

The Postage Stamp

Country Roads Quilt Guild

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

August 2012

Christine's Mini Notes

Hope all of you are doing well. We missed you at the picnic if you weren't able to be there. Thank you all who participated !

We are headed for the end of summer, again! Too quick!

It is that time again to visit the ladies at the Sew Inn. The meeting will start at 6:00 on August 9th. We all need to thank Ginny and her staff for having us. So if you have any new projects coming up or one to finish this would be a good time to pickup those supplies.

We all voted to have everyone bring something for refreshments for this evening event, whether it be cups, napkins, plates or some type of finger food.

A little note: I have started my treatments for the MS and so far so good.

Hope to see you at the shopping night...

Christine

What's Happening?

Congratulations to Terry, Linda E, and Nancy for their success at the Millennium Quilters Annual Quilt Show at the beautiful new Bridgeport Conference Center. All three quilters did a fabulous job! Terry won a 1st place ribbon for her *Pennies from Heaven* art quilt; Linda won a 2nd place ribbon for *White Feathers*—a white on white whole cloth quilt; and Nancy won a 3rd place award for *Dazzled*, a large bed quilt. And congratulations to Clorinda whose name was seen on at least six quilts! She seems to be the quilter of choice for many. ... The show boasted 127 quilts and a One Stop Shop Hop that was fabulous with at least 13 vendors! It was truly a buyer's delight! A number of our members were seen at the show including Nancy, Judy, Terry, Deloris, Patty, and Gitta.

Deloris, Patty, Gitta, Kathryn, Ruth Ann and Donna participated in the Country Roads Quilt Shop sponsored bus trip to Summersville to the West Virginia Quilters' show that received rave reviews. Of course, the bus ride down and back was part of what made the day so special. Through her bingo-playing prowess, Kathryn took home a \$20 gift certificate for Country Roads Quilt Shop! Congratulations, Kathryn!

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Next meeting: August 9

Location: The Sew Inn

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hostesses: Pot Luck!

(If willing, just bring finger foods to share!)

Hope to see you there!

There's a great special offer at The Sew Inn. Check out their web site (<http://thesewinn.com/>) and ... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



And here's the clip that accompanies Terry's machine quilting classes. She has some coming up on the schedule so if you haven't

taken one yet, you need to get with the program!

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July Minutes by Monica

Meeting was called to order by President, Christine Shaffer. Since we had just a few members present and were ready to enjoy our annual picnic fare, we kept the meeting short and covered a few key details:

1. Spring Quilt Challenge – We have had low participation numbers in the past few years. Do we wish to continue to have a challenge topic for the 2012-2013 year, or try to plan a “working meeting” instead with a special project to work on as a group? Members present indicated that they would like to plan on working on a special project instead of doing a challenge next year.
2. Alzheimer’s Challenge – The challenge items will be due at our September meeting. Questions? Contact Terry. Challenge quilt must be able to fit in a 9x11 envelope, and must lay flat.
3. Hope will collect pillowcases at the August meeting. If you have more made and are ready to turn them in to donate, please bring them then.
4. The next meeting will be at the Sew Inn and will start at 6 p.m.
5. Wendy made the monthly novelty, which was a hot/cold pack with its own carrier. Linda R won!
6. Carol talked about the class that she and a few fellow members took at the WV State Quilt Show from teacher Vicky Pignatelli. Carol noted that it was an awesome class and that she purchased the CD for \$30. She indicated that she’d be willing to sell the CD to the guild for their use for the lending library. We will vote on this potential purchase at the August meeting.
7. Timmy’s Fund – Kathryn noted that she was asked to make a quilt for Timmy’s Fund and has been working with several other women to put the quilt together. She asked if the guild would be interested in helping to fund raise or assist in selling the quilt, which will be done in the fall. Hanging the quilt at the annual guild show was discussed. Kathryn will arrange for a Timmy’s Fund representative to visit the guild at our September meeting.

Pillow Cases



According to Hope, the collection of pillow cases for local organizations was postponed to the August meeting.

So, if you have completed any additional cases, please bring to the meeting. We may have more than 50 cases completed!

We did use Linus fabric that was suitable for pillowcases; the rest we gave to Melissa Jefferys for the quilting group she has at Scott's Run. We plan on giving the pillowcases locally – Bartlett House and RDVIC are two shelters that would like them. This is our first attempt at doing something locally, and not through another organization.

We will no longer collect fabric as we accumulated much more than members were interested in using – most seem to like to use their own or even purchase their own. We can always use more cases suitable for boys and men. There's a local contact for Linus quilts if anyone is still interested in doing that – I think it was in the last newsletter or you can "Google" it. Come to the August meeting to learn more about this exciting project!

