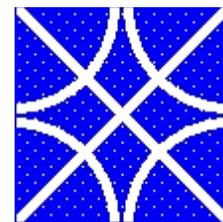


# The Postage Stamp

- Country Roads Quilt Guild -

April 2013

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>



## Tracy's Scraps

Warmer weather is finally upon us and I am inspired by the blooming flowers, bright sun, and singing birds. I am ready to pull out all my bright fabrics and be creative!

I am excited to be the guild's new president and am looking forward to working with Michelle, Karen, and Lesley. Exciting opportunities are coming up - a surprise project, planning for a Ricky Timms Super Seminar, and teaching new techniques. And don't forget Susan B's donated snowman applique project, hosting a WV guild meeting, and April's retreat in Kentucky. Eight guild members will be traveling down to the Sewed Inn for 4 glorious days of sewing and sharing.

Our next meeting will be at Country Roads Quilt Shop. So please join us on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to hear Peggy talk about how she chooses fabrics, running a quilt shop, and the newest notions.

Happy Sewing - Tracy

## Spotlight: The Modern Quilt Guild

Several of our members have discovered the [Northern West Virginia Modern Quilt Guild](#). Some of you may be interested in discovering them as well. You may find yourselves suddenly where you always knew you belonged ... in the realm of "modern" quilting. ...

See how the [Northern West Virginia Modern Quilt Guild](#) got their start as told by the Guild's President Amanda Reilly:

"We started with an organizational meeting of a few interested people in October of 2012 after I looked for a local branch and found the closest two Modern Quilt Guilds were Pittsburgh and Hurricane, WV and the one in Hurricane had never formally met. I contacted the main guild and requested to start one in Morgantown and they got me set up. Five of us met to make up a general plan and then we started meeting monthly from there. We have gained a few and lost a few along the way because people have been interested in seeing if the guild is their style, and we currently have 5-7 regular attendees.

The main mission of the guild is to support and encourage the growth and development of modern quilting through art, education, and community. We only really differ from traditional guilds in matters of a narrower style margin. The MQG is made up of over 150 local guilds worldwide. More information and a good definition of modern quilting can be found at [themodernquiltguild.com](http://themodernquiltguild.com). We are formally a modern style quilt guild. However, most if not all of our current membership also participates in the art quilting movement. I have taught art quilting locally and have a degree in art and art education from WVU. I like to say that when I make a bed quilt I quilt modern and all my smaller things tend to be art quilts. We have had a few people interested in learning to quilt overall. I am part of a moms group with young children and the modern style generally appeals to that generation even though very few know how to sew or quilt.

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**Next meeting:** April 11

**Location:** Country Roads Quilt Shop

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

**Hostess:** Linda F and Carol S

**Monthly Novelty:** Christine S

### **Country Roads Quilt Shop!**

What a great place for a gathering of quilters! This is definitely not a meeting you'll want to miss!

Come early and see the beautiful displays and new spring fabric arrivals! Consider signing up for a class (or two). And then grab a chair for a short program and meeting followed by some good quality shopping time. ... Come prepared with a list of your fabric needs! And let's celebrate the warmer weather by treating ourselves to something that will inspire us for some enjoyable springtime quilting.

***And remember, it's April ...  
don't forget to pay your dues. ...***

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## March Minutes by Karen

Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy E. Thirteen members were present. The new officers were welcomed.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as written. No corrections or additions were made.

### Old Business:

1. The Budget was discussed. Each member received a copy of the budget. A question about the \$325 for Pat Knoechel was posed by Carol S. An explanation was given about the Historical in the Budget and the group discussed using the \$200 allotted for the retreat. Once all questions were answered a motion to approve was made by Carol S and seconded by Linda F. Motion carried.
2. A Retreat Report was given by Ruth Ann R. The monies have been paid and everything is set.
3. The officers met and talked about the calendar and the programs for the coming year.
4. Next month's meeting will be held at Country Roads Quilt Shop at 6:30 P.M. A short program will be given and we will have shopping at a 20% discount. Hostesses are Linda F. and Carol S. Monthly novelty is Christine.
5. Discussed the quilt guild hosting a meeting for the WV Guild the last weekend in March 2014, which would be March 29. The Community Center at Smithtown was discussed as a location. We would be able to collaborate with the WV Guild. The group then discussed appointing a committee and asked people from the group to think about serving. It was decided to tell them a definite yes about doing the meeting. Terry C. will check on vendors.

