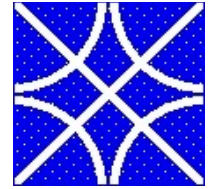


# The Postage Stamp



Country Roads Quilt Guild

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

May 2011

## Christine's Mini Notes

Hi Everyone,

April Showers brings May Flowers! I sure am ready for those May flowers. There are two appliqué blocks left to be done for the Appliqué Quilt. If anyone is interested please see Monica. Please don't forget these blocks are due at the June 9th Guild meeting. Your help is greatly appreciated. Also, please don't forget to turn your left over scraps of fabric in with your finished blocks.

Thank You for getting your dues taken care of with Tracy.

The exciting Crayon Challenge Projects are due at this guild meeting, May 12. May Workshop is on the 14th. We are doing things a little different for monthly workshops. We are having a sign-up sheet. This will give us an idea of how many are planning on coming. We voted on this because of the cost of the church and the price of gas. If you are planning on attending, then please sign the sheet or let one of the officers know so we can get you on the sign-up sheet.

Hoping to see you at the May 12th meeting. We will be discussing new and exciting events coming up for the next few months.

Keep Sewing!  
—Christine

**Country Roads Quilt Shop** (in the Seneca Center) is fabulous as are the many samples that line the walls of the shop! If you haven't been there yet, you're missing out. ... Do treat yourself to a visit soon. They're stocked with beautiful fabric and several prepackaged kits that are perfect as gifts or as quick projects for your own use. The generous-sized classroom area is along an outside wall and provides lots of natural lighting, and their class schedule is due to be posted by Saturday, May 7. Their web site ([www.countryroadsquilts.com/](http://www.countryroadsquilts.com/)) is new and has lots of room for expansion, but their shop hours are listed along with directions to the shop. And, you can also register for their newsletter, which is already available and includes a 20-percent-off coupon for fat-quarter bundles that will be good until the end of May! *See you there!*

**Pine Tree Quilt Shop** prepares to celebrate its first anniversary! They "unofficially" opened May 15, 2010, and celebrated with a grand opening on June 5. This year's first anniversary celebration will take place on **Saturday, June 4** when there will be sales, giveaways and, of course, refreshments. (The shop will be open that Saturday from 10-3.) Mark your calendars now ... you won't want to miss it.

*For more on the Pine Tree Quilt Shop, see page 4.*



**Next meeting:** May 12

**Location:** Harner Chapel

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

**Featuring:** *our* Spring Challenge



Come to the May meeting to vote on your favorite. Perhaps you'll even land in the circle of winners!

Refreshments provided by Louise.  
Minis provided by Elaine and Sandy!

## Saturday Workshop

Next project day will be held Saturday, May 14. If you'd like to participate, please let one of the officers know (by phone or email) that you plan to attend. As long as three individuals are registered, the room will be secured for the day.

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## April 14 Minutes by Michelle

The April 2011 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order with several members in attendance.

The March 2011 Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved as written. Sue M. has reviewed the financial statements for the year 2010-11 and said the account is in good standing. The new proposed budget was passed around for review.

### Committee Reports

*Linus* – Hope brought in several kits for members to take. Several options are still available for anyone interested in helping out. From cutting, piecing or quilting the tops, all are greatly appreciated. The Linus quilts will be presented at our June meeting. Louise has volunteered to bring some kits with her to the Saturday workshops for the next two months.

*Sign-up sheets* – Committee sheets were passed around again. We are still in much need of help with mailing newsletters, the holiday party, directory and community service programs. If you are willing to help with any of these please contact Michelle D.

### New Business

Tracy has volunteered to downsize the treasure box by scanning the documents that she can onto a hard drive. Everyone really liked the idea and gave her much admiration for taking on such a daunting task! Thanks Tracy!

Terri's mosaic tutorial will be posted May 1st on the AAQI blog:  
<http://aaqiupdate.wordpress.com/> Thanks Terry for being such an inspiration to us all!

*Project Day* – Our next project day is planned for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, it was agreed that it's necessary to RSVP to an officer (Christine, Monica, Tracy or Michelle) via e-mail or phone within 3 days of the workshop if you are planning to attend.

### Old Business

*Dues are due!* Dues were collected from the members *present*. \$15 unless you are a diamond member. Please contact Tracy E.

*Crayon Challenge* – Don't forget, our challenge will be due this month, HOW EXCITING!

