



The Postage Stamp

~ Country Roads Quilt Guild ~

June 2016 — Quilt Shows and more!

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

Kathryn's Klips

Finally we have some summer-like temperatures! All that dreary rain has sure made our surroundings nice and green ;) while it gave us time inside to SEW.

The opportunity blocks for the 2016 quilt are due at the June meeting. They work up fast. Using our stash of blue and golds makes the quilt extra interesting! Thank you Karen for providing directions, foundation papers, and leadership on this project!

Several of our members have shared and swapped quilt and needlework related novels, mostly mysteries. A shelf in the CRQG closet at Harner Chapel was cleared in May to store these books for YOU, our members, to enjoy. You may borrow or donate books or other quilting related artifacts before or after any of our meetings.

Our meeting this month is June 9 at Harner Chapel. See you there.

Happy Sewing,
Kathryn

What's Happening?

A note from Carol:

"On, Tuesday, May 24, we had another great year with Pat Knoechel's Quilt in A Day Trunk Show and Quilt Demo. There were around 68 non-members and 24 members who attended. "When I get time and IF I remember, I'll have to look back and see if this was one of the highest attended years. Pat was definitely happy with the outcome! She always tells me this is one of the biggest shows she's had. The guild took in \$340 and had \$87 in expenses, which netted us \$253. My favorite quilt was the **Moon Dance**. Hopefully, someday I'll get around to making it!! The members in attendance included Betty, Brenda, [Carol], Christine, Debbie, Deloris, Diane, Gitta, Joan, Judy, Karen, Kathryn, Kris, Leona, Linda J, Linda R., Lou, Maggie, Nancy, Pat, Patty L., Patty O., Ruth Ann, and Terry." *Wish I could list all of you who bought Eleanor's new book! Ah, but then we would run out of room for sure! (It definitely looked fabulous!) Judy is still kicking herself for not buying one! And how about Linda R. who brought in one of her "quilts in progress" plus some of her quilting students. Linda's teaching a class at her church with 4-7 students and their first two projects were from Eleanor Burns! Pat was impressed, as were we all. ...*



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Next meeting: June 9, 2016

Location: Harner Chapel (100 Lucky Ln)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Hostess: Betty

Monthly Novelty: Pat

Program: Share your favorite (non-copyrighted) pattern, tip, or technique! Remember that opportunity blocks are due at this meeting! (Please note we have only one on refreshments this month. If you can help, call Betty!)

Reminder: Your 9½" unfinished 'Christmas gift' fabric block is due by the July picnic! You must use a minimum of a 2x2-inch square of noted fabric. *Need fabric or have questions? Contact Kathryn.*

2016-2017 Officers

President – Kathryn

Vice President – Karen

Treasurer – Carol

Secretary – Jane L

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May 2016 Minutes

Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Kathryn G. who reminded members to fill out a membership form and pay dues. She announced that the novelty was made by Pat F. Brenda E, a guest, was introduced.

Officers Reports

Secretary – Minutes of last meeting were published in the newsletter.

Motion to accept by Pat F, 2nd by Carol S. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Report as published in newsletter.

Motion to accept by Linda T., 2nd by Linda F. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

A sign up sheet was available for: committees; monthly hostess duties; monthly novelty items. Please see Karen S to volunteer. Volunteers are still needed for: Charity outreach; Program/retreat ideas; February hostess novelty.

Old Business

Group projects

Opportunity quilt – see Karen for directions and paper foundation paper, or see here (<http://www.countryroadsquiltguild.org/memberinfo.html>)

Member block challenge – for guild members. See Kathryn for focus fabric. Winner will be announced at the Christmas party. Create one block/chance to win all. 9 ½ unfinished blocks are due at the picnic in July.

Pat Knoechel show – Carol S reported

Date - May 24, 1:30 and 6:30

St. Thomas a Becket Church

Free admission to guild members (Non-member price = \$5)

Set up and clean up help was requested

Newsletter helpers are needed. Please let Kathryn or Linda F know if you are interested.

New Business

UFO challenge - #12 was picked for this month

Carol discussed our tax situation because of a recent email she received from the IRS. She got our paperwork up to date and everything has been filed.

Kathryn announced information for our next two meetings.

June – at Harner Chapel - Karen announced that the program would be to share a favorite tip, pattern or technique.

July – picnic - Kathryn encouraged us to bring a friend to the picnic. Karen has planned a Bingo game with prizes.

