



# The Postage Stamp

~ Country Roads Quilt Guild ~  
August 2014—The Brown Bag Exchange  
<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org/>

## Tracy's Scraps

I must admit that I have spent more time outside than at my sewing machine this last month! I hope everyone is enjoying family reunions, barbecues, quilt shop hops, and evening walks. Thanks to all who attended the picnic for our July meeting. We had good food and great conversation.

Franny and I had a fabulous time at the Ricky Tims Super Seminar in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We met Ricky's team and the local guild volunteers, enjoyed the seminar, and learned how to make the show in Morgantown a success. I came back with lots of ideas, but never enough time to put them to fabric!

Hope to see you at the Millennium Quilt Show and our August meeting.

Happy Quilting—Tracy



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Morgantown, West Virginia Super Quilt Seminar will be held July 16-18, 2015!

Registration will open soon! Please help the Country Roads Quilt Guild promote the event! If you need more information, please contact Franny ([QuiltWV@gmail.com](mailto:QuiltWV@gmail.com)). Also, be sure to "friend" the new Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/superquiltseminar](http://www.facebook.com/superquiltseminar)).

Check Pg. 2 for Fanny's exciting day-by-day update of the Iowa event and next steps for West Virginia.

## What's Happening?!

Terry "had fun making a new little quilt and entered it into the Millennium Quilters show. It's titled 'Last Leaf' and was inspired by a Tom Waits song of the same name." Watch for it at the show this Thursday and Friday (Aug. 7-8)! Show details on the CRQG event page ([www.wvquilters.org/Events.html](http://www.wvquilters.org/Events.html)).

Judy visited the "new to her" *Cinnamon's Quilt Shoppe* in Jacksonville, FL. One word—FABULOUS! Do take their virtual tour ([www.cinnamonsquilts.com](http://www.cinnamonsquilts.com)). She also visited *Material Girls Quilt Shop* in LaPlata, MD, where she picked up some great "beachy" fabric for pillow cases. *Material Girls* ([www.materialgirlsquilt.com/](http://www.materialgirlsquilt.com/)) (also "fabulous") is a participating shop in the MD/VA Quilters' Quest Shop Hop (<http://quiltersquest.org/>). The 2014 "quest" dates are Nov. 7-16. (It's a worthwhile 'road-trip' opportunity!)

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**Next meeting:** August 14, 2014

**Location:** Harner Chapel

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Hostess:** Laura

**Monthly Novelty:** Laura

**Program:** The "Brown Bag" Exchange



**You must bring your filled bag to the Aug. 14 meeting to participate. Contact Michelle if you don't yet have the Brown Bag instruction sheet. Completed projects will be returned at**

**the March 2015 meeting. Challenge yourself and join in the fun!**

## Condolences

**Our condolences** are extended to Jan, Susan, and Lydia on the loss of her mother and their grandmother CRQG member Jane B. who passed away on Monday, July 28, 2014.

One of our Guild members shared that "Jane's projects were fun and full of color and she was a real delight." Others of us simply have to read the obituary to see that we missed knowing a very special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. ...

## The Sew Inn

Just a reminder that *The Sew Inn* is still open and is offering their remaining inventory at great savings. Selection is still amazingly good, but you do need to go soon.

Ginny asked that I let you know that over the years, she has appreciated both your support and your friendship.

# Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar

*Seminar Highlights ... provided by Franny*

**It's hard to believe that a year from now, July 16-18, 2015, the Ricky Tims Super Seminar will be in Morgantown, WV!** It will be a wonderful opportunity to share our Wild and Wonderful West Virginia hospitality with quilters from a five-state area and maybe beyond! Tracy and I traveled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, recently to watch, learn, and listen to our Iowa hosts and the Ricky Tims staff on "how to host" a Ricky Tims Super Quilt seminar.

