



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: July 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

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

From Your President:

Happy 4th of July! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Did everyone enjoy the Birthday party? The food was great! Bingo seemed to be a hit and if we had known how much fun it was going to be, we would have planned to play more rounds. Stealing of gifts seemed to go pretty fast :-)) and we only had a few that had a hard time holding on to those jewels! (grin).

Just a couple of reminders to keep in mind during our busy summer: Challenges will be unveiled in November; bazaar items need to be finished and turned in by October, and also be thinking about openings on the Board for 2009. We will be announcing those openings in the next month or so. Everyone should try it at least once! It really does not take much of your time and it's a way of giving back to the guild and keeping things fresh and lively! Try it, you might like it! :-)) Hope to see everyone in July; Patty Butcher will be our guest speaker for the evening. :-))

One other item to mention would be to start thinking about our upcoming Guild Day in October. We will be making a Bow Tucks purse. The class will be taught by Jean Lewis and will be held on October 11th. Check out your calendars and be ready to let us know if you will be attending. We will need to order patterns in advance. More details will be coming in future newsletters.

Jeanie's Blog,

Check out these Commandments!

http://www.equilters.com/library/quilt_issues/quilt_commandments.html

Jeanie

We would like to ask that you keep Danna Rodriguez and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Danna's husband has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and is not doing well.

Board Meetings:

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

Raffle Donations:

Ruth Christiansen

Betsy Poor

Deanne Inness

Danna Rodriguez

Membership News:

Hello Ladies,

We now have 63 members in our guild and we had 26 members present for our June Birthday Party meeting, including one new member, Vickie Christian. Welcome Vickie! We also had one guest, Jeannine Mitchell. Jeannine is the daughter of Cindi Mitchell and the granddaughter of Dottie Neibler. Jeannine, it was a pleasure to have you join us. Happy Independence Day!

Lyn Woods

Birthdays:

Happy July birthdays to:

Peggy Bartosch

Ruth Christensen

Betsy Poor

Shirley Ringleb

Lyn Salsman

Programs:

Who would have thought that fat quarters and BINGO would have been such a hit! In fact, it was such a big hit that several of us were disappointed that the game ended so soon. That being said, we are planning another game this fall. Watch for the announcement in the newsletter.

How fortunate for us that we have two wonderful longarm quilters in our guild, Ms. Sheri Easom and Ms. Patty Butcher. The July program will be featuring Patty who will be ready to share all her tricks and tips and answer any questions you may have. Please give this subject some thought, jot down any questions you might have, and bring your questions to the meeting.

Cathy Messner

Charities:

I don't have charity totals for you this month. I am on summer vacation! I will get them updated for you in July. I know lots of you are working on charity projects. Lyndell gave me a quilt to sew binding on. It is one of those from our last charity workshop, scrappy and cute. I cut batting for 10 Kid Comfort quilts, so I know Addie has her group going strong. Lyndell also took the dozen stockings to finish the top binding and loops. Patty has the church top to quilt for us. We hope to start selling chances soon. It is gorgeous, thanks to everyone's help. We are planning another sit and sew at the church in July--either the 18th or 25th. We will announce it at the meeting. Look at your calendar and come sew with us. It doesn't have to be charity, but we always like having people sew with us. Keep up the charity sewing!

We are donating one of our lap sized quilts to Covenant Hospice to be raffled in their annual Cablethon on July 18th and 19th. Don't forget to watch if you can!

Kathy and Kim

Show and Tell:

Were you all surprised at getting your free birthday pin by just attending the June birthday meeting? Now, if you brought show and tell and you were caught up on your pins, and you decided to save your show and tell for this month, don't

forget to bring your item back this month. 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 Please contact me with any questions or problems you might have with your newsletter.

Sheila

Silver Threads Board

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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.

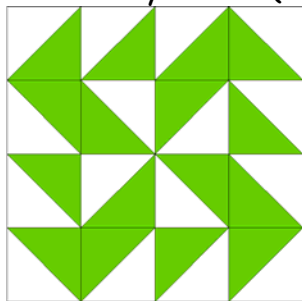
Buddy Blocks:

Contact Sheri Easom

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

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



This block is made from all half square triangles, but if you prefer, you could make four flying geese units and eight half square units. Adjust cutting if you decide to use the flying geese units.

You will need:

Light: Eight-three and seven eighths inch squares

Dark: Eight-three and seven eighths inch squares

Make half square triangles and layout according to diagram. Sew together in rows and sew rows together to make the block. Since I made a mistake on the number of squares to cut last month, (so sorry) some of you may already have some half square triangles ready to go.

