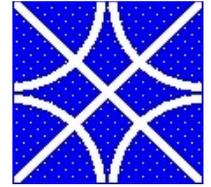


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Country Roads Quilt Guild

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

April 2011

Christine's Mini Notes

Spring is finally here, Hurray!!

It's time to get out those pastels and bright colors and put some cheer in with the sunshine.

New officers held the first meeting and things went well. Just to remind everyone that didn't pay their yearly dues please take care of this as soon as possible, Thank you.

The March meeting was interesting on the different ways to put on your binding, special thanks to Linda, Terry and Jane for sharing these different talents with us.

Please, don't forget the hand appliqué blocks are due June 9 (this is guild meeting night). We will be working on assembling the blocks together to complete the quilt at the June 11 workshop.

Here are a few Quilter's Quotes I would like to share with you:

- ◆ A bed without a quilt is like the sky without stars.
- ◆ A day patched with quilting seldom unravels.
- ◆ A quilt is a treasure which follows its own everywhere.
- ◆ Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Picasso to paint your garage.
- ◆ Ask not what your fabric can do for you, but what you can do for your fabric.
- ◆ Before Prozac, there was quilting.

On these words I will end. Hope to see you at the next meeting on April 14.

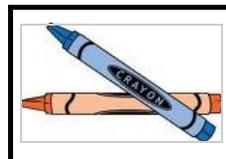
Happy Spring and Sewing.

Christine

Our second Saturday workshop on Apr. 9 will have an Earth Day theme! Melissa has agreed to demonstrate how to make her reusable earth-friendly shopping bag. You'll need "basic sewing items, machine, and your choice of about 1/2 yard of fabric with thread to match." If you don't want to make the bag but would like to just come and sew, please feel free to do that as well! The church opens at 8 a.m. Bring fun projects, some food to share, and prepare for a good time!

Project Linus quilts will be presented at the June meeting. If you need inspiration, the committee will have tops to be quilted, kits to be stitched and completed, and fabric collections to "design it yourself" and complete. All will be available at the April meeting!

And don't forget our **May Challenge** ... crayon anyone?
Complete instructions at the CRQG web site.



Next meeting: April 14

Location: Harner Chapel

Time: 6:30 p.m. ...

Featuring:

**Alzheimer's Challenge and
1st or Worst Show & Tell**

Reminder! Our next meeting is the Alzheimer's Challenge meeting! Bring your completed small quilt ready to show. Quilts should be no larger than 9x12 and must be able to fit in a flat, cardboard priority mailer without folding. Quilts should be free of any embellishments that might not withstand the trip through whatever it is that the USPS puts them through. Also, if you are using a copyrighted piece, don't forget to get permission to use the pattern before you make it! Refreshments provided by Linda F. and Judy C.; mini provided by Elaine S.

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March 10 Minutes by Michelle

The March 2011 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by our new President, Christine S. Along side of her was our new slated officers VP Monica M., Secretary Michelle D., and Treasurer Tracy E.

The February 2011 Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved as written. Sue Miltenberger volunteered to review the financial statements for the year 2010-11.

Monthly Mini – was made by Michelle and won by Christine.

Melissa was presented a \$40 gift certificate to Sew Chic for serving as President. Thank you so much, you did a great job and you are definitely appreciated!

Committee Reports

Linus – Kits and stacks of fabric to use for quilts were present to take, there were whole cloth quilts available for quilting as well. The Linus quilts will be presented at our June meeting.

Pat K. – Pat has been scheduled for March 30th, both an afternoon 1:30-3:30 and evening class 6:30-8:30. Members in good standing will be admitted free, general public will be charged \$5. Members are asked to bring a snack to share.

Mountaineer Week Quilt Show – Terry C. will be stepping down as lead on this project. Anyone interested in taking over should contact Christine.

Sign-up sheets - Committees, Monthly Mini and Refreshment sheets for the new year were passed around. Several opportunities to help are still available. Please think about something you would like to do and the sheets will be passed around again at our next meeting.

New Business

Dues are due! Dues were collected from the members present. \$15 unless you are a diamond member. Please bring your money to the next meeting. If you are not able to attend and would like to mail them please contact Tracy E.

Upcoming Events – Ami Simms is looking to Piggy Back visits to guilds in the area. There was general interest in finding more information about potentially having Ami come to the guild.

Camilla Elliot is planning a retreat April 6-10, cost is \$365, it is a work on your own project retreat.

