



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: February 12th, 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:

This colder weather has been perfect for quilting. I hope everyone has been able to fit it into your busy schedules. For all of my Challenge followers, (yes, I heard a few of you have signed on in hopes of completing a few UFOs or WIP this year), how is it going? I have one more week to get a quilt on the frame, quilted and off to meet January's challenge. Hmmm can I do it? I will let you know at the next meeting!

I have my Show N Tell all ready to show. All of those beautiful blocks everyone made for me have become a beautiful quilt during the last month. I can't wait to show it to you! Once again, I changed a simple pattern that you will recognize, to make it work with these blocks. I cannot Thank-you enough; this quilt will be on my bed every year during the month of December, starting this year.

See you in February.

Jeanie's Blog:

What is your "real" quilty name?? Mine is "Countess" - Tone-on-Tone Fabric Coveter (LOL)
<http://www.thequiltingpost.com/QuiltyNames.htm>

Jeanie Johnson

From Your Vice President:

Here's an update on Guild Day. The date will be October 10th. Our guild teacher will be Bev Schroeder and she is designing a pattern for us to make placemats as our guild day project. She assures me that we should be able to leave with four placemats completed or nearly completed! Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this special event!

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. We want to thank this month's donators. They are:

Mari Bennett

Jan McNiel

Vickie Christian

Sheila Paxton

We would also like to thank all those who have signed up for door prize donations for future months.

Membership News:

We had 35 members present at our January meeting. We had two new members (listed below) and 7 guests. The guests were: Beverly Pickard, Lynette Pickard, Cyndie Shagina, Beth Ambrose, Sue Mixon, Margie Greene, and Marlise Sundermeyer.

New Members:

Nadine Batoha

Retired/Piecing

Angela Paxton

Medical receptionist /beginner

Your dues are due! Dues remain at \$12.00 this year. We currently have 39 paid members. 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 at: 80 10th Street, Shalimar, Florida 32579. 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 easier. 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. In order for your information to be included in the new roster books, your dues will need to be paid by the February meeting. ***If your dues are not paid by then, you will not be included in the new roster books or on the March newsletter list.***

Sharon Starkis

Birthdays:

Happy February birthdays to:

Nancy Allen

Martha Gurganiou

Barbara Ouellette

Barbara Simmons

Programs:

This month's program, "Even Quilters Can Do Zippers", will be given by Vickie Christian. Come learn how easy it is to put a zipper in and then get started on some of those wonderful quilting related projects such as purses, totes, and sewing organizers. It's sure to be an informative and helpful program.

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!

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 to the February Meeting. 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 your 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 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:

Opening Balance: \$ 50.00

Memberships Dues

12/08 to 1/8/09 \$ 485.00

Raffles Tickets:

12/11/08 From Patty for 11/08 \$ 48.00

1/8/09 \$ 46.00

Transfer From Patty: \$ 795.05

Total As of 1/22/09 \$ 1,424.05

No expenses to date.

Barb Tyler

Charities:

It is a new year, but charity is not quite starting out with a blank slate. We have several tubs of fabric and about a quarter roll of batting just waiting to be made into some unique charity quilts for this year's chosen charities.

We are trying something a little bit different this year. We are going to give you a slip of paper at the February meeting and let you rank the charities you would like to see us donate to this year. I have been very happy with the main charities we have given to in the past: Kid Comfort, Children's Home Society, and Healthy Start, but several of you have wanted to include others. So, we will let the group decide. Other charities possibly to be included are: The Oncology Center, The Children's Neighborhood, and stockings for the troops (to help Edith). Several members are helping us contact all these charities to find out their wants and needs for this year. Since we have limited funds for batting and fabric supplies, we will start at the top (as ranked by the membership) and work on as many charity projects as possible for as many charities as possible. We will be able to accomplish as much as your hearts and sewing machines can!

We will tentatively schedule a charity sit and sew for March 12th. We will use this day for any type of charity work for any type of charity. We can sew, cut stocking and quilt kits, and help each other. Also, if you have extra batting you are not using, please consider donating it for stockings, small quilts, etc. Also any larger pieces of good quality fabric that you are not using would be great for quilt backings. Bring it to the charity sit and sew and help us get started on another fun and successful year.

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.

Kathy Weathers and Kim Hann

Sit and Sew

Come try your hand at hand quilting! We have had a quilt that was partially constructed and partially hand quilted (probably a 30 year old UFO) donated to the guild for charity. It was in poor condition, it has been cleaned and is ready to have the hand quilting completed. We will have the quilt set up on a frame the day of the guild meeting (February 12th) starting at 9:00 a.m. for anyone who would like to come and hand quilt with us. This will be a beautiful addition to our charities this year. If you are not a hand quilter, come watch and then give it a try. There will be some experienced hand quilters there to help you along the way. Stop in and quilt a while, come early, or make a day of it with other guild members.

