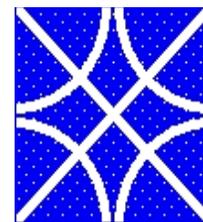


# The Postage Stamp

- Country Roads Quilt Guild -

April 2014—Welcome Spring!

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>



## Tracy's Scraps

So - old man winter decided to give us some spring snow! But now it looks like the warmer temperatures are on the way. What a great chance to get out and visit friends and check out new fabric at the quilt shops.

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with the WV Guild meeting on March 29th. It was a great success!

I hope to see everyone at Country Roads Quilt Shop for our next meeting.

Happy Spring!!  
Tracy

**Next meeting:** April 10, 2014

**Location:** Country Roads Quilt Shop

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

**Hostesses:** Kathryn, Patty, and Deloris

**Monthly Novelty:** Christine

### **Reminder:**

*Meeting being held at the Country Roads Quilt Shop—Seneca Center. Plan to be there ... you won't want to miss it. Come early and browse.*

## Spotlight: Fall Quilt Camp

**2014 Fall Quilt Camp at Cedar Lakes** is apparently the most popular event of the season. More than 300 quilters gather at Cedar Lakes to experience the joys of quilting. Peg Bingham leads the effort ... check out her website ([www.pegspatches.com/index.html](http://www.pegspatches.com/index.html)) and learn more about her interests and the Quilt Camp at Cedar Lakes.

Registration for the 2014 Camp begins Wednesday, April 16. If you want to go and want a chance on getting your first choice of class, your registration must go in the mail with a postmark of April 16 ... but definitely not before. There's lots of excitement for this retreat as witnessed by the number of attendees and the looks of enjoyment on the faces of participants. You can see it all on the event's on-site slide shows. Know going into this that for the fall event, space is limited, *but* the camaraderie that develops can't be beat. Interested? You may be after you see their web site:

In 2013, over 300 quiltmakers, representing 21 states, gathered and had a ball! To see how much fun we had, enjoy [our] slide shows. ([www.pegspatches.com/TOC/TOC\\_slide\\_shows.html](http://www.pegspatches.com/TOC/TOC_slide_shows.html))

We open Quilt Camp with two assemblies of show-n-tell from home. We can bring anything and there is a contest of finished projects from last year's Quilt Camp. Class time is always full of fun, creativity, and community. Thursday evening, we have a wrap-up assembly at which all the students exhibit their progress to-date on their class projects.

In your "editor's" words, quilt retreats are the best! My attendance at the inaugural of this year's **Spring Quilt Camp at Cedar Lakes** was fabulous! You'll want to mark your calendars now for their March 12-15, 2015, event. *Shhhhhh .... not that many people know about it yet. And it's still small and roomy! Registration begins in September. Attendance is sure to increase as more and more learn of its existence. You won't want to miss it!*

### 2014-2015 Slate of Officers

**President** – Tracy

**Vice President** – Michelle

**Treasurer** – Lesley

**Secretary** – Karen

*A special word of thanks to the officers for their willingness to serve a second term. ...*

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## March Minutes by Karen

The March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order by President Tracy.

