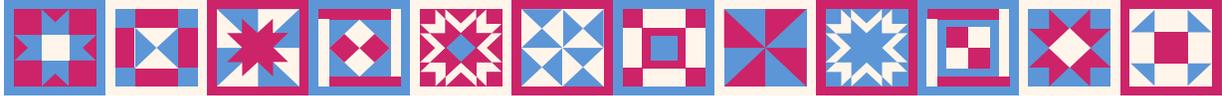


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Country Roads Quilt Guild  
<http://countryroadsquiltguild.org>

November 2010



## Melissa's Mini-Notes October 2010

We had another interesting meeting with our guest Scott from All Makes and Models Repair. He gave us a lot of useful information on things to check on our sewing machines before a trip to a repair shop. Check the newsletter for information in contacting his shop.

Terry is requesting quilted items for the quilt show as well as volunteers. So if you have missed a few meetings and wish to enter something or need the volunteer schedule, please contact terry.

Next month, November, we will be organizing the Nominating committee, so if you are interested please let us know. Or, if you are interested in one of the officer positions tell us that too. Monica has agreed to continue as the Vice-President, but the other positions are open.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, until then

Keep stitching.....  
Melissa

Please send items for  
the next newsletter to  
Linda F. by November  
26<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



## **Birthdays!** **December**

22 – Elaine S.  
26 – Lesley K.

## News from Betty C....



On September 29th, I attended the annual fall quilt show sponsored by my former quilt group, the Shady Ladies of Errol and Colebrook, NH. They're so named because their banner contains 5 ladies (for the first 5 original members, in different batik (shaded) dresses).

They host a yearly quilt supper in Colebrook and invite area groups to share pot luck fare/show and tell at the Methodist Church there. They provide the food and make themed favors to take home. Their show and tell is held in the church pew area, where pieces can be held up over a balcony for everyone can see. With a microphone, the maker of an item describes it and tells the story behind it. The groups bring items they've worked on all year. Fair promoters solicit themed quilt blocks from the area quilt groups and piece/tie quilts during the area's September fair. The quilt is subsequently raffled. One group brought one quilt to show during this year's quilt show. It's a fun night. A friend in Errol allowed me to stay at her house that night so that I did not have chance encounters with moose. They're EVERYWHERE this time of year; if I never saw another one, it would be too soon! The member I stayed with is trying to organize a quilt trail in upstate NH's Coos (this name is supposed to have an umlaut or diacritical mark over the second "o" but I don't know how to create it on the computer—it's not one of the 14 English punctuation marks ) County. While in the Four Seasons Quilt shop in Grantsville one day, I happened upon Maryland's Garret County quilt trail booklet, one the quilt shop was giving away. You can see the Circle of Life block on a white barn near Finzel as you're driving I-68. I photographed it on my way home from my son's house in VA last weekend. If Pat Knoechel is here in the spring, she might like to cruise Garret County to see their "barn quilts." Visit Garret County's Barn Quilt Association website at: <http://www.garrettbarnquilts.org/barnquilts.html>.

While in NH, I made a trip to Keepsake Quilting in Center Harbor, billed as America's Favorite Quilt store; it sits near the shores of NH's largest lake--Winnepesaukee (and near Squam Lake where "On Golden Pond" was filmed). It's about an hour from my mom's house. I haven't been there in several years, but thought I'd stop by since I was looking for particular fabrics for two history mini-quilts. They didn't have some of the fabrics I was looking for (likely outdated and too specialized since I was trying to replicate fabrics in my 2005 Quilt of States book), but I did find substitutes and a couple of cute quilted craft patterns I will attempt to make as Christmas gifts--too many projects in my head and too little time!

