



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: May 8th, 2008.

Church will be open at 1:00 p.m. on May 8th for sewing

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

Website: <http://www.silverthreadsquiltguild.org>

From Your President:

Welcome to May ladies; this year is flying by. I hope you will all have a Happy Mother's Day!

I do hope we are all working on our Challenges along with thinking about the upcoming Field Trip on May 31st. We will need to decide if we want to do both, Kudzu in Montgomery and Front Porch in Ozark, or just the Front Porch. Also, please be thinking about if you would be willing to drive and how many passengers you can take.

Don't forget our Friday Night Stash Buster evening on May 9th. Remember, everyone is Welcome to come sew Whatever you wish to sew. Or you can join in and do a scrappy quilt, with or without the ruler. There are many, many quilt patterns that use 2 1/2" strips or charms squares now. I am sure most of us own one or two of them. If not, search the internet. I am sure you will find even more ideas. We want everyone to come have fun sewing, nibbling, and visiting. Fingers food will be welcome as always! (grin)

I hope everyone enjoyed hearing from our Local shops and hearing about all the new spring items coming in this year. Please remember to support our local shops as much as you can and let them all know how much we love having them!

Don't forget, the church is going to be open at 1:00 p.m. on guild day this month. Please join us for a sit and sew. You can bring something from home to work on or you can help with charity projects-the choice is yours-but please join us!

Happy Quilting

Jeanie's Blog

You will just LOVE me..... well maybe NOT! LOL But check it out and decide for yourself.....

<http://www.shockwave.com/gamelanding/patchworkz.jsp>

Jeanie

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 May Raffle Donations:

Edith Bullock

Pat Neiber

Laura Gamble

Addie Lowry

Membership News:

Hello Ladies,

We had 42 members present for our April meeting. Please remember to sign in for yourself and any guest you might have. Please indicate on the roster if you have completed your name badge. I am so impressed with our collective creativity. 23 people have finished their name badge, have you? A temporary badge will be available for rent for 50 cents if you forget yours or if you haven't finished yours yet.

Lyn Woods

Birthdays:

Happy May birthdays to:

Barbara Fyffe

Deane Inness

Pat Nieber

Lynnette Percival

Kim Steele

Programs:

Spring is in full force and it is time to clean out those stashes. Hopefully you can join us on May 9th for the "Spring Fabric Stashbuster" evening. If you need a ruler, please contact Patty Butcher. (For those of you that have ordered a ruler from Patty-please see note below). Remember to bring the usual sewing supplies and a pattern of your choice using jellyrolls or charm packs. The time is from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. We have a special program for May. Happy Mother's Day to all. Don't forget that June is our Birthday month, so we will not be having a program, but we will have our party and some games. If you wish to participate in the games, please bring a fat quarter.

Sandy

Note: If you have ordered a ruler from Patty for the stashbuster evening, please make your check payable to "Katydid's" in the amount of \$21.20. That's the cost of the ruler plus tax.

Charities:

Another exciting Charity Sew Day is planned for May 8th starting at 1:00 p.m. and running until our meeting that evening. You can bring your sewing machine and charity projects and drop in anytime to start. You can bring something for supper or run to one of the places close by to grab a bite.

We will be working on the Christmas Quilt for the church-squaring up, arranging blocks, sewing, and sashing. There will be two Kid Comfort kits available. If you have one that isn't finished, come and sew with us. There will be fabric and patterns for Christmas stockings. I went through the leftover charity blocks from a couple of years ago, and there are 9 blocks to make a green charity quilt (it would look great sashed with yellow). There are 6 blocks in blue and there are 4 blocks with parrots. That would be a fun challenge! We also have tubs of fabric just waiting to be made into something. Bring any of your charity projects or ideas and come join us for the afternoon. See you there!

Our charity totals for this year so far: 39 Christmas blocks, 46 Christmas stockings, 5 baby quilts, 6 kid quilts, and 3 lap quilts. Keep up the GREAT work!

If you are a new member, please refer to a previous newsletter on our website to see what charities we are supporting this year.

Kathy and Kim

Show and Tell:

Wow! Last month I gave out a ton of pins. Our make-up month was a piece of cake. Thanks to all of you for being honest and keeping me straight. We will have other make up months coming up. Watch the newsletter for more information on this. This part of our program is intended to get our members to share what they accomplish and to inspire other members. We have limited the pins to one each month because we want this little project to last the entire year. Yes, it does matter what order the beaded pins go on the larger pin. The finished pin will spell out something. That's why it's important to know which pin you need.

