

The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild
<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org>

March 2011

Melissa's March Mini-Notes:

The weather did not keep all of us at home last month!

We had our business meeting and voted in a new slate of officers:

Christine S, President, Monica M, Vice-president, Tracy E, Treasurer and Michelle D, Secretary. Welcome and I hope you have a terrific year!

Just a reminder: Pat Knoechel is coming on March 30th, so spread the word. We will have the show at Harner Chapel, and it will be open to outsiders (non-guild) for \$5.00. You do not want to miss this; Pat always has wonderful items to show and quilting goodies to buy! See you there and bring a friend!

Our project for the meeting in February was to bring 6-6"x6" light and 6-6"x6" dark squares that were to be sewn and then put into a quilt. This is still a project in progress, so if you want to work on it at the 2nd Saturday meetings, let Monica know, she will set you up.

As much as I have enjoyed being the President of the Guild, I am happy to turn over the reigns to some new talent and maybe some new ideas for the guild. I must admit that the time flew and as all the other presidents before me said, "It was not that hard of a job to do!" and they were right! So on that note, I leave you with my last mini-note and hope to see you at the meetings! As always, keep stitching...

Melissa



Please send items for the next newsletter to Judy C., by April 1st, 2011.

Spring Joy Quilt

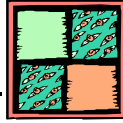
If you are interested in making a block for the Spring-Joy quilt, please see Monica at the next meeting. The majority of the blocks are needle-turn appliqué and need to be turned in by our June 2011 meeting so that they can be assembled in time to be photographed for ticket sales and displayed at our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

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!



March

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

April

- 6 – Carolyn R.
- 7 – Nancy S.
- 12 – Lillian B.
- 14 – Christine S.
- 18 – Rhonda B.
- 28 – Linda R.

March Meeting Program – Binding Methods

The program for our next meeting will include demonstrations on various methods of binding your quilt projects. Terry, Linda R., and Jane F. have each graciously agreed to demonstrate a different method for binding, so come ready to learn from the pros!

Hostesses for the March meeting are Hope C and Pat O.



Announcements

1.) Katherine Collins-Binks contacted me about quilting a quilt top her grandmother made; I told her I would pass along this message to the guild. Her phone is 304-594-1841. If anyone is interested, please contact her at this number (from Vickie).

2.) Just a note to let you know that Schoolhouse Quilters of Cumberland, MD is taking a bus to the International Quilt Festival in Cincinnati on April 7, 8 and 9. The cost is \$359.00 for the trip, two nights

lodging, and two full breakfasts at the hotel. Tickets to the show are not included, but will be purchased prior to the trip. We are stopping in Morgantown to pick up participants. If you are interested, we still have seats available. Please give me a call for more information.

Thanks,
Karen Herriott
304-298-3523
304-671-9668 cell

3.) The CRQG's Project Linus quilts will be presented to the Linus coordinator at our June meeting, so it's time to get stitching (if you haven't done so yet).

For those who need a Linus project to stitch, Pat O and Linus committee will have Linus "kits" (fabric cut into blocks and ready to sew) and already pieced tops to be quilted at the next few meetings. Please take one (or more!). If each person can contribute one quilt, that would be an impressive offering!!

The committee does not have any batting, so if you take a kit, you will need to use your own batting. If you took some of the batting that was available last year, and did not or will not use it, please bring it to the meeting.

If you have any prints suitable for children that you can contribute, that would be nice, too. We have lots of fabric, but mostly florals, etc. It should be at least a half yard that can be cut into blocks.

Information and ideas: www.projectlinus.org

Pat Knoechel is coming to town!

When: Wednesday, March 30th, 2011

Two sessions: 1:30-3:30pm &
6:30-8:30pm

Pat is promoting Ellen's new book, Radiant Star. Cost will be \$5 to non-guild members. CRQG members admission fee is covered by bringing refreshments.



Warm-'Em-Up Alphabet Soup Mix

1/2 c. pearled barley
1/2 c. dried split peas
1/2 c. instant rice, uncooked
1/2 c. dried lentils
2 T. dried, minced onion
2 T. dried, minced celery
2-1/2 t. salt
1/2 t. lemon pepper
2 T. beef bouillon granules
1/2 c. alphabet pasta, uncooked
1 c. rotini, uncooked

To serve: Add all ingredients to 3 quarts water in a large pot. Add 2 stalks chopped celery (optional if you use dried minced celery), 2 sliced carrots, one cup shredded cabbage and 2 cups diced tomatoes. Cover and cook over medium-low heat for one hour or until vegetables are tender. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Note: cubed chicken, beef or pork may be added with other ingredients.

Melissa J. made this at our Fran Kordek workshop and it was delicious!

Quilt Company East Challenge

Good day to you

This is a follow up to the challenge issued to you on January 1, 2011 by Quilt Company East quilt guild in Pittsburgh, Pa.

We would like to inquire if your quilting guild/group has decided to accept our challenge to enter the Special Exhibit section of our quilt show to be held November 3, 4 and 5, 2011.

Upcoming Quilt Show

Cabin Branch and Stone House host a Quilt Show each year in March. The show gives members of both guilds an opportunity to showcase the quilts they have created, and a chance to share the work, and the fun, of the past year with the community. The show offers demonstrations, a children's activity, and a vendor mall. A silent auction, with items made

and donated by guild members, is also part of the show. Two quilts will raffled off and the winners are announced near the end of the show.

This year's quilt show will be held March 12-13, 2011, at the Prince William County Fair Grounds, 10624 Dumfries Rd, Manassas, VA 20110. Hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will have over 200 quilts on exhibit, a merchant mall, silent Auction, raffle quilts, and quilt appraisals. Admission is adults \$5, seniors \$4, and under 12 get in free. Free parking is also available.

For additional information, contact the CBQ web site: <http://www.cabinbranchquilters.org>, the web site: <http://www.stonehousequilters.org>, or e-mail: info@cabinbranchquilters.org and the quilt show chairperson: Sandy Johnson, at sojvoj@aol.com, or the quilt show media contact POC: Deborah Van Wyck, debvanwyck@aol.com.

March 2011 Treasure Report by Michelle D

Beginning Balance		\$2,257.96
Income		
Mini	\$18.00	
No tags	\$2.25	
Dues	\$15.00	
Fran Kordek		\$420.00
Jan Interest		\$0.10
Feb Interest		\$0.09
Total	\$455.44	
Expenses		
Linda F Jan News		\$20.29
Presort Plus Feb News		\$9.28
Stamps Feb News		\$8.80
Stamps March News		\$8.80
Melissa J - fabric		\$22.05
Harner Chapel (Jan-Mar)		\$75.00
Sew In Feb 12 - Harner Chapel		\$25.00
Fran Kordek	\$471.70	
President's Gift - Sew Chic		\$40.00
Total	\$680.92	
New Balance		\$2,032.48