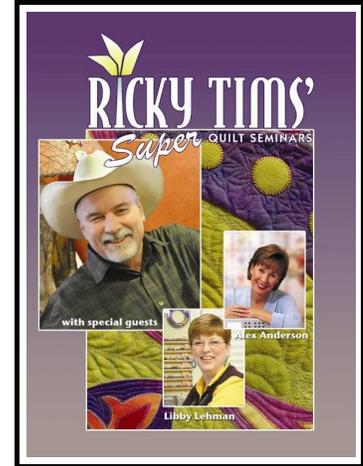
1. The minutes and the treasurer's report appeared in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Linda F and seconded by Christine. The minutes were accepted as written. There were no additions or corrections to the treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made by Christine and seconded by Linda. The report was approved as written.
2. A report was made by Carol on the Pat Knoechel workshop on May 20. She will be assisted by Nancy. The workshop will be held at St. Thomas a Beckett Church. The afternoon session will be at 1:30 and the evening will be at 6:30. The workshop will be advertised by email to other quilt guilds, quilt shops and announced at the WV Quilt Guild meeting on March 29. A motion was made by Carol not to have refreshments at the workshop. It was seconded by Karen and approved by all present.
3. A reminder was made about the March 29 WV Quilt Guild meeting by Kathryn. The vendors will be there between 11:00 and 2:30 or 3:00. Lunch will be served at 12:00 for members. The meeting will be followed by a concert at 1:00. The location will be St. Thomas a Becket Church. Members can share this information with other quilting friends.
4. March is membership month. Dues are to be paid to Leslie.
5. It was voted in January to keep the current slate of officers. Tracy as President, Michelle as Vice President, Karen as Secretary, and Leslie as Treasurer.
6. The April meeting will be held at Country Roads Quilt Shop at the regular time, 6:30. The hostesses will be Kathryn, Patty and Deloris. Christine will bring the novelty.
7. The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell.

## What's Happening?!

A number of our membership attended the Three Rivers Quilt Show on Friday, March 28. Those who rode the bus sponsored by the Mon County Extension Quilters included Debbie, Deloris, Donna, Gitta, Patty, and Ruth Ann. According to Ruth Ann, they had "a good time, saw lots of beautiful quilts, and naturally found some goodies to buy." Linda R and Thomasene went to the show on Thursday. "Had a wonderful lunch at The Cheesecake Factory, then went to the Quilt Company and Quilters Corner before heading home." Apparently a good time enjoyed by all!

Everyone has been raving about the meeting of the WV Quilters, Inc. that our guild hosted for their quarterly meeting held on March 29. Ruth Ann mentioned that she especially enjoyed the Singing Quilter concert. "For anyone who did not get a chance to see the show - you missed a good one." Terry reported that "It was a wonderful day! The luncheon was fantastic and the concert was great fun. Everyone liked the pretty tissue covers and the vendors seemed to be busy. The state guild president said we 'outdid ourselves!'" Special thanks go to all who assisted in any way in making this such a successful event! *Continued on Pg. 3*

## Ricky Tims



**Save the Dates** for the Ricky Tims Super Seminar coming to Morgantown at the Waterfront Place Event Center on July 16-18, 2015! If you attend the April Country Roads Quilt Guild meeting, you will receive a heart pin promotion for the Ricky Tims Super Seminar.

### What's a Super Quilt Seminar?

First, it's not like any other quilting event and hard to describe to those who have never been. It's a three-day, high-energy, lecture-based event filled with inspiration and encouragement. It covers a wide-range of topics.

- It's Educational
- It's Entertaining
- It's Inspirational
- It's a Quilt Exhibition
- It's an Opportunity to Shop
- It's an Opportunity to Meet Celebrity Quilters
- It's a Concert and an intimate evening with Ricky

Early Bird Registration for the Morgantown event will open this summer. Just \$189 for the 2½ days of learning and demos, detailed full color class book, plus retail therapy, quilt show, concert, door prizes, and more details to come on how and when to register including hotel and dining accommodations. Contact Franny for questions at [QuiltWV@gmail.com](mailto:QuiltWV@gmail.com).

[www.rickytimes.com/seminars](http://www.rickytimes.com/seminars)

## ***What's Happening?! continued***

Donna and Ruth Ann will be attending The Ohio Quilter's Retreat in Amish Country sponsored by The Ohio Quilters on April 24-27 where they also hope to get some quilt shopping done at the wonderful Amish quilt shops. Then, in May, Ruth Ann will be going on a 10-day quilt retreat in Virginia at Threads Run Thru It. She's looking forward to visiting with her friends in Virginia and getting some much needed quilting projects done.

Ruth Ann came across an app on her iPad that is called: Stash Star Fabric, which lets you take pictures of your fabric and fill out details such as yardage, fabric type, purchase source, date, price, and the designer name, line and manufacturer. It's apparently a good way of keeping track of your stash fabric. If interested, check with Ruth Ann for details.

