



The Postage Stamp

~ Country Roads Quilt Guild ~

February 11, 2016 — Happy Valentine's Day!

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

Kathryn's Klips

Wow! Jonas snow storm gave us some good time for sewing. Do you have your brown bag challenge ready? It's time to at least know what we are going to do.

Karen will lead our meeting this month with a quilters bingo all ready for our program! Great prizes will be given. It will be a fun evening. Remember to bring your buttons to use on the bingo cards. Make sure you can be heard when you shout B I N G O.

Come and have fun with our quilting friends Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 6:30 pm.

Kathryn

Spotlight on Service



"More than 30 volunteers and community organizations offer meals, support groups, and other activities that make Rosenbaum Family House a home away from home." Our own Lesley is one of those volunteers. In her words: More than a decade ago, I started as a volunteer at Ruby Memorial Hospital. As I have shared with you over the past year or so, I am currently the bingo lady and baby blanket maker. My main task is to provide a distraction for patients and caregivers. Making bingo a lively game is an interesting challenge and, believe it or not, the prizes I have make for wonderful ice breakers!

Another job that I have is making sure that everyone is a winner, and not just once or twice. Hence, I go through more prizes than the staff can believe. Those prizes are an eclectic blend of small hand sanitizers and lotions, crossword/Sudoku/word-search booklets, cookbooks, gently used purses, jewelry, decorative pens and pads, and more. So, if you happen to discover some small treasures and would love to share them with a group of incredible individuals, I have just the place for you.

Also, if you have extra kiddy fabric, our families who are there due to high risk pregnancies get a homemade baby blanket when the baby is delivered—not an elaborate creation, just a warm blanket to use in the car, on the floor, or over a napping baby. One of my favorite moments was seeing one of my blankets covering an isolate in NICU. Thanks for letting me go on about one of my favorite things to do — *along with quilting!*

For more information on the Rosenbaum Family House or for ways you might contribute, please check the web site (<http://wvumedicine.org/hospitals-and-institutes/rosenbaum-family-house/>). If you have items for Lesley, please feel free to bring them to one of our upcoming guild meetings. ...

Next meeting: February 11, 2016

Location: Harner Chapel

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Hostess: Laura

Monthly Novelty: Karen

Program: Quilters Bingo Night

Reminder: Please bring a supply of buttons to be used as markers for the Quilters Bingo. (Bring extras if you have them to share with others.) Also bring anything that you would like to donate for prizes; the more prizes, the more games we can play. Let's all get together and make it a fun activity!

2016 UFO Challenge!

Please bring completed list of UFOs to Feb. meeting. Details in the minutes (Pg. 2); link to form (Pg. 4). Finish Project #8 and bring for show 'n tell or just give an update on your progress.

2015-2016 Officers

President – Kathryn

Vice President – Karen

Treasurer – Carol

Secretary – Jane L

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January 14 Minutes

Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2016

The January meeting was held at Harner Chapel and was called to order by President Kathryn, who welcomed everyone. Gwen was introduced, who is interested in becoming a member. There was not a novelty for this month.

Officers Reports

Secretary – Report prepared by Kathryn.

The following additions were made to the December minutes: Monica moved to accept the minutes and Amy made the second. Pat F moved to accept the treasurer's report and Michele made the second. Linda F obtained 8 gift certificates to use as prizes for members who worked at the quilt show. They were won by: Jyneen; Carol; Lou; Tracy; Linda F; Michele; Jane L and Terry.

The motion to accept as amended was made by Lesley. It was 2nd by Linda F. Motion carried.

Treasurer – There was no treasurer's report for this month.

Committee Reports

Christmas party – Kathryn thanked Susan P for her work on the Christmas party. There was positive feedback on the festivities by the members.

Nomination Committee – Debbie reported that all existing officers have agreed to serve for another year.

Old Business

Reminders were made for the upcoming meetings.

- ◆ *February meeting* – Karen asked for members to bring Bingo prizes and buttons to use as markers for our Bingo game next month.
- ◆ *March meeting* – Kathryn reminded members to bring back their completed brown bag exchange for this meeting.
- ◆ *April meeting* – This meeting will be held at Country Roads Quilt Shop.

There was discussion about needing one other person to have the ability to sign checks on our checking account. It was decided that it would be one of the board members.

New Business

The newly established committee for upcoming events was discussed. The committee will explore speakers, excursion trips, retreats, etc.

Dues are due in March. Please make sure you have current information for the directory so that updates can be made.

Laura explained the All People Quilt 2016 challenge. You are to list 12 quilting and quilting related projects. A number is assigned to all projects and when a particular number is chosen in the meeting, the member is to work on that corresponding project during the month. The number drawn for January's project was #8. The challenge sheet will be posted on the webpage.

