



# Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: April 9th, 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:

*Spring has arrived. I am hoping it will be a long one this year; I love having the windows open and not hearing the A/C run. Right now I think it is even cool enough to hand quilt if one had the urge to. :-). I think I will find 1 of my many UFOs and take it to work on while we're out camping over Spring break.*

*Dana, please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of mourning! Helen we are sending you lots of healing hugs and hope you are healing quickly. I hope all of our other members are all well and I hope to see you in April for our Trunk Show.*

*Here are a few things to remember:*

*We need items for the Church Bazaar.*

*Challenge Blocks, yes something beautiful was made out of a pigs ear, so we can do it out of these Ugly fat quarters!!! Plus, I didn't see too many UGLY ones. (grin)*

*Monthly blocks from the newsletter- Red, White and Blue.*

*Home of the Brave Quilts-Sheila will have directions for the blocks if you are interested. Please remember to use Civil War era fabrics. They DON'T want them to look patriotic. Also, please don't use black or bright reds. If red is used, they prefer darker cranberry reds. Thimleberries fabrics are also a good choice.*

## Jeanie's Blog:

*Some interesting reading: <http://hartcottagequilts.com/his9.htm>*

*Jeanie Johnson*

## 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. We want to thank this month's donators.

They are:

Terri Davis  
Lyndell Simmon  
Amy Hughes  
Dottie Neibler

We would also like to thank all those who have signed up for door prize donations for future months. We do need one more volunteer for September. If you are interested, please let Sheila know.

#### Membership News:

*We had 29 members present at our March meeting. We had 1 guest, Bobby Hanson, who was our program speaker. New members to add to your new roster include:*

*Terry Henshaw  
Navarre, FL 32566  
Birth month June*

*Kim Steele  
Ft. Walton Bch, FL 32547  
Birth month May*

*Sara Steele  
Ft. Walton Bch, FL 32547  
Birth month April*

*Sheila Paxton*

#### Birthdays:

*Happy April birthdays to:  
Patty Butcher  
Janice McNiel  
Cathy Messner  
Lyndell Simmon  
Sara Steele*

#### Programs:

*The April program will be a trunk show given by Betty Davey. She will be able to give you a little story about each of the quilts she will be bringing with her. If you didn't know, Betty started out as a dressmaker and gradually drifted into quilt making when they moved down here. Since then, she has put to use the same hours she sewed for clients in making her quilts. They are all beautiful.*

*The May program will be presented by Sheri Easom and she will be showing us how to finish off a quilt. Sheri has a neat way of finishing the binding of a quilt.*

*Valerie Valade*

## Challenge:

*Our challenge this year is: The Ugly Challenge! We are asking that all who want to participate to bring one fat quarter of "Ugly Fabric" from their stash. All of the fat quarters will go into an "Ugly Bag" and be shook even Uglier! (grin) Then, each person will pull out a new Ugly Fat Quarter to use in his or her challenge block. Your block must have 3 square inches of this Ugly fabric in it! It should be a 12 ½" unfinished block of your choice. Yes, you can make any block you wish as long as it is 12 ½" and has 3 square inches (all in the same piece) of that fabric in it. The number of winners will be determined by the number of blocks we have. The winner(s) will take the blocks and create a Beautiful quilt with them.*

## Treasurer's Report

*Silver Threads Quilt Guild Balance Report*

*Balance Report: \$1690.03*

*Barb Tyler*

## Charities:

We think charity is off to a good start. Special thanks to our small showing of dedicated charity sewers that participated at our March charity sit and sew. We will have another charity sit and sew before the next meeting on April 9th. This time, we will start at 1:00 p.m. and go until the meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. You can work on your own charity item or pick out one of the charity packages. I also have a pattern for 6 inch squares to make baby quilts that you quilt as you go. The pattern is in this month's "Quilt" magazine and says you can do it in 90 minutes. We are going to try it out tomorrow, so we will let you know! You need a total of 35-6" squares. Fussy cut 5 of them out of a children's print and have 4 more out of the same fabric. Bring ¼ yard of 5 more fabrics to coordinate and 1-3/8 yards for backing. We will have batting. Thread to quilt and a walking foot might help in construction.

We organized last year's charity blocks into kits with fabric for backing and borders. We did not include the batting; we will cut that for you after you put the top together. The size will vary depending on how many borders, etc. We also have packages of panels with backing, batting, and borders. The size on these can vary, as well. We are trying to get the 12 block quilts the size of a twin quilt and ones with less blocks the size of a generous throw. You can just take one of these packages and be ready to sew your charity project. Quite a few people have already taken a charity package. If you are interested in just quilting the finished tops, please let us know as some people are only piecing the tops together. Just let us know your interests or if you have questions.

