

PATCHWORK GAZETTE

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The Newsletter of the Santa Rosa Quilters Guild

President's Note:

by Janie Klipstein

THANK YOU to each of you who attended the Ruthies Notion's Quilters event in August. We had a total of 31 people attending over the two days. The winning Guild had 34 people. Congratulations to the Pensacola Guild. They won a second sewing machine but we did get a consolation gift along with the third place Guild. The program was presented by Mike Johns showing us many of his quilts made on a sewing machine as well as on a Serger then quilted on a Longarm and an Embroidery machine.

Upcoming elections bring with it possible new Committee chairpersons. If you are no longer keeping your current position let me know. Several of you have let me know you will be keeping your positions and "I Thank You" on behalf of the incoming President.

Our Membership Drive will begin in October. PLEASE start thinking about paying your dues before the end of December 2018. Dues will be \$35 and will cover the 2019 expenses. Remember, the sooner you get your dues paid the sooner we know how much to base the 2019 budget expenditures. We can only spend as much as we have taken into the Treasury.

September Program

by Gail Matuskey

Linda Devins will be presenting in September. She has become a renowned fiber artist and creates her fanciful dolls from fabric. How did she go from quilter to doll maker?? Linda's dolls are works of art, each unique, no two alike. She has exhibited in galleries and been published in magazines. If you have a special doll you've made or someone has made for you, bring it as your companion for the morning.

Nominating Committee

by Janie Klipstein

Come to the September meeting to meet your Nominating Committee. Introduce yourself and let them know what office you are interested in taking on in 2019 and 2020. The only offices on the ballot will be President and Treasurer. The two years goes faster than you think.

Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.

GET-R-DONE

by Roberta Bland

Surely you have a project or two that you planned for prior to 2018. Whether you purchased fabric, pattern, kit or started a project and for some reason didn't complete it you need to join this group. As an incentive we have some wonderful prizes that are awarded at our December meeting. This year we have more than three so your chances are higher to win something this year. No need to be present to win. For each project you complete your name goes in the jar for the drawing. The only requirement to join is to make a list of the projects you would like to finish up (no more than 25 please) and make a copy for you and one for Roberta. Completed projects can be shown at Guild and at Bee.

Community Quilts

by Linda Ness & Sarah Wisnewski

The latest News from Linda: I've decided it's time for me to STOP.....making more new "kits" for this year that is. And it's time for everyone STARTED and/or FINISH UP the kits that you signed out to do. We will be making a December delivery to Kids House and Pregnancy Resources. We have some finished quilts but, that gives us just 3 months to complete the 55 quilt kits that are still unfinished. Please keep in mind we also need a few days to wash all the completed quilts and take photos of them before delivery so let's try to get this done ASAP. Three months may seem like plenty of time but with busy schedules at the end of the year it comes and goes quickly.

According to the CQ log-out sheets these are the open items:

- 13 kits are signed out for Piecing. We need these ASAP so we can find someone to do the quilting and binding.
- 6 kits are ready to be quilted but not assigned to anyone yet....hint, hint.
- 28 kits are signed to be Quilted.
- 8 kits are signed out for the Binding to be done.

If you have checked out something and need some help finishing call me (Linda) at 850-501-7302.

I will also be hosting a "Pillowcase workshop" at the next Bee on September 27th. More about that later in the reminder notice for the Bee.

YOU CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN! LET'S GET IT DONE!!

The latest from Sarah: Community Quilts depends on the generosity of members not only to make quilts but donations of fabric to make them and we receive fabric from non-members within our community as well. Some of the fabric we have has been in our coffers for years now. It is good fabric but does not fit our emphasis. In recent years we have focused mainly on Kid's House and Pregnancy Resources because it is such a great need in our community where we can make a big impact. You will hear more about that at an upcoming meeting. Instead of this fabric being hidden away and taking up valuable storage space in my closet Linda and I have decided to offer it to you. The fabric will be displayed on a separate table from the Donation Table. Yardage will be labeled and there are many smaller cuts to choose from also. Just like the Donation Table put in the jar what you would give for it at a yard sale or more if you are feeling generous. We are running low on some solid fabrics and the monies from this will go for purchasing what we need.

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I hope someday I love something the way women in commercials love yogurt

Perhaps you are wondering why we don't use the less expensive muslin and broadcloth for these quilts. Linda and I see all the quilts that come in up close because we wash them and then photograph them. We have noticed that when a lesser quality fabric is used the quilt shows it. These fabrics shrink more, stretch more when sewn and are more transparent. We know these fabrics won't hold up. We want our quilts to last and be a blessing to those who receive them. The children who receive quilts and pillowcases from our Guild have nothing and rarely have anything new. Just think what a treasure your quilt is to a child or young person!

Birds & Words Quilt Challenge

by Gail Matuskey

Tick Tock Tick Tock! If you are participating in this challenge and also watching the calendar, you know our days for completion are dwindling. Finishing can be the most challenging part of the process. You can do it!! Much can be accomplished in two months. Remember no name or label on your quilt. You can add those after the November meeting where we will "ooo" and "ah" and vote and award prizes. After prizes are awarded all challenge quilt makers will be revealed. This is such a fun vent. I hope you are planning to be a part of it.

Our Friend Math

Question: What does a mermaid wear to math class?

Answer: An algae-bra.

Bonus Question: If I had 10 cookies and you took one, what would you have?

Answer: That's correct, a black eye and a broken hand.

Crafters Sale

by Janie Klipstein

The Crafters sale is BEFORE and AFTER Guild at the October meeting. Tables are limited so get your reservation in early. Pay the President at the September meeting just \$5.00 a table. Don't have enough for a full table – share with someone. Need not be quilted items. We have had Wreaths, Key Chains, Purses, Table runners or Jewelry.

