



# Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: August 13th, 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:

*I really enjoyed Jackie's trunk show last month and I hope she has encouraged others to think about doing one in the future. It is a great way to get to know each other better and it is a way for new quilters to see whom they can go to for different types of quilting questions.*

*This year is flying by, so please remember we need charity items for the Bazaar and for the groups we chose at the beginning of the year. Please note the new date for our Guild Day! (September 26th). There is still time to sign up so start collecting your supplies. Try to stay cool and happy quilting until next month!!*

*Jeanie's Blog,*

*Are you on a budget? Who isn't these days (grin)? There is a lot of information here even if you aren't.*

*<http://quiltingonabudget.blogspot.com/>*

*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:**

Raffle donations this month are being provided by:

Jeanie Johnson

Susan Beck

Jackie Hugli

Barb Tyler

Please remember that we are asking for only two (2) gifts from each donator at or around \$10.00 each that is sewing or quilting related.

**Membership News:**

*We had 35 members present at our July meeting. We also had one new member. Please add the following information to your roster:*

*Lynda Richardson*

*March Birthday*

*Sharon Starkis*

## Birthdays:

*Happy August birthday to:  
Amy Hughes*

## Programs:

*For membership night this month, Nancy Mantalto will be showing her quilts. Nancy is a reasonably new quilter who is looking forward to giving the trunk show and talking about her quilts. When she travels, she purchases fabric (as every good quilter does), but Nancy comes home and makes a quilt with the fabric and calls the quilt by the name of that country. Please be kind to her so that she is encouraged to show and tell to someone else, as this is her first experience.*

*You should all have the directions and a photo of the placemats (if you have email) that we will be making on Guild Day. These are easy and we have hopes that you will all complete at least four placemats that day. They will make good Christmas gifts and look good in Christmas fabrics. I intend to make mine in blue and white. Please note that the date for Guild Day has been changed to September 26<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to be there at 9:00 a.m. so that we are ready to put the pedal to the metal at 9:30.*

*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*

<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$1533.07</i>
<i>Income Membership</i>	<i>22.00</i>
<i>Raffle</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Balance</i>	<i>\$1605.07</i>

*Barb Tyler*

## Charities:

*No report*

*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. Last month's Show and Tell winner was Laura Gamble.

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*

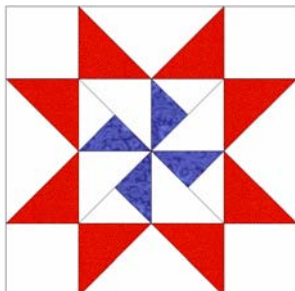
Silver Threads Board

President	Jeanie Johnson
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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. 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.

August Block- Martha Washington Star  
(Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

Red: Four-Three and seven eighths inch squares cut once on the diagonal

White: Four-Three and one half inch squares (corners)

One-Seven and one quarter inch square cut on the diagonal twice (flying geese centers)

Two-Three and seven eighths inch squares cut once on the diagonal (larger triangles in the center)

One-Four and one quarter inch square cut on the diagonal twice (smaller center triangles)

Blue: One-Four and one quarter inch square cut on the diagonal twice (smaller center triangles)

Sew the small white and blue triangles together in pairs following color placement in the diagram. Sew each of these pairs to a medium white triangle to make the center squares. Lay out the center squares and assemble as show in the diagram. Construct the flying geese units using the large white triangles and the medium red triangles. Lay out the block in rows. Sew the units together in rows and sew the rows together to make the block. Block should measure twelve and a half inches unfinished.

Tip of the Month:

*Before cutting fabric for your quilt, trim the selvages from the entire length of fabric at about  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Use these selvages to knit or crochet rugs, candle mats, or table mats. For another idea, see the October issue of McCall's Quilting (page 76) for an unusual use of selvages.*

Recipe of the Month:

#### *Brunch Casserole*

*7 slices white bread, crusts removed and cut into triangles*

*1 pound sausage, cooked and crumbled*

*2 cups Monterey Jack cheese, shredded*

*2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded*

*6 eggs*

*1 pint half and half*

*1 teaspoon dry mustard*

*½ teaspoon salt*

*Line a buttered 9x13x2 Pyrex dish with bread triangles. Cover bread with crumbled sausage, then with combination of cheeses. Beat briskly with whisk: eggs, half and half, dry mustard and salt; pour evenly over cheeses. Refrigerate overnight and take out 45 minutes before cooking the next morning. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until done.*

**Reminders:**

*Guild Day date has been changed to September 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*Our challenge blocks are due in October.*

*Your bazaar items need to be turned in by October.*

*We will have nominations for board members in October.*

*We will have elections in November.*

*Thanks to everyone who brought thread spools to Sheila. She will continue to collect these for a few months, so if you have any empty thread spools (plastic, cardboard, wood, etc.) please save them and pass them to Sheila Paxton. She has an acquaintance that deals with children with learning disabilities and this lady uses thread spools to help the children make crafts and develop fine motor skills. Thanks.*

*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.*

## ***Announcements***

*Judy Niemeyer, recognized for her gorgeous, breath-taking quilts, will be in Panama City in February 2010. Judy will teach 4 workshops:*

*1 day workshop - February 22, 2010*

*2 day workshop - February 23 and February 24, 2010*

*1 day workshop - February 25, 2010*

*3 day workshop - February 26 - 28, 2010*

*Each workshop features a different technique that Judy features in her quilts.*

*More information is available at [www.quiltingbythebay.com](http://www.quiltingbythebay.com) or by calling Quilting by the Bay at 866-632-7282.*

# Easy Sew-n-Flip Placemat

16" x 13"

## Fabric requirements (Four (4) placemats)

½ yard each – 5 or 6 different fabrics

You can go very scrappy or get new coordinating fabrics. Either way, you will have a nice placemat

½ yard for binding (should be enough for the 4 placemats)

1 yard for backing

Batting – use a very low loft batting like Warm and Natural. You can go through your scraps or just get **1 yard**. That's probably too much, but you can make additional placemats or use in other projects.

Ultra fine point Sharpie (I'll have some for class use)

Be sure to bring rotary cutter, acrylic ruler, sewing machine, extra bobbins, scissors and all the sewing tools you might need.

## Cutting Instructions

From the placemat fabrics – cut some strips. 1 ¼" – 1 ½" – 1 ¾" - 2" (don't cut all the fabric, save some for class)

From binding fabric – **cut 2** – 2 ½" strips for **each** placemat (label these and keep apart from the placemat fabrics)

From backing fabric and batting – **cut 4** – 18 ½" x 15 ½" pieces

We will get 4 placemats made and have fun. These are easy and creative. Hope to see all of you at the workshop.

Happy quilting,  
Bev