



The Postage Stamp

~ Country Roads Quilt Guild ~

May 2015 — Happy Mother's Day

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

Kathryn's Klips

Thank you Christine for teaching the "stack and whack" technique using thread! I got five of my eight blocks completed on that day. Each block came out so different, it will be a treat to see all of them at our May meeting. Perhaps this could be a future Mountaineer quilt pattern?!?

Remember, we will be collecting 'Bear Paw' 6.5" blocks for the 2015 opportunity quilt at the May and June meetings. If you will need another day at Harner Chapel to get them done, please bring it up at our meeting, and we will schedule another work day.

I am in awe of the beauty of spring from the dogwood trees to the smell of lilacs, while consuming my allergy medications, daily. Every time it rains, it seems the earth is cleansed of the winter gray bringing the leaves on the trees and the flowers in bloom. All of the new spring sightings reminds me of the beautiful fabric available to make our own masterpieces.

Happy Quilting,
Kathryn

What's Happening

Linda T recently went on a road trip in search of some older fabrics that she needed for a quilt. She visited Quilters Corner (Finleyville), Gloria Horn Studio (Pittsburgh), Quilters Depot (Castle Shannon), The Quilting Needle (Glenshaw), and The Quilt Company (Allison Park). Linda said she particularly enjoyed her last two stops, which were just a little over a mile apart with each specializing in different fabrics. She recommends visiting both! Coincidentally, all but Gloria Horn Sewing Studio (www.sew412.com) are going to be a part of the **Western PA Shop Hop** (www.westernpashophop.org) June 17-20. A visit to their web site will provide you with a link to each of the 12 shops for a quick visit. Plus, you can create a map that will take you from your front door to each of the 12 participating shops! This year's theme is *Hop Around the World*. Two of our own local shops are part of the action: Sew Special (Uniontown) and The Pine Tree (Waynesburg). The hop's grand prize is a weekend at Seams Like Home Quilting Retreat! *Sounds like fun!* Linda, are you ready for another road trip?!

Deloris and **Patty** had a wonderful time at the Country Roads Quilt Shop's Alpine Lake retreat. "The area we quilted in was very nice and had everything needed plus great lighting. The class was the Lemoyne star and the instructor was very knowledgeable and helpful. There were lots of prizes given. Will definitely go again." Also participating—and enjoying every minute—were **Linda R** and **Dianna C**. Do keep in mind that Country Roads Quilt Shop also provides a fall retreat, so be on the lookout for additional details as they become available. ...

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Next meeting: May 14, 2015

Location: Harner Chapel

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Hostesses: Linda F and Lesley K

Monthly Novelty: Laura S

Program: Binding by Chris

Memorial Day (May 25) is the day we pay respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedoms. Learn more about what you might do for today's veterans:

www.allpeoplequilt.com/

[millionpillowcases/wheretodonate/;](http://millionpillowcases/wheretodonate/)

[www.quiltsofhonor.org/;](http://www.quiltsofhonor.org/) [www.govf.org/;](http://www.govf.org/)

[www.fonsandporter.com/](http://www.fonsandporter.com/articles/Quilts_of_Valor)

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April Minutes by Jane L

Meeting Minutes—April 9, 2015

The April meeting was held at Country Roads Quilt Shop at Seneca Center. The meeting was called to order by President Kathryn G. She welcomed our new treasurer, Carol S.

Kathryn G. provided our monthly mini, which was done by the Smithtown guild. Guests (Maggie, Pat and Marina) were welcomed.

Officers Reports

Secretary – Report prepared by Jane L.

The motion to accept as published was made by Christine S., 2nd by Michele D. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Report prepared by Lesley K.

The motion to accept as published was made by Christine S., 2nd by Monica M. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Committee and hostess sign-up sheets were passed around.

Ricky Tims committee - Kathryn G. announced that Ricky Tims is making a new video for our show. It will debut after his Delaware show is over. Registration is now approximately 170 people. The deadline to register with early-bird pricing is May 15. Volunteers are still needed to work at the seminar.

Newsletter committee – This committee needs volunteers to compose monthly newsletters. Please let Kathryn G. know if you are willing to help.

