



Country Roads Quilt Guild August 2015

<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org>

Kathryn's Klips

Summer finally is here! Our picnic was a fun time and well attended and the severe storms waited until it was almost over to pour down. Thank you Carolyn G. for taking care of reserving this venue for us for so many years. Many of you have commented that the getting to know each other 'ice breaker' was fun. We will try to do this type of thing again!

Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson and the Super Seminar have come and gone. **WOW!** Please prepare to share your favorite thing about your experience, if not for this newsletter then during an upcoming meeting. Thank you to all our volunteers who made the event run smoothly and to Franny K. for all the coordination, behind the scenes arrangements, and passion to bring this renowned event to Morgantown and work.

Our membership directories are ready! Thank you Patty L. and Linda F. Please take notice of our Guild philosophy in the front cover and our By-Laws on pages 15-18. These are our guild's rules of operation. Any changes (amendments) to these by-laws must be presented to the guild membership and voted on and passed by a majority vote at a separate meeting.

During examination of the 2015-2016 budget it was suggested a possible change to "diamond members" dues. The proposed changes to the by-laws are being considered only for NEW members. Our dear faithful current Diamond members will not lose their free lifetime membership with all the rights and privileges of a paid member. (see Article V, Section 1, item D) The proposed change discussed earlier this year would apply solely to new members joining. Our long standing diamond members who have been the backbone of our guild are not intended to be part of this change. Diamond members are a great resource of talent and experience that enable us to grow and to improve our interest and skills in quilting. Please know you are valued and loved.

See you Thursday August 13.
Kathryn

* If you attended the Ricky Tims seminar bring a sample to our August guild meeting of something that inspired you, or that you practiced following the seminar.

Next Meeting: August 13

Location: Harner Chapel

Time: 6:30pm

Hostesses: Susan P.
Laura S.

Monthly Novelty:
Leona W.

Program: Patty L.

Upcoming Events

August 22 Smithtown Community Center, Nancy's All-day Sew In

**Wednesday's at 4:00pm
Sew Special Happy Hour**

August 7-9 Coshocton Canal Quilters quilt show:
<https://sites.google.com/site/coshoctoncanalquilters>

Aug - Sept. 7 Quilt National 2015 Exhibition, The Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens OH

**October 30-Nov 1
WVU Mountaineer Week Quilt Show**

2015-2016 Officers

President - Kathryn G.

Vice President - Karen S.

Treasurer - Carol S.

Secretary - Jane L.

Send September Newsletter information to Linda F.
by Aug. 28
fredrick.linda@gmail.com

July Minutes by Jane L.

Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2015

The July meeting and picnic was held at the Westover Senior Center Pavilion. After the meal, the meeting was called to order by President Kathryn G.

Hanna M. was welcomed as a guest.

Officers Reports

Secretary – Report prepared by Jane L.

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

Treasurer – Report prepared by Carol S.

Monica M. moved to accept. Leona W. made the 2nd. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Ricky Tims seminar – July 16-18 Franny K. reported on the seminar. She asked if anyone found issues during the seminar to let her know. People can still volunteer to greet people and to help lead the cheer with the Mountaineer. She hopes that everyone going will welcome all those attending. Quilts will be displayed on High St. and the DP will provide coverage. Attendance: 350 from 15 states. Local quilt shops will have extended hours during the seminar.

Mountaineer Week –Karen S. reported on the opportunity quilt. A workshop was held and Patty L., Karen S., and Linda F. finished 3 rows of the quilt using the blocks that had been turned in. Additional blue fabric is not available locally so if you have any extra fabric please let Karen S. know. Some new blocks were turned in at the picnic. Discussion was held on where and when to have the next work day. Monday, Aug. 3 was suggested. Location TBD.

Membership books–Membership books were distributed at the meeting.

Old Business

Last month we voted to pay for bandana fabric, however, there was an overage of the amount proposed. A new motion was made by Patty L. to pay \$68.42 for this purchase. Michele D. 2nd the motion. Motion carried.



Treasurer's Report

by Carol S.

March 2015 – May 2015

Beginning Balance	\$2054.51
Income	
Interest	.09
No name Tags	4.50
Ricky Tims	<u>3,000.00</u>

Total Income **\$3004.59**

Expenses

Franny K. -	
Tims Bandanas	68.42
Patty L (Directory)	89.04
Carolyn G. (Mtg. Exp)	25.00
USP Box Rental (1yr)	56.00
Linda F. -	
Newsletter	<u>5.72</u>

Total Expenses **244.18**

Ending Balance **\$4,814.92**



AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS!

