



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: March 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:

Wow it is March already. It seems like New Year's Day was just last week and here Spring is knocking on our doors. I need to sew faster, before spring fever hits and I have to turn the yard into a floral quilt. How many of you now think you can do a zipper? I love Vickie's idea of using the steam-a-seam. I may actually try doing a zipper..... I did say "may"! (grin).

Wasn't Mr. Tin Lizzie cute?? (grin) No, that wasn't his real name (Josh Floyd), but since I can never remember names, it stuck and Val said he liked it! :-)

I have been working on my challenge commitment for 2009 and Show N Tell for this month. Not only is it a UFO, but also it is scrappy. I hope others are joining in with Lyn and I and pulling a few of the UFOs off the shelf. The feeling of accomplishment is just a great feeling when you finish any quilt, but I think it is even stronger when you finally complete a well-aged UFO.

I hope to see you all on the 12th. Until then, happy quilting!

Jeanie's Blog:

*What do you do with those dull rotary blades? Here is one idea:
<http://www.houseofhanson.com/lpsharp.html>*

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:

Jackie Krieger
Carolyn Urquhart
Mary Nielsen
Laura Gamble

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

Membership News:

We had 43 members present at our February meeting. We had two new members (listed below) and 2 guests. The guests were: Josh Floyd from Tin Lizzie and Ann Kuehnel.

New Members:

*Kathy LaRoe
PO Box 5351
(No City, State, or Zip)
(???) 598-3519
October birthday*

*Cindy Ringleb
13 Poplar Avenue
Shalimar, FL 32579
850-974-5437
March Birthday*

Sharon Starkis

Birthdays:

Happy March birthdays to:

*Edith Bullock
Jackie Hugli
Addie Lowry
Chris Maher
Sheila Paxton*

*Cindy Ringleb
Marie Robert
Danna Rodriguez
Lyn Woods*

Programs:

This month's program will be presented by Bobby Hanson from The Sewing Center. He will be demonstrating the best ways to keep our sewing machines up and running. As we have a mixture of different machines, Bobby will be using a model to point out the most important places on our machines to keep clean and oiled. He will also try to answer any questions you may have, but do remember, each machine is a little different, and he may not have an answer for your particular brand.

The April program is going to be a trunk show by Betty Davey.

Don't forget to check out the mystery quilter display to see if you can guess who the quilters 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. **Remember, you can enter the challenge anytime through October, just please remember to bring your ugly fat quarter. If you have any extra ugly fat quarters and want to donate them to the cause, please feel free.***

Treasurer's Report

The balance for February, 2009 after our meeting is now \$1619.05.

Income: \$63.00 Raffle Tickets

Income: \$96.00 Membership Fees

No expenses to date.

Barb Tyler

Charities:

Kim tallied our charity vote and here are the results.

1. Children's Home Society
2. Kid Comfort
3. Children in Crisis
4. Christmas Stockings for Military
5. Healthy Start
6. Oncology Center.

We will start right in on our charity projects by having a charity workday on Thursday, March 12th. We will be at the church starting at 9:00 a.m. until our meeting that evening. Bring in any charity you may have going or come help make kits, sew, hand quilt our heart charity quilt we have in the frame, etc. There should be something for everyone! We will start working on our first 4 charities and see how we do. If the money for batting and supplies hold out, we will go from there. Thanks for your interest in and support of our charities.

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 Betsy Poor!

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

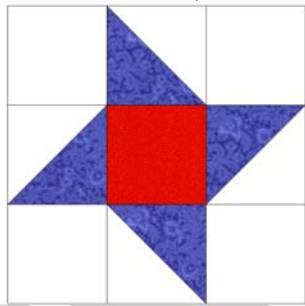
Silver Threads Board

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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.

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



You will need:

Red: One-four and one half inch square

White: Four-four and one half inch squares

Two-four and seven eighths inch squares (or a bit larger if you prefer to trim afterward)

Blue: Two-four and seven eighths inch squares (or a bit larger if you prefer to trim afterward)

Layer the blue and white four and seven eighths inch squares. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Stitch one-fourth inch from the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Trim to four and one half inches if you cut larger. Lay out according to diagram. Sew into rows and sew the rows into the block. The block should measure twelve and one half inches.

Tip of the Month:

If you don't have a ruler rack, a folder rack from an office supply store would be a great place to store your rulers. You know, the black metal one that has the upside down looking "U's". Simply place the larger rulers in the back and the smaller ones in the front.

Recipe of the Month:

Cheddar Pecan Crisps *Susan Beck*

1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, softened *8 ounces Sharp Cheddar, coarsely grated*
1 large egg yolk *½ teaspoon sea salt*
½ teaspoon cayenne (or a hot pepper from your garden)
2/3 cup all-purpose flour *2/3 cup pecans, finely chopped, toasted*

Preheat oven to 325°F. Beat together butter and Cheddar in a bowl with an electric mixer until very smooth, then beat in remaining ingredients. Roll into 1" diameter logs in wax paper and freeze at least 2 hours. Then, unwrap frozen dough and slice as thin as possible (about 1/4" inch thick - uniformity is important to bake evenly) and arrange 2 inches apart on Parchment-paper covered baking sheets (the parchment paper is important!). Bake in batches in middle of oven until golden, 7-8 minutes. Watch these closely - the edges should be golden (not brown!) Remove from sheet immediately with spatula and place on a paper towel to cool. Serve warm or at room temperature (not cold). Store crisps in a Ziploc or jar at room temperature.

These are an alternative to the traditional "Cheese Straws" (which are lovely but a little difficult to shape and make). These don't fall apart, and the dough freezes very well. The recipe doubles or triples with no problems, and the dough is great to have on hand in the freezer for unexpected guests. The frozen logs make a great hostess gift! They are baked like cookies.

Enjoy!

News

Patty Butcher has disconnected her home phone number. Please note that her business phone (850-729-0873) is still in effect if you need to reach her.

I am sure we have all heard about the fires that our Aussie Sister Quilters have been dealing with. There have been many calls world wide for quilting supplies and blocks. If anyone would like more info, I have added a link and also Laura Gamble o has even more info if you would like to contact her.

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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.