*Quilt Donation* – The kit provided by Susan B still has just a few appliqué blocks left. 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 9<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell, and presentation of the Alzheimer quilts.

Bring extra money with you this month. We will have two monthly mini's available made by Elaine and Sandy. If anyone is interested in making a mini for July please let me know.

Refreshments will be provided by Louise.

## Shop Hop

Mountain Quilt Quest:

- ◆ **A Quilt Nook** (Ripley)
- ◆ **Elkins Sewing Center** (Elkins)  
[www.elkinssewingcenter.com](http://www.elkinssewingcenter.com)
- ◆ **Parkersburg Sewing & Quilting Center**  
[www.sewwithsheryl.com](http://www.sewwithsheryl.com)
- ◆ **Pieces of the Past** (Harrisville)
- ◆ **Quilt Shoppe LLC** (Summersville)
- ◆ **Quilts and More** (Victor)
- ◆ **Quilts by Phyllis** (Hurricane)
- ◆ **Sew Chic L.L.C** (Fairmont)  
[www.sewchic.com](http://www.sewchic.com)
- ◆ **The Sew Inn, Ltd.** (Morgantown)
- ◆ **Sew Many Blessings** (Ceredo)  
[www.sewmanyblessingswv.com](http://www.sewmanyblessingswv.com)
- ◆ **Sneeds Vacuum & Sewing Center** Charleston – [www.sneedswv.com](http://www.sneedswv.com)
- ◆ **The Stitching House and Sew Much More, LLC** (Buckhannon)  
[www.theStitchingHouse.com](http://www.theStitchingHouse.com)

Wednesday through Saturday Shop Hop  
Hours: 9 AM - 8 PM Wednesday - Friday; 9 AM - 4 PM Saturday

This 4-day event is not to be missed!

“This year, an original fabric is being created exclusively for our Shop Hop, designed by Tamarack artist Tina Richmond. Each of the 12 quilt shops will have a fabric kit. When you have collected all 12 kits you will be able to create a wonderful quilt as a memory of your journey. Charms will be given at each shop this year. .... You may pre-register (optional) or check on convenient tour bus information through our website. We are happy to mail you your FREE passport, or you may pick one up at the first shop you visit. We hope you'll join us this June!

Win prizes! Each shop will have daily prize drawings (\$50 value). As you visit each of the 12 shops, have your 'brochure' stamped as a souvenir of your visit. Enter to win at any one of the participating shops for the Grand Prize drawing. (Brochure provided at registration).” And remember, a bus is available through *The Sew Inn* (Pg. 3)

## Treasurer's Report by Tracy

**BEGINNING BALANCE.....\$2,291.35**

Income:

Mini	0
No tags	2.50
Dues	105.00
March Interest	<u>.10</u>
	107.60

Expenses:

Carolyn G.— pavilion	25.00
Tracy E. — box of checks	<u>25.50</u>
Total	50.50

**NEW BALANCE.....\$2,348.45**



May

- 9 Jane B.
- 25 Donna F.
- 28 Jane F.
- 30 Leona W.

June

- 14 Ruth Ann R.
- 15 Lou D.
- 18 Chris L.
- 24 Kathy H.
- 25 Susan B.

## The Sew Inn, Ltd.

Please note that The Sew Inn will again be providing a bus leaving from Morgantown for the Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop. Departure will be on Jun. 10 and return will be on Jun. 11. Stop in or call The Sew Inn for details and to make your reservation.

And do check out the classes being taught by our own Nancy S.

**\*\*DOUBLE WEDDING RING --Nancy**  
2 classes..... \$25.00  
**Mondays, May 9 & 23 (6-9pm)**

**DOUBLE DIAMOND RULER--Nancy**  
1 class ..... \$15.00  
**Monday, May 16 (6-9pm)**

**\*\*ORION'S STAR--Nancy**  
An Eleanor Burns quilt named for her son Orion. 2 classes ..... \$25.00  
**Monday, June 6 & 13 (6-9pm)**

M-F 10:00-6:00  
Sat. 10:00-5:00  
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thesewinn@msn.com  
304-296-6802

Other classes are also on the schedule. Do stop at The Sew Inn and see the many class offerings on display there.

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

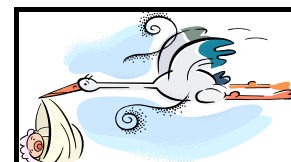
**FABRICAHOLICS CARD:** Get your card punched for every fabric purchase to earn 20 percent discount on fabric when your card is filled.