As a final note, Donna and Ruth Ann registered to attend The Jenny Doan Show. Gloria Horn Sewing Studio is sponsoring her on May 12-13.

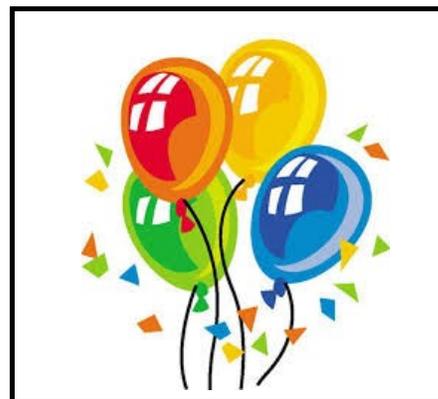
Judy attended the 2014 Spring Quilt Camp at Cedar Lakes. This first-time event was a spin-off from the Fall Quilt Camp sponsored by Peg Bingham. I'm sorry to say Judy was the *slowest* quilter in her class, but she had a great time and loved the Whirligig blocks she completed and her fabulous instructor Lorraine Covington.

Terry is once more teaching her popular Machine Quilting – Main Course. The class will be held on Tuesday, May 6 (12:30-4:30 p.m.) at the Sew Inn. Make an afternoon of it! If you're comfortable with the free-motion quilting from her "Appetizer" beginner course, this class will provide you "with over a dozen different categories of free-motion quilting designs with time to practice them all." Don't miss this opportunity! (Class fee \$20.)

Deloris and Patty are going on the bus trip to Paducah! Wednesday and Sunday are earmarked for travel, but Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be dedicated to all things quilting! In fact, they are among the lucky 25 to have a dinner scheduled with none other than Eleanor Burns on Friday night! Nervous? Not them! We'll just say they're eager for the experience.

Congratulate Judy! She retired this past week after 23 years with the WVU Extension Service, and she now has quilting (not quitting) as a high priority! I will share with you that she received three gift certificates to our local quilt shops! Her colleagues must know her *much better* than she realized!

***What's Happening*** continues with Betty in the column to the right >>>



### **April**

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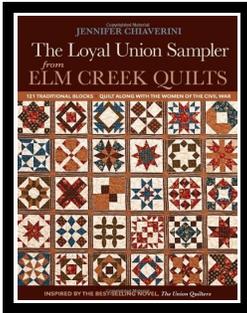
Betty visited the "Something Blue" Quilt Exhibit t at the ArtSpace in Herndon, VA on Mar. 2, along with her cousin. In her words: "It was a small exhibit but wonderful. My cousin had several entries entered from the quilt group she belongs to. They tend to do a lot of themed challenge quilts--several in the show were from their "Bridal" challenge. I liked one particular quilt because it was done in blues and grays, representing the Civil War and would like to attempt one someday; and the "Something Blue" appliqué quilt welcomed you into the building." While Betty's drive to the show was uneventful, her return was not. "It started raining ... [and] the rain changed to sleet and snow by the time I got into MD and WV. The exhibit was billed as something to do when the 'blues' of winter got you down, but it wasn't something someone ought to consider when traveling some distance. It was a slow ride home with only one-lane traffic. As I crept over those I-68 Cumberland Mountains, the song 'slip sliding away' kept running through my mind!"

**What's Happening** with you? Share your experiences with others; it's one of the reasons we're in a group!

## **March Treasure Report by Lesley**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$1,732.31
<b>Income</b>	
Check rewritten for Timmy's Fund added back into balance	10.00
Interest – 3/09	.07
Total	10.07
<b>Expenses</b>	
Terry	23.82
Total	23.82
<b>Total Income</b>	1,742.38
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>23.82</u>
<b>New Balance</b>	\$1,718.56

## Country Roads Quilt Shop



Several CRQG members are participating in the Second Saturday Club where they're making blocks from the Jennifer Chiaverini book Loyal Union Sampler from Elm Creek Quilts. The book contains the patterns for 121 traditional blocks. Guild members participating include Debbie, Deloris, Gitta, Judy, Kathryn, and Patty. The monthly classes started in January.