Pat Knoechel trunk show – Carol S. discussed plans for this event which will occur on May 19, 2015. Two shows (1:30-3:30 or 6:30-8:30) are available. There is no charge for guild members and a \$5 entry fee for non-members. Location: St. Thomas á Becket Church (75 Old Cheat Road). RSVP to: quiltwithpat@gmail.com

Old Business

Guild Shirts - Michele D. delivered shirts which had been pre-ordered.

Stack 'N Whack – Christine S. described the class to be taught at Harner Chapel on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 9:00 am. Fabric needs: 8 repeats of a bold fabric; 3.5 yds. of background (which will be cut at home); and tools (sewing machine, rotary cutter, cutting mat, contrasting thread, needle, scissors, a 6.5 x 12 ruler with a 45° angle).

Membership – Kathryn G. reminded us about membership renewal. Please fill out a membership form and pay dues. (Membership forms were available at the meeting and can also be found on-line.) Christine S. asked about membership cards. Membership cards will be prepared.

New Business

Guild pins – Kathryn G. announced that a few guild pins were available.

Opportunity quilt – Karen S. displayed fabric choices for the Bear Paw pattern voted on last meeting. A motion to use gold for the “paw” and a dark blue background was made by Debbie S., 2nd by Carol S. Motion carried.

Membership status – Kathryn G. brought up a possible change in diamond membership status to help with our negative cash flow.

Program

Peggy Elwood of Country Roads Quilt Shop discussed new things in the quilting world, and what is going on in the shop. Check their webpage for upcoming classes: <http://www.countryroadsquilts.com>

Announcements

Country Roads Quilt Shop info

June 12 -13 Country Roads Quilt Show and silent auction (benefits local food banks).

Bring quilts to display by June 9

Country Roads Quilt Shop is participating in the Row by Row experience this year. The theme this year is water. Collect rows from June 21-Sept 8.

More information: <http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com/>

October 30-Nov 1 WVU Mountaineer Week Quilt show.

Refreshments

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the family of Mary Jefferys who passed away on Friday, May 1. Services were held Tuesday, May 5, with burial at Beverly Hills Cemetery. Mary was a former member of our guild, and we know her best through her daughter-in-law Melissa. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Community Service



Ask Deloris and Patty and they'll tell you that “service” is spelled CEOS (aka Community Educational Outreach Service). CEOS is an organization that offers great opportunities for education, fellowship, and service to the community and state. These quilts made by Deloris and Patty (plus seven others) are being donated to the Chestnut Mountain Ranch.

www.chestnutmountainranch.org/ Special thanks go to The Sew Inn for a significant donation of fabric, Quilters on the Run for tying the quilts, and Cass CEOS for their many good works. CEOS offers fun, friendship, and fellowship through learning, serving, and caring. If you'd like to learn more about this statewide organization, talk with some of our CEOS members: Deloris, Patty, Melissa, and Judy or contact WVU Extension Service Monongalia County office (291-7201).



On the Road with Franny King



Recently, I traveled to Iowa to help my husband move to Nebraska for his work. After packing, cleaning, moving and unpacking, I made time to visit the International Quilt Study Center & Museum at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. I was lucky to have a guided tour by a well informed Docent Volunteer. I got to see exhibits from Victoria Findlay Wolfe, *Covering the War*, *Reflections of the Exotic East*, *Signature Quilts*, and *Seminole Contemporary Clothes*. (Photos at left are from the exhibits).

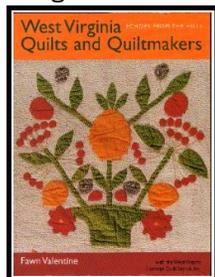


They have over 4,000 quilts in their collection. With a recent addition, they will be able to quadruple that amount. At any time, there are about 50 quilts on display. You can learn more at: www.quiltstudy.org. You can search their website for all types of quilts in their entire collection.

