



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: October 8th, 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, what a great trunk show! How many of you went home and started designing labels after last month's meeting? I loved all of Sharon's quilts, but I couldn't wait to see the back of each one she showed just to see the label.

If you missed Guild Day this year, you missed having a lot of laughs and fun. For those of us who were there, Bev was right-we could have completed four placemats. A few very well behaved students left with four placemats. So..... does that mean those of us with less than four did a little too much laughing and visiting than the ones with 4??? HmmmmmOh, what else is Guild Day for if not for having fun: even if I do get to add a new project to my list of unfinished projects? :-) Yep I am guilty, but it was just too much fun visiting, laughing and looking at everyone's 1st mat.

Way to go to our two newest and youngest members, Holly and Ashley. You both did a great job on your placemats and I do hope you will bring them for Show and Tell this month, along with everyone else. Don't forget them.

A big "Thank you" goes to, Val, Barb, Lyn and Susan for all of your help! The day wouldn't have gone as smoothly without ya'!!! (even if Barb did have a little too much fun doing the door prizes!!!!) I hope everyone enjoyed them. A Giant "Thanks" goes to the current Board members for providing a large portion of the door prizes this year. Lyn looked like she was having a little too much fun chasing us around columns trying to get those pictures!! Grin) Be watching for them on the web site soon.

Please be thinking about Board Positions for next year. You can contact Lyn Woods for more information.

Challenge Blocks are due this month, please keep them concealed. Since we started by pulling our Fat Quarters out of a bag, it is only fitting that our blocks are brought back in a bag. So, we will have a bag at the sign in table for you to drop them into.

We have just a couple of weeks to finish up any bazaar projects for 2009. They are also due this month. Have a good month and I hope to see you all on the 8th of October!

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

Florence Arthur

Cathy Messner

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.

Membership News:

We had 32 members present at our September meeting as well as two guests, our guest speaker Sharon Thiel and Elaine Smith. We also had one new member. Please add the following information to your roster:

Holly Hughes

November Birthday

*Submitted by Lyn Woods
for Sharon Starkis*

Birthdays:

*Happy October birthdays to:
Helen Pontarolo
Kathy LaRoe*

Elections

Ladies,

Last year we feasted, this year we may be fasting! We have ALL of our board positions open this year. Some of the current board members have served for two years. Please consider serving on the board, or if you need to... grab a buddy and co-serve! President, Programs, and Membership are all jobs that could be shared.

I am soliciting nominations from the membership. If you would like to self nominate for a position or just want to know what each positions responsibilities are, please call me @ (850) 240-1733. Thank-you.

Lyn Woods

Programs:

I have just gotten home from Guild Day. We had a good time and everyone managed to get at least one placemat completed. Some finished four. They were all so different. The great thing was scraps could be used and they didn't need to match. I can't wait to see show and tell at the October meeting.

Our October meeting is our challenge block. I hope that many of you have made blocks. This should be fun seeing how members have used the ugly fabric they received. Putting the blocks together as a quilt top may be even more challenging.

At our November meeting, we will distribute charity quilts and stockings to chosen charities. Also we have the girls from Toad U Sew coming to talk. It is also election night.

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	\$1636.20
Membership	23.00
Raffle	44.00
Expenses (Guild Day)	135.00
Balance	\$1568.20

Barb Tyler

Charities:

I had a pleasant surprise when I opened my email this morning. Lynn Tuele from Children's Home Society had sent me a picture of 2 precious children holding their quilts from us! That is why we do this.

Well, charity for this year is swiftly coming to a conclusion. Please bring in all that you have at the next meeting, if you can. If it needs finishing work that you are not going to get around to, bring that in and maybe someone else can finish it for you. Ideally, Kim and I would like to have the quilts to fold and divide between our charities before the November meeting. If you know you will have your quilt ready at the November meeting, let us know.

At the October meeting, we are going to display all of your beautiful donations to the Church's Bazaar. I thought it might be fun to see everything (maybe it will encourage you to attend!) Also, if there is something you are interested in, I will have a sheet where you can put your name and how much you are willing to pay (like a silent auction). If it does not sell at the bazaar for more than that amount, I will save it for you. I would like to invite everyone to come. I am making awesome pickles! There will also be a beautiful hand-quilted stack-n-whack quilt that you can purchase tickets to win. I will have tickets at the October meeting. I hope to see you at the Bazaar on November 7.