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 contact me with any questions or problems you might have with your newsletter.

Sheila

Silver Threads Board

President	Jeanie Johnson
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Membership	Lyn Woods
Programs	Sandy Sterman
Charity	Kathy Weathers
Charity	Kim Hann
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Challenge:

This year's challenge will be "My Round Robin". Normally a round robin quilt is passed from one person to another for each "round" that is added. However, this challenge quilt is made entirely by you. The rules are as follows:

- 1. Center: Your design-can be anything you like from a pieced block to a pre-printed block to just a beautiful piece of focal fabric.*
- 2. First Round: Your design, but must have "points" somewhere in this round.*
- 3. Second Round: Your design, but must have "circles" of some sort.*
- 4. Third Round: Your design, but must have "stripes".*
- 5. Fourth Round: Your design, but must have "curves".*

The challenge quilt can be ANY size or even a wearable art. There isn't a particular fabric that must be used. You can add additional rounds, but the first four rounds MUST follow the above rules. If you have any questions, please ask a board member. Use your imagination! Prizes will be awarded for the top three choices.

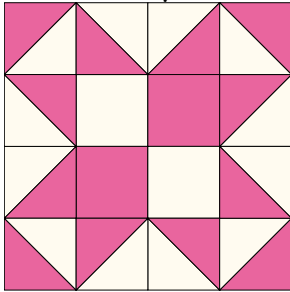
Buddy Blocks:

The first block will be exchanged in June and is a flower block in your choice of colors. The pattern is also of your choosing. The second block will be exchanged in December and should be made in fall colors. You pick the pattern for the block. Both blocks are 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished. Please contact Sheri Easom for more information.

Block of the Month

Don't forget to complete the proper slip of paper to get credit for your charity items. Your block of the month donation earns you a charity slip. With that said, here is our fifth block. You can make these blocks in ANY color, not just the color shown.

Block-May Block (Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

Light: Two-three and one half inch squares

Six-three and seven eighths squares for half square triangles

Dark: Two-three and one half inch squares

Six-three and seven eighths squares for half square triangles

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:

If you are wondering what to do with that little strip or square of fabric left over after a project, if you have a piece large enough that you hesitate to discard but you can't think how to use it, use the Ziplock Storage bag system and mark sizes 1", "1 ½", 2", 2 ½" strips or 2", 3", 4" or 5" squares on them. Cut up the remaining remnant to one of these sizes and deposit the piece in the appropriate bag. When the bag is full, sew the pieces together and you'll have a good sized piece of fabric to cut into blocks to make a very 'scrappy quilt'. This is a great way to use leftover fabric and make a comfort quilt to donate without added expense. For those who have purchased the Scrapbuster ruler, just use your ruler to cut the strips or blocks for your next scrappy strip or charm quilt.

Recipe of the Month

Coca-Cola Cake

In a mixing bowl, combine:

<i>2 cups flour</i>	<i>2 cups sugar</i>
<i>½ cup buttermilk (or ½ c. milk with 1 ½ t. lemon juice or vinegar added)</i>	
<i>1 t. vanilla</i>	<i>1 t. baking soda</i>
<i>2 eggs</i>	
<i>Set aside.</i>	

In a sauce pan mix:

<i>1 stick margarine</i>	<i>1 cup Coca-Cola</i>
<i>¼ cup cocoa</i>	<i>½ cup Crisco oil</i>
<i>1 ½ cups miniature marshmallows (reserved, do not add until mixture boils)</i>	

*Bring mixture to a boil and stir in miniature marshmallows until marshmallows are dissolved. Pour over the first mixture and stir until well blended. Pour into a 9x13 pan that has been sprayed with Pam. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. **Frost while hot.***

Frosting for Coca-Cola Cake

<i>1 stick margarine</i>	<i>3 T. cocoa</i>
<i>1/3-cup Coca-Cola</i>	<i>1 box powdered sugar</i>
<i>1-cup chopped pecans (see note in directions)</i>	

*In a saucepan, mix the margarine, cocoa, and Coca-Cola. Bring to a boil stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add powdered sugar and beat until smooth. Add pecans to frosting, if desired, or cake may be topped with pecans after being frosted. Pour over hot cake (within 5 minutes after removing cake from oven) that you have poked holes in with a toothpick. **Use frosting while hot and frost hot cake.***

Reminders:

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