Treasurer’s Report by Tracy

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,552.87
<u>Income:</u>		
Mini	13.00	
June Interest	<u>.10</u>	
		13.10
<u>Expenses:</u>		
None	0	
Total		0
NEW BALANCE		\$2,565.97

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

Quilters’ Travel Companion
just released. This is their
12th edition. Pick one up in a
shop near you! More than
2,000 shops and 608 pages!

Special update! The Wal-Mart
at University Town Center is
once again carrying fabric!

What's Happening?

In July, Betty attended a quilt show at a small United Methodist church on Walnut Hill Road in Uniontown, Pa. According to Betty, they had many lovely quilts, and she especially liked some that were appliquéd and resembled Baltimore Album quilts. "Some had exquisite hand quilting and there were many of those. There were also older feed-sack quilts that a lady purchased from e-bay. The seller was selling them as 'cutter' quilts, and the quilter couldn't bear the thought of them being cut up, so she purchased them for very nominal costs. They were very 'loved' and antique-looking." She said she saw no holes in them, and it would have been shameful to cut them up. "This was the first time that I used an entire card on my digital camera—I pretty much liked them all." (Sounds like the rest of us missed a good show!)

Betty also went to Eleanor's quilt shop in Reedsville several times in June and July. She noted that the shop has been enlarged with many fabrics, and while there, she bought backing and batting for the two quilt tops that she purchased at the May Spay/Neuter pet sale during one of our guild meetings. "Christine and her mother Leona long-arm quilted them for me, in addition to my Ladies Fan wall hanging. The 'fan' will be one of two donations for the charity event at the WVU quilt show this year."

Judy was able to join the fun at Quilters Corner for their Sidewalk Celebration. There were discontinued books, patterns, and shop samples, coordinated one yard pieces, gift baskets, bags of fabric bits and pieces, and fat quarters galore! So why did she end up paying full price for the regular line of fabric inside? Probably because it was too tempting to pass up! But also because it gave her the opportunity to cash in her \$15 fabric card! She's now stocked up with the makings of a shelf full of pillow cases for the grandchildren!

Terry will be presenting a program for the Millennium Quilters guild in September. "I'll be sharing binding techniques and a small trunk show. I'll also be teaching all my machine quilting classes for a couple of guilds near Gassaway, WV." And, be sure to watch for the upcoming schedule of classes being taught at The Sew Inn; Terry will again be on that schedule! Then, in November, she's planning to attend the West Virginia Quilters retreat at Cedar Lakes.

Gitta, Patty, and Deloris are all attending the November retreat being offered at Tygart Lake. They'll be making one of Eleanor Burns' patterns. Nancy will again be teaching. ...

Chris has already registered for the March retreat at Jackson's Mill. She registered for Fran Kordek's Studio class where you bring one of your own projects to work on. Gitta, Deloris, and Patty have registered for Linda Childers' Weaver Fever. The Lewis County Extension office also offers a 4-hour afternoon schedule for those who can take Friday afternoon off and head out early for their weekend. The 2013 schedule has much to choose from. Check their web site (<http://lewis.ext.wvu.edu>) and get your reservations in!

This section was reserved for you! Next month, please consider contributing toward the "What's Happening" section. This isn't just a place to read what others are doing, but to think about what we might be missing and get us in the mood for quilting! If you've put your quilting on an extended "hold" and really want to get out and do things, the above should provide you with some ideas to get you started. Go to a little show off the beaten path and find the hidden treasures; revisit a shop you haven't been to for a long time and see what's new; consider joining the WV Quilters—it's a statewide organization with quarterly meetings around the state plus it supports W.Va. quilting; take a class or stretch by teaching a class ... you'll be surprised at how much you'll learn! And consider participating in a quilting retreat, you'll have a blast!



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September

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Retreat

YMCA Camp Horseshoe Spring Quilt Retreat—September 18-22.

Instructors include:

Ann Kessel—Fan Sweatshirt, Keepsake Frame Card, and tie pocket pouch.

Karin Rodeheaver—Strip Tubing,

Mary Smith—Four Patch Plaid

Judy Harder—Mystery Project

The event sounds great, and they have seating for 49 quilters. Housing is provided in cabins (with heated bathhouse nearby) and the McManus Building (restrooms in rooms). Commuters are welcome. The event begins on Tuesday and runs through Saturday at 5 p.m. Packages are available for stays as short as Thursday 8 a.m. to Saturday at 5. First come, first served so if you want to go, you need to hurry! Contact Mary for additional information: 304-478-2481 or mary@hi-y.org

Kaye England in Fairmont!

