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Country Roads Quilt Guild
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April 2010

Melissa's April Mini-notes

Hello Spring!

I know it does not seem like it, but it is coming!

We had a wonderful turn-out for last month's meeting! It was great to see so many of you after the long hard winter! Keep coming, we are planning some terrific things for this year and you do not want to miss them!

I am not like most women in respect to shopping; I really do hate to do it! But! What woman (quilter or sewer) does not like shopping for fabric? Ruth Ann just gave me information on a Quilt Shop that I did not know about and it is just down the road in Uniontown. [Sew Special](http://www.sew-special.biz) is located on West Main Street in Historic Uniontown. Their website is www.sew-special.biz, check them out! I think I'll be going there this weekend.

Plus, the Guild has given me a gift certificate to shop at the Sew Inn! Humm, maybe I'll find the fabric for my day and night quilt?!

THANK YOU COUNTRY ROADS QUILT GUILD!

See there are some perks to being president after all!

Another thank you goes out to the other officers of the guild, they do not receive a gift for serving, but they should! They do work hard at planning the events that the guild does through the year, so **'THANK YOU- MONICA, MICHELLE, AND ELAINE and past Vice-president- DEBBIE S.!** You gals rock!

Enough of my babbling

*Keep stitching...
Melissa*

There's an app for that! If you have an iPhone or iPod Touch, you can purchase the new Quick Easy Quilt Block Tool for \$3.99 from the iTunes online store. It's actually a pocket dictionary of 102 classic quilt blocks with calculations for resizing blocks to any dimension and cutting directions.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

The American Quilt Study Group (AQSG), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of quilts and quilting, is turning 30! We invite you to join the celebration by participating in a nationwide block challenge called "**30s for 30**" (see details below). For every 30 blocks received, one person's name will be drawn to win those blocks. To learn more about AQSG and our annual Seminar, please visit our website at www.americanquiltstudygroup.org. Happy quilting!

30s for 30 QUILT BLOCK CHALLENGE

- Blocks must be 12-1/2" square (to finish to a 12-inch block) and made of either 1930s reproduction fabrics or vintage 1930s fabrics. Fabrics must be 100% cotton. *Please prewash/preshrink all fabrics.*
- Blocks may be any design and any color combination, in keeping with the 1930s fabrics.
- Send your blocks to the address below, along with a donation of \$3 for the first block, and \$1 for each block thereafter sent at the same time. Block donations from groups are welcome. Any funds collected in excess of those needed to complete the project will be donated to the AQSG Endowment fund.
- The blocks will be photographed and the photos will be posted on the AQSG website, along with the maker's name and state (or country).
- Blocks will be compiled into sets of thirty. At Seminar 2010 in Minneapolis (Oct. 14-17), we will have a drawing for the various sets. For each block that you send, your name will be entered once into the drawing. You do not need to be present to win.
- Deadline for submitting blocks is Oct. 1, 2010.
- Send your blocks and payment (checks made payable to AQSG) to: **AQSG '30s for 30** c/o Paula Pahl, 9204 Sugarstone Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

Questions? Contact Paula at the address above or email: paulapahl@q.com; phone: 303-204-2821.

Country Road Quilt Guild
Minutes for March 11th, 2010 meeting

The March 2010 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Melissa J. Several members were in attendance, as well as two guests.

The January 2010 minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as written. There was no February meeting due to snow

Committee Reports

Mountaineer Week Quilt Show – Terry will be out of town for the Mountaineer Week Quilt Show and asked for someone to take over for her as coordinator. Lou D. and Jane F. will work to co-ordinate the event. The Mountaineer Week Quilt Show will be November 5-7.

Linus Committee – Pat O. noted that there are lots of kits available and reminded all that there are only 5 months to go until the Linus meeting. She thanked all those who took and brought back Linus quilts. Monica M. announced that next month's meeting will be a working meeting for Linus quilts. She asked people to bring sewing machines, irons, rotary cutters, cutting mats and other sewing supplies. It will be an assembly line style event.