Announcements

June 14-18 – Southwestern PA Shop hop, <http://swpahop.com/>

June 23-25 WV Quilt Festival, Summersville WV,

<http://www.wvquilters.org/Festival.html>

July 20-23 – WV Mountain Quilt Quest,

<http://www.wvmountainquiltquest.com/main/>

Aug 11-13 Millennium Quilt Show,

http://www.millenniumquilters.net/?page_id=9

Meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments Hostesses: Judy and Lou

Kathryn thanked the hostesses for the refreshments.

Program: Linda T – paper piecing

By request. ...

Fresh Apple Cake

Served last month by Judy

Beat together:

2 C. sugar

3 eggs

1½ C. oil

2 tsp. vanilla

Mix together and add to above:

3 C. flour

1½ tsp. salt

1½ tsp. soda

Mix together then stir into above

3 cups apples, peeled and chopped

Combine 3 tbsp. sugar, 1 tsp. nut-

meg, and 1½ tsp. cinnamon. Stir

apples with sugar mixture. Add 1

cup pecans, then stir into cake mix-

ture. Batter will be thick! Bake in

greased and floured Bundt pan at

350 degrees for 75 minutes. Cool

15 minutes in pan. (Topping option-

al; if used, should be applied as

soon as cake comes out of pan.)

Topping

1 cup brown sugar

1 stick butter

1/4 cup milk

On stovetop, melt butter and add

milk and sugar. Stir constantly while

boiling 2-3 min. over medium heat.

Ready for spooning over cake. *(I

put cake on carrier, cut 3 pieces of

wax paper and slide them under the

edges of the cake to catch the over-

flow.) Put filled spoon right against

cake and run it down the sides until

all is covered. The “drips” can be

collected and deposited into the

center. Cake is best when prepared

a few days before cutting, and I’m

told it freezes well.



Join Our 2016
UFO Challenge!

Click [HERE](#) to visit
the All People Quilt
site for more infor-
mation.

Click [HERE](#) to

download the UFO Challenge Chart.

Numbers already drawn: 8, 3, 7, 12, 9

May 2016 Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning Balance | \$5,382.47 |
| Income | |
| Donation | \$ 15.00 |
| No name tags | \$ 0.50 |
| Mini | \$ 29.00 |
| Dues | \$ 60.00 |
| Pat Knoechel | \$340.00 |
| Interest | \$.23 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 444.73 |
| Sub-Total | \$5,827.20 |
| Expenses | |
| Linda F—May Newsletter | \$ 5.94 |
| July Rent | \$ 25.00 |
| St. Thomas a Becket— | |
| Pat Knoechel | \$ 50.00 |
| Carol/Pat dinner | \$ 37.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 117.94 |
| Ending Balance | \$5,709.26 |



~ June ~
Happy Birthday!

08 Margaret
14 Diann
14 Ruth Ann
15 Lou
21 Brenda
25 Susan

Opportunity Quilt

This will give you an idea of how they should look! Linda T said she finished her blocks early, so made 8!



Instructions here and on web (<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/memberinfo.html>).

1 fat quarter chosen focal fabric
(Please prewash all fabric)

Four 10" foundation papers (furnished by Karen)

Strips of blue and gold fabric from your stash. You can cut the strips any size you wish but do not exceed 2½". Do not use any logo fabric. You also want to avoid making them all too small as that will make it more difficult to cover the square. Any strips you cut need to be larger than the foundation paper when laid across diagonally. Lower your stitch length to 1.5. This is really important for us to remove the paper later.

1. From your fat quarter cut two 10½" squares.
2. Cut the squares diagonally to make four triangles.
3. Line the triangle up on the foundation paper face up. Some will hang over the edges since it was cut larger. Use a glue stick or pins to hold the triangle on the paper as it will tend to shift when you pick it up to sew. I found that the glue stick works the best.
4. Lay a gold strip on top of the triangle right sides together. Sew with a 1/4" seam remembering to lower the stitch length to 1.5. Turn and press.
5. Continue adding strips in the same manner alternating between blue and gold until the foundation is covered.
6. When finished, square the block to just the 10" paper size. Do not remove the paper. We will remove the paper and square to the final size.

REMEMBER! Bring your completed blocks to the June meeting!

WV Quilt Festival

June 23-25—Featuring:
150+ Judged Quilts
Hand Quilting Demonstrations
Daily Little Quilt Auctions
Classes, Lectures, Discussions
Dinners, Vendors, Boutique

Go to the web site and check the schedule of events and details!
(www.wvquilters.org/ExhibitsEvents.html)

While there, be sure to click on the "Quilt Festival" page. From there, you can click on the event newsletter (www.wvquilters.org/Newsletter.Festival16.pdf). It has everything you could possibly want to know plus necessary forms. Please note that there is a **June 10 deadline to register for classes.**

If you haven't heard, there's something new and special ... the Civil War Reproduction Category! Although limited to entries from WV Quilt Inc. members, the display will be on view for all. There will be no entry fee. However, only the first 50 quilts will be accepted. If you want your quilt judged, it will be displayed with all other quilts and subject to the same rules and fees.

