



The Postage Stamp

~ Country Roads Quilt Guild ~

February 2015 — Guild Elections & Game Night

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

Tracy's Scraps

Another year has passed and new officers will soon be taking charge. I have enjoyed being the guild President these past two years and I appreciate all the hard work and participation of my quilting sisters. I look forward to the new officers and their thoughts and ideas.

New officers will be voted in at the February meeting.

I am pleased to let everyone know that Harner Chapel council met and graciously voted to allow us to continue to use their building for our meetings.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as Guild President!
Happy Quilting—Tracy

Next meeting: February 12, 2015

Location: Harner Chapel

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Hostess: Lesley

Monthly Novelty: Christine

Program: Game Night

Admission: 1 Fat Quarter

Please come for our regular monthly meeting followed by "Game" Night! Last time, a good time was had by all. Come and join in the festivities!

Plus ... it's Election Night!

Come and cast your vote for our 2015-16 slate of officers! Nominees include:

Kathryn, President

Karen, Vice President

Jane L, Secretary

Carol, Treasurer

Register Soon!

Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar

Have you registered for the Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar in Morgantown, West Virginia?

When: Mark your calendar for July 16-18, 2015 and register before April 2, 2015 to get the discount registration!

Where: Morgantown Event Center, Morgantown, West Virginia
(Adjacent to the Waterfront Place Hotel)

Details: Go to: <http://www.rickytimes.com/j25/register-for-a-seminar> \$189 until April 2, 2015 and \$224 thereafter. Details are online. Registration must be completed in advance to attending. Registration packet (along with additional information) will be emailed to you after registration.

Quilt Guild Volunteers are needed to assist before, during, and after the event. Volunteer Hosts will receive a \$60 voucher to use at the Super Seminar store. You must be registered to attend to be a Volunteer Host. If you would like to be a volunteer, please let Franny know at the guild meeting or by email. A sign-up list will be circulated. She will convey details closer to the event.

The Ricky Tims Quilt Seminar is a unique quilting event. *Why?* Because you can learn more quilting tips, techniques, secrets, and methods than you can in a traditional sewing class! One skeptic said, "Wow! I learned so much and hands on was not necessary. Everyone from beginners to advanced can get it. Such a variety of subjects. I'm sure glad I didn't miss this one!"

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2014-2015 Officers

President – Tracy

Vice President – Michelle

Treasurer – Lesley

Secretary – Karen

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January Minutes by Karen

1. The meeting was called to order by President Tracy. There were two guests present, Patty and Mary.
2. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Christine and seconded by Monica. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Monica and seconded by Christine.
3. Treasurer Leslie reported that the tax status has been approved and we are waiting to find out the state status.
4. Linda reported on the nominating committee status. Vice President—Karen, Secretary—Jane L, and Treasurer— Kathryn. The rest of the slate will be ready for next month.
5. The meeting place will remain the same until further notice. Heritage Point might be considered if needed.
6. A reminder that the March meeting is the Brown Bag Challenge.
7. Michelle is offering embroidered shirts to the Guild. A long sleeve denim will be \$30. A short sleeve polo will be \$22 or both for \$45. Add \$2 for 2x and above. Next month she will show samples. Payment is due when orders are placed. Orders can be placed thru March.
8. A reminder that early registration for Ricky Tims can be placed until April 2.
9. Next month is game night. Admission one fat quarter.
10. Christine has agreed to teach a class on her stack and whack method on April 25 from 9:00 A.M. to ?
11. Laura stated that the library is looking for someone to teach knitting, crochet, sewing, quilting etc. Anyone interested is asked to give your name and number to Laura.
12. Adjourned for show and tell.

January Treasurer's Report by Lesley

Beginning Balance	\$2,012.89
Income	
Interest	0.08
<u>Deposit—opportunity quilt WVU show</u>	<u>161.00</u>
Total Income	161.08
Expenses	
Christine—party	82.53
Tracy—party	102.88
<u>Linda—quilt show thank you</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses	285.41
Total Income	161.08
Total Expenses	285.41
New Balance	\$1,888.56

Opportunities

The **Quilting on the Run** program has a new home at Harner Chapel UMC. They continue to meet on Mondays from 10-2. Some bring their lunches, and others order out. New projects all the time and suggestions encouraged. Melissa serves as the contact for this group. According to Melissa, "We make small contributions of lap throws, ditty bags, and cancer caps after first participating in a class to learn the skills to complete them. Guest teachers are encouraged, and new friends are welcomed." Melissa is the QOR Instructor and the contact for this group. If you would like to volunteer your time to teach, please contact Melissa.