Mini Shop Hop April 15-16 (Fri & Sat) at the Clarksburg, Sutton and Buckhannon quilt shops. (*For shop names and additional information see event listing on Pg. 6*)

Terry has encouraged anyone in our guild to become members in the WV Quilt Guild. They will be participating in the Quilt Festival in Summersville. They are having a meeting next month in Elkins if anyone is interested, please contact Terry.

Old business continued on Pg. 3

Quilters Corner

April 7 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) Premiere Party to kick off the 2011 Western PA Shop Hop

Passports are ready for pickup for the 2011 Western PA Shop Hop (June 8th - 11th). The theme is "Starstruck."

On Apr. 7, "Quilters Corner will be hosting premiere party festivities that will include 'snacks, technique demonstrations, a block naming contest, a pattern for the "Kick Off" block (the first block in this year's progressive quilt) and a look at the palette selected for the 2011 hop quilt." Purchase your passport that day and during the hop you'll receive an extra little pattern at each stop.

April also brings Bonnie Colonna, a certified Viking educator from Denver, CO, to do a trunk show on Friday evening, Apr. 15, and an all day class featuring reverse appliqué in the hoop on Saturday, Apr. 16. The appliqué blocks are baskets for spring. Details to follow.

Culture Center

The [Culture Center](#) has released the necessary documents to submit your quilt for the 2011 juried exhibition of quilts and wall hangings. The entry fee is \$20 per item. Mailed entries can be shipped no earlier than Apr. 11 and postmarked no later than Apr. 29. Hand delivery can be made at the back loading dock (10-4 PM) Apr. 28 or 29. If accepted, your quilt will hang in the Great Hall from May 24 – Sept. 6. This means it won't be available for the 2011 WVQI Festival in Summersville. But, if you don't sell it, you can always enter it in the 2012 Festival! There are cash prizes awarded. However, the honor of having your quilt displayed in the Culture Center is reward in itself. For info and forms: <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/exhibits.html#quiltexpo>

Minutes *continued*

Old Business

Crayon Challenge - Don't forget, our challenge will be due in May! Better get stitchin'.

Ricky Tims Promotion - The guild has agreed to promote the Ricky Tims seminar in the newsletter again. As compensation for our providing promotion Ricky Tims will provide the guild with \$125 worth of materials for our DVD library and give away items. Monica is following up on this.

Project Day - Our next project day is planned for Saturday April 9th. Come on out for some great conversation and get some UFO's completed.

Quilt Donation - The kit provided by Susan B, 5 kits still left for appliqué. Do not throw away the pieces that you use for the border. Please bring those back so we can use it to make the sashing. Sat June 11 is the project day that is designated to put the blocks together. If you can't attend that Sat, blocks must be turned in Thurs, June 9th at our regular meeting.

Retreat - Plans for a retreat are still in the working stages, information will be provided when available.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell, and presentation of different binding methods demonstrated by Terri, Jane and Linda R.

Look forward to winning this month's mini made by Elaine S, and eat some scrumptious treats provided by Linda F and Sandy F.



April

4/6 Carolyn R
 4/7 Nancy S
 4/12 ... Lillian B
 4/14 ... Christine S
 4/18 ... Rhonda B
 4/28 ... Linda R

May

5/9 Jane B
 5/25 ... Donna F
 5/28 ... Jane F
 5/30 ... Leona W

Treasurer's Report by Tracy

BEGINNING BALANCE.....		\$2,081.28
<u>Income:</u>		
Mini	19.00	
No tags	1.50	
Dues	240.00	
Fran Kordek	70.00	
March Interest	<u>.09</u>	
		330.59
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Presort Plus Mar News	8.27	
Hope C.—Linus fabric	28.53	
Melissa J.—supplies	43.72	
Pres Gift	<u>40.00</u>	
Total		120.52
NEW BALANCE.....		\$2,291.35

WV Quilters, Inc.

Benefits of Membership in West Virginia Quilters, Inc. includes:

- ◆ Networking with other quilters statewide
- ◆ Directory of members, guilds, quilt shops, quilt teachers, judges and appraisers
- ◆ "Pin Pals" Newsletter; three issues yearly, with info on what is happening in quilting statewide
- ◆ Statewide meetings, with special programs & guests, workshops, quilt shop vendors

<http://www.wvquilters.org/Join.html>

Quilt Festival 2011

June 23-25

Visit the Quilt Festival Page to learn about: (1) entering your quilts; (2) taking classes; (3) participating in the Little Quilt Auction; (4) special exhibits and events; and, The Boutique, vendors, volunteering and more!