**Thursday**, we met a fun and lovely group of 25 Iowa Quilt Guild member volunteers to learn our assignments and the plan for the next few days. Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson, Pam Holland, Justin Shults, and Cyndi McChesney greeted everyone and got us all laughing early. By 8:30, we were unloading the trailer to get three stations ready for the seminar. I helped get the store set up, Tracy helped get the registration area set and 340 packets stuffed, while another group worked to assemble the pipe and drape and hang the quilts with Ricky, Alex, and Pam. The Tims group have this down to a science. It helped that everyone had a fun and "can-do" attitude. They knew their assignments before they arrived. We were done by noon to go to lunch. A happy group of ladies invited us to join them. We learned a lot about their quilt guilds and projects they have in progress. It was a good sharing experience plus made us feel like we had friends everywhere! At 2 p.m., we reassembled at the Marriott ballroom where the seminar took place. Tracy and I volunteered to greet guests in the hotel lobby and give directions. Registration opened at 2:30 and finished by 4. The seminar started promptly and was packed with lessons until 7:30. More than 325 participants filled the room. The big screen ensured that everyone had a great seat! The store and quilt show is open until the seminar starts and during the breaks. The local Bernina dealer had a big display with lots of staff to assist shoppers. When the seminar starts, everyone stops and attends all the sessions.

**Friday** was a full day with pre-assigned volunteers in place by 7:30 a.m. Breaks and lunch are generously built in the schedule. All were ready for a day filled with lessons from all the artists. Dinner was 5:30-7:30. Ricky's amazing concert and storytelling started at 7:30 and went until 9 p.m. Many participants bought tickets for their family members to attend as guests. It was a wonderful evening and a highlight of the seminar! Ricky is a very talented composer and musician. We laughed and we cried. It was truly inspirational!

**Saturday** started early but went by like a speeding train. The day was jam packed with lessons from Ricky, Alex, and Pam. I am so glad we have a colorful workbook to refer to at home to remind us how to do all the tips and tricks. There are so many details in the workbook that it was never necessary to take notes! Saturday evening after a mad dash to one of the biggest quilt shops in Iowa, *Pine Needles Quilt Shop* ([www.pineneedles.net/](http://www.pineneedles.net/)), I ran into Ricky in the hotel lobby. **He walked up and gave me a big hug and said they are so excited to be coming to West Virginia next year!** He thanked me for the goodie bags I had made for the artists and Iowa hosts. (I made them each a WV chick pin cushion on a blue and gold nest stuffed with chocolates.) He and Justin said that no group had done so much to pre-promote the seminar before the registration was open! They said that registration for our seminar will open soon. Our big job now is to promote the seminar everywhere we go and to all our friends and family. I have a wishful target of at least 400 to attend our seminar. If you need post-cards to distribute, please let me know. I will bring some to the next meeting.



# Seminar con't



## Duties of being a volunteer

- ◆ Setting up and packing up the seminar. Time commitment is from 8 a.m. Thursday morning until 6:30 p.m. or until packing is finished on Saturday evening.
- ◆ Helping with registration and greeting and checking participant name-tags at the doors.
- ◆ Assisting in the store with answering questions. Starting shopping bags where guests can keep their merchandise in their bags and continue to shop until checking out.
- ◆ Serving as white glove docents at the quilt show.
- ◆ Assisting with door prize distribution.
- ◆ Answering questions and giving directions.

## Benefits of being a volunteer

- ◆ Reserved seat tags to save your spot during the seminar.
- ◆ \$60 voucher to use at the store for fabric, books, thread, and other merchandise.

If you would like to be a volunteer, we will have a sign up sheet at a later meeting. We will need at least 30 volunteers for our seminar.

Please mark your calendars for July 16-18, 2015 to meet Ricky and Alex in Morgantown!

**NOTE:** Recipes received following the Guild picnic will be included in the September newsletter. A report on the opportunity quilt will also be provided.

