



The Postage Stamp



Country Roads Quilt Guild

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May 2010

Melissa's May Mini-notes

And here we thought winter was over and last night we had a freeze warning! I do not know about you, but I could do without the freezing!

Last month's meeting was another good one. We brought up the suggestion of a mini-retreat which seemed to have met with a good response. The only thing that did not go over too well was the sleeping on the floor bit, so I guess we will have to find a solution for that! If you have any ideas on places to hold a retreat or sleepover, please let the executive committee know. We are trying really hard to give some of the ideas you gave us consideration. Anyone that wants to help is welcome as well.

This month we are to reveal the 'Ugly Duckling' Fabric Challenge. So remember to bring your challenge project. Just a reminder, you had to have the 'ugly duckling' fabric as a focal fabric with 3 other fabrics of your choice. If you haven't made yours yet, you still have time before the meeting! I cannot wait to see what you have done with the fabric!

June meeting will be here before you know it and we have Dr. Beth Newcome coming to present the Feed sack Collection. This is very interesting and you do not want to miss it!

The 2010 Mountain Quilt Quest Shop Hop is in June. June 9-12, 2010 and I know that some of you enjoy participating in this event as much as Paul and I do. Therefore, I am going to ask Monica to lead the meeting as I will be away for the hop! Also a reminder that the Sew Inn has a bus available for the 10th and 11th, contact the Sew Inn for details. This is a great way to go if you do not wish to do all the driving!

Well, I am just about tapped out of ideas, so I'll see you at the meeting!



*Keep stitching...
Melissa*

Treasurer's Report - May 2010

Beginning Balance	\$2,649.68
Income:	
No tags	\$3.76
Monthly mini	\$34.00
Dues	\$150.00
March Interest	\$0.09
April Interest	<u>\$0.10</u>
Total Income	\$187.95
Expenses:	
Stamps	\$17.60
Presort Mar Newsletter	\$8.06
Terry C./Knoechel dinner	\$27.76
Terry C. Internet	\$32.64
Sew Chic Alz. gift (scissors)	\$29.11
Linda F. April newsletter	<u>\$29.62</u>
Total Expenses	\$144.79
Ending Balance	\$2,692.84

The quilt in a day books are on their way and Melissa hopes to have them for the meeting.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 13
6:30 pm
Harner Chapel UMC

Program: Ugly Duckling Challenge
Hostesses: Christine S. and Leona W.
Monthly Mini: Kathy H.

Country Roads Quilt Guild
Minutes for April 7th, 2010 meeting

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

The March 2010 Minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as written.

Committee Reports

Linus Committee – Pat O. noted that there are lots of kits available. She thanked all those who took and brought back Linus quilts. The working Linus meeting was canceled because of a conflict with the church.

Challenge Committee – Reminder about the Ugly Duckling Challenge: The Ugly Duckling Fabric, Dimples G24 by Andover Fabrics, must be used in making a quilted item of any size, in any pattern. In addition to the Dimples fabric, contestants may use up to 3 additional fabrics to complete their work of art. For your convenience, the fabric is available at the Sew Inn; just tell the staff that you are working on the Guild's Ugly Duckling Challenge and they will know what fabric to pull out for you. Next month is the challenge, bring your work ready to show.

Alzheimer's Quilt Challenge – Everyone enjoyed the quilts displayed for the Challenge. The members who made quilts were surprised with a small gift of snipping scissors. Thanks to all who participated.

Monthly Mini – The March monthly mini, made by Christine was won by Elaine.

New Business

Crohn's and Colitis Walk Basket – Thomasene E. thanked everyone who brought things for the CCFA walk. She made special note of the gift from the Guild. The basket will be on display at the Northside Fire Department the day of the walk. She will be taking donations at the May meeting as well.

April Program – The April meeting is the Challenge meeting. Remember to bring your challenge quilts ready to show.

Retreat – A guild retreat is in the planning stage. Several dates in June and July were proposed. Several members were interested in attending a one day retreat to be held at Harner Chapel.

Old Business

Guild Banner – Jane F. has Guild Banner in her kitchen. She will bring it to the next meeting. The

Guild was asked to provide the banner for the WV Quilt Show in June.

Facebook page – The Facebook page is up and running. You can look at the page without being a Facebook member, but you must be member to post to the page. There is a link to the Facebook page on the Guild Webpage.

Future programs – Beth Newcombe will present her program in June since the February meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Membership and Dues -- Members were asked to fill out their membership forms and pay dues to Michelle.

Linus Meeting – The members discussed moving the Linus delivery meeting from June to July. There was concern that with a guest speaker the meeting would run long if both events happened the same night. Pat O. was going to check with the Linus people to see if they could collect the quilts in July instead of June. Pat O. will report back at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded with Show & Tell and discussion on favorite quilting tools and techniques.