Tip of the Month:

Have you ever been hand sewing or quilting and find that your thimble keeps slipping off your finger? Next time you put your thimble on, wet the end of your finger. This makes a bit of a vacuum and your thimble won't come off so easily.

The second tip I have this month directs you to a website you may or may not be familiar with. Go to www.quiltville.com and plan to spend a little time looking at what this amazing person has on her website. For those of you who know anything about the Dear Jane quilt, look at her Storm at Sea Setting. Also check out her Nearly Insane quilt. A couple of those 6 inch blocks have over 200 pieces in them. This lady has tips, free patterns, a mystery quilt pattern, and some of the most unique scrap quilts I have seen. I am still wondering how she manages to accomplish so much in the same amount of time that I have!

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.)

Pineapple Casserole Ruth Christensen

<i>1 cup sugar</i>	<i>6 Tablespoons flour</i>
<i>2 cups sharp grated cheddar cheese</i>	<i>2-20 ounce cans pineapple chunks, drained (reserve 6 Tablespoons juice)</i>
<i>1 cup Ritz cracker crumbs</i>	<i>8 Tablespoons butter (1 stick), melted</i>

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, combine the flour and sugar. Gradually stir in the cheese. Add drained pineapple chunks and stir well. Pour mixture into a greased shallow casserole dish. Combine cracker crumbs, butter, and reserved pineapple juice and spread over the top of the pineapple mixture. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown.

Carrot Casserole Dottie Neibler

2 pounds sliced or small carrots (cooked until soft). Drain and put carrots and the following ingredients in a food processor or blender:

<i>3 eggs</i>	<i>½ teaspoon cinnamon</i>
<i>¼ cup flour</i>	<i>1 cup sugar</i>
<i>1 ½ teaspoons baking powder</i>	<i>1 stick butter or margarine, melted</i>

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 1 ½ quart Pyrex casserole lightly with Pam. Pour mixture into casserole. Cover and bake 1 hour. The casserole will puff up and go down as it cools. Dottie uses baby carrots to save on cleaning. It takes less time (more time for quilting), there is less wasted, and the carrots don't have to be scraped or peeled.

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

This page is provided by Patty Butcher in reference to this month's program.

Applying borders

After the body of the quilt has been pieced, gently press before adding borders. The logical place to measure the finished top is along its outside edges, and this is a useful measurement. However, the measurements should be taken across the center in two or three places for both the width and the length. If these measurements are different from that of the outer edge, accidental stretching has occurred. To keep the finished quilt as straight and square as possible, you must measure the centers.

To make a border with straight cut corners: Determine the length of the quilt border by averaging the distance of two or three center measurements (see figure 1). Cut 2 borders that length and pin them to opposite sides of the quilt matching ends and center and easing in the fullness. Sew and press.

Determine the width of the quilt border by averaging the distance of two or three center measurements (see figure 2). Cut these borders that length and pin-easing in the fullness. Sew and press.

To make mitered corners, consult a quilting book that contains instructions for finishing a quilt with mitered borders.

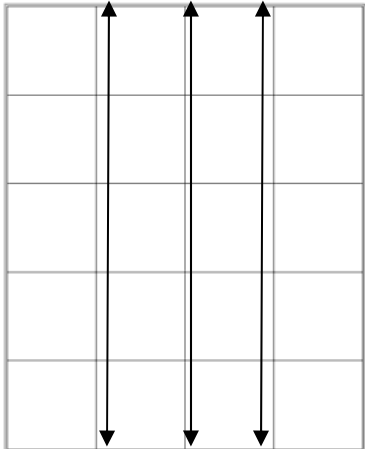


Figure 1

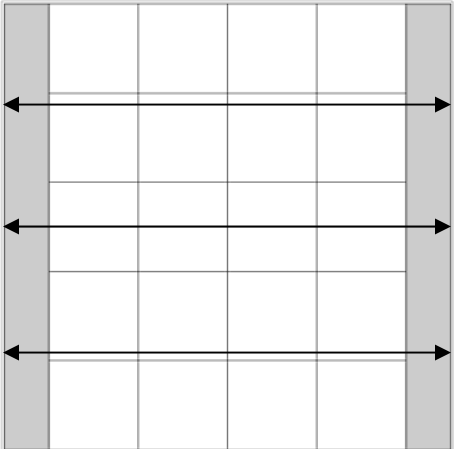


Figure 2