## What's Happening?! con't

After visiting the sidewalk sale at *Quilter's Corner*, *Gitta* and *Deloris* discovered *Quilters Depot* (<http://quiltersdepotpa.com>), which was 8 miles farther down Rt. 88 at the Lighthouse Plaza. According to Gitta: "I always look for what's on sale first and I was not disappointed. In the middle of the store there's a playpen full of fabric that's 20% off – some at great prices without the discount. I bought four yards at \$5 a yard plus 20% off. Check their newsletter at the URL above for some great classes. We met one of the teachers who seems like she would be lots of fun! Yay for the *Quilt Shops* Smartphone app! Just go to the app store on your phone and search for "Quilt Shops" and look for the 'Mariners Compass logo.' Gitta got hers absolutely free from iTunes. ...

*Karen* participated in the Western PA shop hop. "As a matter of fact," she said, "I made every shop this year. It took two days. I went to six shops the first day and four the second. It was quite an adventure, and I just had to have something from every shop. I mapped out my trip using my passport booklet. I started out with the *Pine Tree* in Waynesburg, which is a nice little shop, but it was the most difficult to find. From there, the rest was easy. On to *Quilter's Corner*, *Quilter's Depot*, the *Quilting Bee*, *Baughman Sew & Quilt*, *Piecing it Together* and the *Quilt Company*. On Thursday, I started out at the *Quilt Patch*, *Piece By Piece*, *Creative Stitches Café* and finally *Sew Special*. I didn't win the grand prize, but it was a lot of fun. On Saturday, I went to the show in Summersville, where someone gave me directions to the quilt shop there, and I don't think I will ever pass through Summersville again without stopping. I think it was the best quilt shop I have ever seen."

*Luann* visited the *Quilted Threads* (<http://quiltedthreads.com/>) and said it "is a wonderful little quilt shop I visited in Henniker, NH. The staff was very friendly and helpful. Stocked with 30's, batiks, new designers, country, wools, and more. I did find some treasures that were exactly what I wanted for a quilt – oooops, broke my no yardage rule! They also have an on-line store if you want to take a peek."

*Kathryn* attended the Arthurdale Homestead Quilters' retreat July 23-26 and was pleased to have assembled three quilts that were previously UFOs. The venue at Shepherd's Tent Ministries' Training Center was perfect for a close-to-home get away. Facilities included cabins, tents, and two suites with private bathroom facilities. The retreat was open to all quilters. Eleven were in attendance this first year, and they can accommodate up to 25. The 2nd annual retreat has already been scheduled for the 4th Wednesday in July 2015.

*Lillian* returned on July 28 after spending five days in St. Louis attending the American Sewing Guild (ASG) convention. Classes ran from 8-5 each day. "Yes, I learned a lot and brought back many patterns and fabric. Fortunately, I took a lot of notes, and I am anxious to get started making more clothes. I used to quilt, make hand bags, etc., but I am having fun wearing clothes to work that I made." (Many of us remember the quilting magazines that Lillian brought to our meetings and so freely shared with others. Thanks, Lillian!)

*Terry* has again been garnering awards and recognition ... this time at the WV Quilt Festival. **Congratulations, Terry!** She won a blue ribbon for her great-nephew's 'Colorado Kids' baby quilt and a red ribbon for "Seaweed." Terry said Seaweed was "a fun project" she started in Vikki Pignatelli's festival class a few years ago. (Be sure to note the beautiful handmade ribbon.) Both quilts were in the *Individual Appliqué* class, one in the medium-sized category and the other in the small. "My 'Glass Half Full-Self Portrait' didn't win a ribbon, but I was thrilled to receive a Judge's Recognition certificate for 'Whimsy!'" (The written lines on "Whimsy" are particularly insightful, and it's evident that much more goes into our quilting art than what appears at face value.)

