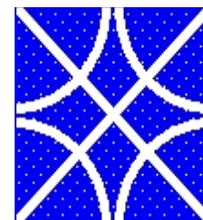


# The Postage Stamp

- Country Roads Quilt Guild -

May 2013

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>



## Tracy's Scraps

Happy May to all my quilting friends! Has everyone filled their brown bag with favorite fabrics for our Exchange? The bags are due at this month's meeting and Michelle will have more bags with her if you didn't get one in April.

We have two appliqué block kits and at least two pieced block kits remaining for the Snowman appliqué quilt. All completed blocks are due at the June meeting.

Carol, Christine, Donna, Karen, Leona, Linda, Michelle, Monica, Ruth Ann, and I traveled to Kentucky for 4 fabulous days of sewing, sharing, and quilt shop hopping. Just wait to see our "show-and-tells" and find out about the next retreat. Thanks so much to Donna & Ruth Ann for making all the arrangements!

Hope to see you at the meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Sewing - Tracy

**Next meeting:** May 9, 2013

**Location:** Harner Chapel UMC

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

**Hostesses:** Linda F. and Carol S.

**Brown Bag Exchange** begins May 9!

If you missed the CRQG April meeting, the Brown Bag Exchange was presented. Read about the details in this month's "minutes!" Just know that the bags must be brought to the May meeting! If you missed the April meeting and want to participate, please contact Michelle D to make arrangements!

## 2013-2014 Officers

**President** - Tracy E.

**Vice President** - Michelle D.

**Treasurer** - Lesley K.

**Secretary** - Karen S.

## What's Happening?



Betty and Kathryn accepted the challenge to complete a 36" block to be used in the Greenbrier Valley Theater's musical production of "The Quilters: Women & Their Domestic Art." Both provided civil war era fabrics to match the time period of the play with Kathryn piecing the double wedding ring block. Both Betty and Kathryn are planning to attend the matinee on May 18, 2013. If interested, tickets may still be available. We'll look forward to details when Betty and Kathryn return.

Judy spent eight days in Seoul, South Korea in February when she attended her son's traditional Korean wedding ceremony. The trip was fabulous and while there she traveled as far south as Busan and as far north as the DMZ. Linda F. declared Hawaii to be absolutely WONDERFUL. "The highlights were snorkeling a couple times, a whale watch cruise, a helicopter ride, and a luau." And, Carol S. sent us greetings last month from Saint Martin (or Sint Maartin as the Dutch say). If others are vacationing, please share the details! And, let's hear about some quilt stops along the way. ... Which, of course, will involve even more details. *Do let us know **What's Happening!***

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## April Minutes by Karen

The meeting was opened at Country Roads Quilt Shop by President Tracy E. Guests and quite a few members were in attendance.

The minutes were approved with one change. Members are free to the Pat Knoechel workshop. The treasurer's report was also accepted as written.

Tracy talked about the Ricky Tims Super Seminar.

### Old Business:

The retreat was discussed. We have ten members going. Snowman blocks are available and they are due in July. Last meeting we agreed to host a meeting for the WV Quilt Guild on March 29, 2014. A sheet was sent around for committees. Membership forms and dues need to be turned in now.

### New Business:

The April 20 project day has been canceled. Michelle talked about the Brown Bag Exchange.

As quilters we all have fabrics we love but are afraid to use, fabrics we bought only to feel buyer's remorse, fabrics we've acquired that is dreadfully not our style or fabrics we've been keeping our eye on to purchase at a quilt shop but not quite sure what project it may be right for. This year we hope that you will join us and participate in the Brown Bag Exchange and put these fabrics into the hands of a quilt sister for her to make you a wonderful gift!

The Brown Bag Exchange is an activity that allows each of us to explore our creative quilt making talents and in the end we will have a treasured quilted gift. Participants select fabrics of their choice, place them in a "Brown Paper Bag", and bring them to the May meeting. During that meeting, if you bring a bag, you select a bag. You take the bag home and make a quilt item, such as a purse, bag for essentials, miniature wall hanging, quilt notion, etc. from the fabrics in the bag you selected following the rules outlined below. You must use some of each of the fabrics in the bag. It is fun and it can be challenging to work with fabrics outside our own comfort zone. At our September meeting, return the completed item wrapped as a gift and then it will be return to the rightful owner and our gifts will be revealed. If you are unable to attend the September meeting, please make sure your completed item does!