Don't read the next sentence.

You little rebel, I like you.

Scrap Solutions

by Sarah Wisnewski

A few years ago I started making fabric covered clothesline basket/bowls using Susan Breier's method taught in her two books *It's A Wrap* and *It's A Wrap II* with a few modifications of my own. You can purchase these books on Amazon and find examples of projects on Pinterest. There are also numerous videos on You Tube.

I have made these basket/bowls in various sizes from round to oval and use them in my sewing room to hold my rotary cutters and my larger scissors. These baskets are always kept in the same place and I am usually careful to put my tools back in them so no matter how creatively messy my room gets I can easily find them. I have an especially long pair of pointy shears that don't quite fit in its basket which frustrated me and so it was time to rectify it.

Out came my scrap bin! The great thing about this project is it doesn't take a lot of fabric and pieces only need to be 6-9 inches long and ¾ inch wide. I had envisioned a vibrant multicolored basket with an emphasis on "multi." I wanted lots of color! The first piece of fabric I pulled out was a white background with a few of my favorite colors. "Oh, this will make a great start!" I eagerly thought. Soon a pile of colors gathered but in the end I couldn't help myself. The colors I pulled out were not working for me and yet, I still loved that first piece I pulled out. Yes, you guessed it! I went with that first fabric and only used the few colors in that fabric. I love my basket and it is just the right size for my scissors.

Quilting Event Coming to Fort Walton Beach February 2019

by Janie Klipstein

WHO: Ricky Tims

What: Quilt Luminarium

WHERE: Hilton Garden Inn located at 1297 Miracle Strip Parkway

WHEN: February 2nd and 3rd 2019 (This is a Saturday and Sunday)

COST: \$184.00 - This price is good till December 19, 2018 then the price goes to \$219.00. Cut off registration date is January 19, 2019.

Times: Saturday Feb. 2 doors open 0730 and Session 1 begins 0830 with the event ending 5:00PM.

Sunday Feb. 3 doors open 0730 and Session 1 begins 0830 and event ends at 5:00PM.

I have booked two rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn for the 1st and 2nd of February if anyone want to share great, if not, I will cancel and 2nd room in December. They had a limited number of rooms left when I registered on August 27. As of this date the Holiday Inn next to the Hilton is FULLY BOOKED for the dates of the Ricky Tims event.

Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up

Last month I wrote about a conversation I had with Gail about starch. I have taken her advice about giving the starch time to soak in to the fabric before pressing. I worked on a quilt this month taking my time to starch properly and what a difference it has made sewing my blocks together. The blocks went together so well and it all lies flat. I then remembered Juliette once talking about making starch using vodka. I looked it up on Pinterest and found two starch recipes: one used vodka and the other cornstarch.

Off to the liqueur store for cheap vodka I went. Hmmm.....How do I ask for this? I'm inexperienced at this you see so I just blurted it out. "I need some cheap vodka to make starch." The attendant was clearly puzzled. "Starch?" she asked. "I don't want to get starchy I just want to make some" I clarified for her. She was still mystified so I explained further. I'm not sure she really believed me. Maybe she thought she'd heard all the excuses for buying booze and this was a new one. But I came away happy with my \$5 purchase.

Both starch recipes work very well but give different results. The corn starch based starch does need to be given a quick shake before using to keep it suspended. It also stiffens the fabric more like the commercial starches. The vodka based starch gives a softer hand but does a nice job. They both get wrinkles out nicely when allowed to sit 20-30 seconds before pressing.

Some may ask why make it when you can easily buy it and Niagara and Bounce make good products. I wondered that too and did some reading. The concern some have is all the chemicals in the commercial brands which some find an irritant in their clothing. If you are chemically sensitive you are probably already pre-washing your quilting fabric and don't want to put chemicals back in.

For some reason, probably due to laziness, I had gotten away from using starch when quilting. I used to use it all the time. Now that I have been trying out techniques and recipes I have been re-acquainted with the benefits of using starch. No longer will the starch bottle just sit on my ironing table but will be my partner when ironing. Whether you buy it or make it I encourage you to try it and see for yourself its benefits.

Here are the two recipes I tried and more can be found on Pinterest even one using liquid starch. I also purchased two cobalt blue glass bottles with sprayers from Amazon that spray wonderfully but you can use a plastic spray bottle if you like. Because our city water is on the hard side I used distilled water and I also added a few drops of essential oils (orange and lemon) to scent them.

Cornstarch Recipe – Combine 2 cups warm water with a heaping tablespoon of cornstarch.

Vodka Recipe – Combine 1 part vodka with 2 parts water. Example: 1/3 cup vodka and 2/3 cup water.

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Except when your foreign

neighbor Keith received eight

counterfeit beige sleighs from

Feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

Weird.

Calendar of Events

September 13 – Guild 9:00 – Program: Linda Devins Doll Maker at the CLC

September 27 – Bee 9:00-3:00 at St. Paul’s UMC

October 11 – Guild 9:00 – Program: Crafters Sale at the CLC

October 25 – Bee 9:00 – 3:00 at St. Paul’s UMC

November – Guild 9:00 – Program: Quilt Challenge Reveal at the CLC

November 15 – Bee 9:00 – 3:00 at St. Paul’s UMC (Note: this is a week early due to Thanksgiving)

December 13 – Guild 9:00 – Program: Christmas Party

Board Members

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Quilt Challenge: Gail Matuskey

GET-R-DONE – Roberta Bland

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I don't mean to brag but I finished my 14 day diet in 3 hours and 12 minutes.