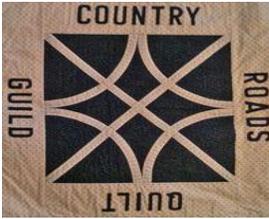


# The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

March 2018

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org>



## A Note from Jane

We are ready to begin a new year in quilt guild and I am so excited. We begin collecting dues at the March meeting, so please plan on getting them to us before April, when they are considered delinquent.

At our last meeting we were able to discuss lots of ideas for collaborating on projects. Of course, one of our most important projects of the year is to do our opportunity quilt, as we found while analyzing our financial status last year. The proceeds from the opportunity quilt make everything else we do during the year possible.

This year we will be using a wonky star pattern for our opportunity quilt and as well as for a quilt that will be donated for wounded veterans.

Written directions will be shared with you. But, we will have a 2-hour workshop before our March meeting to teach this block. So, please plan on coming to the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at the church at 4:00 pm. Bring your machine and 2 ½" fabric squares if you want hands-on instruction for this block. You'll want lots of 2 ½" squares. We'll use neutral squares (creams, whites, light beiges) for the star and anything darker for the background.

We hope to see you on the 8<sup>th</sup> and don't forget your "Color My World" challenge!

Jane



Note: In addition to the March newsletter, there are two attachments:

1. [CROG Membership Form](#) This form is due in March. Please print it in landscape orientation. Everyone must complete this form, even if your information has not changed. Verify that all your information is correct for the Directory.
2. [Directions for the "Wonky Star" block](#). This block will be used for both the Opportunity quilt and Wounded Warriors quilt blocks. To see how this block is made, or to make some, come early to the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2018

**Program:** COLOR My World Challenge

**Location:** Harner Chapel Church

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Hostesses:** Ruth Ann R.

Linda R.

Diann C.

**Novelty:** Laura S.

## Upcoming Events

March 16-18, Lewis County Quilt Retreat, Jackson's Mill

<http://jacksonmill.wvu.edu/events/lewis-county/quilt-retreat>

March 21-24 Lancaster Co. Conv. Ctr.

<http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/Ins18>

March 22-24 Beckley Guild bus trip to Pigeon Forge

April 13-14, Millennium Quilters 2018 Quilt Show, Village Square, Clarksburg

[www.millenniumquilters.net](http://www.millenniumquilters.net)

April 18-21 Paducah, KY (Schroeder Expo Center)

<http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/spah18/>

April 26-28 Three Rivers Quilt Festival, The Meadows Racetrack, Washington, PA

[www.threeriversquilters.org](http://www.threeriversquilters.org)

October 19-21 Mountaineer Quilt Show

### 2017-2018 Officers

**President** – Jane L.

**Vice President** – Debbie S.

**Treasurer** – Linda F.

**Secretary** – Kathryn G.

## February 8, 2018 Minutes by Kathryn

Guild President Jane L. called the meeting to order. There were no guests and 15 members present. Jane announced the novelty provided by Karen S., a set of storage bins. Patty L. won the novelty.

The officer reports found for the month of January were reviewed first. Frances C. motioned to accept the meeting minutes as is and Karen S. seconded the motion; The motion carried. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Monica M. and Laura S. seconded; the January Treasurers report will be filed.

The first of the committee reports was the new officers for 2018-2019. Jane turned the meeting over to Carol S. Carol opened the floor for nominations to be added to the ballot announced at the last meeting. There were no new nominations; thus the ballot for officers is :

- Jane L. – second term for President
- Patty L. – Vice President
- Laura S. – Secretary; and
- Linda F. – Second term as Treasurer.

Kathryn G. motioned to accept the ballot and Monica M. seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Frances C. reported that the Fleming family (dislocated because of house fire) are living with relatives. With six children there is no room for any donations until a new home is found. Kathryn and Frances will schedule a work day to make something for the girls later in the year.

**A chairman is still needed for the 2018 opportunity quilt. Please consider leading this key project.**

Jane showed some blocks with the "wonky stars". Several ideas were mentioned to use this for the opportunity quilt. The Wounded Warrior quilt request to the WV quilters was discussed. The wonky star pattern can be used for it also. Ideas were shared on using scraps versus red, white and blue for the new Wounded Warrior facility quilt. While several members want to provide a quilt from our guild to the new Wounded Warrior facility, priority must be given to making the annual Opportunity Quilt. Proceeds of the Opportunity Quilt and member dues support our guild activities yearly. A workshop to make some of the wonky star blocks was suggested. Interested members decided to come early for the March meeting at 4 pm or later before the 6:30 meeting start and make some blocks, for practice and possibly to be used in a wounded Warrior donation quilt. Bring your scraps and if you want to start sewing right away, bring 2 and a half inch squares precut.