Kathryn thanked Linda F and Carol for the refreshments and the meeting was adjourned.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Gwen announced that Sew Special is running a special until the end of January in which you can exchange a yard of material for a \$3 discount on a yard of material. (An **UPDATE by SEW SPECIAL** indicates that while their fabric 'Buy Back' event has now ended, "our wonderful customers have brought in well over 200 yards of fabric for Project Linus and Dignity Robes of St. Louise." Congratulations to all who participated!) **Upcoming Events** cont'd on Pg. 4

Three Rivers Show



Bus trip to the Three Rivers Quilt Show—March 18.

Reservations on first-come basis.

Date: Friday, March 18, 2016

Show Time: 9-5 p.m.

Reservation Deadline: March 1.

Price: \$25

Contact: Olive Kerns
583 Toms Run Road
Morgantown, WV 26508
304-292-5911

Pick up on March 18 will be at Westover Big Lots at 9 a.m.

Knit & Crochet Fest



Bus trip to the Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival and Creative Arts Festival

Reservations must be paid in full by February 27, and can be paid at the Pine Tree Quilt Shop or by mail.

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016

Reservation Deadline: February 27

Price: \$29 (includes \$9 ticket)

Location: David Lawrence Convention Center—Pittsburgh

Contact: Linda Jones (724-986-2690)
Pine Tree Quilt Shop, LLC
Waynesburg, PA

Bus leaves promptly at 9 a.m. from the Waynesburg Big Lots parking lot and will leave Pittsburgh at 3:30 p.m.

To check exhibitors and classes go to www.pghknitandcrochet.com. If you take a class, you must register and pay in advance on their website. Please check your timeframe to allow enough time for our 3:30 departure.

The **Pine Tree Quilt Shop** has new hours: Tuesday-Friday (10-5 p.m.) and Saturday (10-3 p.m.). Closed Sunday and Monday.

Feb. 12: Featherweights on Parade

Lynda Sago, president of Mountain Heritage Quilters Guild, has extended an invitation to attend a very special program presented by Karen Byron, guest teacher from West Virginia, who will share her lecture: "Featherweights on Parade ... The History of the Sewing Machine."

We hope you join in the excitement and bring along your very own unique "Featherweight" for the parade line-up! (Make sure you attach a name-tag to your machine!)

This is our winter offering for a lecture. Please bring a friend(s) and join us for a delightful evening of quilting fun! Non-members pay \$5 at the door to attend. (Non-members who attended our November event with Janet Andrews get a "free admission ticket" to attend this time!)

Following the program, we would also like to invite you to participate in Show 'n Tell. Please bring your latest quilt(s) or quilt projects to showcase. You are sure to receive some ooohs & ahhs for sharing your talent!

Our meeting is scheduled for **Friday, February 12** at the YWCA (2019 Pleasant Valley Road, Fairmont -- red brick building next to Valley Worlds of Fun.) Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. with the **PROGRAM beginning promptly at 7 p.m.** Looking forward to a fun evening of quilting fellowship on Friday, February 12. See you soon -- Lynda

Hold that date!

Mountain Heritage Quilters Guild lecture opportunity – May 13.

Another invitation has been extended: A program with Karen K. Buckley is scheduled for Friday, May 13—cost will be \$5 at the door. She will be presenting a 1-hour lecture titled:

*To Border or not to Border,
that is the Question!*

She will be sharing quilts, stories, and inspiration! Details are being worked out regarding a class and/or trunk show at CRQS on May 14. Details to follow. (www.karenkaybuckley.com)

Random Acts of Kindness Week February 14-20.

Do participate this year! Prove it true ... it IS more blessed to give than receive. ...

What's Happening

Special thanks to Franny for providing the information on the bus trip sponsored by the Pine Tree Quilt Shop. On a more personal note, Franny shared: My husband retired in November so life is great! It was especially wonderful having him home last week with the big snow! I'd still be digging out if he had not been here to plow and shovel!

I did try snow dyeing last week. I did over 15 yards of fabric, three aprons, and ten tote bags. It was a fun and happy surprise to see the results after waiting 24 hours or until the snow melted! My husband said he didn't know anyone could get so excited about fabric! I hope everyone is having fun sewing and is enjoying good health. I hope to teach classes later this year; I will let you know once dates are set. Hopefully I will see you on the trip to Pittsburgh! (Details of the Pittsburgh festivals on Pg. 2, with the results of Franny's "dyeing" efforts in the column to the right.)