## 1st, 2nd, and Judges Award



## “Someday” Quilts

*Betty says:* Quilting is a visual way of telling a story. In May, while in NH, I found two specialty antique "typewriter" fabrics, perfect for my career as an administrator, and for the “someday” quilt I want to make of the 11 states and places I've lived and worked! Initially, I thought it would be a T-shirt quilt with a picture of the respective states. I've scoured thrift stores and garage sales to find state T-shirts, with little success. Plan B is to use state puzzle pieces that I have, trace around them, then embroider the state's outline. I rarely make anything for myself. This quilt will be a history of my adult life, someday to be passed down to one of my granddaughters. I will hide clues in the blocks so they can play detective and unlock secrets to find the story of their grandmother's life.

*Kathryn says:* My “someday” quilt is also on my bucket list, a Baltimore Album needle-turn appliqué quilt.

*Carol says:* My "someday" quilt has been in my mind for several years. A jean quilt. I started thinking about it back in Wyoming during the 80's long before I ever thought about having a child. The only work that has happened on it is I cut apart some jeans belonging to my son's father. I knew NOTHING about quilting or using a rotary cutter. A friend loaned me a rotary cutter and I cut some of the jeans apart with a piece of corrugated cardboard underneath instead of a cutting board! I moved here with a bunch of jeans and a few cut apart. I guess motherhood got in the way! SOMEDAY, I'll find those old jeans and cut and actually make a quilt and also put some bright chenille strips to embellish it! (I sure hope “someday” comes!) Maybe a grandchild can use it on picnics when they are dating (my original use for it when I started thinking about it. NOW, we wouldn't be able to get off the ground once we got down on it!) *Maybe I should add that my friend didn't get a new blade and never commented on whether it was dull. I was so “green” about it that I didn't even know they had replacement blades!*

*Terry says:* For years I have saved the pattern "Rain Forest" from a Quiltmaker magazine with the idea it would be made for my first grandchild. It is all foundation pieced and includes lots of critters hiding in the green jungle [www.creativequiltkits.com/rain-forest-applique-quilt-pattern-by-quiltmaker-pattern-collection.html](http://www.creativequiltkits.com/rain-forest-applique-quilt-pattern-by-quiltmaker-pattern-collection.html). I may change my mind, but I'm hanging onto the pattern just in case.

*Tracy says:* My “someday” quilt would be a Judy Niemeyer star quilt. I like the designs, piecing techniques, and overall look of her quilts. I have the perfect space in my house for hanging a wall quilt, but never find enough time to do something for myself.

*Christine says:* A “someday” quilt for me is a Grandmother's Flower Garden. I am always up for a challenge and I thought that this pattern would be challenging. I also like to do hand work so that is another reason I would like to make this pattern in a Queen size with yellow as the petals and the centers being black like a Black-Eyed Susan.

*Laura says:* My "someday" quilt is a red and white snowman quilt with embroidered squares. I have fabric, but it keeps getting pushed back with other projects. Someday...

*LuAnn says:* I envision a US flag (8 ft x 12 ft) made all of fussy-cut isosceles triangles gently blowing in the breeze. Maybe my husband will build us a new house to fit the quilt. ☺

*Committing your “someday” dreams to paper is possibly the first step in bringing them into being. If there are more, send them in for next month's newsletter. Special thanks to Betty for the suggestion!*



### July

29—Amy

### August

14—Jyneen

26—Kathryn

28—Jane L

### September

04—Debbie

10—Michelle

## Reminders

### August 15

Long Arm Sally has moved to the Mountaineer Mall and will be open soon. Call for info (304-276-7031).

### September 7

West Virginia Quilters, Inc.

Fall Meeting ([www.wvquilters.org](http://www.wvquilters.org))

Bridgeport Conference Center

Hosted by Millennium Quilters

Meeting begins at 1:30

Lecture by Kim Diehl—"A Simple Trunk Show" begins at 2:00

Members and visitors are welcome to attend both meeting and lecture.

### March 6-8, 2015

Registration is underway for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Retreat at WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center, Weston. If you want to attend this popular retreat, you'll need to register as quickly as possible. Retreat brochure and registration form are included on the web site (<http://lewis.ext.wvu.edu/quilt-retreat>).

*Items for the Sept. newsletter should be forwarded to Linda F by Aug. 29.*