If you'd like to learn to embroider, the upcoming beginner class for the Snowmen Tablerunner might be just the class you've been looking for. It could be the hit of a Christmas in July celebration or it might be one less Christmas gift to make this year. Take the class; make new friends; and enjoy the company of other quilters as you learn a new craft. Classes run for three consecutive Wednesdays (April 16, 23, and 30) from 10 a.m. until noon. Requirements include scissors, needles, and an embroidery hoop. Check on needed supplies and purchase your kit when you register. Tara Wilson will be teaching the class. (Class fee \$30)

For those of you who were interested in the Alpine Lake Retreat being offered April 25-27, please submit your names for the waiting list. Although the obviously popular retreat has reached capacity, there was a recent cancellation that moved some off the waiting list. If you want that chance, you'll need to get your name added to the list.

For a complete listing of classes, go the Country Roads Quilt Shop web site ([www.countryroadsquilts.com](http://www.countryroadsquilts.com)). *You'll be glad you did!*

## Events

**Apr. 14**—Jodi Barrows is coming to Sew Chic (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) for a lecture and trunk show at the Winfield Community Building. Jodi is an internationally known quilting teacher and founder of the "Square in a Square" technique. Light refreshments will be included. Cost for the event will be \$15 plus tax. Call Sew Chic for more details and to register! For those individuals who are going to Paducah, you may just have an opportunity to catch Jodi's show there. ... Check the Sew Chic web site (<http://www.sewchic.com>).

**Apr. 15**—Jodi Barrows in an evening trunk show at the Classic Quilt Shop in Clarksburg. Jodi will talk about "her love of the Old West as well as her family's history of unique women. She will also be giving us an overview of the Square in a Square technique of piecing quilts. The trunk show will be held from 5:30 - 8:30 PM." You'll need to purchase your ticket ahead of time. Do take advantage of this opportunity! Call to check on ticket availability (304-326-6969)!

**Apr. 24** - Shop Hop Premier Party at Quilters Corner  
Begin to celebrate the upcoming Western PA Shop Hop now with the premiere of their new passport. According to their web site: "The party will give you a sneak peek at the "Through the Year" event theme, a look at a portion of this year's progressive hop quilt and the chance to purchase your 2014 passport (still only \$5.00)." There are special benefits in getting your passport early. Check their web site and find out how you can benefit. And save these dates for a fun-filled hop ... [http://www.quilterscorner-pa.com/newsletters/print\\_news/print\\_news.php](http://www.quilterscorner-pa.com/newsletters/print_news/print_news.php) Hop dates: June 18-21, 2014.

## HELP NEEDED

Monica has helped to do the newsletter for many years, and the time has come for her to step down. She hopes to devote more time to her family, animals, and many other obligations. ***A GREAT BIG THANK YOU, MONICA.*** This leaves us with just two volunteers to do the typing of the newsletter. If you would like to volunteer to do just three or four newsletters per year, please contact Linda F.

## Spring Flowers

Let the colors of spring bring you back to your quilting and even inspire you anew. ... Spring flowers are again available from the Monongalia County Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS). Order forms must be completed by Wednesday (4/9). Checks should be made payable to Monongalia County CEOS. Pickup will be Friday, May 9 (2-6 p.m.) at the Westover Senior Center Pavilion. Geraniums, double begonias, double impatiens, New Guinea impatiens, dahlietta, and wave petunias are available in 4½" pots @ \$2.95 per pot. Petunias, double petunias, alysum, spreading impatiens, dahlia, snapdragons, marigolds, and wax begonias are available in 4 or 6 plant packs @ \$2.35 per pack. You must complete the form and return it to the Monongalia County Extension Office. Fresh flowers ... you can't beat that! Questions and forms: 304-291-7201

***New member Rae Lynn had a request at our Christmas party for some hand quilting advice.***

If you can share some of your knowledge with Rae Lynn, she'd appreciate it. ...

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

Contribute your input to the CRQG newsletter! *Items for the May newsletter should be forwarded to Linda F by April 25!*