



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: December 11th, 2008.

Since this is our party, the meeting will start at 6:00

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

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

From Your President:

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and didn't suffer from the Thanksgiving weather report.

Thanksgiving Weather Report

In the pre-Thanksgiving rush, we have received an early weather report from our in-house weather reporters. This is one that you should be sure to e-mail to your Mom.

Turkeys will thaw in the morning, then warm in the oven to an afternoon high near 190F. The kitchen will turn hot and humid, and if you bother the cook, be ready for a severe squall or cold shoulder. During the late afternoon and evening, the cold front of a knife will slice through the turkey, causing an accumulation of one to two inches on plates. Mashed potatoes will drift across one side while cranberry sauce creates slippery spots on the other. Please pass the gravy. A weight watch and indigestion warning have been issued for the entire area, with increased stuffiness around the beltway. During the evening, the turkey will diminish and taper off to leftovers, dropping to a low of 34F in the refrigerator. Looking ahead to Friday and Saturday, high pressure to eat sandwiches will be established. Flurries of leftovers can be expected both days with a 50 percent chance of scattered soup late in the day. We expect a warming trend where soup develops. By early next week, eating pressure will be low as the only wish left will be the bone.

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Sorry, I just couldn't resist sharing that with all of you; it was just too cute!

A big Congratulations goes to Sheila as our 1st place winner of this years Challenge. Lyndell won 2nd place, Jeanie 3rd place, and Honorable Mention was a tie between Kathy and Sandy. The number of challenge quilts was down this year, but I think everyone did a very good job and I hope those that entered had fun thinking up ways to meet the challenge requirements. I heard some comments that people that thought this years challenge was difficult. I have included a website address below to show you some steps in completing a round robin. It might spark your interest. Please be thinking of ideas for next year; we will have the idea sheet at the sign in table at the December meeting.

We will have the Timpooshee samples at the December meeting, along with registration forms. Because of time constraints, everyone will need to visit the table during the social time or after the meeting.

This year will be coming to a close in just a few more weeks. It has been a year of changes, some good, (yeah), some not so good :-((. We had our 1st election with out any hang tabs. :-)) I hope this will encourage more members to try their hand at a position on the Board in years to come. We had our 1st survey in quite a while that helped us know what you, the members liked and didn't like. I hope our plans for next year shows that we did listen.

I would like to say THANK YOU to this years Board. They (we) started in December and had the year planned out by the 1st week of January. They worked hard to come up with new ideas and ways to keep the Guild exciting. Each and every one deserves a huge pat on the back!! We tried to please as many members as we could and hopefully next year we will please a few more than we did this year! Next year looks to bring some of the ideas we didn't have time for this year, along with a few new ones. Sandy has been working hard and the year has yet to begin. Go Sandy!!

I would also like to say Thanks to you, the members! You have stood by us when we were down (I think someone said we had a few hiccups LOL) and encouraged us when we were headed in the right direction with our new ideas with very few complaints. Encouragement is always welcome, as is constructive criticism. It may hurt a little (grin), but we can't change what's wrong if we don't know about it.

See you on the 11th for our Christmas Party!

Jeanie's Blog:

I know a few of us are on a Stash Busting Trip, so here is a personal challenge for anyone who likes scrappy quilts! Have fun!

<http://quiltville.com/scrapusersystem.shtml>

Also a neat website that shows how a round robin takes on a new appearance with each round.

http://www.scvqa.org/show_tell/2006/RoundRobin/HTML/index.htm

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:

There are no raffle donations this month due to the gift exchange at the party.

Membership News:

We end the year with 67 members. In October we had attendance of 48 (a 2008 record number) of members present. In November we had 42 (better than average).

In November we had three guests: Seyhan Carlson - guest of Denise Johnson, Cindy Ringleb - guest Shirley Ringleb, and Sharon Neibler Kuntz - guest of Dottie Neibler.

Please remember that your dues are "due" in January. The board voted for our dues to remain at \$12, and we will be accepting renewals at check-in at the December Meeting. Please make checks payable to: Barbara Tyler. If you prefer to mail your dues in, please mail to Barbara Tyler, 80 10th Street, Shalimar, Florida 32579. Please complete the attached membership form so that we can make any necessary changes before we print the new membership books

Lyn Woods

Birthdays:

Happy December birthdays to:

Cindi Mitchell

Lucia Zaranovic

Programs:

Just a reminder: December's meeting will be celebrated with good food and fellowship. Included in the newsletter is the party sign up sheet. Also, do not forget your gift for the exchange. The limit is approximately \$15.00

Cathy Messner

Charities:

KID COMFORT

This has been an awesome year for our Kid Comfort Program. You have touched the hearts of 85 children with quilts and pillows and I hope the pictures have touched you in return.

Thank you to all our volunteers. Special thanks to the guild for keeping us in batting and to those who provided fabric for backings and kid friendly fabrics.

It was a GREAT group effort and you all have earned another star in heaven. Merry Christmas.

Addie

Show and Tell:

You have all done a wonderful job this year of keeping us inspired with your Show and Tell. For Christmas, each of you will get a "free" pin just for being at the guild meeting. If you bring a show and tell item, you will get your "free" pin plus an additional pin. If you have not finished collecting your pins for the year (13 in all), I will still give them out each month through June of next year if you bring a show and tell item. The same rules apply-no more than one pin per month unless it is a makeup month when the most you can receive is two pins. We may also start a different program for the New Year and each of you that brings a show and tell item will be able to participate in that program whether you have finished your pin or not. In other words, if you are still working on finishing this year's pin, you will still be able to participate in the new program as well. I am still working on the details of next year's program, but just make sure you bring your show and tell for January!

