



The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

March 2015

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

Tracy's Scraps

This is my last Scraps for my quilting sisters. Kathryn will be taking over as President. **Congrats, Kathryn!** I will miss it but I am sure Kathryn will do a fabulous job. Our other new officers are Karen-Vice President, Carol-Treasurer, and Jane-Secretary. I am excited to see new ideas and smiles at the Officer's table. Thanks again for two great years of being President for a wonderful group of quilters.

Thanks and Happy Quilting - Tracy

Greetings quilting sisters,

Please consider what guild committee you will sign up for this year. Sign Up sheets will be available at the March meeting. I am looking forward to this month's show and tell with all of the quilting projects you have worked on with all of this winter weather. I'll see you at our March 12 meeting.

Cheers. Kathryn

Next meeting:

March 12, 2015

Location: Harner Chapel

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Hostess: Laura S.
and Karen S.

Monthly Novelty:

Leona W.

Program:

- Brown Bag Challenge
- Donna E. (Sew Special) presents a post card exchange.

Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar News

Early Registration deadline has been extended to May 15, 2015.

Let's boost our registration numbers up while the price remains \$189 versus \$224 after May 15.

Register soon:

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



February Game Night Highlights:

Our guest, Patty L., won the first game with 18 of 19 quilting acronyms correct. Congratulations Patty.

February 'Game Night' Highlights continued

The attendees were divided into two teams. The second team won the charades with the last guess being the final decision.



Country Roads Quilt Guild Minutes February 12, 2015

By: Karen

1. The meeting was opened by Vice President Michelle D in the absence of President Tracy E. One guest was present, Patty L.
2. A motion to accept the minutes as written in the January newsletter was made by Monica M. and seconded by Christine S. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as written was made by Christine S. and seconded by Monica M.
3. A report was made By Lesley K. on the tax status. Federal has been completed but the state is still pending.
4. We are able to continue holding meeting at the Harner Chapel.
5. Michelle D. talked about the embroidered shirts for the Guild. She had samples for all to see. The denim shirts are \$30 and the tee shirts are \$18. Orders were taken at the meeting.
6. A stack and whack class will be given by Christine S. on April 25 from 9-4 at Harner Chapel. A supply list will be provided at the next meeting.
7. Registration for the Ricky Tims workshop July 16-18 must be completed by April 2 to qualify for the \$189 price.
8. Linda F. presented the list of nominations: President, Kathryn G.; Vice President, Karen S.; Secretary, Jane L.; Treasurer, Carol S. Since no other nominations were presented these officers will be serving for 2015.
9. Jane L. volunteered to do the audit for 2014.
10. Linda F. reported on the Pat Knoechel workshop to be held on May 19 at St Thomas a Becket Episcopal Church. A morning and evening session will be held. The workshop is free to members. A \$5 fee for non-members.
11. Michelle D. read a thank you note from Lou D.
12. Leslie K. mentioned that bingo prizes are needed for the Rosenbaum House.
13. The Opportunity Quilt was discussed. Suggestions are needed.
14. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Opportunities

WV Division of Culture and History invites all WV quilters to enter "2015 Quilts and Wall Hangings Exhibition." Quilts selected for the show will be on display at the Cultural Center from May 22 until Sept. 12. Entries may be mailed or hand-delivered.

Entry information for the exhibition can be downloaded at wvuculture.org Or call Cailin Howe at 304-558-0220 or cailin.a.howe@wv.org

The **Quilting on the Run** (QOR) 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 J. is the QOR Instructor and the contact for this group. If you would like to volunteer your time to teach, please contact Melissa.

Stack 'n Whack class on April 25 taught by Christine S. If you haven't purchased your fabric, you may want to wait to do so until our April meeting being held at the Country Roads Quilt Shop.

February 2015 Treasure Report by Lesley

Beginning Balance	\$1,888.56
Income	
interest	\$0.08
dues	\$7.50
mini	\$23.75
Total Income	\$31.33
Expenses	
Connecting Thread Gifts	\$160.00
Total Expenses	\$160.00
Total Income	\$31.33
Total Expenses	\$160.00
New Balance	\$1,759.89

Upcoming Shows and Retreats

- March 11-14 AQS QuiltWeek 2015
Lancaster, PA
www.lancasterquiltsow.webs.com
- March 26-28 Three Rivers Quilt Show,
Pittsburgh, PA
- April 17-19 Country Roads Quilt Shop
Spring Retreat; Alpine Lake
Resort
- April 22-25 AQS QuiltWeek 2015 Padukah,
KY
- May 1-2 *For the Love of Quilting VIII*
Glenmoore, Pa
www.pennocksquilters.org
- June 13-14 Quilts by the Bay 2015;
Annapolis, MD
www.annapolisquiltguild.org
- June 18-20 WV Quilt Festival,
Summersville, WV

Prioritizing UFOs

Betty C. loves how Mary Corbet describes what we all deal with: **prioritizing our never-ending list of UFOs**. I think we could all find ourselves in amongst these excerpts from her thought threads, even though she is dealing with embroidery projects. You can find her full article at: <http://www.needlenthread.com/page/3>

I keep an itemized To-Do List, and every night, I prioritize the next day's activities. I also keep a Project To-Do List, on which are all the projects I should be working on, arranged by priority as well.

Late Harvest is at the bottom of the list. [Ever since I set up the project](#), I've had a blank canvas there, just waiting,, waiting. And every time I go out to do some real work, it looks at me, pleading. Put some stitches on me! Put some stitches on me! I couldn't just ignore it, could I?

So, the first step in the project is the central pomegranate, and the middle of it is worked in battlement couching. What I really love about the battlement couching on Late Harvest is that it is couched with tiny seed beads on the couching stitches.

What I didn't notice when working it was that I pulled the top layer of laid stitches with every couching stitch I took. I'm not sure of two things: why that happened, and why I didn't see it at the time. I didn't notice it until I looked at the photos.

So, I went out and looked at it again, with just my eyes. And I thought about it a bit. I thought about taking it out. And then I thought about leaving it in. And while I was contemplating these things, I decided to put some more stitches in. Why stand there doing nothing but thinking, after all?

So I started adding the [stem stitch](#) padding around the pomegranate, at which time, I concluded that I would not take out the battlement couching.

I think I'm going to have to work on my prioritization skills. I seem to be confused about the meaning of the term. Either that, or I need to start putting the more urgent items at the bottom of the list.

Brown Bag Exchange

Please wrap up your project as a special gift. Do not leave anyone feeling left out or forgotten at this months meeting.



Remember you are to have completed a project using the fabrics you received in the brown bag and added fabrics as directed on the paper inside the bag.

If you have leftover fabric from return it as well. It is so much fun to see who got your fabric and what was made as a result.

March/April Birthdays

March 1 Judy C.
March 6 Monica M.
March 19 Mary J.

April 6 Carolyn R.
April 7 Nancy S.
April 12 Lillian B.
April 14 Christine S.

Happy Birthday Quilters