9 Jyneen W.
26 Kathryn G.
28 Jane L.

September

4 Debra S.
7 Linda T.
10 Michelle D.

Carolyn G. asked a question regarding an item from last month's minutes about diamond membership. Kathryn explained that in review of the financial health of the guild it was an item that we felt we could examine to maintain our treasury in good health. No action is to be taken on this issue this year as we determined that we needed time to investigate it further. It is an issue that in no way is meant to change the status of current diamond members.

Row by Row Experience – June 21 – Sept 8

New Business

Thanks were extended to Patty L. for her work on the membership books. Next meeting: August 13 at Harner's Chapel. Patty L. will do the program. Hostesses and novelty responsibilities were announced.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Correction to newsletter – Nancy S. took 3rd place for her "Mountain Memories" quilt that she displayed at the Cultural Center in Charleston. She also took 2nd place for her Lonestar quilt and "Best Longarm Quilting" done by Quilts of Joy in Sutton that was displayed In Summersville. July 22 – 25 Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop
October 30-Nov 1 WVU Mountaineer Week Quilt show.

It's a wrap!

Thank you to every member that volunteered and/or attended the Ricky Tims Super Seminar! We made a tremendous impression with our hospitality for Ricky, Alex, John, Justin, and Cyndi and the 350 attendees from 15 states! They will have "Wild, Wonderful West Virginia" memories forever. I know everyone's skills and creativity have been kicked up some notches. The proof will be in your future sewing and quilting.

A special thanks goes to: Downtown Morgantown businesses for displaying quilts, Greater Morgantown Visitors and Convention Bureau, The Waterfront Hotel and Morgantown Event Center Staff who when asked to "Jump! Said, "How high?", West Virginia University's wonderful Mountaineer, Michael G., Mountainlair Staff Sonja W. and Kathy C. for their assistance, the West Virginia Welcome Center, the talented Hammered Dulcimer performers, Pat H. and Connie B. sponsored by the Greater Morgantown CVB, Peggy and Dave at the Country Roads Quilt Shop as my encouraging and supportive cheerleaders, and our terrific Promotional Partner Guilds and Shops (see list in back of Super Seminar Book).

We couldn't have done this event without the enthusiastic Volunteers from our guild: Tracy, Karen, Jane, Carol, Gitta, Patty, Lesley, Lu-Ann, Michelle, Monica, Linda, and Lou! And Kathryn's leadership! A big "**pat on the back**" goes to our extra volunteers that stepped forward to assist us: the Millennium Quilters from Clarksburg/Bridgeport: Pat G., Diana S., Shelia T., and Donna A.; Carolyn W. from North Carolina; Carolyn M. from Ohio; my cousin, Doreen W. from Virginia; my niece, Sarah S. from Virginia; and Jennie S. from Campus Quilters. A special thanks to Jyneen W. and daughter, and my nephew, Joel O. for helping do the heavy lifting with load in! We had the fastest and most efficient load-in and load-out in their history of seminars! We needed 23 volunteers but our guild couldn't fill those numbers so others graciously volunteered. Together they made a great team and I think they had the best fun! Thank you to Jane for the wonderful photos of the event! I am indebted to Laura S. and Lesley K. for assisting me with the set up and take down for the quilt displays in downtown Morgantown and for greeting attendees and cheerleading at the opening event. Your support was a wonderful gift!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

For Nancy's all day sew in on August 22: 9:00 - ?

Paper products provided for lunch

Bring: * a covered dish

- * 1 yard of fabric in a paper lunch bag (can be more than 1 fabric, such as 4 fat quarters)

* your own sewing project

Iron, ironing board & cutting table provided.

Lillian B. recently attended the American Sewing Guild convention in San Diego, CA. What perfect weather! Everyone was so happy. Why not, with 75 degrees every day. The classes were informative, starting at breakfast at 7, classes at 8 to 5, with a lunch break. There was so much to learn from instructors such as Sue Hausmann, July Kessinger, Linda McGee and others. I learned a lot and now just have to find time to try the techniques. I admit to being a fabricaholic, but Sue Hausmann said that your fabric is a collection and not always to use. It is a collection. It is fun to sew, but takes time to make a garment. Next year, the convention will be in Indianapolis. Someday I will return to quilting, but I love clothes. Thought I would like to keep in touch.