### New Business:

1. The membership dues for 2013 are due now.
2. Pat Knoechel is coming on May 21. The sessions are 1:30 and 6:30 P.M. The charge is \$5.00 to be paid at the door. Refreshments will be provided for both sessions. Linda R. and Kathryn G. volunteered to take care of refreshments for both sessions. Carol S. will take care of publicity.
3. Some of the emails that we had received during the past week were discussed. One was a bus trip to Three Rivers Quilt Festival at a cost of \$25 and the other was a bus trip to NQA in Columbus at a cost of \$75 from Kingwood and \$49 from Country Roads Quilt Shop.
4. Door prize suggestions for the retreat were talked about. Robowhittler.com was mentioned.
5. The appliqué quilt was received in the mail. There are 12 monthly appliqué and pieced blocks. Some members already took their kits. Others are available.
6. Tracy did not have the books audited. She has them prepared for two years and asked for someone to do it. Carol S. graciously volunteered.

### Announcements:

Lillian B. mentioned Sew Special giving a talk.

Show and Tell: Ruth Ann, Donna, Leona, Christine, Terry, Linda, Michelle, Leslie and Tracy.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments and a hand embroidery program given by Leona W.

## Virginia Quilt Museum



Linda F recently visited the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg.

"There were three exhibits, but the most impressive to me was 'Doodles, Diamonds and Other Dramatic Designs' by Dorothy 'Dodie' Erlenborn of Amisville, Va."

### As taken from their web site:

Created over a 40-year period, Erlenborn's pieces have detailed designs and innovative use of color. She captured in her quilted art doodles drawn during legislative and White House meetings by colleagues of her husband, retired Rep. John Erlenborn.

Another interesting exhibit was the art of contemporary artists from the Manhattan Quilters Guild of New York City. "Material Witnesses" (a play on words) spotlights 21 pieces created with a wide range of materials and techniques, including cloth, acrylic, oil, thread, photo transfer, and found objects. Interpreting for the viewer through fiber art, the artists share their personal perception and experiences of life in and around New York, such as jury duty, subway construction, legal injustice, crime scenes, or abstract images of buildings and the skyline. This exhibit will include internationally known artists Paula Nadelstern and Emiko Toda Loeb.

The third exhibit, titled "Quilts Through the Eye of Needlepoint" includes 12 quilts made by members of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild. All three exhibits run through May 11, 2013."

### Virginia Quilt Museum

301 South Main Street  
Harrisonburg, Va 22801

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

Tuesday—Saturday

10 am—4 pm (General Admission—\$7)

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## Treasurer's Report by Lesley

**BEGINNING BALANCE..... \$2,060.78**

Income:

Dues	\$	91.25	
Interest		.08	
No name tag		.75	
<i>Total</i>			92.08

Expenses:

Sew Inn—president gift	50.00	
Tracy E—officer's planning dinner	36.19	
Sew Inn—monthly prizes	25.44	
Timmy's Fund—additional check	10.00	
Linda F—newsletter	5.79	
Christine S—program supplies	47.36	
Michelle D—program supplies / card	14.86	
<i>Total</i>		189.64

**NEW BALANCE.....\$1,963.22**

## What's Happening?

Auction in Progress! The Name Quilt Terry quilted for the "Alzheimer's Illustrated: From Heartbreak to Hope" traveling exhibit will be on the auction block April 1-10. More details can be found at Terry's web site (<http://veryterryquilts.wordpress.com/2013/03/27/alzheimers-name-quilt-auction-april-1-10/>). There's also a video so you can view the names on the quilt and a link that will take you to the on-line auction.

