



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: January 10th, 2008.

Social Hour 6:00 to 6:30

Meeting starts at 6:30

Meetings are held at the First Christian Church in Fort Walton Beach, FL

From Your President:

Happy New Year from your President and your 2008 Board! I hope your New Year is off to a great start! I apologize for the Newsletter being a bit late this month, but due to the holidays, our schedules were a little tight and finding times to meet with all the board members was a little difficult. I do hope it was worth the wait! If you have any helpful comments or ideas regarding the newsletter, please see Sheila.

I am really excited about all the ideas your board has come up with and if we can do even a portion of them, it will be a very exciting year for us all.

So many quilt shops are closing their doors for many different reasons. One of our goals is to make sure we keep all of ours thriving and to help them, we are trying something NEW this year. We are inviting all of our local shops to share space in our monthly newsletter for any special items of interest. Please contact Sheila about space and deadlines regarding this. Please support all of our local shops including Cotton Loft in Destin, Lynn's Sewing Center in Fort Walton, Margie's in Crestview, and The Sewing Center in Fort Walton. Also, please support our local Long Arm Quilters including Around the Block owned by Sheri Eason in Fort Walton, Asta's Quilting owned by Asta Dorsett in Navarre and Katydid's owned by Patty Butcher in Niceville.

We are going out on the Web! Our Thanks to Patty Butcher and her husband Tom for all the preparation they are doing on our new website. They have also offered to sponsor our website through Patty's business, Katydid's which will allow us to only have to pay for the domain name which is less than \$10.00 per year. It is taking some time to compile all the information that is being posted there. There will be all sorts of information there including the monthly newsletter. We will be removing some information from the newsletter prior to posting for privacy reasons. So, if you're one of the ones having trouble opening the newsletter, you will have the option of going to the web to print a copy. Please remember, if you are having trouble with your newsletter, email or call Sheila. It is her goal to get everyone a copy of the newsletter each month. If you have any information about how our guild originally was formed, please talk to Patty. If you have any pictures of Guild functions, please let Patty know. If there is something you would like to make sure is included on the website, please talk to Patty. Ideas are always welcomed!

Please remember to sign-in each month when attending our guild meetings. It helps us to remember those who cannot make the meeting.

Okay, no more surprises just yet! We will be telling you of more ideas for 2008 at the January meeting, so grab a new friend, or call one of our past members and invite them back to the guild!

Last but not least, a big "Thank-you" to the 2007 Board! We cannot thank-you enough for all your hard work! Stay close-we may need to lean on you during the year.

One more thing; please remember to bring your Show and Tell in January!!!

Jeanie Johnson

Vice President's Line:

It is a great pleasure to be part of this wonderful guild and to serve on the board for another outstanding year. The board is determined to make 2008 the Year of Achievement. We have many exciting opportunities that will assist us all in accomplishing this goal. Please make sure you are here to join us.

Cathy

Board Meetings:

Your 2008 board will be meeting just prior to our normal guild meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

Raffle Donations:

We want to thank the following for our January Raffle Donations:

Sandy Sterman

Lynne Salsman

Patty Butcher

Membership News:

We had 39 people at our Christmas meeting. The food was delicious! I hope everyone is having a GREAT 2008.

We had no guests or new members in December.

Thank-you to the 38 members who have already paid their dues!!

Membership dues are due in January and will be late if not paid by the January meeting. We will be distributing the 2008 Membership directory at the February meeting and anyone who has not paid their dues will not be included in the new directory.

Please remember to sign it any guests that attend with you.

Lyn Woods

Birthdays:

Happy January birthdays to:

Dorothy Courtnage

Sheri Easom

Kim Hann

Barbara Harrington

Susan McNair

Melanie Neumann

Carolyn Urquhart

Programs:

Our January meeting is going to be mostly informational. If you have a hand project you are working on, you might bring it along in case we finish early. We have lots of new information to pass along to you. Also, please remember to bring a Show and Tell to share with the group.

Sandy

Charities:

We have decided on a few charities for this year. We will be discussing them at the January meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kathy and Kim

Newsletter:

If you have any items that you would like to have mentioned in the newsletter, please contact Sheila Paxton at Newsletter@SilverThreadsQuiltGuild.org. Please put something in the subject line to indicate that your message relates to Silver Threads Quilt Guild. If there is nothing in the subject line, I will probably not open the email. I look forward to doing your newsletter this year. Please contact me with any questions or problems you might have with your newsletter.