Lyn/Sheila

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. February will be a make-up month, so if you bring an extra Show and Tell, you can get an extra pin this month only (limit of 2 pins this month).

Last month's Show and Tell winner was Vickie Christian!

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

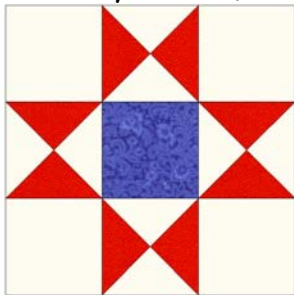
Silver Threads Board

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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.

February Block (Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

Red: Two-five and one quarter inch squares (cut a bit larger if you prefer to trim)

White: Four-four and one half inch squares and Two-five and one quarter inch squares (cut a bit larger if you prefer to trim)

Blue: One-four and one half inch square

Layer a red and a white five and one quarter inch square right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Stitch one quarter inch on both sides of the line. Cut on the marked line. Press to the dark. Layer these same squares right sides together on top of each other with colors opposing each other; in other words, layer red on white and white on red. Make sure the seams match and then draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Stitch one quarter inch on both sides of the line. Cut apart on the marked line. Square up if needed. Repeat with the second set of red and white five and one quarter inch squares. Lay the block out using the diagram above. Sew into rows and sew rows together to make the block.

Tip of the Month:

This month's tip is dedicated to those who have had problems with getting fusible products on their iron. Here are several ways we have heard of to clean your iron.

1. Dampen a terry washcloth and sprinkle a teaspoon or so of salt on it. Run the heated iron back and forth over the salt until the iron is clean.
2. Use a fabric softener sheet. Heat your iron (no steam) and iron the fabric softener sheet until the fusible is removed. It may take several sheets depending on how badly soiled the iron is. The perfume free sheets are better since there won't be any smell when the iron touches them.
3. Rubbing alcohol will aid in the removal of fusible products.
4. Aluminum foil is another way to clean your iron. Crumple up the foil and then open it back up and move your hot iron back and forth on the foil. You can even scrunch up a tip on the foil and clean out around the holes on the bottom of the iron. This was only tested on a Teflon surface, but it does state that it did not scratch the iron surface.
5. If you have also gotten the fusible on your ironing board cover, fuse and stitch an appliqué to your ironing board cover. Who will know you weren't just being creative?

Recipe of the Month:

Corn Pudding Supreme *Ruth Christensen*

<i>1-8 ounce package cream cheese, softened</i>	<i>2 eggs</i>
<i>1/3 cup sugar</i>	<i>2 1/3 cups fresh, frozen, or canned sweet corn</i>
<i>1 can (14-3/4 ounces) cream-style corn</i>	<i>1 package (8-1/2 ounces) corn bread/muffin mix</i>
<i>1 cup milk</i>	<i>2 Tablespoons butter, melted</i>
<i>1 teaspoon salt</i>	<i>1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg</i>

In a small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, eggs, and sugar until blended. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Transfer to a greased 13 x 9 x 2 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until set. Make 12-16 servings.

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.

Can you help? One member has posed a question with a problem she is having. Does anyone know what causes the little yellow spots on white clothing and the white patches of our quilts? Does anyone have a suggestion for removing these? If you can answer these questions, please share your knowledge with us at the meeting!

The Robertsdale, Alabama Quilt Show will be held February 5th-7th. For those that don't know, Robertsdale is about 10 miles north of the Foley Outlets.

The St. Andrews Bay Quilt Guild show is February 13th and 14th at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Panama City.

Lynn's Sewing Center is having a demo on February 12th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Their Tin Lizzie representative will be in their shop to spend the afternoon demonstrating their new Tin Lizzie 18 inch mid-arm quilting machine. This should be very informative and is free of charge. This is your chance to see this machine in action and ask any questions you may have about it. If you have any questions about the demo, please contact Lynn's Sewing Center at 864-4555.

The Wild Women classes with Sue Patten and Karen McTavish held in Destin January 15th - 18th were amazing. The classes were well attended, a lot of fun and very informative. The Lecture/Trunk Show was a phenomenal success, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and Sue and Karen had a great time entertaining all. Almost everyone of the over 200 seats the community center set out, was taken.

I want to thank the guild for their participation and support in the event and to all members who attended.

For those of you who stopped by to see and test drive 'Lenni', a 20" Stitch regulated Longarm quilting machine for the home hobbyist, we have a "Sweetheart Special" going on January 14th - February 14th which offers \$1000.00 off the complete system. For more information go to www.katydid.net or call Patty Butcher @ 729-0873.

Want to see the Road to California Quilt Show winner's quilts? Go to <http://www.road2ca.com/2009winners/road/winners.html>

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. _____