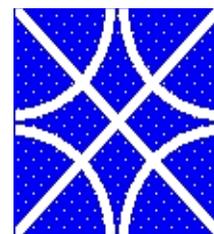


The Postage Stamp

~ Country Roads Quilt Guild ~

May 2014—Happy Mother's Day!

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Tracy's Scraps

Hooray for warm weather! Shorts, flip flops, soccer & baseball games, and taking the kids & grandkids outside to play. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holiday with family and friends. And Memorial Day weekend is quickly approaching. May each of you find time to finish a UFO or organize scraps or scout fabric for a new project. Thanks to everyone who came out to support Peggy at the April meeting and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Tracy

Spotlight: Paducah—2015

You can do it, too! Start saving now for the American Quilter's Society's Annual (Apr. 22-25) Quilt Show in Paducah—2015 and make a dream become a reality. Deloris and Patty enjoyed the trip this year and share with us now some of the highlights of their trip.

Featured at the 2014 juried and judged show were more than 400 quilts on display and a merchant mall that was excellent. Actually, the merchant mall was more than excellent, where Deloris and Patty saw Jodi Barrows, Marti Mitchell, Alex Anderson, and Ricky Tims. One of the highlights of their trip, of course, was a Friday evening dinner with Eleanor Burns that took place in her living quarters above one of her stores. (As a note, Deloris said her residence is also available for retreats.) Deloris commented that Eleanor was "so down to earth and funny" just as we would imagine her being. Also attending the dinner get-together were Eleanor's son Orion and his two children. Eleanor was also seen at another venue where Deloris and Patty heard a 1½-hour talk provided by the famed quilter. At that time, she commented on her new ruler (designed by son Orion) for a wonky log cabin, which will be featured in her new book coming out in August. (We may be able to pre-purchase one of the books at the Pat Knoechel show on May 20, where we'll hopefully see the quilt as part of the trunk show.) Deloris said the middle of the original quilt was done by Eleanor; one row was done by Alex Anderson; another row was completed by Nancy Zieman; and the quilt was completed by Mark Lapinski. I'm sure it will be something to see. ... The trip also included a Rotary Club Antique Quilt Show where they saw many beautiful antique quilts on display as well as a sale of antique quilts and original feed sacks. We hear that "bus mates" included Fran Kordek and former guild member Rhonda Braham. Door prizes, tons of food, snacks, and a seemingly limitless supply of water were available during their bus travels. Deloris recommends the bus trip to anyone going on a first visit to Paducah. Everything is planned for your entire trip with free time to visit the places of interest. Lunches and dinners at local churches were scheduled into the itinerary, and they enjoyed many features you just wouldn't know about unless you were a part of an organized charter trip. *Sounds like a trip of a lifetime! Start making your plans now ... it's never too early.*

Next meeting: May 8, 2014

Location: Harner Chapel

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Hostesses: Tracy and Michelle

Monthly Novelty: Leona

Program:

Ricky Tims Super Seminar!

Franny will preview "How to make a Ricky Tims Kaleidoscope quilt." Then, we will "assembly line" Ricky Tims postcards with heart pins. These "show promotions" will be distributed for the Super Seminar at the local quilt shops during the WV and PA shop hops and for the WV Quilt Festival. Franny will bring all the materials.

2014-2015 Officers

President – Tracy

Vice President – Michelle

Treasurer – Lesley

Secretary – Karen

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April Minutes by Karen

1. The meeting was called to order at Country Roads Quilt Shop by President Tracy. One guest was present. A motion to accept the Minutes as written in the newsletter was made by Monica and seconded by Carol. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written was made by Christine and seconded by Rae-Lynn.
2. Under old business no one had signed up for the November novelty. Franny volunteered.
3. A thank you was given for those who worked or volunteered for the WV Quilt Guild meeting. It was a big success.
4. Membership forms and dues are to be given to Treasurer Leslie.
5. Franny reported on the Ricky Tims workshop. The registration forms will probably be posted in July or August. She would like everyone to get the word out to all their quilting friends and other quilt guilds. We may devote some of next meeting to make more postcards. She wants everyone to be Ambassadors.
6. The proposed budget was discussed. Carol had several questions. The first one was on the category named historical. It was explained that it had been kept in case we would ever need it. Next she suggested that we bring our own food for any future retreats instead of putting it in the budget. Finally she suggested that we lower the budget for the Christmas party and donate the money to someone needy. Also while we were discussing the budget it came up that we need to form a committee to work on the forms for a new tax number. Carol made a motion to do this and it was seconded by Kathryn. A number of people volunteered to be on the committee. It was decided to table the acceptance of the budget until next month's meeting.
7. The Opportunity Quilt was discussed. Since it had been talked about at the officers meeting Karen showed a couple of samples that she had worked out. They were string piecing using the WV blue and gold colors. However we are not permitted to use any logo fabric. Linda R. suggested that everyone use the same color for our center strip on a 10" muslin foundation. It was then agreed upon by the members to each purchase the chosen fabric that evening. The directions for the block will be written up and published on our website as well as in the newsletter. We need to have the blocks returned by the July meeting. To make a queen size quilt we need at least 100.
8. Carol has an email address for the Pat Knoechel workshop on May 20 (quiltwithpat@gmail.com). She would like everyone who is planning to attend to email with their name, phone number and whether they would like to attend either the morning or the afternoon session.
9. Meeting adjourned for show and tell.