Challenge Committee – Reminder about the Ugly Duckling Challenge: The Ugly Duckling Fabric, Dimples G24 by Andover Fabrics must be used in making a quilted item of any size, in any pattern. In addition to the Dimples fabric, contestants may use up to 3 additional fabrics to complete their work of art. For your convenience, the fabric is available at the Sew Inn; just tell the staff that you are working on the Guild's Ugly Duckling Challenge and they will know what fabric to pull out for you.

Nominating Committee – The presented slate of officers was elected prior to the start of the official meeting.

President – Melissa J.
Vice President – Monica M.
Secretary – Elaine S.
Treasurer – Michelle D.

Alzheimer's Quilt Challenge: Thomasene E. reported that she has the envelopes needed for mailing the mini quilts. Each envelope has the required information inside. Quilts will be shown at the April Guild Meeting. There is also information on the website.

Monthly Mini – The February monthly mini, made by Monica was won by Melissa J.; the March monthly mini was made by Louise A. and won by Brenda Z.

New Business

Crohn's and Colitis Walk Basket – Thomasene E. announced that she will be walking in the Crohn's and Colitis walk in Morgantown this summer. She asked members to donate an item for a quilting basket to be donated for a raffle basket. She asked for donations of all sizes, from a spool of thread to a fat quarter and beyond. She expressed her appreciation for everyone's help.

Pat Knoechel's Visit – Carol discussed the Pat Knoechel visit scheduled for March 31st at 1:30 and 6:30. She asked Guild members to sign up for snacks and supplies as their admission to the show. Non-members are being charged \$5. Instead of selling tickets in advance the Guild is taking reservations in advance and having people pay at the door. Linda F. and Nancy S. will help with the program. The program will take place at Harner Chapel in the Sanctuary. She will be showcasing a new book. Pat Knoechel requested no gift this year. The guild suggested that instead of a gift we make a donation in her name. Carol was going to discuss with Pat. If Pat agreed, the guild decided to donate the money to buy things for the Crohn's and Colitis raffle basket.

April Program – Working meeting to make Linus quilts. Members are asked to bring sewing supplies from machines to tools.

Free to a good home – Melissa J. has access to Quilt as Desired a machine quilting book. She compiled a list of members who wanted a copy of the book. She will bring them to the next meeting. One book will be given to the raffle basket.

Budget Review – Michelle D. has the financial books that need to be reviewed. Melissa J. took the books to review.

Old Business

Alzheimer's Challenge – The Alzheimer's challenge will be at our April meeting. Forms and rules for the challenge will be in the next newsletter. The finished product should be no larger than 9x12 and participants were reminded to get permission before using patterns so that copyright laws are not violated. It was noted that some quilt artists offer free patterns on their website that can be used, one of which is Pat Sloan. Embellishments on the quilts should be sturdy, "use no embellishments that would be hurt if a truck ran over it!" Thomasene E.

volunteered to get the information together for this challenge and will help to coordinate the finished products getting sent out.

Guild Banner – Jane F. has Guild Banner in her attic. She will check it before the next meeting. The Guild was asked to provide the banner for a program in June.

Facebook page – Terry had e-mailed about creating a web page for people to keep in touch with members both local and those who had moved. The guild members thought it a good idea.

Future programs – Beth Newcombe will present her program in June, since the February meeting was cancelled due to weather. We will do the Linus presentation at the same time. Monica discussed other possible workshops, there were about 8 members interested in attending.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell and discussion on favorite quilting tools and techniques.

Treasure's Report - April 2010

Balance	\$2365.13
Income	
No tags.....	\$3.00
Monthly mini	\$30.00
Dues 19 pd.....	\$285.00
Donation	\$15.00 .. \$333.00
Expenses	
Monica M.-Pres gift/cards	\$48.45
Ending Balance.....	\$2649.68

What's Happening?

Judy C., Sandy F., Linda F., Gitta J., Chris L., Deloris R., and Debbie S. participated in the Quilt Retreat at Jackson's Mill. This year's retreat hosted 180+ quilters. Everyone had a good time, and Chris thought the food was improved over previous retreats. Judy and Chris took the Studio class with Fran Kordek where you bring your own individual projects or things you would like to have some help to complete. Judy started out making (and completing) two pillow cases and then worked on some placemats. She still has those to complete, but she was glad to get some time to work on them. Debbie had fun and learned new things while taking the Hawaiian Appliqué and wool wall hanging mini class. Sandy and Linda took the Broderie Perse class as well as the wool appliqué mini-class. They had

fun learning a new technique and really liked the teacher, Jackie P.