Shown above is a brand new Moda Valentine collection available at the Morgantown **Sew Special** location. Purchase a \$10 pre-made kit of four FQ's and be creative! You can add one other fabric of your choice. Make a purse, runner, candle mat, table topper, mini quilt—YOU decide, but no larger than 24" x 24" total.

Bring your project in by Feb. 18. Entries will be numbered and displayed in the shop and on Facebook for customer voting. Winner will be announced on Mar. 1. Accept the challenge and join the fun! Winner will receive a Sew Special gift certificate!

Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar

About the Presenters:

Ricky Tims—Primary Presenter Ricky Tims has successfully blended two diverse passions into one very unique and interesting career. His skills as a pianist, composer and producer have been evident by the thousands who have heard his music. His success as a quilter is equally significant. He is known in the international world of quilting as an enthusiastic and encouraging teacher, an award-winning quilter, and a talented and spellbinding speaker. He was recently selected as one of "The Thirty Most Distinguished Quilters in the World."

Alex Anderson—Guest Teacher—Two sessions

Alex Anderson is known the world over as host of HGTV's *Simply Quilts*. Her numerous best-selling quilting books have made her one of the most published authors in quilt history. She is an award-winning quilter who loves to hand quilt. Her ultimate goal is simple—to educate and encourage those who are interested in quilting and to do it in such a way that makes it easy to comprehend and understand. Visit www.alexandersonquilts.com.

This innovative, precept upon precept approach to teaching utilizes professional and enlightening multimedia demonstrations by two of the world's most celebrated quilting instructors. The variety of techniques and information covered will inspire both traditional quilters and contemporary quilt artists. The scope of information will appeal to quilters of all levels of expertise. Regardless of your quilting style, level of expertise, or purpose for making quilts, this seminar is for you! See for yourself why thousands have said, "This is the best seminar I've **EVER** taken!"

Unlike traditional quilting events, you will learn from all of the instructors. The technical aspects of the seminar allow Ricky and his guest teachers to present a variety of exciting topics on a large screen where you can see the minutest detail from the comfort of your seat.

Remember, the Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminars are only presented in select regions. We are so lucky to be the host Guild for the first Super Quilt Seminar in West Virginia! This is a phenomenal fundraiser for our guild and a chance to welcome guests from West Virginia and neighboring states. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity! Invite your quilting family and friends to join you for this 'not to be missed' experience! "Never in my twenty years of quilting have I had such a mind-opening experience as the Ricky Tims Quilt Seminar."

What is a Ricky Tims Quilt Seminar?

Well, imagine...

- Not missing out because you were put on the waiting list
- Not having to gather items for a class supply list
- Not having to haul a sewing machine to class
- Not worrying about irons blowing power circuits
- Not having to measure, cut, or sew in a tiny, shared table space
- Not fretting that you brought the wrong fabrics for the project
- Not feeling the pressure of keeping up with your neighbor

The seminar registration fee includes entry to all sessions, the seminar syllabus, the quilt show of award-winning quilts by the presenters, the **Ricky Tims' concert**, and the opportunity for chatting and autographs with Ricky and the guest teachers. Imagine how you will feel if you let this opportunity slip away...

Treat yourself! You deserve it! Makes a great Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, or birthday gift! Drop some hints to your loved ones!

Register soon: <http://www.rickytims.com/j25/register-for-a-seminar>

Seminar Topics



- ◆ Quilting Caveman Style
- ◆ An improvisational approach to piecing without templates, measuring, or sewing quarter-inch seams
- ◆ Convergence Quilts
- ◆ Magical, mysterious, easy, and fun art quilts
- ◆ Out of Your Mind?
- ◆ Learn the design elements of art and create your own original quilts. This study applies to both traditional quilters and art quilters
- ◆ Rhapsody Quilts
- ◆ Create your own formal, multi-technique, innovative and original quilt, with flowing curves that are mirrored and reversed to create perfectly balanced symmetry
- ◆ No Pins Curves. That's right, no pins! Setting-in Corners and Circles
- ◆ Imagine sewing a circle into a hole! Not appliquéd
- ◆ Magical Marking Techniques... This will change your life!
- ◆ Heirloom Machine Quilting Secrets
- ◆ What batting? What is the best design?
- ◆ How can you manage a large quilt?
- ◆ Award-winning Machine Appliqué
- ◆ Learn to Outline Appliqué for finesse and landscape expressions
- ◆ Kool Kaleidoscope Quilts
- ◆ A Kaleidoscope quilt that is easy and accessible for all quilters
- ◆ Spectacular Piped Bindings. These time-saving and breathtaking bindings are put on entirely by machine
- ◆ Bobbinwork Basics