Carol and Linda F took the opportunity to enjoy the Three Rivers Quilt Show. Terry was also there. Thomasene and Linda R combined their visit to the show with the chance to go to The Quilt Company in Allison Park and Quilters Corner in Finleyville. Kathryn, Gitta, Deloris, and Patty rode to the show on the bus sponsored by the Extension Quilters. While in the area, several of them enjoyed a German luncheon at what is billed as "Pennsylvania's first authentic Hofbräuhaus."

Debbie and Rhonda participated in last month's quilters retreat at Jackson's Mill. Their project—four and twenty blackbirds—was from a Kim Deihl book. Gitta, Deloris and Patty participated in the Weaver Fever class. All enjoyed a good time! Debbie also shared that Woolen Willow is having a retreat at Blackwater Falls. If interested, check their website ([www.woolenwillow.com](http://www.woolenwillow.com)) for details.

Terry is going to Cedar Lakes for a week-long Mary Lou Weidman workshop in late April. She's also involved with the planning for another wonderful WV Quilters Festival in Summersville, June 20-22 ([wvquilters.org/2013Festival.html](http://wvquilters.org/2013Festival.html)). "There are some great classes being planned." Terry suggests that you consider putting something in the show, and that you "plan to go if you can—it's always fun!"

Lillian was excited to attend three days of classes and fun in Washington, PA with Nancy Zieman. "Met a lot of sewers from W. Va., Ohio, and everywhere; it was great. Gloria Horn did a terrific job in getting these three-day workshops together. I made a great little bag with a zipper, embroidered and lined and never took it out of the hoop. That was an education for me. Of course, Nancy Zieman had a store set up where you could buy items that were in her catalogue. A lot of the sewers who were attending brought their phones and were always showing me the photos of quilts they made. It was fun!" Continued on Pg. 4

## Museum con't

### Virginia Quilt Museum

<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>

If you're unable to visit the museum in time for the current displays, remember that there are always new displays on the horizon. And, for those of you who may be beginning to see yourselves as "modern" quilters, the next display may be just what would interest you most!

### Hexed

May 21 - August 24, 2013

Hexagons, reported as "physically the strongest and most efficient geometric shape," are a favorite of national award-winning quilt maker Cheryl See of Ashburn, Va. Her "exquisite contemporary quilt 'Star Struck' is made with more than 12,000 tiny hexagons specifically cut to show off features in the printed fabrics she used." (You'll particularly want to see Cheryl's "hand" work.) You'll also want to see the same technique used in historic antique hexagon or 'mosaic' quilts that have never before been exhibited.

There will also be a "Vintage Revisited" display on exhibit that features 117 small block challenge quilts. Because many projects are left unfinished, the challenge to 19 quilters was to take these unfinished blocks and use them to create a finished piece. According to the web site: "Each quilter added, cut up, embellished, improved or recreated a finished quilt measuring 24" x 24" with at least one old block."

For those of you with Internet access, do go to the site and read the complete write-up and see the "Stars" display that will be featured in the fall.

### English Teas

Several times a year, the lower level of the museum is transformed into an English tea room. This event is open to the public and is by reservation only. (Cost is \$25.) The next tea is scheduled for Mother's Day, Saturday, May 11. Prepayment and registration is required.

In the May newsletter, learn more about the museum itself and about the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Trail.

## What's Happening? *continued*

Gitta and Deloris attended the April meeting of the Northern WV Quilt Guild on Thursday (April 4) at the Morgantown Public Library and it really sounds as if they've found their niche! Gitta's already looking forward to their June challenge, which is to make a piece that is 10" on one side. ... The "traditionalist" in me questioned: "On one side?" and then it clicked in for me. Ah, the "modern" movement would be a GIANT leap 'out of the box' for me. I'm not sure if I'm ready for that. ... But I love the energy that comes off their BLOG sites. For those of you who wonder if you're "modern" quilters, you might want to try a meeting. You may be very pleasantly surprised!

