



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: September 10th, 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 enjoyed hearing Nancy's stories and feeling her fabrics from overseas. Her old quilt was very interesting, but I think I agree with her, it would become very boring to make after a while.

Guild Day is almost here. You will have one more chance to sign up at the September meeting, or you can e-mail me if you would like. We already have 29 on the list and most will be ordering pizza like we did last year. Please make sure that if you want to order pizza, you let us know so that we can pre-order so Pizza Hut will not run out of crusts. Come on out and let's have some fun! The instructions are on the Guild's web site www.silverthreadsquiltguild.org if you have misplaced Sheila's e-mail.

The school bells have begun ringing, so a few of us will be going back to work. Good luck teachers and have a great year. This will be kind of a sad year for me and a few other members; our babies are seniors. How time flies. Have a safe and Happy Labor Day! Happy quilting and hope to see you all in September! :-)

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:

Jean Woo

Peggy Bartosch

Mary Nielsen

Barbara 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.

Membership News:

We had 31 members and one guest (Holly Hughes) present at our August meeting. We also had two new members. Please add the following information to your roster:

Ashley Wood

Lory Wood

June Birthday

July Birthday

Sharon Starkis

Birthdays:

Happy August birthday to:

Susan Beck

Laura Gamble

Sherrí Hayes

Dottie Neibler

Barb Tyler

Programs:

For our program this month, we are very lucky to have Sharon Thiel coming to talk to us. Many know Sharon, as she has been a teacher at Camp Timpoochee. I have asked her to demonstrate one of her quickie methods or bring along some of the many quilts she has made in the past years. As you seem to enjoy trunk shows very much, I am hoping that this is what she will choose to do and also to answer any questions you might have. Sharon is also interested in maybe joining our guild, so please show her that we are a friendly group.

October is almost here. I hope that many of you have already made or have begun to make your challenge block.

November is our charity month, the month we donate quilts to our favorite groups. Also the Church has their Christmas bazaar sale the first weekend in November, so please make something to donate for them to sell. These items need to be turned in by the October meeting. Don't forget that Guild Day is September 26th and you'll need to arrive and set up about 9:00 a.m. and be ready to sew starting at 9:30.

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 \$1605.07

Raffle 51.00

Expenses 19.87

Balance \$1636.20

Barb Tyler

Charities:

Fall is almost here, which means we need to be finishing up our charity projects so they will be ready to present to our charities in October. At the first of the year we voted to support (in order): Children's Home Society, Kid Comfort, Children in Crisis, Christmas stockings, Healthy Start, and the Oncology Center. Our charity numbers so far: 53 Christmas stockings, 12 lap size quilts, 10 twin size quilts and 16 baby quilts. We are a little behind our numbers for last year. The Kid Comfort quilts finished so far number about 50. Their goal for this year was 75. Addie was expecting another 15 or so kits, so they are about on target.

We received another generous donation of nice, clean, pressed material to be used for charity. If you need a particular color or would like some for binding, etc, please let us know. I plan on cutting Christmas stocking kits out of the Christmas fabrics in this collection for anyone interested and they will be available at the next meeting. Addie also received a generous donation of batting and fabric for her Kid Comfort quilts, so the guild only has had to provide a small amount of batting for these.

If you have charity kits out, please try to be finishing them up. If you want someone else to bind them, bring them to the September meeting. I just finished the binding on a cute, hand quilted baby quilt. If you would like to help someone with their bindings or quilting, let us know.

Those of you who are turning in completed charity projects: quilts, stockings, bazaar items, don't forget to fill out a slip to be entered into the end of the year drawing. THANKS FOR YOUR CHARITY EFFORTS!

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. Last month's Show and Tell winner was Nancy Allen.

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

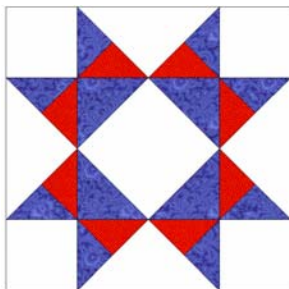
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Block of the Month

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. 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.

September Block-Aunt Addie's Album (modified)
(Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

- Red: Two-four and one quarter inch squares cut once on the diagonal
- White: One-seven and one quarter inch square cut twice on the diagonal-flying geese
- Four-three and one half inch squares-corners
- One-four and three quarters inch square-center
- Blue: Two-three and seven eighths inch squares cut once on the diagonal
- Two-four and one quarter inch squares cut once on the diagonal

Using the white four and three quarter inch square and the triangles cut from the blue three and seven eighths inch squares, assemble the center square in a square. Then make four half square triangles using the triangles cut from the four and a quarter inch blue and red squares. After making the red and blue half square triangles, press well, true up if necessary and cut from corner to corner in the opposite direction of the sewn line. Use these units and the triangles cut from the seven and a quarter inch white square to make the flying geese units. Lay out the block in rows. Sew the units together in rows and sew the rows together to make the block. Block should measure twelve and a half inches unfinished.

Tip of the Month:

Make your own ironing aid by mixing 2 cups of distilled water, 2 ounces of cheap vodka, and 15-20 drops of 100% essential oil of lavender, (or any other fragrance, usually found at a health food store). Add lavender water to iron or use as a spray on. If this writing appears a little fuzzy-stop drinking the vodka and add it to the ironing aid recipe!

Recipe of the Month:

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies

1 cup butter, softened

¾ cup packed light brown sugar

½ cup white sugar

2 eggs

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

½ teaspoon almond extract

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts

1 cup coarsely chopped white chocolate

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then stir in the vanilla and almond extracts. Combine the flour, baking soda, and salt; gradually stir into the creamed mixture. Mix in the macadamia nuts and white chocolate. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden brown. Makes about 48 cookies.

Reminders:

Guild Day is September 26th.

Our challenge blocks are due at the October meeting.

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.