

President's Note:

by Janie Klipstien

Hard to believe it is October already and time for our Crafters Fair once again. Don't forget to bring extra cash or your check books to purchase gift items. I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful gifts we will all be able to buy. Crafters will be set up in rooms 2236 and 2237.

The Crafters Fair also reminds me that my time is running out as President. I have enjoyed being your President. We have had two productive years with all the quilts for Kids House, Pregnancy Resources and the Nursing Home in Pensacola you all have donated or made from kits provided by the Community Quilts chairperson. I am proud to be associated with all of you. Thanks to each of you for letting me be your leader the past two years.

During the next couple of months I will be looking for people to fill Committee positions please be prepared to say yes to help out the Guild next year. Positions are Quilt Challenge, Door Prizes and Newsletter.

Membership Drive

by Pat Clark

As this year draws to a close it is time to think about 2019 and October begins our Membership Drive for 2019. Dues are \$35 and you can pay at guild or mail it to Pat Clark, 4181 Soundpointe Dr. Gulf Breeze, FL 32563. Please note any changes to your phone number or address when you re-new. If paying by check make it out to SRQG. Please re-new by December's meeting so we can start the year out with a complete roster. This will also help the Treasurer set up the 2019 budget. The 2019 membership cards will be handed out at December's meeting.

Sewing Machine Raffle

We will be raffling off a Baby Lock Anna Sewing Machine and the drawing will be at our December meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. This is a basic sewing machine and lightweight enough to take to Bee's and classes. Anna will be on display at Guild for you to view in our meeting room and please see Gail for tickets.

If one door closes and another opens, your house is probably haunted.

Birds & Words Quilt Challenge

by Gail Matuskey

We are down to the final month my quilting friends. It will be so exciting to view the creative results of this year's challenge. Come November we will turn in our finished projects – without label please. Remember to bring your project to the November guild meeting well-concealed in a brown paper bag or any other kind of bag we can't see through. We will vote, and prizes will be awarded. This is a favorite event each year. I hope you will be there to enjoy it!! Woohoo!!

Kids House

Santa Rosa Kids House is one of the organizations our Guild supports with quilts from baby to teens. Kelley from the SRKH will be with us this month and will bring us up to date with all that's going on with them. We will be making a quilt delivery in December but if you like there is another way you can help out. We will be collecting the following items to give Kids House this month. They are: \$10 gift cards to McDonalds and Walmart, socks, underwear, diapers, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and deodorant. This is a one-time only collection for us.

Christmas Party

by Janie Klipstein

A signup sheet will be passed around starting in the October meeting. Think about what dish you will make and share with the members. Don't forget to make your pair of potholders from orphan blocks no larger than 12 inches. I will have Insul-Bright at the meeting for those of you who have asked me for some.

Get Those Receipts In!

If you have a receipt for your committee you need to be reimbursed for please hand it in no later than our December meeting. Fran would like to close out the books so that we may start 2019 with a clean slate. You can mail it in or hand it to her at a meeting.

GET-R-DONE

by Roberta Bland

There has been such a wonderful response this year with the GET-R-DONE group with a record number of projects being completed. There is still lots of time to get a few more finished and you could be the next lucky winner of some fabulous quilting tools. The drawing for the prizes will be at our December meeting.

We keep a potato masher in a drawer because sometimes it's fun to not be able to open that drawer.

Community Quilts

by Linda Ness

I want to say “THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH” to everyone that helped me with “The Pillowcase workshop” at the Bee on September 27th: Julie, Nancy, Barbara, Gail, Sue, Roberta, Debbie, Stacey, Winnie, Paula and two others (sorry Senior moment with names). It was a fantastic success. I was so pleased with the number of people that worked so hard on our CQ project. We had 86 Pillowcase kits to complete and had a wonderful assembly line set up with one or more volunteers at each of the following stations:

1. Pinning the pieces together into a tube
2. Sewing the tube
3. Opening up the tube
4. Ironing the case
5. 1st sewing with right sides out
6. Turning the case inside-out and ironing again
7. 2nd sewing that created the French seam
8. Turning the case right side out again and done!

By the end of the day we had 20 totally completed and just about all the remaining Pillowcase kits were completed up to step 5 or 6. Several volunteers divided up the unfinished cases and took them home to complete.

I’m also happy to report that 20 of the 55 unfinished Quilt Kits listed in last month’s newsletter are now completed. How are you doing on your kit?

As of October 1st the Community Quilts lot-out sheets show 35 quilts are still listed as open items:

- 07 kits are signed out to be Pieced
- 11 kits are assigned to someone to be Quilted
- 12 kits are assigned to someone for Binding
- 05 kits are still un-assigned for Binding and will be brought to the Guild meeting.

