This will be the back of your tissue holder.)



3. Keeping the folds toward the center, lay the rest of the folded pieces on top of the back.
4. Tuck the last one under the first one, similar to closing a cardboard box top.



5. Pin pieces in place.
6. Stitch with a straight stitch approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from all edges. Repeat with a zigzag stitch to prevent unraveling.
7. Turn right side out and insert tissue pack. (Use stylus tool to poke out corners and press with iron if necessary.)



# *What Would You Like To See In 2014 ? ? ?*

**We want to know what you like, what you don't like and anything that you'd like to see this upcoming year. We want to make this year fun, productive and educational. Please inform us as to what your preferences are and help us plan an exciting year of quilting!**

Circle the answer that is most interesting to you:

1. Brown Bag Gift Exchange      or      Something New/Suggestions:
  
2. December meeting: Christmas Potluck Dinner      or      Cookie Exchange Party
  
3. December meeting: Ornament Exchange      or      Gift Exchange
  
4. Preference for Sewing Projects:      Thursday meeting      or      Weekend
  
5. Would you mind to bring your sewing machine to a meeting to have a project day?  
Yes      or      No
  
6. What are some fun projects you'd like to sew during these project days?
  
7. What demonstrations provided by fellow quilters would you like to see?
  
8. Are you interested in participating in a Round Robin (you make a block center and it's passed around your group and they sew borders around your block)      Yes      or      No
  
9. Are you interested in attending another guild quilt retreat?      Yes      or      No

Comments/Suggestions: