



# Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: August 14th, 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

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

*From Your President:*

*I enjoyed our July Program very much and hope everyone learned a few tips. I also enjoyed the Friday night sew. The salad bar was great and as the night wore on, the laughter increased! I hope everyone will find time away from the heat by being in their sewing rooms. Don't forget to bring your Show N Tells.*

*We will be announcing the Board position openings this month, so please be thinking about taking one of those positions.*

*A few dates to remember:*

*Charity items are due in October.*

*Guild Day is October 11th.*

*Challenges are due in November.*

*Elections are in November.*

*Happy Quilting, see ya'll on the 14th.*

*Jeanie's Blog*

*Ever have the need to know standard sizes for mattresses, pillows, towels, bed skirts, or other linens?*

*Check out this website for all this information.*

*<http://www.christinalynn.com/measuring-linens.shtml>*

*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 This Month:**

*Denise Johnson*

*Jeanie Johnson*

*Sherri Hayes*

*Sheila Paxton*

**Membership News:**

*Hello Ladies,*

*We had 42 members at our July meeting.*

*Please fill out and bring in your survey to the August meeting. If you will not be at the August meeting, please either send it by someone else or mail it to me, Lyn Woods, at 240 Brooks Street, Unit D302, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548. I will be tallying the results starting on August 15th, so please have it in my hands by then. Please participate!*

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August Birthday month

Lyn Woods

Birthdays:

*Happy August birthdays to:  
Karen Fisher  
Amy Hughes  
Sandy Sterman*

Programs:

*WOW - I can't speak for everybody, but boy was July's program informative. For those of you who missed out, perhaps the 2009 board will ask Patty to return. Personally, I know I will take the time to add my borders correctly; no more dog ears for me! Thank you very much Patty, for a wonderful presentation.*

*I mentioned before how fortunate we are that we have so many talented quilters among our group and when we take the time to share our talents with each other, we all benefit. That being said, the August program is "Members Teaching Members". Several of us have volunteered to share with the group a few easy, fun projects; appliqué, and sewing binding to name a couple. Now keep in mind we are not "Subject Matter Experts", so we welcome your suggestions. We are always looking to improve our skills.*

Cathy Messner

Charities:

*Our charity totals are looking pretty good! We have 57 Christmas stockings made for Healthy Start (only 43 more to go), 42 Kid Comfort quilts, 2 kid comfort pillows, 1 quilt to Covenant Hospice for their auction, 12 baby panel quilts, 18 small patchwork quilts, 3 larger patchwork quilts, 80 blocks, about 20 items for the church bazaar, and the beautiful Christmas quilt now being quilted by Patty. We hope to start selling tickets for it soon. Thanks to all who sewed on charity items at the Sit and Sew. I gave out 7 heart buttons to charity sewers. Thanks also to those who take the charity quilts and help sew on bindings. We are getting there! Keep up the great work!*

Kathy and Kim

Show and Tell:

Keep up the great show and tell items. This part of our program is intended to get our members to share what they accomplish and to inspire other members. Don't forget to come get your pin AFTER the meeting. By waiting until after the meeting, everyone will have a chance to view the projects being shown with less noise and confusion. 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](mailto:newsletter@silverthreadsquiltguild.org) 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	Cathy Messner
Charity	Kathy Weathers
Charity	Kim Hann
Newsletter	Sheila Paxton

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:*

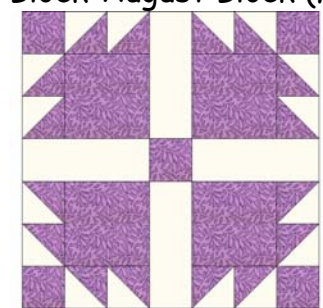
- 1. Center: Your design-can be anything you like from a pieced block to a pre-printed block to just a beautiful piece of focal fabric.*
- 2. First Round: Your design, but must have "points" somewhere in this round.*
- 3. Second Round: Your design, but must have "circles" of some sort.*
- 4. Third Round: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

## 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 eighth block. You can make these blocks in ANY color, not just the color shown.

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



You will need:

Light: Eight squares-two and five eighths by two and five eighths (for half square triangles)

Four strips-two inches by five and three fourths inches (center strips)

Dark: Eight squares-two and five eighths by two and five eighths (for half square triangles)

Four squares-two and a quarter by two and a quarter (for corners)

One square-two inches by two inches (for center)

Four squares-four inches by four inches (the section that the half square triangles are attached to)

A few lines of directions-

Make half square triangles using the eight light and eight dark-two and five eighths inch squares. Lay these out (according to the diagram) with the four inch squares. Sew two half square triangles together to make one section and sew to the side of the four inch squares. Sew the other two half square triangles together and add a two and one quarter inch square to make another section. Sew this to the four inch unit. Make four of these units. Place a light strip in between two of these units to make the top row. Repeat for a second set. Make a row out of the remaining two light strips having the small two inch square in the center. (See diagram) Sew the rows together to make the block.

### Tip of the Month:

If you have directions for a pattern and you know you will be making the item several times, laminate the sheet so that when you cut the pieces listed, you can mark them off with a dry erase marker. When you are finished with the laminated sheet, simply wipe off the marks and re-file your directions for future use.

Recipe of the Month (I had a few ladies send me recipes for some of our birthday goodies-Thank-you so much. If you don't see your recipe here this month, stay tuned, they will all be in future issues.)

### *Goosey Almond Cake* *Dottie Neibler*

*¾ cup real butter, melted*  
*1 ½ cups sugar*  
*2 eggs*  
*1 teaspoon almond flavoring*

*½ teaspoon vanilla*  
*1 ½ cups flour*  
*2 teaspoons sugar (reserved)*  
*2 Tablespoons sliced almonds*

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8" or 9" round pan with foil. Combine melted butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Beat eggs in one at a time. Beat well, add almond and vanilla flavorings. Stir in flour and mix until all ingredients are well blended. Pour into foil lined pan. Sprinkle reserved sugar and almonds on top of batter. Bake 35-40 minutes. No need to toast almonds, they will toast as the cake bakes. Leave in pan to cool. When cool, lift out of pan and cut into wedges. Yummy!*

### *Pineapple Angel Food Cake* *Betsy Poor*

*1 Angel food cake mix*  
*1-20 ounce can crushed pineapple*

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, mix angel food cake mix and crushed pineapple. Be sure all mix is mixed in. Empty into a 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. May be served with Cool Whip if desired.*

***Reminders: Please don't forget to bring an item for Show and Tell and if you have a favorite recipe, please email it to Sheila. Thanks.***