## Stork is on the way

Nana Jane just returned from 10 days in North Carolina visiting her grandsons and delivering her second dinosaur quilt!!! According to Jane, she "also stopped at The Quilt Shoppe in Summersville and the Ben Franklin in Fayetteville, which has a great selection of fabrics and a low cost. The Dragonfly Quilt Shop was great and Hobby Lobby always has treasures for me... Great trip and the third grandson is due there early September!!!"

Great news for the entire family!  
*Congratulations. ...*

The stork en-route to bless Nana Jane's family with a new arrival!



What a bargain grandchildren are!  
I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure.  
~Gene Perret



## Pine Tree Quilt Shop, LLC

Ms. Linda J. Jones, Owner  
175 Wade Street, Suite D,  
Waynesburg, PA (724-833-9147)

We all love good causes, and all would probably agree that the Relay for Life is one of the good ones! A friend (who is a cancer survivor) said her husband's office was sponsoring a Relay for Life Team for the Greene County area for April 30 and May 1, and she asked owner Linda Jones if she would consider making a quilt. Linda agreed. She selected Kansas Troubles Favorites for the fabric and the churn dash for the quilt pattern. Linda offered the opportunity to anyone who wanted to join her and fabric and directions were made available the first of February and completed blocks were returned by the end of that same month.

The Relay for Life Quilt was made by the combined efforts of 32 ladies. Lynne G. (one of the fabulous instructors at the shop) pieced the blocks and completed the machine quilting, while Linda added the binding.

*Linda commented:* "I would like to say that I was pleasantly surprised by the number of women who wanted to participate, but I really was not. I have found that the ladies who come in the quilt shop love to quilt, love to look at fabric and make new things, but most of all these ladies love to help others. I really hope that one of the Pine Tree gals win the quilt."

Trusting that good weather has to be in our forecast, make the decision now to invite a friend and take a road trip to visit the Pine Tree shop. Their most recent shipment of new fabric from Moda included Lilac Hill and Dragonfly Summer (in beautiful purples, greens, and browns). In addition to yardage, Linda also carries the new lines in Charms, Jelly Rolls, and Layer Cakes. Also in stock are 20 bolts of the new Moda "Faith" line that was designed by Howard Marcus. This fabric and pattern is the 7th in the series Collection for a Cause. The inspiration for the pattern is from a quilt dated between 1840-1860 from Massachusetts.

"The original was done in pinks and browns and Howard Marcus designers have replicated the colors and pattern as much as possible. 'Faith' is built as a round robin or medallion style quilt that begins with a star block and works outward to the final border. The final quilt will measure 78" x 90" or full size/double size. I have project sheets for this quilt at \$6.00 and have purchased all the fabrics in the quilt. I will also be cutting kits for this quilt and it will sell for \$132; there is a little over 14 total yards in this quilt. When you purchase the kit the pattern will be free."

Keep up to date on happenings at the Pine Tree Quilt Shop via their Facebook site. They have some great pics including several of the Relay for Life quilt. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Waynesburg-PA/Pine-Tree-Quilt-Shop-LLC/109163599129643?v=photos>

Don't forget the upcoming festivities! Remember, their first anniversary celebration is on schedule for **Saturday, June 4** (10-3 pm). I hope to see you there!

Pine Tree Quilt Shop is off I-79 Waynesburg (Exit 14); at the 4th light, be in the far left lane, and go straight through the light into the Auto Zone. You can go on either side of the Auto Zone to reach the gold, block building (formerly the roller rink) where the Pine Tree Quilt Shop is located in the center section of the building. Parking is directly in front of the shop.

### *A quick note from Terry*

Hello! Just want to let you know some of our members have quilts hanging at Ruby Hospital right now. Here are the details from Janet Collins:

"We have six quilts I believe hanging until June. Chris Shaffer, Leona Wilson, Rhonda Braham, Kathy Opal, Judy Harder and myself. Anyone can stop by for a look see and pick up a brochure."

Check them out if you're out that way! —Terry

### *Committee chair needed*

After several years as the chair of the Mountaineer Week Quilt Show, Terry is hoping that someone else will step up to the task. ... Please consider whether this might be something you would like to lead. Terry is willing to provide you with all the info you'll need and will be available to help. If willing, please contact Terry. ... And remember that there are opportunities to serve available for everyone. Do make an effort to be a part of this year's festivities; you'll be glad you did! And don't forget, we're going to need your quilts. ...