Saturday, I attended the West Virginia Quilt Guild meeting in Alderson, WV. After making a presentation promoting the Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar, I was fortunate to hear Fran Kordek speak about the West Virginia Heritage Quilt Search Project. Fran is a NQA Certified Judge and member of the Log Cabin Quilters in Elkins, WV. This huge project was a volunteer effort to document pre-1940 quilts residing in West Virginia. In 1992, quilt documentation days were held throughout our state. Many guilds and Extension Homemakers groups (now known as CEOs) brought 4,000 items. The information was later transcribed into a computer database and information, stories and photos were published in 2000 in *West Virginia Quilts and Quiltmakers, Echoes from the Hills* by Fawn Valentine. The collected data has all been stored in the archives at the Culture Center in Charleston, WV.

The Alliance for American Quilts is a non-profit organization whose mission is "to document, preserve, and share our American quilt heritage." Together with the University of Michigan, they have developed an impressive quilt research site, which makes available information gathered during various documentation projects. The information gathered during the West Virginia project has been added to the site. This information is now available to serious quilt scholars worldwide, as well as to anyone interested in viewing, studying and just plain enjoying our state's wonderful quilting heritage. (The site can be accessed through the WV quilters link noted below.)

Fran also shared a beautiful trunk show of her original quilt designs. Many quilts were inspired by antique quilts she saw during the Heritage Quilt Search. She commented that the West Virginia Quilt Guild was started as a result of the enthusiasm created by the project to preserve West Virginia quilt heritage and grow the quilting culture in the state. The Guild voted on Saturday to continue the West Virginia Quilt Search project. It was well worth the long day of travel to meet with the guild members and learn about this project.



West Virginia Quilts and Quiltmakers

Echoes from the Hills by FAWN VALENTINE

A treasury of Mountain State heirlooms.

Publication of this book was made possible through a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

For more information on the book and/or documentation project, use this link: www.wvquilters.org/heritage.html

Fran Kordek



Fran Kordek is a fabulous quilter, judge, speaker, and a number of years ago, Fran provided a lecture and trunk show at one of our guild meetings.

Fran has also played an important part in the West Virginia Heritage

Quilt Search and is offering "Discussions on Documenting WV Quilts" (Fri. & Sat.) at the WV Quilt Festival being held June 18-20 in Summersville.

Beyond the volunteer efforts, she has also designed patterns inspired by quilts documented during the search.



Sunburst was inspired by a quilt that resides at the Pearl S. Buck birthplace in Hillsboro, WV.

Fran's 12-block rendition received a number of ribbons

including Best of Show at the WV Quilters, Inc. 2006 Quilt Festival.



Pyrotechnics (also known as Farmer's Fancy) was another quilt inspired by quilts documented during the quilt search in the southeast area of the state. Fran's 4-block version, completed in 2000, has done well in competitions as

well as having been featured in several publications. Fran is also known for her stained glass and Celtic Appliqué by Machine patterns.

Some of our guild members have taken Fran's classes featuring these two patterns at the Annual Quilt Retreat sponsored by the WVU Extension Service—Lewis County office. In recent years, she has led the retreat's "studio" session where you bring your own projects and benefit from her guidance and inspiration.

Fran's designs and patterns are available for purchase on her web site: www.subtleendeavors.com/index.html

What's Happening *continued*

Susan B and mother-in-law **Jan** visited two shops in Washington state while Jan was visiting this past month. Susan says that "Pacific Fabrics in Everett (www.pacificfabrics.com/) is a large store with all kinds of fabrics and craft supplies. They have a nice quilting fabric section and have a fun Washington panel that just came out. Keepsake Cottage Fabrics in Bothell (www.keepsakecottagefabrics.com/) is a much smaller store in a cute old barn type building. They appear to have every Moda bolt known to man. They have a ton of fabric. So much so that most of the store is stacked at least 2 bolts deep. It's like a treasure hunt when you're finding fabric to coordinate with others you already have. The staff is super friendly and magically knows where each bolt is. The owner's husband is from the Charleston area." **Susan** is looking forward to the Ricky Tims seminar in July. "It will be great to see and catch up with members I haven't seen for a couple of years."

Deloris and **Gitta** are taking a Judy Niemeyer paper piecing class at the Summersville quilt show in June. Plus, **Deloris**, **Patty**, **Gitta**, and **Debbie** just started a block of the month (BOM) project at Sew Special.