-----LOST PUPPY-----

My sweet little puppy dog disappeared 2 weeks ago while my hubby was distracted and I've been tearing Morgantown apart, brick by brick, trying to locate her. Although she's 15-years-old, Megan is in great physical condition and could have covered a good distance in a short time. She was last seen on Tuesday, April 13th, 2010, at the Hildebrand Lock & Dam; however, with access to the railroad and main road, she could be anywhere at this point. I've canvassed the woods and back roads & railroads around the Lock & Dam, Booth, and surrounding areas and have come up empty-handed (she's not a "nature girl," but I wanted to cover all of my bases), so we're left to believe that she may have been picked up by some kind soul. Meg is a very friendly buff-colored cocker spaniel (although her hair is shaved very short so she doesn't look very "cockery" right now). Also, Meg is deaf. At this point, I'm just hoping that someone sees her or knows somebody who has and can point me in the right direction so that we can find her. My girls really miss their "big sister."



*Thanks,
Monica*

What's Happening?

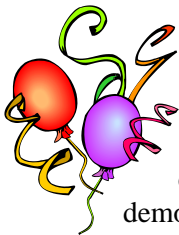
Jane F., Carolyn G., and Vicki D. went to the AQS show in Lancaster. It was a really good show. It still has a few kinks to iron out, but it was good. Lots of vendors and of course our favorite Amish places to visit. We had a good time.

Terry recently attended the International Quilt Show in Chicago. The quilts were inspiring and the 350 vendors were fantastic! There's nothing like a big show to get your creative juices flowing!

Congratulations to **Louise A.** and **Linda F.** Louise won 1st place at the 3-Rivers Quilt Show for her quilt "Irish Star." Linda received an Honorable Mention for "All Roads Lead Home."

Quilters Corner Anniversary Party

May 7th and 8th marks the beginning of Quilters Corner's 22nd year. No party would be complete without party treats, party games and party favors – ours will cover all the bases! We've begun new displays for the celebration in every corner of the shop and have our demonstration models almost ready. The free technique demonstrations will be presented at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on both days.



Blue Ridge Quilt Festival, June 18-20

New Blacksburg Middle School
2109 Price's Fork Road
Blacksburg, VA
www.BRQFestival.com

Special Exhibits: "Kaleidoscope Quilts"

Featured Artist: Paul Golden--
The Artistry of Quilts



WV Quilters Inc Quilt Festival 2010

June 24-26, Summersville, WV
The deadline for registering quilts for the show is May 15th. Please check their website for Quilt Show Entry Forms and other Festival details:

www.wvquilters.org/

Please contact Terry C. if you would like her to transport your entered quilts to and from the festival. You must be a member of the state guild to enter quilts. You can access a Membership Form from their website, or contact Terry for more info.

Quilt Odyssey, July 22-25

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
Hershey, Pennsylvania
www.quiltodyssey.com

Houston, TX- Entries sought for "Still We Rise Again: Quilts for New Orleans"

This is a juried exhibit featuring quilts that celebrate the unwavering spirit of New Orleans, the Gulf Coast, themes of rebirth, renewal and the recovery of a city devastated five years ago by Hurricane Katrina. Quilts will premiere at International Quilt Market & Festival October 30- November 7, 2010. (Other exhibit locations TBD.) **Entry deadline July 1, 2010.** You may submit up to two entries for consideration.

Jurors: Jennifer Gilbert & Martha Sielman.

For Entry form e-mail: m_walter@charter.net or visit www.aquiltersgarden.com

(Exhibit to benefit appraiser scholarship & conservation workshop for damaged quilts)

Questions contact curator Mary Walter 617-480-6360

Vinegar will remove any blue or purple markings that have been accidentally heat set on your quilt top. Just spray a little vinegar on the mark and dab it with a clean white cloth. Viola--it's gone!

Happy Birthday

May

9 Jane B.

25 Donna F.

28 Jane F.

30 Leona W.

June

14 Ruth Ann R.

15 Lou D.

Announcing the Ugly Duckling Challenge!

This year's challenge features the daunting task of transforming an ugly duckling into a beautiful swan. Anyone who attended the picnic will remember the Fun Survey. In one portion of the survey, members voted on which of the three fabrics that were presented could be considered the ugliest. Unbeknownst to the survey participants, you were actually voting on our ugly duckling fabric. The most popular fabric, Dimples G24 from Andover Fabrics, is our featured fabric.

Your assignment: Using the ugly duckling fabric and no more than 3 additional fabrics, create a quilted item (any size or shape) to transform our ugly duckling into a masterpiece. We will unveil our top secret projects at our May 2010 meeting.

The Sew Inn has several fat quarters already cut for use and the staff knows which fabric to cut if you need larger pieces. Just tell them that you need fabric for the Country Roads Challenge. Alternatively, you can purchase from another favorite fabric vendor.

Have fun and good luck as you work on your challenge pieces!
The Challenge Committee

**Please send items for the June newsletter
to Monica by Friday, May 28th.**