



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: January 8th, 2009.

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:

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a very nice holiday season filled with family and friends! Are you ready for the New Year? Are you ready for new projects? Do you have a room full of UFOs?? If you answered "No" to that last question, here, let me loan you a few (grin). If you answered "Yes", then read on.

I always find that once all the Christmas presents are opened (kids happy), dinner has been cooked and eaten (Dear Husband happy), and everything has settled, I get this urge to put Christmas away and get the house cleaned (Mom happy) so I can then start finishing items. I call it Finish-I-Tice. Now, it only lasts for a SHORT while and then I get the itch to hit the shops and start something new. So I have to make the most of this time each year since I never know just how long it will last.

This year I have been challenged by friends (not sure they know the true definition of the word friends) to keep it going a little longer into the New Year. YIKES!! But, maybe if I make it public, it will force me to stay on task so I won't have to hang my head in shame each month! With that said, read on. MY goal this year is to finish at least one UFO a month and have it at Guild for my Show N Tell. A friend (yes I know with friends like this I really don't need any enemies) challenged me to take it 1 step further. I CANNOT buy anything new unless it is for that UFO project until I finish the project for that month. Anyone want to join me for this challenge for 2009? If you do, list all of your UFOs (no you don't have to share the count unless you want to-LOL). I did different categories: Piecing, Tops, and Kits (I do not consider kits a UFO unless you have started the cutting). You must have started cutting the fabric for it to be a UFO. Now be nice to yourself the 1st month and find one that is very close to being finished. The accomplishment you will feel from completing that one project will propel you on to the next one. The bonus is that you will have a Show and Tell for us to oooh and ahhh over with you each month!! Plus, you can then work and shop for new projects without feeling guilty! YES!!! YOU CAN DO IT!!

We have a lot of great programs and ideas for the year, so let's go Quilting!

Jeanie's Blog:

Need a pattern? Have fun :-)

<http://with-heart-and-hands.blogspot.com/2007/10/free-quilting-patterns.html>

Jeanie Johnson

From Your Vice President:

The date for "Guild Day" will be October 10th, 2009. The project is being designed especially for us. More information will be given as it becomes available and the date gets a little closer. We just want to make sure you mark your calendars early so you can come and enjoy this annual event with us.

Valerie Valade

Board Meetings:

Your 2009 board will be meeting just prior to our normal guild meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

Raffle Donations This Month:

We are going to ask that you limit the raffle donation gifts to two per person with a value of about \$10.00 each. We will have four donators each month and that should give us eight door prizes each month. We are asking that the gifts be quilting or sewing related and ask that you give a gift that you would like to receive. This would be an excellent time to use a coupon at JoAnn's for a quilting tool or to watch for a sale at one of the local quilt shops. That would give you the opportunity to get a great gift at a substantial savings.

Kim Hann

Kathy Weathers

Patty Butcher

Shellie Blockburger

We need a few more people to sign up for prize donations. We have two openings in March, two for July, one for September, and two for October. We have five signed up for May. If one of the people signed up for May would like to change to a different month that would be great. Please let Sheila know so that it can be noted in the newsletter. Thanks for your support!

Membership News:

We had 42 members at our Christmas Party meeting.

January is the month our dues should be paid. They remain at \$12.00 this year. Please make your check payable to Barbara Tyler. Please be sure to include your membership form with all pertinent information filled out. This year we are also asking for you to note your occupation, cell phone number, and include whether you are interested in helping to piece or quilt tops or apply binding on charity quilts. You may mail your dues to Barb. If you are handing your dues to Barb at the meeting, please put both your check and membership form in an envelope to make tracking your payment easy. This is VERY important if you should happen to be paying by cash. We are only human and want to avoid any mistakes and this would definitely be a big help. Checks are preferred but if you pay in cash, please make sure there is a way to know whom the cash is from. We will be working on getting the directory printed, so please submit your information no later than the January meeting. Thanks.

Sharon Starkis

Birthdays:

Happy January birthdays to:

Vickie Christian

Sheri Easom

Kim Hann

Barbara Harrington

Susan McNair

Mary Neilsen

Carolyn Urquhart

Programs:

This year we will start with a little therapy. Susan Mixon from Margie's will talk to us about Margie's "Scrap Therapy Sessions". Maybe we can let go of some of those scraps so we can buy more fabric!

This year we will also be starting something new. Every month during the 30 minute social hour, there will be a mystery quilter display. Two guild members will be featured and some of their work will be on display. See if you can guess who they are!

Sandy Sterman

Charities:

We are in the process of putting together a few charities that we would like the membership to vote on for our support. We hope to have the names of those charities at the January meeting for your vote. Also, we will not be supporting the church quilt this year; we are alternating years with the other ladies that meet at the church during the week and this is their year. We will ask that you continue to support the church bazaar that happens in November. More information will be coming on charities.

Kathy Weathers and Kim Hann

Show and Tell:

Show and Tell will be a little bit different this year. For those that bring a Show and Tell item, your name will be entered for a MONTHLY drawing for a special pin. In order to qualify for the drawing, you must show a completed item or a completed quilt top. The block of the month will NOT qualify for the MONTHLY drawing of the special pin. For those who have NOT completed last years UFO pin and wish to continue, (the beaded safety pins), you must bring a regular Show and Tell item and we will allow you to have credit for the special pin drawing, as well as the safety pin, in order to complete your UFO safety pin. We will only offer the safety pins through June of 2009. If you have questions about this or need better clarification, please ask Sheila.

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 Paxton

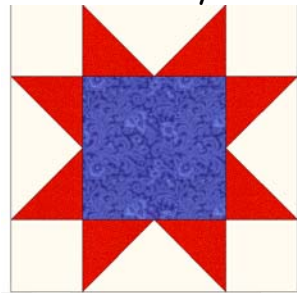
Silver Threads Board

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Block of the Month

This year we are making some changes to our block of the month. We are asking that you make the block of the month in red, white, and blue. We are doing some research into one of the charities that we may or may not support. If we support this charity, the red, white, and blue blocks would be very appropriate. If we end up not supporting this charity, the red, white, and blue blocks will still be very pretty and will work for a different charity. Also, you will NOT be able to use your block for Show and Tell credit or for charity credit. If you make all twelve blocks and put them together in a quilt top, you may use that for Show and Tell credit. If you donate that quilt to charity, you may use that as charity credit. Show and Tell rules are outlined above. We certainly appreciate your support of this program.

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



You will need:

Red: Eight-three and one half inch squares

White: Four-six and one half by three and one half inch rectangles and four-three and one half inch squares

Blue: One-six and one half inch square for center

Tip of the Month:

When you have to remove stitching and you have those little leftover threads where you have unstitched, remove them by gently rubbing an emery board over the threads. They will catch on the emery board and will be easier to remove.

Recipe of the Month: We are still looking for the corn casserole recipe and the pumpkin roll recipes from the Christmas Party Dinner. Also, the little cream filled crescent dessert. Thanks.

Squash Casserole

Grease a 3-quart baking dish with butter.

2 cups mashed yellow squash (do not peel squash: boil until tender)

Mix with the following ingredients:

1 medium onion (minced)

¾ cup grated carrots

1 cup Cream of Chicken Soup (no water added)

1 cup scalded milk

½ cup melted margarine

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

2 eggs, beaten

8 ounces sour cream

1-8 ounce package Herb Stuffing Mix

Bake in oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

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.

DON'T FORGET

"Wild Women Quilters on Tour"

Trunk Show / Lecture - with Karen McTavish and Sue Patten

Saturday, January 17th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

The lecture will be held at the Niceville Public Library Community Center at 206 N. Partin Drive, Niceville, Florida. It will be open to the public at no cost. This is being sponsored by Katydids(Patty Butcher) and our local Quilt Guilds (Silver Threads, Flying Needles, Pensacola, and Panama City). The Wild Women Quilters 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.

Patty Butcher

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Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Birthday Month _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Occupation _____

Would you be willing to piece, quilt, or apply binding to charity quilts? Please indicate "P" for piecing, "Q" for quilting, or "B" for binding. _____