Thanks for your dedication to our charities.

**REMINDER: At the April 9th meeting, please park behind the fellowship hall, unless you need to park close. Come in the double glass doors on the side of the building. The church will be having a Maundy Thursday service. Thanks.**

*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 quilt pin. In order to qualify for the drawing, you must show a completed item or a completed quilt top (does not have to be quilted or have the binding sewn on). 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.

Last month's Show and Tell winner was Jeanie Johnson!

## Newsletter:

*If you have any items that you would like to have mentioned in the newsletter, please contact Sheila Paxton at [sewcrazy318@cox.net](mailto:sewcrazy318@cox.net) Please contact me with any questions or problems you might have with your newsletter.*

*Sheila Paxton*

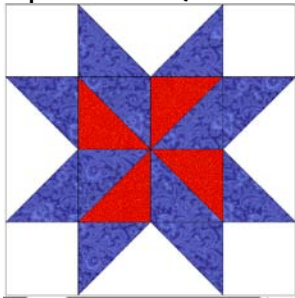
## Silver Threads Board

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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.

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



You will need:

Red: Two-Three and seven eighths inch squares

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

Blue: Two-Three and seven eighths inch squares and Eight-Three and one half inch squares

Use the blue and the red three and seven eighths inch squares to make the half square triangles. Use the blue three and one half inch squares and the white rectangles to make the flying geese. Lay the block out in rows and stitch. Then stitch the rows together to make the block.

Tip of the Month:

When buying fusible material for your quilting projects, ask the clerk for the directions that come with the fusible. When you get home you can make a bag out of the material the directions are printed on by simply sewing the directions right sides together and stitching the side seams. Turn the directions right side out and store the fusible inside the bag you have just made. That way, you will know what kind of fusible material you have and you will always have the directions for that particular fusible material.

Recipe of the Month:

#### *Texas Sheet Cake*

*Deanne Inness*

*Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease 10" x 15" (11" x 16") pan.*

*In a heavy saucepan combine:*

*1 stick butter or margarine*

*½ cup vegetable oil*

1-cup water

5 Tablespoons cocoa powder

*Bring to a boil over medium heat, remove from the heat to a hot pad and add:*

2 cups all purpose flour

1 ½ cups sugar

½ teaspoon salt

1-teaspoon baking soda

*Mix well, then add and mix well again:*

2 eggs

½ cup sour cream

*Put into the greased pan and bake 20 minutes. Cool the cake in the pan on a wire rack for 5 minutes, then pour on frosting.*

*Frosting:*

*In a heavy saucepan combine:*

½ stick butter or margarine

¼ cup vegetable oil

5 Tablespoons cocoa powder

6 Tablespoons milk

*Bring to a boil over medium heat, remove to a hot pad, then add:*

3 cups powdered sugar (break-up any big lumps)

1-teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup chopped nuts (optional)

*Beat well.*

*For Silver Threads, I substituted peppermint extract for the vanilla in the frosting and added 1-teaspoon peppermint extract to the cake. I left out the nuts in the frosting and topped the cake with crushed candy canes.*

**Reminders:**

*Because of the recent fires throughout Australia, there are several efforts to gather quilting fabric and small notions and forward them to specific groups. If you would like to contribute anything, bring to our April guild meeting. Laura Gamble will mail them to one of the US addresses. If you prefer, you can mail directly to any of the addresses below. It's been suggested that we contribute fat quarters and small notions.*

*Australian Addresses (if you want to send direct)*

*Judy Gipps*

*21 Durrant Street*

*Brighton Vic 3186*

*AUSTRALIA*

*Sea Breeze Quilters  
% President Kim Reilly  
3 Cobham St  
Altona VIC 3018  
AUSTRALIA*

*Yampa Valley Piecemaker's Quilt Guild  
c/o President Sasha Nelson  
Attn. Australian Stash Re-Building  
P.O.Box 1578  
Craig, CO 81626-1578*

*KS Creations - Kraft Store  
Attn. Australian Stash Re-Building  
543 Yampa Ave  
Craig CO 81625*

*Also, anyone attending International Quilt Festival in Chicago in April - they will have a collection point for any donations you might want to send to the Australian quilters, and they will collect the donations, sort them, package them for shipping, and ship at Festival's expense.*

*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.*