



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: July 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:

I hope everyone is having a nice summer! Not much is happening in my sewing room this month, I am enjoying my grandson and the pool is saving us from this heat. I cannot even think what July and August will be like with heat like this in June. We celebrated our birthdays at our birthday party last month. I hope you will join me in celebrating America's birthday on the 4th of July. Please have a safe and Happy July 4th. I hope to see all of you next month with lots of Show N Tells, vacation stories and/or beautiful tans!

Jeanie's Blog

Have you checked out Moda's Bake Shop lately? They have some really cute scrappy ideas. It is a great place to spend a summer afternoon looking for new fun project.

<http://www.modabakeshop.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:

Danna Rodriguez

Betsy Poor

Edith Bullock

Barb Ouellette

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. We still need one more person to sign up for September donations. Please see Sheila or any board member if you can furnish gifts that month.

Membership News:

*We had 22 members present at our June meeting. We also had seven guests that included:
Tommie Bradley from Navarre
Holly Hughes from Fort Walton Beach
Veronica Klosiewski from Niceville
Sharon Kuntz from Ohio
Tami Parker from Navarre
Linda Richardson from Navarre and
Lei Tobias from Michigan
We had no new members.*

Sharon Starkis

Birthdays:

*Happy July birthdays to:
Peggy Bartosch
Ruth Christensen
Angela Paxton
Betsy Poor
Shirley Ringleb
Lynn Salsman*

Programs:

The June meeting was a lot of fun and the bingo went over very well. During our July meeting, we will have Jackie Hugli showing her many styles of quilting with some of her quilts.

In August, we are having another quilt show, but this time by a very brave lady. Nancy Montalto is a reasonably new quilter. She will be demonstrating her Hawaiian quilt. As this is Nancy's first attempt at doing anything like this, I hope that you will all be patient with her and encourage her so that this will be a good memory for her. Thank-you.

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
Ending Balance \$1533.07*

We collected \$47.00 in our 50/50 drawing last month. Congratulations to Lyn Woods who was the winner of \$23.50. The rest of the money collected will be used to purchase additional birthday fat quarters for the guild.

Barb Tyler

Charities:

Sorry we missed the June Birthday meeting. Kim had something come up at her house and Kathy was in Oklahoma to attend a barn wedding.

Our totals not including what was turned in for June are: 9 baby quilts, 12 lap quilts and 6 twin or almost twin size quilts. I did not count the Christmas stockings we had left last year. It is too hot to be in the mood for Christmas. We will get on those later. I also don't have the Kid Comfort totals from Addie.

Hope you are having a great summer and are finding time to get in some charity sewing time. See you in July!

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. The beaded safety pins that we did last year have ended. If you brought a show and tell in May or June and did not get a beaded pin because you forgot or because Sheila was not at the entire May meeting, please see Sheila. If you have questions about this or need better clarification, please ask Sheila.

Last month's Show and Tell winner was a guest-Tommie Bradley!

Newsletter:

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

Sheila Paxton

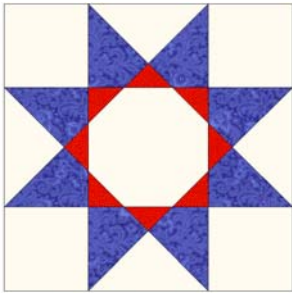
Silver Threads Board

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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. 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.

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



You will need:

Red: Cut one-six and one quarter inch square. Cut once on the diagonal to make four triangles.
Cut four-two inch squares-mark a diagonal line on the back of these.

White: Cut one-six and one quarter inch square. Cut on the diagonal twice to make four triangles
Cut four-four inch squares for the corners
Cut one-five and one half inch square for the center

Blue: Cut two-six and one quarter inch squares. Cut twice on the diagonal to make eight triangles

Start with the five and a half inch center (white) and the two inch red squares. Place the red squares on the four corners of the white square so that the diagonal line you drew cuts across the corners of the white square. Stitch on the diagonal line and trim one quarter inch away. This forms a snowball type block. Press toward the small triangle.

Use the triangles from the six and one quarter inch squares to make four hourglass blocks. The blocks will have one white triangle, two blue triangles, and one red triangle. Note the placement of the colors in the diagram above. After all four hourglass blocks are made, trim the blocks to five and one half inch by four inches. NOTE: TRIM AWAY THE RED SIDE OF THE BLOCK, NOT THE WHITE SIDE. Lay the block out as in the diagram. Sew the units together to make the rows and the rows together to make the block. Note that the seams of the red triangles should crisscross one quarter inch below the raw edges. This should give you perfect points. Block should measure twelve and a half inches unfinished.

Tip of the Month:

When shopping for fabric for a quilt, write down the colors and yardage amounts on individual sticky notes (i.e. borders-3 yards, focal fabric 2 yards, accent fabric 1 yard, etc.) As you choose fabrics, transfer the sticky note to the end of the bolt. After the fabric is cut, transfer the sticky note to the fabric so you will know at a glance what fabric you have chosen for each quilt element.

Recipe of the Month:

Butterscotch Bars From Cooking Light

<i>1 cup packed brown sugar</i>	<i>5 Tablespoons butter, melted</i>
<i>1 teaspoon vanilla extract</i>	<i>1 large egg, beaten</i>
<i>9 ounces (about 2 cups) flour</i>	<i>2 ½ cups quick cooking oats</i>
<i>½ teaspoon salt</i>	<i>½ teaspoon baking soda</i>
<i>¾ cup fat free sweetened condensed milk</i>	<i>cooking spray</i>
<i>1 ¼ cup butterscotch morsels (about 8 ounces)</i>	<i>1/8 teaspoon salt</i>
<i>½ cup finely chopped walnuts, toasted</i>	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine sugar and butter in a large bowl. Stir in vanilla and egg. Weigh or lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine flour, oats, ½ teaspoon salt, and baking soda in a bowl. Add oat mixture to sugar mixture; stir with a fork until combined (mixture will be crumbly). Place 3 cups oat mixture into the bottom of a 13 x 9 inch baking pan coated with cooking spray; press into bottom of pan. Set aside. Place sweetened condensed milk, butterscotch morsels, and 1/8 teaspoon salt in a microwave safe bowl; microwave on high for one minute or until butterscotch morsels melt, stirring every 20 second. Stir in walnuts. Scrape mixture into pan, spreading evenly over crust. Sprinkle evenly with remaining oat mixture, gently pressing into butterscotch mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until the topping is golden brown. Place pan on a cooling rack and run a knife around the outside edge. Cool completely. Makes 36 servings. Calories 148/Fat 5.1g/Cholesterol 11mg/Calcium 31mg/Carbohydrate 23.4g/sodium 87 mg/Protein 2.6 g/Fiber 0.8g/Iron 0.8mg

Reminders:

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 or by calling Quilting by the Bay at 866-632-7282.