G'day from Australia

Hi Everyone, and "G'day from Australia"

It's great to be asked to write an update for you.

It is the beginning of Autumn here, but we really haven't had much of a summer, with our VERY long drought finally breaking after more than 10 years, and the temperature staying very mild. We haven't had any really hot days and consequently our fire risk has been low, with no bad bushfires (thank goodness!) We have however had the other end of the spectrum - very high rainfall in a short time, causing floods all down the east coast, with many lives lost and billions of dollars of damage. In addition, a devastating cyclone in northern Queensland has destroyed many towns and caused much more heartache and damage. Luckily we have not been directly affected, but it has been a very sad time for much of the country.

Since I wrote last, my life has been very busy and at times exciting. Last year my husband had to go to a conference in Vienna, Austria, so what was I to do? Of course, I had to go with him, and consequently his 4 day conference grew into an 8 week tour of Europe and the United Kingdom. It was a truly wonderful time for us. We drove from Vienna to Munich, Prague, Lauterbrunnen in Switzerland, Marseille, Barcelona, Paris and Bayeux before flying to Edinburgh and driving in a zig zag all the way around Scotland (to get back to our ancestral roots) and down to London. We did all things "castle" related, including staying in one for a couple of nights and pretending to be rich and important people.

My quilt group "Not Just Quilters" has gone from strength to strength over the past couple of years. We have had to limit our membership to 25 as our meeting room was becoming too small to accommodate us (a very good problem to have), and because we didn't want the group to lose its intimacy by becoming too big. We now have a waiting list of people who want to join. We still meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, but as well as that, some of us meet on the 1st Thursday as well. This smaller meeting is very informal, where we just sit and chat while we work on our own project over a "cuppa" and of course there is always a delicious supper. Usually at these meetings we do hand work, as it makes conversation much easier.



Our main meeting is always a very lively affair. We have a great group of girls who all get on extremely well. There is always someone to help out with a quilting problem, and show and tell is fabulous. Last year many of us did a mystery quilt with the most stunning results revealed at our November meeting. We are just completing a charity quilt at the moment which will be donated to a local charity to be used as they wish. We often at-

tempt to solve the problems of the world in our discussions as well (not very successfully, as you have no doubt noticed). It is great to catch up each month, and meeting can get very noisy at times.

During the year we have different events. In April this year we will be having a visit from a lady from Quilters World magazine, who will demonstrate the latest quilting gadgets available. Then in May we have our annual dinner meeting. On this night we usually do a common project which is decided on beforehand, and even though we all work on our own quilt, it is to a common pattern. This is a great night and usually extends into the "wee hours".

In August is our retreat weekend. We only go about 10 miles away, but it is in a national park and has the most beautiful view over their lake.

What's Happening

Linda F visited the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, Virginia recently. The theme was The Magic of Mirrors - The Beauty of Kaleidoscope Quilts and will run through May 14. It featured quilts made by several well known quiltmakers including Jinny Beyer, Ricky Tims, and Paula Nadelstern. The quilts were amazing and well worth the trip. More information can be found on their website www.vaquiltmuseum.org.

Monica participated in Fran's "Quilt it in Sections" class and said it was wonderful! "My first experience with taking a class from Fran and I was not disappointed at all. It made me look at quilts in a different way - now I keep looking at patterns and trying to figure out how to quilt it in sections. Very cool class." Carolyn G and Vicki D also participated in Fran's February workshop.

Jane F, Susan C, Carolyn G, and Vicki D went to the AQS show in Lancaster. Vicki reports that they really enjoyed both class and show.

Judy C, Gitta J, Deloris R, Patty O, Debbie S, and Rhonda L all participated in the 15th Annual Lewis County Quilt Retreat at Jackson's Mill. Judy took Fran Kordek's Studio class; Gitta, Deloris, and Patty took Patti Anderson's Strips Squared; and Debbie and Rhonda took Kathy Lanham's Mexican Star Wall Hanging. The six are also participating in the 3rd Saturday Club at Sew Chic where they're using the pattern "Farm Scraps."

Ruth Ann R and Donna F are spending a retreat weekend at Camp Bethel ... located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. They also went on the bus to the Three Rivers Quilt Show in Pittsburgh (eating at the yummy Cheesecake Factory), and paid a visit to the new Country Roads Quilt Shop in the Seneca Center where they received a coupon for \$10 off on a \$30 order! *Do check them out!*

Terry is teaching her "Machine Quilting Main Course" at The Sew Inn on Saturday, Apr. 23. if you haven't taken it yet, you should!