Jane reminded the membership of our 'spare change' collection for the charity quilt to be completed when funds are sufficient to cover the cost of quilting.

Carol S. distributed the Rare bear patterns that were ordered. Carol suggested we make additional bears to be given locally.

Kathryn G. reported that a 90 year old former quilter wants to make sure other quilters can make use of her yardage of fabric. Phyllis G. donated many quilting books and patters to us in the summer of 2016. She has hundreds of yards of fabric, some still on bolts. Kathryn brought over 100 yards of fabric from Phyllis with agreement to give her \$1 per yard. The guild members took over 50 yards! Thank you for Phyllis. Scraps from Phyllis and pattern ideas for scrap projects were shared with members.

We had a number drawing for the Valentines that were brought for exchange. Also, Betty C. made Valentines for everyone.

The program was scrap quilts and mug rugs. The mug rugs were part of Show 'n Tell. Refreshments were provided by Jane L. and Kathryn G.



### Treasurer's Report

by Linda F.

February 2018

**Beginning Balance** **\$6,448.00**

#### Income

Interest	.28
No Name Tags	.75
Novelty	24.00
Membership	15.00
Rare Bear Pat.	12.00
Charity Fund	<u>32.58</u>

**Total Income** **\$84.61**

#### Expenses

Office Depot, Newsletter	4.58
Harner Chapel (Jan/Feb)	50.00
Carol S. (Bear Patterns)	11.92
Designer Checks	25.38
Terry C. (website)	<u>77.64</u>

**Total Expenses** **\$169.52**

**Ending Balance** **\$6,363.09**



### March BIRTHDAYS!

**22 Loretta W.**

**26 Joan A.**

#### April

**6 Carolyn R.**

**7 Nancy S.**

**12 Lillian B.**

**14 Christine S.**

**28 Linda R.**

## Country Roads Quilt Guild News

If you're interested in getting together with others for sewing sessions during the week, there are two opportunities:

- \* Quilters meet at Harner Chapel on Mondays from 10-2
- \* Quilters meet at Community United Methodist Church on Grafton Rd. on Thursdays between 9 and 10. Bring a covered dish for lunch. They usually leave between 3 and 4pm.

### **Chicken Salad** Recipe (from Kathryn G., served Feb. 8, 2018)

Chicken (canned or previously cooked)  
Mrs. Dash Lemon Pepper  
Hellman's Mayonnaise  
Craisins for color  
Chopped nuts (slivered almonds, walnuts or pecans)  
Seedless green grapes (cut into small pieces: 4 to 6 per grape)  
Diced celery (optional)  
Diced sweet onion (optional)

Mix chicken with Mayo and lemon pepper to get a moist mix. Add your choice of dried fruit. I most often use dried cranberries. Mix with onion or celery, if desired) Add the grapes. Grapes give the moist taste that is a surprise element.

### **How to measure setting triangles** from Kathryn G.

I have often wondered when I want to set quilt blocks on point, how do I figure out what size should the setting triangles be. *Quilts, Quilts, Quilts – The Complete Guide to Quiltmaking* by McClun and Nownes tells how to cut setting triangles, so that the quilt edges have straight of grain! Start with the blocks to be set on point. Measure the diagonal of your block and add 2 inches to the measurement and cut the square(s) that size. Each block makes 4 setting triangles after you CUT each block on the diagonals twice. Note that the bias cut will be joined to the quilt blocks and straight of grain becomes the edge of the quilt! The four corners of the quilt set on point have different size squares. Cut two blocks the size of your blocks plus one and a half inches. Cut each square only one time on the diagonal. The bias cut will be sewn to the block and the corner will have straight of grain, avoiding the quilt edges from getting out of shape.

Betty C. is keeping busy. After completing her stitch and fold wreaths, she has now completed four undercover sewing machine mats/covers. With the exception of the men's tie Christmas tree skirt, her gift giving projects are complete for this year. She recently booked the bus trip to Pigeon Forge, TN with the Hands All Around Quilt Guild for the end of March. We look forward to a report following Betty's trip!



## Quilt Shop News

### **Classic Quilt Shop**

#### **Clarksburg, WV**

New class are scheduled for March. Classes include Hidden Treasure Tote; Shower Caddy; Runaround Bag; Binding Tool Star Quilt; Free Motion Quilting Check the website for details.

[www.classicquiltsww.com](http://www.classicquiltsww.com)

### **Country Roads Quilt Shop**

#### **Morgantown, WV**

Day/Night Block Workshop



March 15

Fee: \$10.00

10:00 & 5:30

[www.countryroadsquilts.com](http://www.countryroadsquilts.com)

### **Stitch Morgantown**

22 Commerce Dr.  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
(304) 943 7137  
Owner: Angie Miller

A new sewing shop with fabric, machines, and classes has opened. It is located in the shopping plaza near Big Lots in Westover.