Betty was at Sew Special (Uniontown) recently and picked up brochures for a quilt show sponsored by the North East Crazy Quilters (June 8-9) and another for the Seams Like Home Retreat in Vanderbilt. She'll share them at our next meeting.

Betty, who recently went to Virginia to celebrate Easter with her son's family, has been busy catching up on her quilt magazines. And recently, in a bargain book bin at the Uniontown WalMart, she happened upon Jennifer Chiaverini's 2011 book entitled "The Union Quilters." For those of you who enjoy Chiaverini's Elm Creek quilt series, this is one of her later books ... just published in 2011 and 17<sup>th</sup> in the seemingly never ending series. For those who enjoy the series or for those who are looking for a good read, a trip to Chiaverini's web site can not only provide you with the publishing order of the novels and the years they debuted, but can also provide you with a listing of the chronological ordering of the series. There's also a listing of all those that have an historical slant. Chiaverini's 22<sup>nd</sup> novel "The Spymistress" will be out in October 2013. Other items to look for from Chiaverini include the August release, by C&T Publishing, of her 6<sup>th</sup> pattern book, Loyal Union Sampler from Elm Creek Quilts. And, in the fall, Plume will publish a reader's guide to the Elm Creek Quilts series titled An Elm Creek Quilts Companion.

For those interested in quilt trails, Betty shared that her brother, who goes to Tennessee twice a year on vacation, included a flyer in this year's Easter card regarding the Benton County (Tennessee) quilt block trail—"Quilt Trail of the Magic Valley." The brochure shows that there are 116 barn quilts on this trail. According to the web site, "The Quilt Block Trail of The Magic Valley" encompasses over 100 barn quilt blocks in Benton County, with most viewable from the highways along the Tennessee River Trail. Many of the elaborate quilt blocks showcase popular patterns passed down through generations and highlight the county's historic barns and silos."



Betty suggests that if people are traveling in or near Tennessee this summer, or if it's close to places some of the ladies are attending a quilt retreat, they may want to take a look.

"Some of us don't get much quilting time (me for one), so barn quilt blocks could offer hope and inspiration to take up the needle again!" This trail's barns are all around Camden and Big Sandy. There are a couple "trail" websites and Facebook pages for viewing too. Link to Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Benton-County-Quilt-Trail/109261455791874>. Link to Benton County, Tenn. Quilt Block Trail Page: <http://tntrailsandbyways.com/trail/12/tennessee-river-trail/?tag%5B%5D=56>. "This link seems more of an ad for the area, but there is a paragraph on the quilt trails toward the bottom, under the #75 link."

### Next Month. ...

If you remember, Betty also shared a quilt trail with us in the November 2012 newsletter. If you've followed any of the quilt trails, please share them with us so that we can spotlight them in future newsletters. And stay tuned next month as we take a tour of some of our W.Va. quilt trails. ...

## Quilt Show



Pictured above is the opportunity quilt for this year's Mountaineer Week quilt show. Block of the month kits (complete with pattern and fabric) were donated by guild member Susan B and were distributed at a recent meeting. However, there are still blocks remaining to be completed. If you'd like to complete one, they'll be available at our next meeting!

## Happy Birthday!



**More candles needed!  
We're celebrating. ...**

Apr 6 Carolyn R  
Apr 7 Nancy S  
Apr 12 Lillian B  
Apr 14 Christine S  
Apr 28 Linda R  
May 9 Jane B  
May 25 Donna F  
May 28 Jane F  
May 30 Leona W

## The Northern WV Quilt Guild *con't.*

I have had a few interested people there but that is all. The majority of our group is comprised of seasoned quilters who are well versed in most quilt techniques. As a group we are meeting monthly and focus on show and tell, a meeting topic or learning experience, a monthly challenge (suggestions come from all members) and any 'quilty' news. Being relatively new to quilting myself, I strongly urge the members to let me know about meeting topics they are interested in and try my best to arrange an interesting topic each time. We are also planning on organizing a group sew day where we can focus on any project we bring or we can devote time to one of the charities that have requested our assistance. We currently sew for Newborns in Need and WV Pet when we get the time, and we have donated a quilt to the Austin Children's Home in honor of QuiltCon, the first MQG Convention that took place this past April.