Australia continued

There are kangaroos in the park and it is lovely to watch them as they hop past the windows. Everyone works on their own project here too, and we have had some amazing quilts produced over the years we have been doing this.

It is lovely not to have to worry about cooking or cleaning up after ourselves, and to be able to just move to the dining room when it is time to eat, back to the work area when the meal is over and then to bed whenever you feel the need.

But, the exciting thing this year is our decision to work towards a field trip for the group – to Paducah in 2013. At first I wasn't sure that we would get the numbers required to make it possible, but there has been so much interest from all the group that now it looks like we will have to limit this as well. We hope to go to Paducah for a few days, then tour some of the major attractions, as well as the quilt shops. We have Lancaster or one of the other Amish areas on our list as well as Washington DC, Las Vegas, New York and all the usuals. We expect to be away for about 3-4 weeks, but it will depend on time, and of course, money constraints. I don't know if we will be able to get to Morgantown, so would love to arrange to meet some of you along the way.

Well, that just about brings you up to date with events in Oz. I hope all is going well with Country Roads Quilt Guild, and I hope we can get together again in 2013. I'd love to catch up with you all.

Bye for now, Rae

Happening continued

Nancy S. will be teaching "Beginning/Intermediate quilting in April. She'll teach Double Wedding Ring and Double Diamond Ruler in May and Eleanor Burns' "Orion's Star" in June.

Linda F and Melissa made Terry's expandable bag at the 2nd Saturday get together in March. Tracy and Louise also attended. It was a small turnout, but the group reportedly had lots of fun.

Terry confesses to have participated A LOT at the Sew Inn's anniversary sale! She bought fabrics to make a Queen size quilt for her niece and is teaching her sister-in-law to quilt. "We'll work on it together. French Braid Quilt –it's awesome." Nancy S. will be teaching the class at the Sew Inn very soon.

Greetings from Alaska

"Spring" greetings from Alaska! It's really not spring here yet. We are headed into our "break-up" season. This week we've enjoyed sunny afternoons and highs in the upper 30s! The snow is melting, the roads are sloppy, cars are filthy, and my floors are covered in muddy dog prints. :) I haven't been doing much quilting lately, although I am right in the middle of a super fun challenge project! I love the challenges the guild comes up with.

While I haven't been quilting much, or really finishing any quilt projects (I have lost count of the number of unfinished projects & quilt tops that just need 1 more border...), I have been building my stash in hopes of getting a couple of new projects started, and maybe even finished. Our State Fair is coming up in August and I would like to have a couple of things done to enter there. Last year my guild challenge table runner won a 2nd place ribbon and was featured in the judges choice quilt show that ran on the hour every day of the fair. It was so exciting to see my table runner in the big stage area being shown to lots of people that have an interest in quilting, or at least an appreciation for the work that goes into our projects.



Here is a photo of part of a mystery quilt I started several years back (at least 3) during a 1-day mystery at our local quilt shop. I came across it last week and found I'm at the last step - assembling the blocks and sashing and will soon have a finished top!

We will likely be traveling to WV a time or two this year. I would love to make it to a guild meeting and will look forward to seeing all of you when I do!

Susan

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END-OF-BOLT-SALE: Last two days of each month, receive 35% off when you purchase what's left on the bolt.

FABRICAHOLICS CARD: Get your card punched for every fabric purchase to earn 20% discount on fabric when your card is filled.