What's Happening?!

Carol is spending two weeks in Hawaii visiting the islands of Oahu and Maui where she plans to "bask in the sun!" (According to the Internet, she's picked the best time of year to do just that!) Of course, she's also mentioned checking out a few Hawaiian quilt shops so we'll want a full report on her many "finds." Topping off her trip, she'll spend "four days in Wyoming/Colorado to see the old stomping grounds and the people who come with it." We've heard in the past that they have some pretty fine quilt shops there as well. ...

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Words of Advice

At the Christmas party, those attending provided some "words of advice" that were shared in the Jan. newsletter. The remaining suggestions follow:

Words of advice from Kathryn:

When piecing or quilting by hand, use a pack of 'between' needles and thread ALL of them on your spool of thread. Then, sew without stopping to re-thread, pushing remaining needles down the thread as you go.

Words of advice from Patty O:

Don't sweat it if your seams don't match or you lose your points.

Words of advice from Gitta:

To get your UFOs finished: make a list of 6 to 8 projects; number them; work on each at least 1 hour before moving on to the next. When one is finished, add another UFO or start a new project.

Words of advice from Christine:

Make a tote/purse out of an old pair of jeans or shorts!

Words of advice from Betty:

Read instructions through for a pattern; then change it to something easier to do.

Words of advice from Debbie S:

Do your binding when you finish your quilt - before you send to be quilted. That way you can find the fabric!

Words of advice from Judy:

Have some projects ready for immediate sewing whenever you can find some free time.

Words of advice from Linda R:

Start early; don't wait until you retire!

What's Happening?! continued

Ruth Ann and Donna had the opportunity to join the Ohio Quilters for a retreat the weekend of April 25, where they had a great time. "We stayed at Zinck's Inn in Berlin, Ohio. We had the conference room all to ourselves, so we could come and go as we pleased. There were discounts given for local shops and OF COURSE we shopped. Can't resist discount coupons! We took in at least two new shops and some favorites. Looking forward to the next retreat."

The Jodi Barrows show was excellent! (If she's ever in the area, all are encouraged to attend!) I don't know if any of us left without one of her fabulous "square in a square" rulers, along with one or more of her books. We also discovered that she's added a series of novels to her repertoire, and we'll check with some of our members who purchased them to see whether they'd like to recommend them to others.

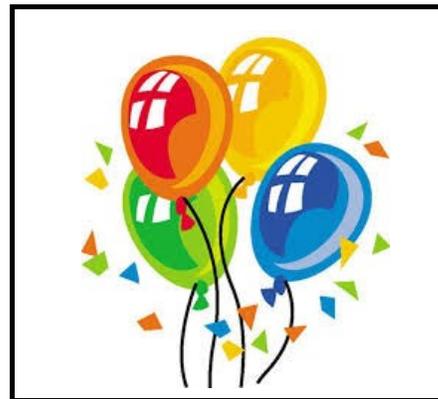
Some of those seen at the Jodi Barrows show included Debbie and her mom, Carolyn, Vicki, Terry, Deloris, Gitta, Patty, and Judy. Special thanks go out to Sue at Sew Chic who sponsored the Jodi Barrows show. Sue greeted each of us upon our arrival and extended an invitation to the light refreshment table that had an assortment of cookies, delicious mini cupcakes, cheeses and dips, and a variety of drinks. Sue also provided each of us with a discount coupon for some after-show shopping. ... *Thank you, Sue!*

After a trip to Sew Chic, Debbie and her mom led Deloris, Gitta, Patty, and Judy on a scenic ride through the countryside to Tygart Lake where a delicious lunch was enjoyed from a table located alongside the 2-story windows that overlook the lake and a great time was had chatting about our day's activities. While there, rooms were booked for the upcoming Tygart Lake quilt retreat. The project for this year's retreat (scheduled for Oct. 31–Nov. 2) is a mystery quilt with directions already available for fabric quantities along with a cutting guide so that you can arrive and immediately begin sewing. If you've never tried a mystery quilt, you could be in for a pleasant surprise. Those not so daring can bring their own projects. I'm also told a combined effort will produce a quilt of valor for a person serving in the military. Some plan to arrive Thursday for an afternoon of sewing, before the retreat officially begins on Friday. The session usually ends around noon on Sunday. However, if no one else schedules the room, quilters can stay on for a few additional hours of afternoon quilting before calling it a day. For details, contact Becky Willis or Nancy Swisher. Remember that registration is limited to 25 quilters so act now to reserve your space. *I hope to see some of you there!*

Speaking of retreats, we failed to report on those who attended the 18th Annual Quilt Retreat sponsored by the WVU Lewis County Extension office and held March 7-9. Guild attendees included Debbie, Deloris, Gitta, and Patty all of whom participated in Kathy Lanham's Curved Diamonds class. Although there were no actual "curves" (but rather the *illusion* of curves) in the 45"x45" wall hanging, it was listed as "an intense intermediate/advanced class." The popularity of the class was witnessed by being completely filled by Aug. 1, 2013 ... so if you plan to participate in a class next year, take heed that early registration for the class of your choice is highly recommended.