What's Happening

Did you see the good news in our president's message? Harner Chapel Council has voted to allow us to continue meeting there. **Hooray!**

Betty may not be doing any "quilt" travels during the winter months, but she has certainly been busy with her many on-going projects, which include a Christmas tree skirt made from men's ties and a large ice skate ornament for Christmas. She's also attempting a felted wool candle mat for a friend whose birthday is St. Patrick's Day. Betty also made a quilted wall hanging for her granddaughter to have hung over her bed as a faux headboard and on her to-do list this year is her 4-year old granddaughter's big-girl quilt. Most of the 30s fabric butterflies for that quilt are blanket stitched onto the blocks, but now Betty needs to find an appealing arrangement. She has a couple magazine ideas and needs to see how each might go together with the blocks. If you have suggestions, please share them with Betty at our next meeting.

Debbie and former member Rhonda are participating in the 2015 Lewis County Spring Quilt Retreat at Jackson's Mill taking place in March. They plan to take Fran Kordek's "Studio" class. Deloris, Patty, and Gitta will be taking the "Spicy Spiral Table Runner" taught by Winona Bays. Kathryn will be taking "Facets of Time" (a variation of an older block pattern called Spider Web) taught by Sue Papouschek.

Just a reminder that the fall retreat at Tygart Lake is scheduled for Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1. The project has not yet been selected; however, you may want to place a hold on your room at Tygart Lake. Additional information will be shared as received. Our local contact is CRQG member Nancy S.

Nancy will also be teaching two upcoming classes at Classic Quilt Shop on Old Bridgeport Hill in Clarksburg. One is the technique, by Erica Plank of Unseen Hands, for doing the Cathedral Window. No hand quilting involved! All is done by machine. The one-day class is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 10-1 p.m. Class fee is \$20/pattern included. Nancy is also teaching a beginners' quilting class for five consecutive Tuesday evenings starting Apr. 14 (5:30 to 8:30 p.m.) Class fee is \$60/pattern included. Individuals wanting to brush up on their skills would also find this class rewarding. You will be constructing a small Irish Chain quilt, as well as learning the basics of rotary cutting and precision sewing and pressing. Nancy will also teach you how to quilt and bind your project! *Result? A finished project!*

For those who took the English paper piecing classes at CRQS, and especially those who focused on hexagons, you'll be excited to hear that the theme for this year's Three Rivers quilt show is hexagons! Mark your calendars for this exciting event—Mar. 26-28. Lots of quilts and lots of vendors! Donations will be accepted for their 'hexagon' featured opportunity quilt to be given away at the show. Fran Kordek, of Elkins, is one of two judges for the event.



Terry is busy updating the **WV Quilters website** with all the details about the upcoming WV Quilt Festival in Summersville, June 18-20. Not much is posted yet, but in the next few weeks you should be able to find all the info about quilt entry, classes, special exhibits, etc.
<http://wvquilters.org/2015Festival.html>

Terry is also going to teach her WV Mosaic quilt (featured to your left) at the Festival, and hopes to teach it at Sew Special sometime this spring.



February

14—LuAnn
14—Linda J
18—Deloris
20—Melissa
22—Franny

March

1—Judy
6—Monica

Stack 'n Whack

All who plan to take the beginners' Stack 'n Whack class on April 25 are asked to stay after the February meeting for a short time to go over a few important details about the class. If you haven't purchased your fabric, you might want to wait to do so until our April meeting being held at the Country Roads Quilt Shop where we can all shop together! Christine will teach the class, which will be free for members. If you want to participate, please plan to attend this important meeting immediately following our February guild meeting.



Brown Bag Challenge projects
MUST be returned to the March guild meeting.

Let's all come to the meeting and plan to participate in the festivities as we all get our first glimpse at the finished projects. *Lots of 'oohs and aahs' anticipated! You won't want to miss it.*

Items for the March 2015 newsletter should be forwarded to Kathryn by February 27.