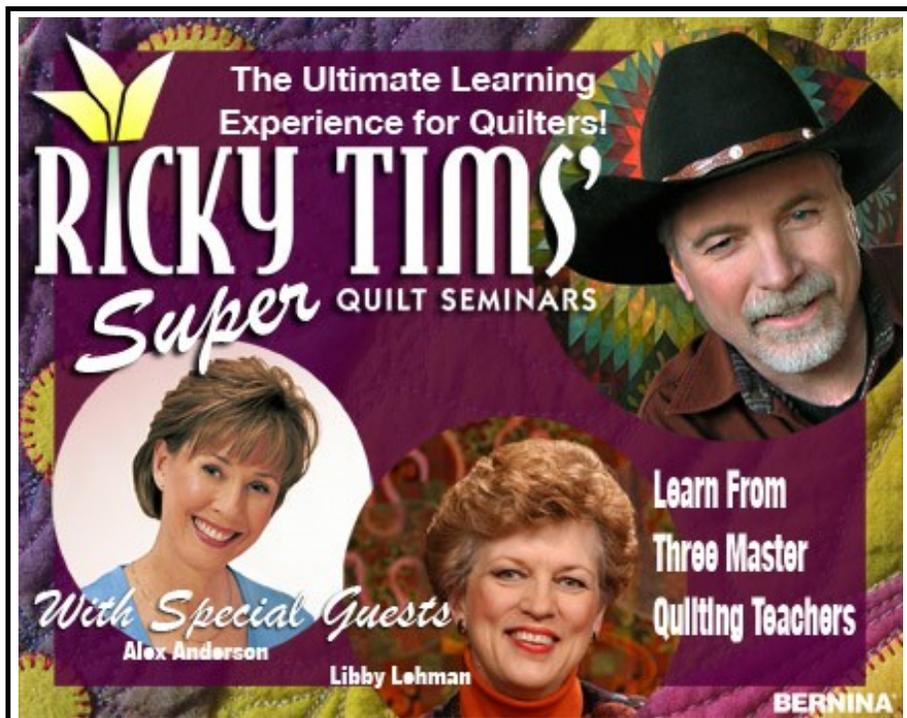
The Sew Inn will again have a "Shop Hop" bus leaving from Morgantown on Jun. 10 and returning Jun. 11. Call to make your reservation.

MOUNTAIN QUILT QUEST SHOP HOP (Jun. 8-11)

- ◆ New original fabric design
- ◆ New free charms
- ◆ Bus trip available

REMINDER: Your 2011-12 dues are now overdue. (See Tracy.)

Send your May newsletter info to Judy by April 29. ...



What is a Ricky Tims Quilt Seminar?

Well, imagine...

- Not missing out because you were put on the waiting list.
 - Not having to gather items for a class supply list
 - Not having to haul a sewing machine to class
 - Not worrying about irons blowing power circuits
 - Not having to measure, cut, or sew in a tiny, shared table space.
 - Not fretting that you brought the wrong fabrics for the project.
 - Not feeling the pressure of keeping up with your neighbor.
- Seminar registration includes entry to all sessions, the seminar syllabus, the quilt show of award-winning quilts by the presenters, the Ricky Tims' concert, and the opportunity for chatting and autographs with Ricky, Alex, and Libby (www.rickytimes.com/seminars/about).

Upcoming Events

- 4/15-16 ... **2nd Annual Central WV Spring Fling**
 Three WVQI-member quilt shops: Needle Basket, Sutton; Classic Quilt Shop, Clarksburg; The Stitching House and Sew Much More, Buckhannon; special store hours: 9-6 p.m.
- 4/27-30 ... **AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, KY**
- 5/1-6 ... **Mary Lou Weidman 5-day story quilt workshop at Cedar Lakes**
<http://wvde.state.wv.us/cedarlakes>
- 5/14-15 ... **Civil War Quilts** (reproduction and antiques) are requested for display at the Veterans Park in Clarksburg in celebration of the **150th Sesquicentennial of Harrison County**. Please visit www.msconnie150.com for more information.
- 6/8-11 ... **Western Pennsylvania 2011 Shop Hop** (12 shops)
- 6/8-11 ... **Mountain Quilt Quest—WV Shop Hop** (12 shops)
- 6/23-25: **WV Quilters Inc. Quilt Festival** (Summersville)

Free Class

Debbie Brown is teaching a quilting class on Thursday, Apr. 21 (9:30 a.m.) at the Monongalia County Extension office (34 Commerce Dr., Westover) and all are invited to participate ... at no cost.

The name of the quilt is traditional arrowhead made easy.



To make the 60x65" quilt, you'll need 3 1/2 yards for background and 3 1/2 yards for the other square. This is if you only want to use two different fabrics. If you want to make a scrappy quilt you will need pieces of fabric that will cut a 9-inch square.

Please let Debbie (shushu@zoominternet.net) know if you want to take the class so she can plan accordingly.

Sew Chic LLC

Don't miss the Easter Sale taking place at Sew Chic on Apr. 15-25. There will be a 20% off discount on fabric. (See you there!)

June 8-11, 2011 (Wed-Sat) -- Western PA 2011 Shop Hop
 Twelve shops within a 50 mile radius of Pittsburgh. (Wed-Fri 10 a.m.-9 p.m. . . . Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)
 There will be door prizes, a progressive quilt, and other goodies. Passports \$5.00 available at participating quilt shops.