



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: December 10thth, 2009

This month's meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. due to the party

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

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

From your President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!

I am sorry I missed Toad U Sew and the November meeting, but I knew you would appreciate me keeping my germs away! :-) Thanks Sheila, I heard you did an outstanding Job!! :-)

The year is coming to an end and so is my time as your President. I would like to thank all of my Board Members for all of your hard work over the last 2 years! It has been fun, but I am excited to see what our new Board will bring us next year. This love of ours is fueled so much by others creativeness, so new faces and new ideas at the beginning of a new year is very exciting and I for one can't wait.

So from the bottom of my heart, Thank You to the Board and the members of the guild for your hard work and your support!! Don't forget that this month's meeting will start at 6:00 instead of 6:30. Bring your favorite potluck dish and your gift for the gift swap.

Jeanie Johnson

Board Meeting:

We will be having a joint board meeting with the outgoing board and the incoming board at 5:30, just prior to our regular guild meeting in December.

Raffle Donations

We will not be having a raffle this month; however we will be holding a 50/50 drawing. Any money that is collected from the drawing will be split with one winner and the guild treasury.

Membership News:

We had 28 members present at our November meeting, as well as five guests. Debbie Bolender from Children's Home Society accepted our charity donations. Lois Garrett and Rita Hitchcock were guests of Edith Bullock and Colleen Real and Chloe Anderson were our guest speakers from Toad-U-Sew.

Sharon Starkis

Birthdays:

Happy December birthdays to:

Cindi Mitchell

Programs:

A big thanks goes to Colleen and Chloe for their program. It is amazing how many quilts they have designed in the last three years. I liked the information that if I see a quilt kit offered in a magazine, I need

to order immediately. So many times I have thought I'd like to make that quilt and think I'll look for the fabric locally or I'll get it later.

This month is our Christmas Pot Luck and gift exchange, if you wish to participate. Bring a gift that is sewing related, valued at about \$15.00. Don't forget party starts at 6:00 p.m.

I can tell you that January's meeting will be the samples for the Timpoochee Retreat.

Valerie Valade

Treasurer's Report

Silver Threads Quilt Guild Balance Report

Ending Balance	\$1604.20
Income (Raffle)	48.00
Expenses (none)	
Balance	\$1652.20

Barb Tyler

Charities:

Charity had another fruitful year. At the November meeting we presented 16 quilts and 20 stockings to Debbie Bolander of Children's Home Society. She shared how important quilts can be to children for development and for comfort. We also had 18 quilts ready for the Children's Neighborhood and 16 baby quilts and 50 stockings ready for Healthy Start. The Children's Neighborhood would like to make a presentation to us at another time.

Thursday, before the meeting as I was getting the quilts rolled and tied to give out, I really got to see them all and appreciate the time and effort that went into each and every one of those handmade creations. I know there will be a bunch of children warmed and comforted by all those quilts. The ladies at the church morning quilt group oohed and ahhed over each one. They couldn't believe we were giving them away to people we didn't even know. That is what true giving is all about; giving without expecting anything in return. Thanks to each and every one of you who helped us this year.

The Thursday after our meeting, a group of 5 met at the church to sew Christmas stockings for the troops. Several more people stopped by to drop off already completed stockings and to lend their technical support. We were able to complete more than 60 stockings and that was with several of us having machine troubles. I must say that Edith's method of sewing her stockings with cuffs makes it MUCH simpler than what we have previously done. If you took stockings home to sew, be sure and get them to Edith or drop them off at the Sewing Center or at the American Legion on Hollywood by the end of the first week in December.

Since this will be the last column I will be writing, I would like to tell you what a blessing the Silver Threads Quilt Guild has been to me and to my church. Your sewing contributions to my women's group annual bazaar helped raise an additional \$200.00 this year. If during the Christmas season or anytime you are looking for a place to worship, the First Christian Church is a great church and we would love to have you join us.

Keep sewing those charity projects!