Please consider participating in this challenging Guild activity.

### THE BROWN BAG RULES INSTRUCTIONS

Place a minimum of 3 cotton fabric totaling 1.5 yards in a small brown paper bag. Inside the bag there is a piece of paper, please check one that appeals most to you and place it inside your bag with the fabric. **DO NOT PLACE INSIDE ENVELOPE!**

YOUR choice of design approaches:

A. ALLOW ONE (The maker may add none, or only ONE fabric of her choice along with those you have placed in the bag to complete a quilt treasure for you.)

-- Or --

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## Va Quilt Museum

Last month, we listed two of the events scheduled for the Virginia Quilt Museum's 2013 program year. But, for those of you for whom "stars" are favorites, you might want to pencil into your calendar the fall and winter show.

### September 3 - December 14

According to the Museum's web site:

Inspired by quilts of the 19th century, 25 new quilts were created using new dimensions for old designs. Many museums, historical societies and private collectors gave permission for their quilts to be reproduced by members of the international American Quilt Study Group for this display. Along side the AQSG's exhibit will be star quilts from the Museum's permanent collection. Come enjoy "stargazing" at the Virginia Quilt Museum.

## Quilt Trail

### Shenandoah Valley Quilt Trail

"In early 2011, several business sites-- Patchwork Plus, Thomas House Restaurant, The Shops of the Dayton Farmers Market, The Shenandoah Heritage Farmers Market, The Virginia Quilt Museum, Hardesty-Higgins House and Hess Furniture--hosted painted wooden quilt squares as a community test to see if there was interest in a quilt trail for the area." By November, a committee was formalized to create what is now known as the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Trail. Link to their web site and learn more about their mission, logo, history and heritage. Then, when you visit the Virginia Quilt Museum, you can also take in the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Trail through *Harrisonburg and Rockingham County*. (<http://shenandoahvalleyquilt-trail.wordpress.com/>)

## Minutes continued

B. BE CREATIVE (The maker may add none, or as MANY fabrics a she chooses along with those you have placed in the bag to complete a quilt treasure for you.)

Write YOUR name on a piece of paper and place inside the envelope, seal it and place inside the bag with your fabric.

Bring the bag to the MAY meeting.

Place it on the collection table. During the meeting, you will have the opportunity to select a bag to work with. You will be asked to look inside the bag only to make sure it's not your fabric. Then you will write your name on the outside of the envelope and give it to Michelle Donlin. The quilt items are due back for the SEPTEMBER 2013 meeting, along with any remaining fabric wrapped as a gift. There are no size requirements.

Please join us in this wonderful Guild activity! If you are unable to attend April/May meetings and would like to participate please contact me so we can make arrangements. All those participating must have the bags at the May meeting. Any Questions? Please call me. 304-363-2680 Thanks! Michelle

Information was given by Betty C. about the theater based on the book "The Quilters." She explained about the quilt blocks that were needed. If anyone is interested in going they should contact Betty. Everyone should have received an email with a detailed explanation.

Several members presented show and tell.

A new member Franny King explained to the group about the Ricky Tims Super Seminar that we would like to host. She explained that at least thirty volunteers would be needed. We would be able to tap other quilt guilds for help. The WV group would be available for help. The Seminar will be at least two years away. A hand vote was then taken to submit the proposal, which passed unanimously. Hostesses for May are Linda F. and Carol S. Meeting was adjourned for shopping.

## CRQG Retreat

Our CRQG Retreat was a resounding success! There was lots of sewing, shopping, eating, and camaraderie crammed into four days. There should be lots of "Show and Tell" at the next meeting. Everyone agreed they had a wonderful time and want to do it on an annual basis. Unfortunately, the Sewed Inn is closing, so we'll need to find another place for the next retreat. Not to worry; Donna has already started a list of possibilities. Those in attendance were Donna, Ruth Ann, Christine, Leona, Tracy, Michelle, Monica, Carol, Karen, and Linda F.

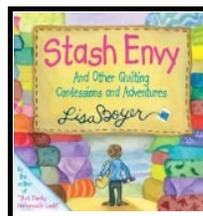


May 9 Jane B  
 May 25 Donna F  
 May 28 Jane F  
 May 30 Leona W

## Treasurer's Report by Tracy

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> .....	<b>\$1,963.22</b>
 <u>Income:</u>	
Dues	\$255.00
No name tag	3.50
Monthly Mini	27.00
Interest	.08
<i>Total</i>	<b>285.58</b>
 <u>Expenses:</u>	
Retreat Food	186.90
<i>Total</i>	<b>186.90</b>
 <b>NEW BALANCE</b> .....	 <b>\$2,061.90</b>

## Book Share



Summer vacation is a perfect time for a quick read... and both of Lisa Boyer's books will fit that bill.