Susan P took **Chris'** Stack 'n Whack guild workshop. According to Susan, "It was a great way to learn a new technique. I stacked and I whacked and made an awesome quilt block. Not only that, but I made some new friends." Other participants included **Karen S**, **Leona W**, **Kathryn G**, and **Kris P**. Apparently it was a relaxing and enjoyable day with lots accomplished! *Chris, thanks for sharing your talents!*

Carol S bought a couple items in Florida that she thought might be handy. One was a set of silicone fingertips that you use while working on close pressing projects to keep from burning your fingers. "I also purchased this cute little light that you'd wear on your finger that would work for hand quilting (thought it might make a cute gift!). However, no one gets to try it because my grand-dog found the bag and the light and managed to chew it apart! *Grrrrrrr!*" **Carol** and **Linda F** took **Terry's** WV Mosaic class at Sew Special. "It was fun and I actually learned some techniques that I can use for my church banner I'm working on!" Just as a reminder, **Terry's** class is also being offered at the WV Quilters Show in Summersville in June. Details are on-line www.wvquilters.org/2015Festival.html.

Laura S visited Eleanor's Quilt Shop in Reedsville and reported running into several guild members enjoying the sale; they included **Christine**, **Leona**, **Debbie** and **Gitta**. **Laura** said: "It's great to share news of sales with others!" And, she's absolutely right. If you have things to share or know of upcoming events, just contact **Terry** (countryroadsquiltguild@yahoo.com), and she'll see that it's distributed through the guild listserv. Thanks in this case go to **Christine** for seeing that we got the message in time to respond to the sale!

Ruth Ann had what sounds like a fabulous time on her trip to Amish Country. "I went with the Ohio Quilters on a retreat to Zinck's Inn in Berlin, Ohio (April 23-26). There were about 32 ladies there, and we all had a wonderful time. What was a coincidence was that the two ladies who sat across from me started talking about the Ricky Tims Seminar and one had signed up in February as soon as she saw it advertised. The other lady was going home from the retreat and signing up quickly so she could carpool with her friend. When they found out that it's so close to where I was from, they started asking questions. So it really is a small world that the ladies I have become friends with in Ohio were so excited to come to Morgantown to meet Ricky and Alex. I also got some shopping in while I was there. My quilting friends and I went to Gramma Fannie's, Helping Hands, Miller's Dry Goods, Lone Star Quilt Shop, Zinck's Fabric Outlet and Somewhere Sewing. After we got our shopping out of the way, we then got busy with our quilting projects. It was a very relaxing time and I really enjoyed seeing my quilting buddies who I only get to see twice a year. I also had a chance to use my new Stripology Ruler which I purchased at Country Roads Quilt Shop. After Peggy did her demo she had me hooked. I love it and am so glad I purchased it. If you have not tried it yet - don't wait too long - you will love it!"

Ricky Tims update

Hope you received your last update via email from Franny. For those who did not, here's an abbreviated update: Good news! We have 200 registered so far for the Seminar! I am praying we can double that by July! Thank you to everyone that has registered. We have quilters coming from at least six states, and I know we will give them a big West Virginia welcome when they arrive. Terry, thanks for the reminder about the Early Bird Registration deadline coming up on May 15 for \$189. Register now (www.rickytims.com/j25/register-for-a-seminar). Later, it increases to \$224. Our guild receives a donation depending on registration numbers. Bigger numbers, bigger donation. Plus if you volunteer to help during the seminar, you will receive a \$60 voucher to use at the seminar store! More details in May.

I sent out over 30 press releases this week. I have spoken to many guilds with two more to go. Our promotional partner list has doubled. Hopefully, these efforts will make a difference. Please encourage your Facebook friends and family to attend! Copy Terry's message she sent out and post on your sites. Every little bit will help! Did anyone go to Paducah and see Ricky? Cyndi said they had a poster up promoting our event and there was a lot of interest!

Thanks so very much! *Franny*



May birthdays
05 Rae Lynn R
25 Donna F
28 Jane F
30 Leona W

Items for the June 2015 newsletter should be forwarded to Laura S by Friday, May 29.