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

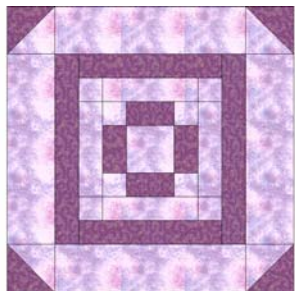
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Block of the Month

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

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



You will need:

Light: Four-two and one half inch by eight and one half inch rectangles.

Four-one and one half inch by four and one half inch rectangles.

Eight-one and one half inch squares.

Two-two and seven eighths inch squares.

One-two and one half inch square.

Dark: Two-one and one half inch by six and one half inch rectangles.

Four-one and one half inch by two and one half inch rectangles.

Two-one and one half inch by eight and one half inch rectangles.

Two-two and seven eighths inch squares.

Make the half square triangles using the light and dark two and seven eighths inch squares. Set aside. Sew a dark one and one half inch by two and one half inch rectangle to the left and right sides of the two and one half inch light square. Press seams to the darker fabric. Sew a one and one half inch light square to each end of the remaining one and one half inch by two and one half inch dark rectangles. Press toward the darker fabric. Sew the two pieced strips to the top and bottom of the first unit. Sew a light one and one half inch by four and one half inch strip to the left and right of the center section. Then sew a light one and one half inch square to each end of the light one and one half inch by four and one half inch rectangles. Press seams toward the center section. Make two. Sew to the top and bottom of the center section. Next sew the dark one and one half inch by six and one half inch rectangles to the top and bottom of the center section. Press seams to the darker fabric. Add the one and one half inch by eight and one half inch rectangles to the sides of the block. Press seams toward the darker fabric. Sew two light two and one half inch by eight and one half inch light rectangles to the sides of the block. Sew the half square triangles to the ends of the remaining two and one half inch by eight and one half inch light rectangles following diagram. Press seams to the center section. Finally, add the half square sections to the top and bottom to complete the block.

Tip of the Month:

To go along with your stash buster ideas: When you have leftover pieces of binding, save them in a plastic baggie. When you have several pieces, join them together and when you get your scrappy quilt done; you may have enough scrappy binding to bind it.

Recipe of the Month:

Beef Basil Spread

2- 8-ounce bricks cream cheese (room temperature)

1- 4-ounce jar DRIED BEEF, chopped up fine

Big handful fresh basil, chopped up

A few scallions, chopped up

Zest of one fresh lemon

Mix all of the above together, then toast 2 cups chopped pecans (best if you toast them whole and chop right before using - watch they don't burn). Mix about 1/2 of the pecans into your mixture (reserve the other half of the pecans). Chill mixture, and then roll the mixture in the reserved toasted pecans. Place on a small plate with knife, let come to room temperature, and serve as a spread with crackers and/or veggies. (Note that there is no salt added - the dried beef is salty enough!) This spread is even better made ahead, and keeps well in the fridge.

Susan Beck

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.

Announcement:

Katydid is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the "Wild Women Quilters on Tour" featuring Karen McTavish and Sue Patten in January 15th - 18th, 2009 in Destin, Florida.

This is your chance to participate in a truly unique learning experience. Karen McTavish and Sue Patten are known throughout the quilting world as leaders and innovators of creative quilting designs and techniques. Their classes are informative, as well as entertaining, and will give you the tools you need to take your own quilting to the next level. The classes will be hands on classes using Longarm machines. These classes are open to Longarm and Shortarm (ie. megaquilter, handy quilter, etc.) machine users or anyone that has some experience using one and wants to improve their skills. Karen McTavish is also offering a Wholecloth Design class. This is a design class only, and we will not be using any machines. It is open to anyone wanting to participate in this class.

We are also organizing a Trunk Show/Lecture on Saturday, January 17th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. after a day of classes. The lecture will be held at the Niceville Library Community Center. It will be open to the workshop attendees, guild members and public at no cost. This event is being sponsored by our local Quilt Guilds (Silver Threads, Flying Needles, Pensacola, Panama City) and Katydid. The Wild Women Quilters, Karen McTavish and Sue Patten, will provide a lecture and trunk show that displays traditional wholecloth, trapunto, and innovative thread art quilts. They will offer helpful techniques,

discuss useful products, and share their tips and tricks to success. There are many opportunities for questions and answers, along with the chance to get up close and personal with their award winning quilts. They also offer book-signing opportunities after the trunk show. Their unique, completely opposite quilting styles and hilarious experiences are sure to entertain and amaze all that attend.

For class schedule, please visit our website and click on the "Wild Women Quilters Tour" link.

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*December Christmas Dinner Signup Sheet
Party is December 11th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
Paper Supplies are being provided by the guild*

Salads

*Jan McNiel
Jackie Hugli
Florence Arthur
Nancy Allen
Kim Hann
Jeanie Johnson*

Side Dish

*Carolyn Urquhart
Pat Nieber
Sharon Murphy
Ruth Christensen
Susan Beck
Denise Johnson
Barbara Fyffe
Sheila Paxton*

Main Dish

*Sandy Sterman
Mari Bennett
Terri Davis
Edith Bullock
Dot Pike
Jean Woo*

Dessert

*Betsy Poor
Vickie Christian
Jean Mauldin
Lyn Salsman
Valerie Valade*

Drinks

*Chris Mayer
Barb Tyler
Laura Gamble
Barbara Simmons*

*If you have not signed up to bring
a dish, please just look at the list and
bring something you think might
needed.*

Ice

Lynda Richardson

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Birthday Month _____

Cell Phone Number _____