On my way back to PA in mid-Oct, I chanced upon a sign for the Sew'n Place in Chambersburg, PA, off I-81. My car brakes for all quilt shops, so I stopped in and browsed. It's a large store with newer fabrics and batiks. Fabrics are along the walls so it makes the store look bigger than their fabric supply I think. There's a ledge above the fabrics where a number of antique-looking sewing machines perch. I was looking for a bubble gum pink 30s fabric (definitely not the time of year to look for that fabric) to repair a large Lone Star Quilt top I found at an antique store in Grantsville, MD. I found a close fabric I could use though (so blendable I would consider them "Where's Waldo" pieces). The antique store was selling the top for \$3--I was stunned. It does need repair and replacement pieces, but I can do that. The lady there said it wasn't good for anything except maybe pillows. Little does she know that a quilter can restore something and make it useful for its original purpose again. There are maybe 10 pieces that need replacing. When repaired, I will have it long-arm quilted, bring it to the antique store to show the owner (I'm sure she will regret the \$3 price tag), and then send it to my TX friend. This will not likely be until next Christmas though. She sent me an Amish quilt one year and this will be something to repay her. Her birthday is in July and she likes red/white/blue; unfortunately, this top doesn't have the red, but does have white and blue. I suppose I could put red where the pink is, but I don't think it would do it justice since the piece looks 30s with "dusty" (or washed many times) fabrics to me. Because it's the Texas Lone Star Pattern, she will like it anyway.

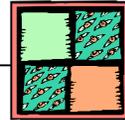
## November meeting reminder...

Our November meeting is our annual holiday ornament workshop. Please bring hand-sewing supplies with you to the meeting (needle, thread, scissors.). In addition, please bring a needle that will work with embroidery floss. The guild will provide the rest of the necessary supplies.



Jan Board was just mentioned in the October 11th Martha Pullen Newsletter - congratulations Jan! Check it out (scroll down to Tips & Projects):

<http://www.marthapullen.com/newsletter/currentnews.html>



### **OOPS!**

Our apologies to our newest member, Martha Thorn. Her name was misspelled in the last newsletter. There is no "e" at the end.

## The Great 2011 Crayon Challenge

1. Each member who chooses to participate will choose one crayon color at random from a grab bag.
  - a. If you are unable to attend the August or September meeting, contact Monica to get a color picked for you.
2. The color chosen must be the predominant color of the quilt, representing at least 60% of the quilt. Black and/or white and one additional color may be added. Fabric may be purchased or hand-dyed and embellishments are allowed.
  - a. It is acceptable to use lighter and darker shades of your crayon in addition to the original shade of the crayon to help achieve your desired effect; however, the original shade must be present in the quilt.
3. The quilted item can be of any shape, size, or design, but must be finished including quilting, binding, and label.
4. When turning in your piece, pin your crayon pieces to the outside of your quilt in a baggie.
5. Items are due at the May 2011 meeting.

Country Road Quilt Guild  
Minutes for October 21, 2010 meeting

The October 2010 meeting of the Country Roads Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Melissa J. Several members were in attendance.

The September 2010 Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved as written.

Committee Reports

*November Quilt Show* – Terry reported that the quilt show planning is right on track. She had registration forms and display tags for everyone, the forms are also available online. Quilt turn in is Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-2 pm in the Chapel parking lot. Show hanging will take place Nov. 3 from 8 am until completed.

*Project Linus* – Pat O. reported there were more members on the Project Linus committee than ever before. Do we still like kits? Was the question posed to the members present. Many of the members present agreed that kits were a good idea. More fabric is always needed to make kits.

*CD/DVD Library* – The new Ricky Timms CD/DVD's are in the library for anyone who would like to sign them out.

*Monthly Mini* – The monthly mini was made by Christine S. and won by Thomasene E. Next months mini will be Louise A.

New Business

*Quilt Donation* – Susan B. is willing to donate a whole kit to the guild to use for fundraising at next year's show. There was interest among members in completing the project.

Old Business

*Project Day* – The guild voted to hold project day the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, from 8 am to 4 pm. Harner Chapel is asking a for a donation for use of the hall. The members present moved and approved a \$25 donation for each project day. This will help cover the cost of utilities.

*Fran Kordeck Class*—The members present moved and approved having Fran come and teach a class in February. The primary date is Feb. 12 with a snow day of Feb. 19. The class size will be limited to 15 students, as per Fran's request. The cost of the class and materials will be paid for by the participants.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell, and a presentation by Scott Stinger from All Makes Vacuum and Sewing.