What's Happening

In response to my plea for content ... a few words from Betty!

I thought people at last evening's quilt show really enjoyed it. I am partial to vintage quilts and Eleanor Burns' new "Quilts from El's Attic" book is wonderful. There is a YouTube video about this book at this site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQYypk2F8XE>. Eleanor Burns shows some of the antique quilts in her collection. She and her "audience" assistants are all wearing vintage fabric aprons in the video. I did like the "braid" show 'n tell by Debbie R who brought her son Matt (who is a graphic designer) to the show. Matt acted as Pat's assistant in holding and displaying all her quilts. Pat was really honored when presented with a box of threads from Fil-Tec of Hagerstown, Maryland, the company where Matt serves as Creative Director. [See thread samples of the "Glide" line pictured to your right.] It was discovered that both he and Pat have art degrees in common. But Pat thought it was a very small world when he mentioned he was Facebook friends with a lady who, coincidentally, is a cousin of Pat's!



Betty also liked seeing Linda R's "Storm at Sea." The "Storm at Sea" and Debbie's "Braid" are Eleanor Burns' patterns that Linda is using in her class. Linda said that after several sessions on techniques and tips, they moved on to two of Eleanor's quilt-in-a-day patterns! 'Thanks' go to Pat for providing two fabulous shows, Carol for handling the many details, Matt for delighting our entire audience, Linda for sharing her quilting skills, and to Betty ... my report-er extraordinaire! What a fun time for all!

On to the Karen Buckley trunk show and "Mexico Fiesta" applique class! Thomasene attended the evening trunk show and found it quite informative. According to Tommie: "I also took the Saturday afternoon class and learned some new ways of doing applique. They were both very enjoyable."



Kathryn also participated in one of the applique classes held at Country Roads Quilt Shop. Kathryn said: "The technique is interesting, but very little time in a three-hour class to do very much sewing! During the class, I learned to do one curved leaf/stem and one petal of one flower, and practiced making one perfect circle. Since then, I have completed the mirror image of the flower petal done in

class and four others with mirror images plus two more circles for the center of the one flower. It is slow for me, but an enjoyable learning experience!" Gitta and Debbie also participated in the applique class.

Upcoming Shows!

June 10-11—The 4th Annual "Celebration of Quilts" at Seneca Center

See column to your right and/or www.countryroadsquilts.com

June 14-18—Southwestern PA Shop Hop www.swpahop.com

June 23-25—West Virginia Quilt Festival (See Pg. 3 for links & details)

July 2-4—The "Jewel of the Alleghenies" Quilt Show in Terra Alta Sat. (10-4); Sun (1-7); and Monday (10-4), Terra Alta Community Building.

July 9—Walnut Hill United Methodist Church Quilt Show (132 Collier Road, Uniontown, PA.) Saturday (10-2) Also have craft and bake sales, flea market, and hot lunch in the pavilion. Outside entries welcome for judging! Must have to church by 8 a.m. on show day. Try and go ... you'll be glad you did!

This Month

June 10/11 The 4th Annual "Celebration of Quilts" show at Seneca Center. Proceeds will benefit several of the local food pantries and school snack pack programs. The show is free and will be open from 10 -5 p.m. each day. There will be a beautiful quilt display along with quilting demonstrations. Beautiful quilted table runners will be for sale. Won't you consider donating a table runner or two? Also, non-perishable food items will also be collected. This year's raffle quilt is a beautiful blue and yellow quilt called "Snack Time." Tickets are available for you to sell or purchase! Winning ticket will be drawn in August. Please bring your display quilts by June 8! And please, **SPREAD THE WORD!** The more people who attend, the more money raised for our community!

Next Month!

For our July picnic, please remember to bring bingo prizes and your own chips for covering the squares. Prizes can be minimal and all should plan to play. If you don't want all the prizes you win, consider donating a few to Leslie for the Rosenbaum Family House bingo! In fact, if you're out shopping for prizes, consider bringing a few just for the Rosenbaum Family House as a gift from our Guild.

Remember. ...

If you have a service project, please share your story. Not only is it of interest to us, but in some small way, it gives us the opportunity to support your efforts.

Make your voice heard. ...

Contribute your input to the CRQG newsletter!

July newsletter. ...

Items should be forwarded to Laura S by Friday, July 1.