Debbie spoke with one of the instructors for a possible weekend retreat for our Guild. The pattern was Dresden Star and was stunning. More information will come as available.

My husband and I are going to Ohio this weekend for a mini-shop hop. Really looking forward to it. --
Donna F.

3 Rivers Quilt Show -- April 15-17

The Circuit Centre, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA
www.threeriversquilters.org. If you're going, look for *Linda F.*'s quilt, "All Roads Lead Home."

West Virginia Quilters, Inc. Quilt Festival 2010 Thursday, June 24 to Saturday, June 26, 2010 Summersville, West Virginia

Quilt Festival 2010 will feature more than 100 entry quilts, a special exhibit by featured guild Millennium Quilters of Bridgeport, a display of guild banners, vendors, and a boutique. Educational events include a class by judge Lois Smith on Thursday, a medley of teacher demonstrations on Saturday, a children's quilt scavenger hunt, educational activities by Marion County Reading Council, and an ongoing demonstration of hand quilting. Other festival events include a sneak peek reception and preview for entrants, sponsors, and vendors on Wednesday evening, a banquet and lecture by Lois Smith on Thursday evening, a grand show and tell on Friday evening, and a Little Quilt Auction on Saturday afternoon.

Quilt Festival 2010 is the seventh biennial show and festival of West Virginia's only statewide quilting guild. Participation in the judged show is open to all members of West Virginia Quilters, Inc., which is open to all quilters, regardless of residence. For West Virginia Quilters membership forms, quilt entry forms, and Little Quilt Auction entry forms, go to www.wvquilters.org.

Happy Birthday!

April

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

May

- 9 Jane B.



Next Meeting

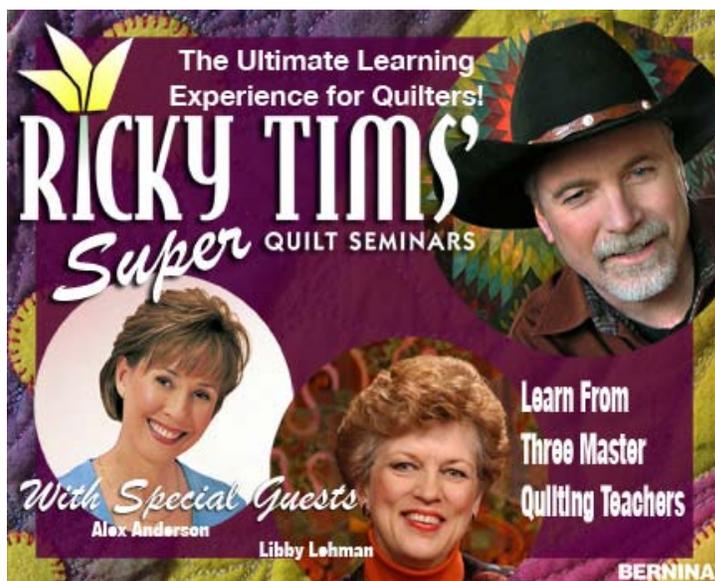
April 8th
6:20 p.m.
Harner Chapel UMC

Hostesses: Susan C. and Linda F.
Mini: Christine S.

The next meeting will be our Alzheimers Challenge. In addition, we will have a "working meeting" with a goal of making some headway on our guild's Project Linus quilts. Bring whatever sewing items you'd like if you want to participate. There will be a need for sewers, pinners, ironers, cutters, cheerleaders, and some volunteers to take home unfinished projects to make them into finished projects (by our June meeting).

The workshop committee is making plans for upcoming workshops for the guild. We will start with a day camp-style quilt workshop --no agenda, just bring some food and something to work on and enjoy a day with quilting friends. We hope to cement a date at the April 8th meeting for those interested in attending.

The Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminar will be held April 29-May 1, 2010 in Cleveland, OH!



Don't forget!

April 8th – Alzheimer's Challenge

May 13th – Ugly Duckling Challenge

June 10th – Linus Quilts Due

Please send items for the next Newsletter to Linda F. by Friday, April 26th.