Kathy Weathers and Kim Hann

Show and Tell:

Show and Tell has been phenomenal this year! Thanks to everyone who has provided their beautiful creations and has hopefully inspired someone to make something just as beautiful. You have one more chance to win the pin for Show and Tell, so don't forget to bring something in December. Last month's Show and Tell winner was Nancy Allen.

Newsletter:

I would just like to say "Thank-you" for allowing me to do the guild newsletter for the past two years. It has been a privilege I will always cherish. Also, thanks to the board members for being so kind as to provide most of the information that goes into the newsletter.

Sheila Paxton

Silver Threads Board

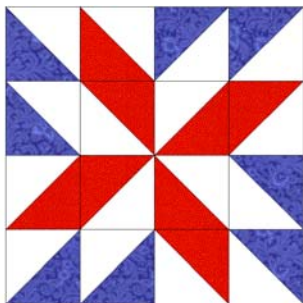
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Block of the Month

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. 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.

December Block-Windmill Star

(Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

Red: Four-Four inch squares

White: Eight-Four inch squares

Blue: Four-Four inch squares

Pair four red squares with four white squares and then pair four blue squares with the remaining four white squares. Draw a diagonal line on each of the white squares and sew one quarter inch away from the drawn line on both sides of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press toward the darker fabric. Trim to three and one half inches. Now lay the block out in rows according to the diagram. Stitch the horizontal rows together and then stitch the rows together to make the block. Block should measure twelve and a half inches unfinished.

Tip of the Month:

If you are trying to cut a dark fabric and the contrast between your cutting mat and the fabric you are cutting is hard to distinguish, slip a piece of white or light colored paper between the mat and the fabric. This will make the edges of the fabric easier to see.

To keep your fresh flowers in your holiday arrangements lasting longer, mix one capful of bleach with two teaspoons of sugar in one gallon water. The bleach helps keep the bacteria from growing and the sugar will help feed the flowers.

Recipe of the Month:

Clothes Pin Cookies

*1 pound butter, softened
3 cups all purpose flour
2 Tablespoons white sugar
2 egg yolks
1 ¼ cups ice water
1 cup milk*

*½ cup all purpose flour
1 ½ cups shortening
8 cups confectioners' sugar
1 (7 ounce) jar marshmallow crème
1 teaspoon vanilla extract*

Mix ¼ pound of the butter with 3 cups of flour, 2 Tablespoons white sugar, egg yolks, and water. This is done like making pie crust with a pastry blender. Chill dough for one hour and then roll out like pie dough on a floured pastry sheet. Spread another ¼ pound of the butter over dough. Fold dough together and refrigerate one hour. Repeat this process until all of the butter is used. Cut dough into fourths. Wrap each quarter in plastic wrap. Chill. Take out one quarter at a time and allow to stand at room temperature long enough that it softens

enough that the dough can be rolled. Roll dough out on floured pastry sheet. Cut dough into ½ inch wide by 4-5 inch long strips. Wrap around clothes pins or dowel pins pinching ends. Bake at 400 degrees for 12-15 minutes until lightly browned. Slide off clothes pins or dowels while still very warm and then cool completely.

To make the Filling: In a saucepan over medium heat, cook 1 cup milk and ½ cup flour until thick stirring constantly. Let cool. Cream together shortening, confectioners' sugar, marshmallow cream and vanilla. Add cooked mixture to creamed mixture and beat until fluffy. Fill cooled pastry curls with filling.

Note: These are not difficult to make; however they are time consuming. It is recommended that you use ½ inch to 5/8 inch dowels as clothes pins may spring open in the oven and break the pastry. Also, they are best baked on an insulated cookie sheet.

Announcements:

It was inevitable that quilts would be made for the families of victims of the Ft. Hood shooting, as well as quilts for the injured. A project is being organized by an online quilt shop in Merkle, TX. They are asking for 6-1/2" quilt blocks. For more information see the website

<http://www.splintersandthreads.com/signature-quilt-ideas>