Want to meet Kaye England? Save the date to do so on September 28! Kaye began quilting in the early 1980s. She is currently designing fabric for Wilmington Prints and heads her own publishing company, Kaye England Publications. Kaye travels the world conducting sell-out lectures and workshops showcasing her wonderful fabrics, patterns, and quilts, as well as her unique and honest outlook on life. She is also committed to education and business development for owners of quilt shops and has developed a wildly popular annual retreat called Kaye's Quilting College for shop owners as well as a consumer edition. Kaye has been described as a colorful individual generating enthusiasm and excitement in her work and having great fun in the process. Around all of her traveling she still has time to quilt and has written more than 13 books and recently produced three feature length instructional DVDs.

Advanced paid reservations must be made to save your seat in her class. The lecture/demo will be on September 28 from 11-3 p.m. Cost of the session is \$40 plus tax. A light luncheon of pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips and a drink will be served. For more details or to reserve your spot, call Sew Chic at 304-366-4135. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

Nifty Notions "Cut for the Cure™" Rulers (designed by Kaye England), are accurate, easy to read and versatile. All Nifty Notions rulers are designed to be compatible with each other, ensuring accurate cuts and allowing you to utilize one brand of ruler for all your cutting needs. Each ruler is labeled with its size or the name of the specific job it does.

Kaye is very proud to be involved with [The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation](#) and will continue her support with a donation for each Nifty Notions® ruler sold. The Nifty Notions "Cut for the Cure™" Rulers are available in 15 different styles.

Choose your favorite or get the whole set. Rulers will be available at the show.

Aug. 4-11 Back to School Sale at Sew Chic ... fabric discounted 15 percent!

Sept. 28 Kaye England comes to Sew Chic for an afternoon lecture and trunk show. Register soon ... space limited.

Show and Events

Aug. 2-5—Fiberfest in historic Denton, Md.

Aug. 4-11—Back to School Sale at Sew Chic, Fairmont. W.Va.

Sept. 13-16—Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Philadelphia Pa.

Sept. 22—Main Street Arts Festival in Buckhannon's Historic District

Sept. 28—Kaye England at Sew Chic, Fairmont, W.Va.

Univ. Arts Series

WVU now has available their new [University Arts Series 2012-2013](#) and they have a fabulous lineup. If you're considering a night out, here are a few things that might interest you! Do pick up a booklet at the Creative Arts Center:

9/05 Time for Three (garage band)
9/07 American Idiot (broadway musical)
10/5-6 Blue Man Group
10/15 Jackson Browne
10/20 Martina McBride
11/09 Dionne Warwick
12/05 A Chorus Line
12/11 Jim Brickman
12/13 Great Russian Nutcracker
01/10 West Side Story (musical)
01/15 Pilobolus (contemporary dance)
01/25 Canadian Brass
02/13 Traces (acrobatics)
03/03 Abba the Concert
03/18 Kodo One Earth Tour
04/01 Elvis Lives
04/07 Voca People
04/28 Cinderella (Pittsburgh ballet)
05/01 Hair
05/07 Dreamgirls
06/08 Don McLean
06/16 The Addams Family (musical comedy)

State Theatre

Uniontown, PA

09/29 Titanic the Musical
11/03 The Flying Karamazov Brothers
11/30 Herman's Hermits and Gary Puckett and the Union Gap
12/15 Melissa Manchester "Joy"
03/02 Five by Design's Lounge Show
03/23 100 Years of Broadway
04/06 Fiddler on the Roof

Good fun, good food, good friends

Broccoli Salad

6 c fresh broccoli
3c shredded cheddar cheese
16 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
1c finely chopped onion
3/4c mayo
1/2c white vinegar
1/4c sugar

Combine broccoli, cheese, bacon and onion. In another bowl, whisk the mayo, vinegar and sugar. Pour over broccoli mixture, toss to coat. Refrigerate at least one hour prior to serving. *(Michelle)*

Southwestern Avocado and Black Bean Salad

1/2 cup freshly chopped cilantro leaves
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 Tbsp. fresh squeezed lime juice
2 or 3 dashes hot sauce (recommend Tabasco)
4 cups chopped romaine lettuce
2 avocados, peeled and diced
2 cups frozen corn kernels, thawed and drained
2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup chopped cherry tomatoes
3/4 cup (3-ounces) grated pepper jack cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

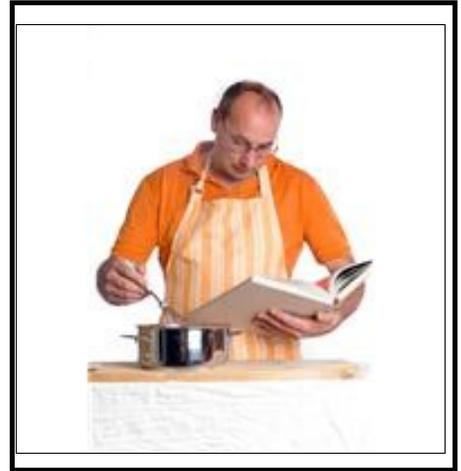
In small bowl, whisk together the cilantro, oil, lime juice and hot sauce. In a large bowl, add the lettuce, avocado, corn, beans, tomatoes, and cheese. Add the dressing and toss well. Season with salt and pepper. *(Linda)*