Just a note to whoever may be thinking of running for the Charity position on the board next year: Kim and I have thoroughly enjoyed this office. We have had tons of support. Whenever something needed bindings, stockings needed sewn, wonky quilts needed quilting, and on and on, someone always stepped up and offered their help. We have had donations of great fabric, not so great fabric, batting... You do not have to do it all by yourself, you have an entire body of quilters just waiting for you to say you need help and they step up. Kim and I will be willing to help, also. If you have questions, call us.

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. Last month's Show and Tell winner was Chris Maher.

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

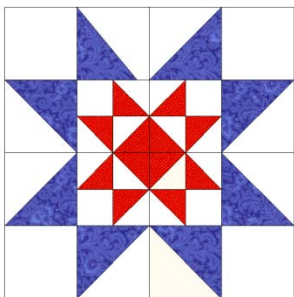
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Block of the Month

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.

October Block-Star Block 2

(Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

This block is constructed of all half square triangles except for the corner squares in each section.

Red: Six-Two and one half inch squares to layer with white squares for half square triangles. You will need to square up to two inches.

White: Four-Three and one half inch squares for corners.
 Four-Four inch squares to layer with blue squares for half square triangles. You will need to square up to three and a half inches.
 Six-Two and one half inch squares to layer with the red squares for half square triangles. You will need to square up to two inches.
 Four-Two inch squares for the inner corners.

Blue: Four-Four inch squares to layer with the white squares for half square triangles. You will need to square up to three and a half inches.

Layer the red and white two and one half inch squares. Draw a diagonal line and sew one quarter inch away on both sides of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line.

Square up. Layer the blue and white four inch squares. Draw a diagonal line and sew one quarter inch away on both sides of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line.

Square up. Lay out the center of the block (the red and white section) according to the diagram. Sew patches together in rows and sew the rows together to make the center section. Lay out the blue half square triangles and white corner patches according to the diagram. Sew two sets of half square triangles together to make the side sections (on each side of the red section). Sew these units to the center block on each side. Sew the top and bottom rows and attach to the center section. Block should measure twelve and a half inches unfinished.

Tip of the Month:

To remove age spots and brighten colors, combine one gallon water with one quart of buttermilk and one Tablespoon of lemon juice. Soak the quilt and then wash with mild soap. The natural ingredients are safe with no danger of damage to the quilt.

Recipe of the Month:

Paradise Pudding

From the Okaloosa County Poll Workers Newsletter

*1 large can blueberry pie filling
1 large can crushed pineapple
1 cup cocoanut
1 box white or yellow cake mix (dry)*

Layer the above ingredients in the order given in 9" x 13" baking dish.

*1/2 cup cocoanut
1 cup chopped nuts
2 sticks margarine, melted*

Sprinkle the ½ cup of cocoanut over the first mixture. Then sprinkle the chopped nuts over the cocoanut. Pour melted margarine over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. If the topping appears to brown too quickly, cover loosely with foil. This was served at Guild Day.

Reminders:

Our challenge blocks are due this month.

Your bazaar items need to be turned in this month.

We will have nominations for board members this month.

We will have elections in November.

Quilt Show

October 23-25, 2009

Landmark Park Quilt Show, Dothan, Alabama

Juried Quilt Show AND an Antique Quilt Special Exhibit

Quilt display in the Stokes Activity Barn Oct. 23-25

Admission: Adults, \$8; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children, \$4; Landmark Park members free.

The Quilt Show is open to the public on Friday from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

<http://www.landmarkpark.com/whf.htm>

Dothan's "Wiregrass Heritage Festival" A Salute To Area Farmers (if you check the website, there's also a tractor pull)

The website has vendor applications. I don't know if Melanie from Front Porch Quilt Shoppe will be there, but if she isn't, you could swing over to Ozark and visit her shop.

Landmark Park is on US 431, north of Dothan. In Dothan, take the Ross Clark Circle to the North/Northeast area and turn north at Kmart. Go about 3 miles and it's on the left just after the crest of a hill. Landmark Park is a re-creation of a circa 1900 farm in the Houston/Henry County area.