Sheila

Silver Threads Board

President	Jeanie Johnson
Vice Pres	Cathy Messner
Secretary	Chris Maher
Treasurer	Patty Butcher
Membership	Lyn Woods
Programs	Sandy Sterman
Charity	Kathy Weathers
Charity	Kim Hann
Newsletter	Sheila Paxton

Challenge:

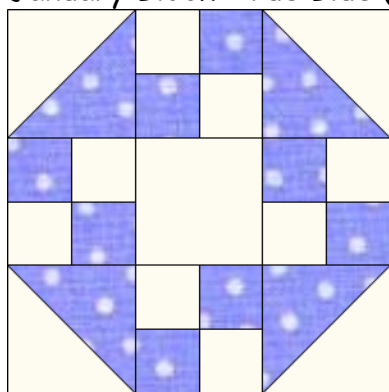
This year's challenge will be announced at the January meeting. Please be sure to join us for the unveiling of the challenge and the rules.

Block of the Month

We have been approached by several members about putting a block of the month in the newsletter again. We have discussed it and have decided to once again add a block each month. These blocks will be "common" blocks so that we do not infringe on any copyright laws. I will include only cutting directions and a picture of the block. I will try to keep the blocks fairly simple in construction. How you use the block pattern is up to you, however, we are asking that if you like the block and would want to make an extra one, we would love for you to donate it to the guild to be used in charity quilts. In the past we have used these to make quilts for our charity donations and it has worked quite well. You can use scraps or leftovers

fabrics or if you like, you can coordinate fabrics for your blocks and at the end of the year, we would have 12 blocks to put together in a quilt. One of our members did this in the past and we were able to make a beautiful quilt that was donated to Hospice that was then raffled and the proceeds benefited Hospice. If you choose to coordinate your blocks, please let us know so that we can set those aside as we begin to assemble kits to be sewn into quilts. You will also need to fill out a slip of paper with your name on it each time you donate a block. These will be kept separate so that at the end of the year, a drawing will be held. The winner will receive-oh no, I can't tell you! You thought I will spill it didn't you? Sorry, that will be a surprise! With that all said, here is our first block.

January Block-True Blue (Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

Light:

Two blocks four and seven eighths inches square (or five inches if you prefer to true up later) for half square triangles.

One block four and a half inches square for the center.

Eight blocks two and a half inches square (or if you prefer to sew in a strip, cut a strip approximately twenty two inches by two and a half inches) for four patches.

Dark:

Two blocks four and seven eighths inches square (or five inches if you prefer to true up later) for half square triangles.

Eight blocks two and a half inches square (or if you prefer to sew in a strip, cut a strip approximately twenty two inches by two and a half inches) for four patches.

If you have a quilting or organizational tip to help us, please let Sheila know so that we can put it in the newsletter. Please don't assume that you have nothing to offer to someone else. Our guild is a learning and a sharing guild. You have no idea how you might inspire someone else with just sharing a little knowledge that you might not think is important. Your idea or tip might just be the ticket to what someone else might need to know.

Tip of the Month:

Before attending a class or retreat, make ID tags out of Ultrasuede, leather, or felt scraps (check your bag from Guild Day). Cut rectangles approximately 1" by 2" and punch a hole in one end. Tie a narrow ribbon through the hole and attach through a hole in the tool. This tip comes from Cindi Blair-McManus and Fons and Porter Magazine.

Every year during June and December, our guild members bring in delicious food for our Birthday and Christmas parties. Without a doubt, someone always asks for a recipe. I was guilty of this in December and Dottie (with the help of Southern Living) provided our Recipe of the Month. Our thanks to them!

Recipe of the Month

Pumpkin Crisp

1-15 ounce can pumpkin	1 cup evaporated milk
1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon	1-18.25 ounce package butter-flavored cake mix
1 cup chopped pecans	1 cup butter, melted
whipped cream (optional)	ground nutmeg (optional)

Stir together pumpkin, milk, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon. Pour into a lightly greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Sprinkle cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture; sprinkle evenly with pecans. Drizzle butter evenly over pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour to 1 hour and 5 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm or at room temperature with whipped cream, if desired. Sprinkle with nutmeg, if desired.

Reminders:

Don't forget that the Flying Needles Quilt Guild in Niceville will be hosting their annual quilt retreat in February this year. The dates are February 28th, 29th and March 1st. If you have any questions please contact a board member and they will provide you with information on how to contact Flying Needles. Please support this retreat, as we are lucky enough to have a retreat held in our area and they try to bring in a nationally known teacher for the event. Opportunities to participate in events like this in our area are limited.

Also, please remember to mark your calendars for the Pensacola Quilt Show being held on March 28th and 29th.

PS: Please don't forget to bring an item for Show and Tell.