### *For Sale*

Bernina 135 S machine for sale. Purchased in Sept. 2004, it has been serviced on a regular basis (once or twice a year, depending on use). Upgrading to a new machine. Retail was \$1,400; now asking \$500 or best offer. ([diane1wv@yahoo.com](mailto:diane1wv@yahoo.com))

### *Dues are now past due. ...*

Don't forget to pay your dues! They're now overdue! Get them in ASAP so that you'll be included in the 2011-12 directory.)

### **Notice:**

**The Millennium Quilters** in Bridgeport have canceled their show for this year, but promise an exciting show in 2012. Please adjust your schedules accordingly. ...

## Annual Show and Sale—Berkeley Springs

### Delectable Mountains Quilt Guild—Annual Quilt Show and Sale

**When:** May 7 thru Jun. 12 ... Weekends and Memorial Day  
(and June 3 and 10) (11- 5 PM)

**Where:** The Ice House, Berkeley Springs, WV

(Corner of Independence and Mercer Streets, 1 block east of Rt. 522)

**Admission:** Free (<http://www.delectablemountainsquiltguild.com/>)

For six weekends in a row, you can go to Berkeley Springs to see this breathtaking display of quilts! And what makes this show unique is that this is both a show and sale! This year's featured quilt is "Pearls of Wisdom on the Road Less Traveled," by Marilyn Moser. According to their web site, "The show's theme 'Pearls...' is a tribute to the Guild's 30th anniversary, as well as to the growing popularity of quilts as objects of artistic value." There is no admission charge to view the show. Items offered for sale include "picnic pack-ups, notebook covers, art bowls, and of course, quilts!" They will even feature selected vendors beginning with the Scrappy Apple quilt shop from Winchester, VA.

There will also be a live auction on 53 quilts to benefit the Morgan County Interfaith Emergency Care (MCIEC). Better known as The 2011 Yard Square Quilts, this event will take place on Sunday, May 29 (2 p.m.) at the Ice House, 138 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs. Just last year, the event raised more than \$7,000 for Hospice of the Panhandle.



Are most of you familiar with Quilt Almanac?

([www.quiltmag.com/magazine/quilt-almanac-2011/](http://www.quiltmag.com/magazine/quilt-almanac-2011/))

It's a publication from the editors of QUILT Magazine and the 2011 version is really nice. In addition to some great projects, it also has a great-sounding Shop Hop scheduled for the Columbus, Ohio area. And "yes" it is a distance compounded by high gas prices. But get some quilters together and share your expenses! It would be a 2-day fun-filled trip visiting 11 shops in the Columbus area. One of the shops—Always in Stitches—in Grove City, Ohio, has a resident Monday morning reading group who actually wrote the book: The Guild in the Granary. They say a visit to the shop (which is not so coincidentally in an old granary "with open ceilings and wooden floors") is much like visiting the one described in the novel. (*Have any of you read this book?*)



Also found on the web site are some really cute (and free) patterns. If there are little girls in your life, there are some beautiful pillows to decorate a bedroom. Or maybe try pillowcases for your little one's sleep-over. You surely can't go wrong, especially if using Lil Miss Cutie Patootie Springtime collection by Desiree for Red Rooster Fabrics. *It's cheery, bright, and perfect!*

Quilt Almanac is published each January, and includes: "13-16 original projects; a

buyer's guide showcasing new fabric collections; a regional shop hop section, a spotlight on designers;" and so much more. Pick up a copy at a grocery store near you, and then share it with a friend. ([www.quiltmag.com/sewing-projects/quilt-junejuly-2011-pajama-party-pillows/](http://www.quiltmag.com/sewing-projects/quilt-junejuly-2011-pajama-party-pillows/))

## Shows

**5/14-15 ... 150th Sesquicentennial of Harrison County**  
([www.msconnie150.com](http://www.msconnie150.com)).

**5/19-21 ... Strawberry Festival**  
Sponsored by Upshur County CEOS and Quilters at Heart Guild. Rockefeller Center at WV Wesleyan College, Buckhannon. Entries to be delivered to gym on May 17 (9am–5pm) or May 18 (9–11am)  
Exhibit Hours: May 19 (10am-5 pm); May 20 and May 21 (10am–7pm).  
For information: Upshur County Extension Office – 304-473-4208.

**6/3-5 ... Quilters Unlimited 38th Annual Quilt Show** at Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA (near Dulles Airport). This is one of the largest non-juried quilt shows on the East Coast (with 650+ quilts to admire) and includes special guest, Eleanor Burns.