Since we are a new group and a regular membership has not yet been established we base our meetings mainly on modern quilting topics but we usually go with the flow and find many of our show and tells and challenge ideas are art quilt related. We are open to a lot of ideas. The main MQG is, however, going to start a national organization membership option with a lot of perks starting in July and we can get a discounted rate of \$10-15 per member per year if we have 10+ members. They will also offer individual memberships for \$25 at that time. I am hoping to grow to 10 semi-regular members by the end of this year so we can fully participate in all the guild has to offer. We don't currently collect dues as we are a growing community and our meeting place is free but we are currently discussing dues and whether we want to participate in the worldwide guild as a group.

We currently meet on the first Thursday of every month from 5:30-7:30 at the Morgantown Public Library in Meeting Room B on the second floor. We are looking at a Monday for our group sew dates. We are also planning a "Dyeing for Summer" Party sometime in late May or early June to drum up some new membership.

If you need any more information, we have some stuff posted on our local website at [www.nwvmqg.blogspot.com](http://www.nwvmqg.blogspot.com) or you can get in contact with me if you have any questions. There is also a link to join our group on our website so you can be emailed about our meetings and activities.

Thanks Again!  
Amanda Reilly

The mission of The Modern Quilt Guild is "to support and encourage the growth and development of modern quilting through art, education, and community." There are 150 guilds worldwide and the numbers are growing. So, how did the word spread so quickly? Apparently through blogs and the Internet.

According to the web site (<http://themodernquiltguild.com/>), modern quilts are primarily functional although inspired by modern design. While each quilter brings their own identity to their quilting, there are several characteristics that help identify a modern quilt; "these include, but are not limited to: the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. 'Modern traditionalism' or the updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in modern quilting." "A defining event occurred in 1998 when Martha Stewart Living featured Denyse Schmidt, calling her quilts a 'chic, modernist aesthetic.' In 2002, the Quilts of Gee's Bend exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston ... further provided inspiration to a small but devoted group of modernist minded quilters. In 2008, the first online centralized social media venue for quilters in the modernistic movement was established. With this in place along with many active BLOG sites, 'the online world of modern quilting took off like wildfire.'

## NWVQG

### Northern West Virginia Modern Quilt Guild. ...

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the Morgantown Public Library (Meeting Room B) 5:30-7:30.

BLOG site: [www.nwvmqg.blogspot.com/](http://www.nwvmqg.blogspot.com/)  
Modern Quilt Guild site:  
<http://www.themodernquiltguild.com/>

A link to a map of the United States provides the locations of various modern quilting guilds throughout the country. Click on the map to read some of the BLOG posts which provide for some very interesting reading ... and some good ideas!

If you enjoy activity, the NWVQG may be a good fit for you. In so short a time, they've already participated in a name tag challenge; a charity quilt project; and they've completed the Michael Miller Fabrics Challenge that required the use of the "Madrona Road" collection by Violet Craft. The group decided on a bucket bag or any bag with handles and a round bottom. Shown below is Terry's entry. Terry, who has already



joined the modern guild said the group is small ... but they have a lot of fun! And, as you can see, she has something very sweet to show for her efforts thus far.