Sew Special Happy Hour: FREE

Wednesdays at 4:00pm

Come in for a cool refreshing drink (non-alcoholic), and a demo of a special ruler, presser foot or new sewing tool. The item to be demonstrated will be listed in the weekly E-mail. If you are not on the mailing list, you can sign up on the website at www.sew-special.biz

Country Roads Quilt Shop

Friday Sew-cial Need some uninterrupted quilting time? Join your quilting friends for a day of sewing. This is perfect for finishing your UFO's! Lunch is provided. Please sign up early, space is limited. Cost: \$15
<http://www.countryroadsquilts.com>

Our guild received \$3000.00 for promoting this event. Hundreds of hours were spent collecting information, phoning, and emailing guilds and shops (125 guilds were contacted in a five state region and 100 shops). Thanks to Lesley for collecting West Virginia Shop info for me! I traveled 1500 miles making presentations to shops and guilds showing my Kool Kaleidoscope, Convergence, and other quilt samples inspired by Ricky and Alex. I've made wonderful acquaintances on my travels!

I lost count of the hours and dollars getting ready for the Super Quilt Seminar. I made signs and banners. Baked and made gifts for hospitality bags for Ricky, Alex, and crew. I arranged extras like: the Mountaineer and Dulcimer performers; borrowing pipes and bases for banners; hosting pre-seminar events for RT staff; coordinating downtown quilt display; purchasing hats for the Mountaineer to present to guests; writing the proclamation for Mayor Schamberger and scheduling her welcome speech; purchasing the West Virginia Heritage books and having committee members make the presentation; contacting the Chamber of Commerce and WVU Visitor's Center to promote the event; sending out 30 individual press releases to the regional market (Washington, PA and Morgantown, WV newspapers, and WBOY TV did cover the event); and making 350 stickers to celebrate "I Love Quilting Day! Also, I covered my own travel, lodging for myself and Tracy, and my meals to attend the Iowa Super Seminar in preparation for this event. I am now finishing thank you notes.

I learned so much on this journey. My motivation was to honor my Mom, Polly M. She was a Fiber Artist, Seamstress, and Community Leader in Elkins, WV. Plus she was the most awesome Mom! She taught me to be thoughtful and generous even when I didn't have a nickel left to spend. She fostered my creative spirit. I learned to be spunky from my Mom by always having a positive "can do" attitude. Her gifts are still giving in the most extraordinary ways! I know she would be happy with this event. That is the greatest gift I could receive. I had four family members and many friends attend. You can say I was crazy or even naive to take on such a challenge. Maybe both. I am happy we finished it with a flourish!

I want to thank the members that made me feel welcome in the guild. I have made some wonderful friends. I will be busy in the next months taking care of my Husband, family, and home. I have asked Kathryn to appoint someone to replace my committee responsibilities with the guild. It's time to enjoy life! All the best in your future endeavors and thank you for having faith in me!
Signing off the Ricky Tims Wagon Train!

Happy Trails--
Franny K.



The Ricky Tims Super Seminar was SUPER! Ricky told the volunteers that we would have more fun than anyone else, and I have to agree. It's hard to pinpoint my favorite part, maybe the Rhapsody quilts. Volunteering as a white glove angel was another highlight. Ricky told us some stories about the quilts that we were able to relay to visitors. It was so much fun meeting and talking with so many nice people!
Linda F.

It was a joy to work with your guild. Ricky, Justin and Cindy were right when they said volunteers have more fun" I am glad I could join your guild effort. visit www.sewfarout.com to see my latest projects! Carolyn M.
Coschocton Canal Quilters

Photo Gallery

Although the days were long and tiring, I loved attending the Ricky Tims event! Working next to Alex Anderson was an experience I could have never imagined back in the days of watching **Simply Quilting!** She and her husband were so down to earth (I now know his favorite cookie!) and inviting. She shared a lot of personal stuff, it was just like two "girlfriends" talking about everyday events!

After listening to Ricky about "just trying" something I'm inspired to get out that first quilt I made (and never quilted) and try to machine-quilt it! I'm going to un-baste it and get a softer less "lofty" batting and get to work on it! Of course, this is AFTER that church banner gets finished! I can't do anything till that's done! Carol S.



When I left the Ricky Tims seminar, my head was spinning! There were so many great ideas & helpful hints, I didn't know what to try first. I especially liked his binding technique with piping. The Kaleidoscope quilts were so beautiful, I bought the book & hope to make one "someday."
Laura S.