**6/8-11 ... Western PA 2011 Shop Hop**  
(12 shops)

**6/8-11 ... Mountain Quilt Quest—WV Shop Hop** (12 shops)

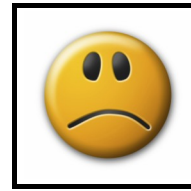
**6/23-25 ... WV Quilters Inc. Quilt Festival 2011** (Summersville)  
<http://www.wvquilters.org/>  
This is the 8th quilt show and festival of WV's only statewide quilt guild. It will feature more than 150 judged quilts; a vintage string quilt exhibit with daily lectures; full-day classes on Thurs. and Fri. and a class medley with seven instructors on Sat.; vendors, a boutique, and daily silent auctions of Little Quilts.

**6/23-25 ... Thimbles & Threads Quilt Guild Annual Show** held in conjunction with the WV Folk Festival. Quilt Show with Viewers' Choice.  
**Where:** Trinity Methodist Church  
112 E. Main Street  
Glenville  
**Hours:** Fri and Sat 10 - 4

In the crazy quilt of life, I'm glad you're in my block of friends.



## What's Happening



*Wish we knew!*

## Sheep & Fiber Fest

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

**5/21-22** ... The 8th Annual Sheep & Fiber Fest at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg (10-5) (Free)

**Saturday:** Fleece to shawl contest & auction (2:30pm) Expert spinners and weavers begin with raw materials (in a timed event) to create a finished product, which is then auctioned to the public.

**Sunday:** Kids' pedal tractor pull & auction (Ages 3-10) (2pm/register 1-2).

### **Both days:**

Sheep shearing demos (11:30; 1:30; & 3:30). Dog Shepherding (noon; 2; & 4). Juried crafts & fiber arts vendors (all day); fiber arts contest & exhibit (all day); folk and variety musicians (12 and 1; 12 and 2); children's face-painting, photos, and weed weaving! Lamb cooking & sampling w/best chefs in region.

## Hand appliqué blocks

are due at our June 9 meeting. We will be working on assembling these blocks to complete the quilt at the June 11 workshop. (And don't forget to return your scraps!)

## Project Linus quilts

will be presented at our June meeting. If you haven't yet made a quilt for this project, kits will still be available at our May meeting. Do pick one up so that you can be a part of this special cause.

*Please forward items for the June newsletter to Monica by May 27.*

### A message from Ricky Tims

Hey everybody! I'm very excited about the opportunity to bring the Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar to quilters in **Asheville** and the surrounding region. The seminar is like quilting on steroids. I've turned up the excitement by including renown quilt celebrities and quilting experts **Alex Anderson** and **Libby Lehman**!

I promise, this educational event for quilters is not like any other quilting experience. You can expect to come away with more ideas and techniques than you can imagine. There is no sewing, no supply list, and no UFOs to take home. Everyone attends all sessions so you do not have to pick and choose your teachers or classes. Expect to leave the seminar with renewed confidence and enthusiasm.

Over the two and a half days of the seminar you will learn lessons suited for experienced quilters, novice quilters, traditional quilters and contemporary quilters. You will learn simple, efficient techniques and explore the principles for successful original designs. If that were not enough, the seminar is loaded with projects that will allow you to try the various techniques when you get back to your sewing studio. Prepare to have your head spinning with excitement.

All of the sessions are enlightening and insightful and we all do our best to keep you laughing and entertained while bringing you the best we have to offer. **I'm so confident you will find this seminar to be worth it to you that I offer a full money back guarantee if you are not satisfied!**

Come with members of your guild or create your own mini-group. Register early and save!!

I look forward to seeing you there! – Ricky



September 15-17, 2011  
Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort  
Asheville, North Carolina

*Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson,  
and Libby Lehman*

Good news everyone! We are a proud Promotional Partner for the upcoming **Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar** in **Asheville, NC**. If you'd like to attend the seminar in Asheville and take advantage of the small or large group registration rates, we'll be naming a person who will collect registrations at our meetings. You won't want to miss it! Full details on Ricky's website [www.rickytims.com/seminars](http://www.rickytims.com/seminars)—**To read comments from previous registrants go to: [www.rickytims.com/quotes](http://www.rickytims.com/quotes)**  
**GET A TASTE OF THE SEMINAR, WATCH the 4-minute VIDEO AT [WWW.RICKYTIMS.COM/SEMINARS](http://WWW.RICKYTIMS.COM/SEMINARS)**