

The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

June 2019

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org>



CRQG President Patty L. Writes:

I've been laid up recovering from a foot surgery so really feel out of touch with everyone. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting and opportunity quilt sew day on the 17th at Harner chapel.

Leslie K., Laura S. and I met with Jason B. of WVU about Mountaineer Week on May 31st. We'll report on what we learned at meeting.

Next month we have the picnic to look forward to. Sounds like the picnic committee has some fun things planned for us!

Congratulations Judy C. on her new Janome Magnolia!

On Friday, May 10, Judy attended the Three Rivers Quilters annual show at the Meadows Racetrack. This show is always a good one! The quilts on display were beautiful, the vendors plentiful, and there were 16 fabulous baskets for the raffle display. The first four were sewing machines! Luck must have been with me as I won Basket #1 which was a Janome Magnolia. It's a small, lightweight machine, but really SO nice! A definite bonus to the win was that one of the members of their guild lives in Morgantown, and she met me at Suncrest UMC saving me from a trip to Pittsburgh to retrieve my prize!

At the show, just one West Virginian was recognized with several wins. Jeanie B. of Summersville, WV won an honorable mention at the show for her "themed" Going in Circles (54"x61") and took home not only a 1st prize ribbon but also a "Best Home Machine Quilting" award for Paths & Circles (49"x49").

Next meeting: June 13, 2019
6:30PM

Location: Harners Chapel

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Novelty: Fran K.

Refreshments: Mavis S.
Fran K.

PROGRAM Vintage Linens
By: Laura S.

June Birthdays

14	Diann C.
15	Lou D.
21	Brenda E.
25	Susan B.
25	Barbara B.

CRQG Member Spotlight

By Cheyenne C.

This is the first month for our member spotlight. The questions will be asked of each of us on any month. Get ready! Our first member to Spotlight is:

Ruth B.

1.) What got you started with quilting and what age did you start?

My mother used to sew all of our clothing. She would let us have the leftovers, so, when I was about 10, my sisters and I decided to make a quilt. We cut and stitched rows of squares, and then stitched the rows together. They were crooked and did not line up, but we finished 3 twin sized quilts. One of my sisters still has one of them.

2.) Who is your quilting inspiration?

Janet Langley - she does the quilting for our shop quilts, and is a graphic designer. She has created several patterns.

3.) What is a new technique you are currently learning or just recently learned? What technique would you like to learn or try?

I want to learn Art quilting, maybe with mixed media.

4.) What's your favorite technique or quilting style?

5.) Can you describe your most recent finished project? Can you describe your favorite finished project?

Batik jacket. I included both paper pieced and traditional block patterns. The fun was figuring out where, on the jacket, I would put the different blocks.

6.) What quilt are you currently working on?

I found some cute owl fabric so I am making a wall hanging for my niece who loves owls.

7.) What's your favorite type of fabric?

Definitely Batiks

8.) What type sewing machine do you use most often?

Viking Sapphire 960Q



Ruth B. wearing her favorite, most recently finished Batik Jacket.

May 9, 2019 Minutes by Laura

The May 9, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Frances C. There were 14 members and one guest, Brenda Z present.

It was moved, and seconded to accept the April minutes without corrections. There was no change in the last Treasurer's Report.

Frances thanked Linda F. for doing the May newsletter. The next newsletter will be done by Kathryn G. Articles are due by May 31.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President: The program for the June meeting is Vintage Linens by Laura S.

The meeting at Country Roads Quilt Shop is scheduled for August.

Opportunity Quilt: Karen S. reported that she now has the 200 blue and gold diamonds for the queen size quilt. There has been one sew day already and another is scheduled for Monday, June 17th at 9:30 at Harner Chapel Church. If you can help on that day, please come. We still need batting material. Karen has donated the backing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fran and Mavis will provide refreshments for next month's meeting.

Kathryn G. updated members about our luncheon for the WVQI meeting in April.

There were "lots of compliments" for our seven soups, sandwiches and cookies. State guild has requested the soup recipes

Patty will be working on the Directory the next two months. If you're not in the current Directory or want a photo change, let Patty know.

Jane L. reported that the charity quilt has been at the quilter's for a while because the quilter had a backlog. The cost will be \$45.00 and we have collected the money for that. It should be done by the June meeting. Jane volunteered to do the binding. It will be used as a donation when needed.

New Business:

This month's mini was made by Frances C. It was won by Kathryn G.

Refreshments were provided by: Nancy K. and Cindy L.

Following refreshments, members enjoyed Show & Tell. For the program, Laura S. showed members how to make Quick & Easy coasters and hot pads using Lori Holt's Half Hexie rulers.

Kathryn G., Nancy K., and Laura S. met about plans for our annual picnic in July.

It will be at the Westover Senior Center pavilion on July 11, at 6:00pm. Carolyn G. has rented the pavilion for our use. The guild will provide plates, silverware, and hot dogs with the trimmings. Members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The "Old Fashioned American" theme will feature a tribute to "old times" in the guild. For the theme, wear something red/white/or blue. Members are also asked to bring a black and white copy of their baby picture, with no name on it. We'll have fun trying to guess who the babies are. Prizes are compliments of Jane Fleming. Water will be provided. If you would like another beverage, please bring it.