Also involved with the retreat—but on the instructor level—was former guild member Linda J. The hand appliqué class for "Dainty Darling" came complete with background fabric, fabric for the Dainty Darling, beads and embroidery floss, pattern and instructions." Long-time Guild members will remember Linda's award winning original appliqué "Amazing Grace" that featured this same recognizable style.



May

05—Rae Lynn Reynolds

09—Jane Ball

25—Donna Foley

28—Jane Fleming

30—Leona Wilson

Our best wishes to the Sew Inn management and staff!

We're all so sorry to hear of Ginny's retirement from The Sew Inn. However, until she closes, we're hopeful that someone will come along and continue the 41-year history of the shop.

Our best wishes go out to Ginny and her staff! We've all benefitted so much not only because of the shop, but for the personal attention she has paid to our every need. Stay tuned to our next newsletter for a tribute to Ginny. ...

In the meantime, remember: fabric cards and gift certificates can still be used; machine repairs can still be made and suggestions for future maintenance will be provided; Long Arm Sally is planning to relocate and will advise you of her whereabouts when that move is accomplished; and most books and patterns have already been reduced by 50 percent. Stay tuned for future announcements.

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

April Treasure Report by Lesley

Beginning Balance	\$1,718.56
Income	
Interest – 4/09	0.07
Total Income	0.07
Expenses	
Panera	30.68
Leslie –xerox registration/budget forms	6.36
Total Expenses	37.04
Total Income	1,718.63
Total Expenses	<u>37.04</u>
New Balance	\$1,681.59

Upcoming Events

May 3

Sewing for Soldiers – Saturday Sew In at Maranatha Fellowship Church, St. Albans. Sewing Quilts of Valor for 45 WV Wounded Warriors who have requested quilts.

May 8

Country Roads Quilt Guild—monthly meeting at Harner Chapel.

May 17-18

11th Annual Sheep and Fiber Fest at Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg (<http://www.waynesburgpa.org/Events/sheep>).

May 20

Patricia Knoechel (Eleanor Burns' sister) presenting Quilt in A Day's Trunk Show and Quilt Demo. Details (countryroadsquiltguild.org/pat.html). Reserve a seat by emailing: QuiltwithPat@gmail.com. Include: name, phone number and choice of afternoon or evening.

May 23-25

45th Annual NQA Quilt Show at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (<http://www.nqaquilts.org/>) Bus trip planned through CRQShop.

June 4-7

Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop (www.wvmountainquiltquest.com).

June 6-7

Annual Quilt Show at Seneca Center sponsored by Country Roads Quilt Shop.

June 18-21

Western PA Shop Hop (www.westernpashophop.org/).

June 19-21

West Virginia Quilt Festival 2014
Summersville <http://wvquilters.org/2014Festival.html>).

Save this 2015 Date! July 16-18, 2015 – Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminar, Morgantown, WV (www.rickytims.com/seminars).

Newsletter “thanks”

Special “thanks” go out to Kathryn who stepped in to fill the opening on the Newsletter production team. Kathryn will be compiling our June news so please remember that the outcome of Kathryn's efforts are in direct relation to the input provided by you. ...

Directory photos

Linda F. is collecting pictures for the directory. If you are happy with the picture that was in last year's directory, you needn't do anything. However, if your picture was not in the directory or you want an updated picture, you can email one to Linda or give her a picture that she can scan. Linda will have her camera on hand at the May meeting if you prefer that she take your picture.

Quilters Quest Shop Hop

Save these dates: Nov. 7-16

MARYLAND

Bear's Paw Fabrics – Towson

([Bear's Paw Fabrics](#))

Capital Quilts – Gaithersburg

([Capital Quilts](#))

Cottonseed Glory – Annapolis

([Cottonseed Glory](#))

Material Girls – LaPlata

([Material Girls Quilt Boutique](#))

Patches Quilting and Sewing –

Mt. Airy ([Patches Quilting & Sewing](#))

Traditions at the White Swan –

Hagerstown

([Traditions at the White Swan](#))

VIRGINIA

Jinny Beyer Studio – Great Falls

([Jinny Beyer Studio](#))

Kelly Ann's Quilting – Warrenton

([Kelly Ann's Quilting](#))

The Crazy Cousin – Fredericksburg

([The Crazy Cousin](#))

The Scrappy Apple – Winchester

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Items for the June newsletter should be forwarded to Kathryn by May 30.