



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: May 14th, 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:

Ladies, if you missed last months meeting, you missed one of our best. Betty's quilts were gorgeous and her stories were entertaining! There were a few we weren't sure would make it back to her car to go home! (grin) I hope this will encourage some of our guild members who have been quilting a long time to think about doing a trunk show. It is a great way to get to know each other better and to inspire a new quilter

On a personal note, I have a PVC quilting frame, (can't remember the size-maybe 3 foot sq) that is looking for a new home. It is free to the first person that calls or e-mails me. I really need to see it leave my tailgate!

I hope everyone is enjoying this great weather either quilting in your sewing rooms or quilting with flowers out in the yard. Yes, I did have to leave the sewing machine and I have made a big dent in the yard, but I still have miles to go yet. Don't worry; I was still able to have a new scrappy top ready for Show N Tell. I am wishing you a Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers and Happy Spring to everyone. I hope to see you all on the 14th.

As a reminder, please don't forget your challenge blocks that are due in October and your church bazaar items to help support the church. Their craft sale is the first weekend in November and as quickly as times passes, it will be here before you know it.

Jeanie's Blog:

I have been on a stash kick all year, now there is even a song about our stashes! (Grin)

<http://www.superiorthreads.com/music/quilt-stash-song/>

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:

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:

Pat Nieber
Ruth Christensen
Jean Mauldin
Deane Inness

We would also like to thank all those who have signed up for door prize donations for future months. We do need one more volunteer for September. If you are interested, please let Sheila know.

Membership News:

We had 34 members present at our April meeting. We had 3 guests, Betty Davey who was our program speaker and her wonderful helpers, Linda Scroggins and Karen Hanson. New members to add to your new roster include:

*Ginger Cadwell
Birth month April*

Sharon Starkis

Birthdays:

*Happy May birthdays to:
Barbara Fyffe
Deane Inness
Pat Nieber
Lynette Percival
Kim Steele*

Programs:

The May program will be given by Sheri Easom and is being called "Finishing your quilts". If you are having problems finishing your bindings or need some help with your corners, please be ready to ask Sheri. June is birthday month, so start looking for something good to fix and share with everyone.

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

Balance Report: No report

Barb Tyler

Charities:

Well, our 90-minute quilt took more than 90 minutes, but Kim, Barbara Fyffe and I all agreed that it was a fast, fun, efficient way to make a nice small quilt. I would definitely make another one or two.

I apologize for not being at most of the last meeting. If you did not fill out a slip for completing a charity item, please do so at the next meeting. We still have quilt packages ready to go for you to take home and complete. Some are just panels, that need borders and quilting; some are the charity blocks you made last year that need sashing, borders, quilting. There are a few that the tops are complete and just need quilting. We also have 2 different Christmas stockings you can take home and sew.

I have started a box of 2 ½" strips and 6" squares. As you are going through your stash and scraps, if you have fabric you would like to donate to these two projects, bring it in. The 6" squares will be used for the 90+ minute quilts and the 2 ½ " strips will be used for making quilts like the ones Jeannie has been showing for show and tell.

We are well on our way to a great year for Charity projects! Thanks to all who participate.

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 Terri Davis!

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

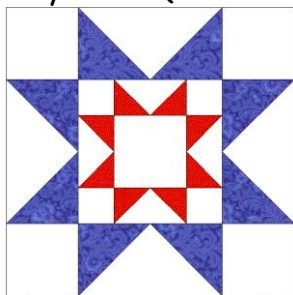
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Block of the Month

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.

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



You will need:

Red: Cut four-two and three eighths inch squares. Cut on the diagonal once.

White: One-seven and a quarter inch square cut twice on the diagonal.

Four-two inch squares.

One-four and one quarter inch square cut on the diagonal twice.

Five-three and a half inch squares.

Blue: Cut four-three and seven eighths inch squares. Cut on the diagonal once.

Using the white triangles cut from the four and a quarter inch square and the red triangles, make four flying geese units. Following the diagram, construct the center

star using these flying geese units, the center (one of the three and a half inch squares), and the four-two inch squares. Sew them in rows as you would for a larger block. Next, using the blue triangles and the white triangles cut from the seven and a quarter inch square, make four more flying geese units. Following the diagram, lay the block out in three rows using the star unit just made as the center of the middle row. Sew the units together to make the rows and the rows together to make the block. Block should measure twelve and a half inches unfinished.

Tip of the Month:

If you have some old patterns that you are just going to throw out, save the tissue paper and use it to trace paper-piecing patterns. The paper will tear out easier than regular paper.

Recipe of the Month:

Mama Jean's Bread Pudding

10 slices of toasted bread
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ sticks melted margarine
4 cups milk
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups Splenda sugar blend

6 eggs
1-teaspoon vanilla
1-cup raisins
cinnamon

Melt margarine in 9x13 inches baking dish. Break or cut bread; put in dish. Beat eggs, milk, sugar and vanilla; add to bread. Sprinkle with raisins and cinnamon. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until set.

Reminders:

Pat Nieber is thinning out her quilt book collection. She has a large selection of quilting books that she is willing to part with for a small amount of the green! Most of these books retail for about \$25.00 and she will have them at the meeting this month. You can purchase them for around \$5.00 each. So.....come prepared to pick up a great deal on a book that you might want to add to your collection.

Also, 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.