Whipped Jello Dessert

1 lg. or 2 sm. pkg. jello
1 12 oz. container cool whip
1 lg. pkg. cream cheese
1 can crushed pineapple

Drain the pineapple. Use the juice from the pineapple to dissolve the jello. In a separate bowl mix the room temperature cream cheese and the cool whip. Beat the jello into the cool whip. Mix the crushed pineapple in by hand. Pour into a 9x 13 baking dish and refrigerate until firm. Top with more cool whip and crushed nuts if desired.

(Karen)



Recipes so easy, even a man could follow the instructions. ...

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SUMMER

Country Roads Quilt Shop

Beginning Hand Quilting

Janet will demonstrate the basic hand quilting techniques. You will learn how to prepare your quilt for hand quilting, how to choose the correct batting, marking and quilting tools. You will also learn how to perform the proper hand quilting stitch. Cost: \$ 38.00. Instructor: Janet Collins. Saturday dates as follows: August 4 from 12-3 or Tuesday, August 14th 10-1



Short and Sweet (Cost: \$ 30.)

Instructor: Janet Collins

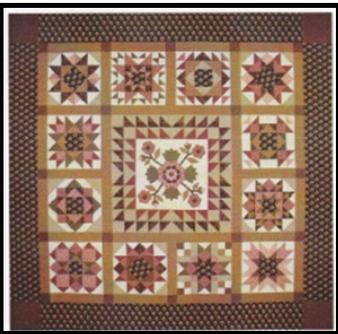
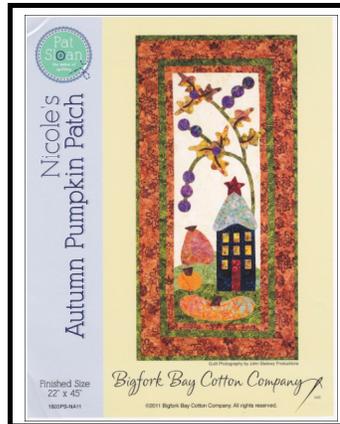
A Kim Diehl quilt made of colorful patchwork bordered by pretty leaves. Thursdays beginning August 16. Choose afternoon (2-4 p.m.) or evening (6-8 p.m.). Dates as follows:

Thurs. Aug 16; Thurs. Aug 23; Thurs. Sept 6

Nicole's Autumn Pumpkin Patch

Instructor: Peggy Ellwood (Cost: \$ 30.00)

This is the second in a series of wall hangings designed by Pat Sloan. There are several techniques involved in making this fun wall hanging including using fusible web, raw edge machine appliqué, and free motion machine quilting. This fun quilt will get your creative juices flowing!!!!



Deloris, Gitta, Debbie, Kathryn, and Patty recently completed their Second Saturday Club at Country Roads Quilt Shop! The block of the month quilt, Friends and Family, by Lori Smith, was a 12-block medallion quilt which had the option to either piece or appliqué the center. Several of our ladies got creative so that the finished tops all had different variations of the actual pattern. Congratulations to all who finished the project; hopefully we'll see some at one of our upcoming meetings!

Quilters Corner

If you own a Featherweight, you owe it to yourself (and this vintage classic) to register for the Aug. 18 class:

"Featherweight and 301 TLC"

Offered at Quilters Corner and taught by shop owner Mary Beth Harnett, you can learn what's necessary to keep your machine in top running condition. Class fee is just \$29.50 and includes machine oil, lubricant and small screwdriver. Call and register today! But, plan for a little extra time to see what's available in the shop ... you'll be glad you did!

In fact, there's a full schedule of classes during the month of August. Check out their online newsletter and see if there isn't something you'd like to learn.

<http://www.quilterscorner-pa.com/index.php>

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Country Roads Quilt Shop also has a full listing of August classes and several months worth of Sunday Sew-cials (Aug. 12), Quilters Days Out (Aug. 15), and Quilters Nites Out (Aug. 24). Check out all their upcoming events at their web site (<http://www.countryroadsquilts.com/index.htm>).

WV Division of Culture and History —Quilts and Wall Hangings 2012 Juried Exhibition

Open through 9/4/12. Visit Charleston's Culture Center and be awed by the lovely quilts hanging in the Grand Hall. These are all works by West Virginia Quilters! There's just one month and a half left, so grab some friends and take a road trip. Don't miss this opportunity. ...

*Please forward items
for the Sept. newsletter
to Monica by Aug. 31.*