According to Betty, January has been a whirlwind quilting month. Betty has taken on a hand quilting project and the task is monumental—a queen size bow-tie quilt that was pieced and partially hand quilted by a lady who passed away this past July. The quilt was to be a gift for her son and daughter-in-law. Betty anticipates a long year's project, but one she wanted to complete for the young people as a Christmas gift from their mom. The quilt has 323 blocks, and Betty's goal is to hand quilt at least one block a day. *So far she's right on schedule.* Betty has also recently become interested in wool applique and joined the Wool Applique Facebook group. "They have so many wonderful patterns. Some designs are even available to download on their 'file' page. I've plans for making 2 or 3 of them as Christmas gifts this year, but I may have bitten off more than I can chew. ... *No, not you, Betty; although we did hold back one more current project for next month's news. Special "thanks" to Franny and Betty for responding to our plea for content. If YOU have items of interest, please forward them for next month's column.*



Upcoming Events (continued from Pg. 2)

Feb. 12 – Mountain Heritage Quilters Guild’s “Featherweights on Parade ... The History of the Sewing Machine” presentation by guest instructor Karen Byron. (Details on Pg. 3)

Feb. 26-27 – UFO Retreat

Quilter’s Garage (formerly known as Quick Quilt Cuts) – Jane Lew
www.quiltersgarage.com/events.html

Not just for quilters ... everyone welcome, no matter what their passion.
Friday (2:30-8 pm) and Saturday (8-5 p.m.) Contact the shop (304-805-2140) for information and reservations.

Mar. 4-6 – Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival and Creative Arts Festival at David L. Lawrence Civic Center (Mar. 5 bus trip details on Pg. 2).

Mar. 16-19—Lancaster, PA, Lancaster Convention Center, AQS Quilt Week (www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster/) See the Featured Teacher Exhibit by Katie Pasquini Masopust, Miniature Quilts from the National Quilt Museum, the World Painters Challenge ... and more.

Mar. 16-19—Lancaster, PA, The Continental Inn, 26th Annual Lancaster Show (www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com/) 40 Vendors, Antique Quilt Exhibit, plus bus service provided to the AQS show at the convention center.

Mar. 17-19 – Three Rivers Quilters Annual Show at The Circuit Center (Mar. 18 bus trip details on Pg. 2) (www.threeriversquilters.org/quiltshow.html)

Mar. 17-20 – Spring Stitch-In 2016 at Cedar Lakes (Ripley) – a UFO retreat! This will take the place of the planned Spring Training Camp. Because of the change, this year’s event will be completely free of charge, except for your room and board to Cedar Lakes. Contact Cedar Lakes for housing and meals and Peg Bingham (peg@pegspatches.com) with your intent to attend.

Mar. 18-20 – 20th Annual Quilt Retreat at Jackson’s Mill State 4-H Conference Center sponsored by the Lewis County office of the WVU Extension Service (<http://lewis.ext.wvu.edu/quilt-retreat>)

Mar. 26 (9-2 p.m.) – Quilters Yard Sale

Smithtown Community Center; tables \$5 each. The Fairmont Guild will be setting up about three tables. There will be books, patterns, fabric, and various items for sale and maybe some quilted items. Food will be available by the Smithtown Community Assoc. If interested, please contact Nancy so she can have your table ready. (304-363-1730 or 304-816-2877)

Apr. 20-23 – American Quilter’s Society (AQS) presents Quilt Week in Paducah! The Millennium Quilters (MQ) are sponsoring a four-day motor coach tour but the December 2015 deposit deadline has passed. You could possibly check for cancellations ... otherwise you might want to find some fellow travelers and set your own course!

May 13-14 – Karen K. Buckley workshop and trunk show. (See “*Hold That Date*” article on Pg. 3.)



Have you been to Eleanor's?

www.eleanorsquiltsandfabrics.com/
A quilt shop ... *plus more*. Guild membership will provide you with a 20% discount on fabric!
Mon–Sat 9-6 ; Sun 10-5

399 North Robert Stone Way, Reedsville, WV (304-864-6330)

Shop links. ...

Country Roads Quilt Shop

(www.countryroadsquilts.com/)

In Feb., all flannel (including flannel precuts) is 20% off.

Sew Chic—Fairmont, WV

(www.sewchic.com/) President's Day Sale (Feb. 15-20), plus Christmas selections 40% off for entire month!

Sew Special—Uniontown, PA and Morgantown, WV (www.sew-special.biz/)

The February machine cleaning event is offering \$10 off plus specials for those celebrating Feb. birthdays!



Happy Birthday!

February

14 LuAnn
14 Linda J
18 Deloris
20 Melissa
22 Franny

March

01 Judy
06 Monica

Spotlight on Service (Pg. 1)

If you have a group that you're volunteering with, please share your story. If there's a chance that some of us could contribute toward your effort, we'd welcome the opportunity to do so.



www.allpeoplequilt.com/

Great site! Print your UFO form ... and then peruse this site for all the *new* projects you can start!

March 2016 newsletter items should be forwarded to Laura by February 26.