They're collections of real-life shorts supposedly from the author's own experiences with quilting. If you're a struggling quilter, read Boyer's books. They won't make you a better quilter, but they're guaranteed to bring some laughs to the process.

## Upcoming Events



**May 21 Pat Knoechel – Quilt in A Day's Trunk Show & Quilt Demo**  
St. Thomas À Becket Episcopal Church, 75 Old Cheat Road, Morgantown (1:30–3:30 pm or 6:30–8:30 pm).

Pat, who is a sister to Eleanor Burns, will be presenting the latest tips, tricks, new products and patterns from Quilt in a Day. And, as always, she'll have her trunks full of the latest quilts for our viewing pleasure! And there has to be a new book! This visit will be no exception, plus the new book comes complete with recipes – 16 traditional blocks in both 12" and 6" sizes – and each is named after a food or related kitchen item! Check the web site for complete details! (<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/pat.html>)

**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.

**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 2013 WV MOUNTAIN QUILT QUEST – "Celebrate"**  
9 am – 8 pm Wednesday through Friday and 9 am – 4 pm Saturday  
This year's "hop" will celebrate its 10th Anniversary along with the W. Va. Sesquicentennial – 150 years of statehood and various quilt activity statewide. Visit [www.mountainquiltquest.com](http://www.mountainquiltquest.com) for more information and a list of all 11 participating shops. This year's quilt was designed by local Huntington, WV artist, Eileen Farren.

**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 20-22 West Virginia Quilt Festival 2013**  
For all details, check the web site ([www.wvquilters.org/2013Festival.html](http://www.wvquilters.org/2013Festival.html))  
[Summersville Arena and Conference Center \(the Armory\)](#)

Featuring 150+ Judged Quilts; Hand Quilting Demonstrations; Special Exhibit: "Round Robin Quilts"; Little Quilt Silent Auctions every day, and the Grand Feature Live Auction at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday; Classes, Lecture & Concert; 2 Dinners; Vendors; and Boutique.

Thursday/7 p.m. - Lecture and Trunk Show "A Modern Mix" by Anita Shackelford

Friday/7 p.m. - WV Quilters, Inc. General Meeting

Friday/7 p.m. - A Concert of Quilting Songs by Cathy Miller

**June 27-29 44th Annual NQA Quilt Show—Celebrate America!** Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH.  
Show will include nearly 500 competition and special exhibit quilts, classes, free lectures, special events and an extensive vendor mall. This year's themed exhibit of Celebrate America! quilts will include the 5th Annual SewBatik Challenge. Also showcased will be a number of featured exhibits including the Hoffman Challenge's 25th Anniversary exhibit, 25th Anniversary Silver Thread, Power Suit Quilts, and The Legacy of Linen.

## Western PA Shop Hop

The Western Pa. Shop Hop will be held June 19-22 (W-F 10-9 pm) (S 10-5 pm). Participating shops include Quilters Corner, The Quilt Company, Amy Baughman's Sew & Quilt, Quilt Patch Etc., Quilters Depot, Muddy Creek Originals, Piecing it Together, Peace by Piece Quilt & Gift Shop, The Quilting Bee, and Sew Special (Uniontown). If you've not been to Sew Special now might be a good chance to check them out! Grab some friends, Join the hop, and remember to report back for *What's Happening!*

## Cedar Lakes Retreat

**October 13–18, 2013.**

In 2012, more than 300 quilt-makers, representing 21 states, gathered and had a ball at the Quilt Camp at Cedar Lakes. To see how much fun they had, you can click on their Internet site and see for yourself! Also available are links to the retreat setting, participants in action, as well as a listing of classes and registration details. ([http://www.pegspatches.com/TQC\\_home.html](http://www.pegspatches.com/TQC_home.html)). (Adobe Flash player required).

If you have a group that you're working with, please share your story. Not only is it of interest to us, but in some small ways, it gives us the opportunity to support your efforts.

**Make your voice heard. ...**  
Contribute your input to the CRQG newsletter!

*Please forward items for the June newsletter to Monica by May 31!*