Announcements:

The guild recently lost a former member, Emma Lou W.

Mountaineer Week quilt show is scheduled for Nov. 1-3, 2019.

The next meeting is **June 13, 2019** at 6:30 at Harner Chapel Church.

Jane L. writes:

Fran K. and I participated in a Quilt Documentation in Parkersburg this month. I'm attaching a picture of a family heirloom. Family names are embroidered on silk ribbons. Estimated date of the quilt is 1901-1929. This event took place in a historic building, the Phelps Tavenor House. If people are interested in seeing a few more of the quilts they can see them and pictures of the building on my Facebook page.



Country Roads QUILT Guild Philosophy

Encourage interest in quilting through learning and sharing;

Widen our circle of friends who share a common interest in quilting.

Provide an atmosphere to MOTIVATE creativity and improve skills.

Layered Jell-O Recipe

Nancy K.

5-6 Small boxes Jell-o (different flavors/colors)

1 16 oz. Container of sour cream

Water

Pour one flavor jell-o into a glass. Pour 3/4 cup boiling water into glass and stir to dissolve.

Pour half the jell-o into a second glass of the same size.

In one glass add 1/4 cup cold water; in the other glass add 2 heaping tablespoons of sour cream and stir.

Pour sour cream jell-o into a Pyrex dish and set in freezer for about 10 minutes. When it is jelled, add the clear jell-o.

After you get the first layer in dish, start your next color. You don't want to have more than two colors going at one time because it will start to jell in the glass.

Continue with sour cream/clear jell-o. Sour cream layer takes a little less time to jell than clear layer but usually in my freezer it never takes longer than 12 minutes for clear layer. After last layer put in refrigerator. DON'T FREEZE

Lou D.'s Travels

My husband and I were in Australia in March-April. One of the towns we visited was Alice Springs, which is in "the bush", in the middle of nowhere in the Northern Territory.

In this part of the country, ranches (or "stations") can be a million acres in size. The large size is necessary because there is so little edible forage for livestock that it takes a thousand acres to support one cow.

The children on these remote stations have no schools; kids would have to travel hundreds of miles to reach a centrally located facility. Many years ago, Australia wisely organized the "School of the Air". By flying mail drop, the kids got their lessons, perhaps once or twice a school year. A parent or another adult assumed the task of working with the children in the home. Until very recently, the kids communicated with their teachers (located in Alice Springs) via shortwave.

But recently, Australia has allocated funding to supply each station with a computer and has provided the funding to create access to the internet.

As you can imagine, this decision on the part of the Australian government has been a godsend for the children and the teachers, making possible almost daily communication and assistance.

Once or twice a year, all children are invited to come to Alice Springs for a large gathering which includes a picnic, swimming, crafts and games. It provides kids, who may have no one their age nearby, the opportunity to make new friends; friends they can now contact through their online web service.

At the School of the Air base of operation, we got to see quilts the children had made at one of these large gatherings. One quilt was made of sheet metal panels, the other was cloth, some blocks were appliqued, some painted. Attached are photos of the quilts.

To my surprise, I found a little quilt shop in Alice Springs. The owner said there were about eighty members in the club. The web address is www.alicespringsquiltingclub.org.au. I purchased a few fat quarters with Aboriginal designs.



Sheet Metal Panels Quilt



Large Gathering Cloth quilts



Carol S. Travels

I am vacationing all over the West. So far, we have visited six national parks with plans for five more. A big highlight was a visit Pat K. and the Quilt in a Day Store! We got to talking so much that the planned lunch had to be skipped in order to get to the store!

I saw where Pat creates all those beautiful quilts, the studio where Eleanor shoots her shows and webinars, the space for the store, studio and internet sales was huge and I got to see it all! It was amazing!

Roy was really impressed, he even picked out a T-Shirt he insisted on me buying! Of course, I picked out a lot of fabric that I insisted on buying also and informed him the T-Shirt does not come out of my Quilting budget!

It was the highlight of my week spent in Palm Springs, driving to San Marcos. I've attached a couple of pictures A) where Pat does her sewing - in her living room - not a fancy studio. The picture shows where she cuts her fabric (where the atlas is laying) and where her sewing machine is so she can either watch TV or listen to music.

The second picture Eleanor showing off the space where all the illustrations are created. The third in the "store" with Eleanor, myself, Pat, and Roy.



Treasurer's Report
May 2019

Beginning Balance: \$ 7,936.99

Income May

Novelty: \$ 8.00

No Name tags: 2.50

Membership Dues: 45.00

Total Revenue : \$55.50

Expenses

Rent April/May: 50.00

Pavilion for Summer Picnic:..... 25.00

Total Expenses:..... \$75.00

Ending Balance: \$ 7,917.49

Educational Fund Balance: \$ 2,770.28

Charity Fund Beginning Balance: \$105.99

April contribution:..... 1.00

Charity Fund total: \$ 106.99

Remaining Operating Budget: \$5,040.22