## Upcoming Events

**April 11 (6:30 pm) Country Roads Quilt Guild** meeting at Country Road Quilt Shop

**April 24 (10-4 pm) Girls' Day Out** sponsored by The Sew Inn, but held at the Suncrest United Methodist Church. Enjoy a day of sewing with Viking educator and sewing enthusiast Deb North. Bring your own machine or use one of the available Viking sewing machines. You'll be guided by Deb and will take your finished project home at the end of the day. Limited seating (20); reserve early! The \$45 cost covers lunch and all project materials. Contact the Sew Inn (304-296-6802) to make your reservation.

**April 25-28 Woolen Willow Quilt Shop's Quilting & Rug Hooking Spring Retreat**

Blackwater Falls Lodge, Davis, WV

<http://woolenwillowsspringretreat2013.weebly.com/>

BONUS OFFER: If 8 friends register & come to the retreat, each will receive a FREE quilt kit from The Woolen Willow's "Small Quilts Club," an exclusive design made especially for this retreat! There are only 50 seats available!

Retreat Coordinator: Sally Cox 304-375-9665

**May 2 (5:30-7:30) Northern West Virginia Modern Quilt Guild**

Morgantown Public Library

**May 9 (6:30 pm) Country Roads Quilt Guild** regular meeting

**May 21 Pat Knoechel show** (*location to be announced*)

**May 24–Sept 13 The West Virginia Division of Culture and History** and the West Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission are partnering to have a special **Sesquicentennial quilt** on display in 2013 and to add quilting activities to the annual WV Juried Quilt Exhibition which will be on display in the Great Hall of the Cultural Center from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Beverly Fine will be the Judge for this annual event. Deadline for quilt deliveries by mail after April 8 and no later than May 3. Hand delivery of quilts between 10 am and 4 pm April 25th and 26th. On Friday, May 10 from 10 – 4 a Quilt Workshop for beginner to intermediate skill level entitled "A Judge's Guide to a Professional Finish." Cost is \$20. Reservations are required. Limited seating. Forms available on line as well as through the WV Division of Culture and History Juried Quilt Show at: <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/Quilts/quilt2013/2013quilts.html>

**May 28, 2013 (Tues) – Harmony Museum's popular "Quilt in a Day" program**

Harmony Museum, Stewart Hall, 218 Mercer Street, Harmony, PA 16037. Show presented by Patricia Knoechel ... reservations recommended.

Call 724-452-7341. (Program: 10 a.m. until noon.)

**May 31-June 2 40th Annual Quilt Show, Chantilly, Va.**

"Fabulous at Forty" – 700 quilts, 70 vendors, classes, and demonstrations.

Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, Va ([www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org))



**June 5-8 Mountain Quilt Quest. SAVE THE DATE**

A West Virginia quilt shop hop adventure.

This year's theme is "Celebrate" ... a combination celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Mountain Quilt Quest and the 150th celebration of West Virginia statehood!

**June 7-8 Country Roads Quilt Shop, Morgantown**

"A Celebration of Quilts" customer appreciation event where they will be displaying "your" quilts throughout the Seneca Center for everyone's enjoyment! They will also have an anniversary sale, door prizes, and a raffle quilt. Watch for details.

**June 27-29 44th Annual NQA Quilt Show—Celebrate America!** Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH.

## WV State Guild

What a great time to join the state guild!

The group meets three times a year (in April, July, and October) at various locations throughout the state. For more details, check with some of our members who also participate in the state guild. Or take a tour of the web site ([www.wvquilters.org/index.html](http://www.wvquilters.org/index.html)) and print an online membership form. Take advantage of this opportunity to support statewide quilting.



Spring has to be right around the corner because bright colors of wild flowers are all around us!

Consider a trip to the Core Arboretum to see the many flowers in bloom. Or take a nature walk elsewhere to see the many colors of spring and let them inspire you for some spring quilting. Remember that road trips are nice this time of year. Take in a new shop or two. Then, share your experiences through the CRQG newsletter ... we all want to hear what you've been doing!

**Dues!** *Enough said. ...*

**Make your voice heard. ...**

Contribute your input to the CRQG newsletter!

*Please forward items for the May newsletter to Judy by April 24!*