Please keep in mind we also need a few days to attach the labels, wash all the completed quilts, and take photos of them before delivery so let’s try to get these done and handed in no later than the Bee on November 29th. You can also deliver them to Linda or Sarah anytime.

If you have checked out a kit and cannot finish it in time bring it to the next Guild meeting or call me at 850-501-7302.

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

Our Friend Math

What do you get when you take a bovine and divide its circumference by its diameter?

A cow pi

Food For Thought - Process or Product??

by Gail Matuskey

I recently read an interesting article asking quilters this question: “Do you quilt for the process or the product?” That got me thinking quite a bit about my own sewing habits. It’s the kind of question that has no right or wrong answer. We spend a lot of money buying fabric that we then cut up into small pieces only to sew together again. After considering how and why I quilt, I determined that I quilt for the process – the cutting, the rearranging, the resewing. Changing up a pattern, putting new color combos together, learning to use a new ruler all give me satisfaction. Not all experiments are successful, but it’s the thrill of the process that keeps me intrigued. How about you?? Process or Product??

Mystery Charm Pack Workshop

by Stacey Hieb

Every Year in January after the Guild meeting we have a Mystery Charm Pack Workshop. This time you will need two charm packs and they can be the same or different. No coordinating fabric needed. This is very simple and easy and will be lots of fun. More info about this workshop will be coming next month. We hope to see everyone there!

Scrap Solutions

by Sarah Wisnewski

Just when I thought I had exhausted all the scrap fabric ideas this one pops up. Washi Tape. I have seen this product in the store and I believe it is used mostly for scrapbooking which I don’t do much of. For a little roll you pay \$2.88 at Walmart and the price goes up depending on where you shop. It comes in several widths with ½” the most common. It also comes in endless colors and designs. Did you know you can make your own using carpet tape? I bought a roll of Shurtape indoor/outdoor carpet tape at Lowe’s for \$6.18 and it is nearly 2” wide and 75’ long. It is a heavy duty double stick tape and fabric adheres to it very well. Once you put the fabric on it you can cut it to any width or length you desire. I used an older rotary blade to cut mine as it will dull a sharp one quickly. Fabric Washi tape can be used on presents, making bookmarks, gift tags, cards, scrapbooking....whatever. What a fun and original gift for a scrap-booker or to put in a craft box for kids. If you keep a quilt journal of your projects make your own washi tap with the scraps to place in the journal.

Why are ghosts bad liars?

Because you can see right through them.

Tools of the Trade

Sarah Wisnewski

When cutting out fusible shapes that are small or curvy using a standard rotary cutter just doesn't cut it. Literally. Using a small pair of sharp scissors can be tedious and cause hand cramping. A good X-ACTO knife is sharp but makes cutting small curves a bit challenging. Have no fear there is a tool made just for this kind of job. Rob Appell of Man Sewing has designed a 14mm (yes, you read that right) rotary cutter called The Shark Applicutter. It is held just like a pen is very sharp and rolls easily. It comes set up for right handed use but the hardware reverses to the opposite side of the handle for left handed use. I am amazed at how sharp the blade is and how easy it is to use.

Our sewing machines get lots of use over the course of the year and most of us are pretty good about cleaning out the bobbin area of lint. What about the outside of the machine? I've often been puzzled over the dirty smudges that seem to magically appear on mine. I didn't realize I was such a dirty girl. The best product to use is Windex Window Cleaner and only that brand. The Windex formula will safely clean your machine of grime without violating any printing or decals on the machine. Spray it on a soft cloth or paper towel and gently wipe down the machine.

More Fun With Our Friend Math

You have 10 fish,

5 drowned, 3 came back to life.

How many fish do you have?

Stop counting smart one. Fish can't drown.

Name That Machine

Sarah Wisnewski

I've noticed for some time now that long-arm owners name their machines. I had not given it much thought till Gail told me she named hers Bonnie. Isn't that a wonderful name! We do spend a lot of time with our machines and they are like friends so I decided on Alice for my long-arm which is a favorite name from my childhood days. But I did not stop there. I have also named my Pfaff Marilla as I have had her a long, long time and she is so dependable and such a dear just like the character on Anne of Green Gables. My Janome 6600, which is my workhorse, is Betsy because it is such a friendly name and she never lets me down.

Have you named your machine(s)? Surely Gail and I are not alone in this. Please share them with me and I will share them in the newsletter. If you haven't named yours think about it.

There's nothing fun about fun sized candy bars

Calendar of Events

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

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

November 8 – Guild 9:00 – Quilt challenge Reveal at the CLC

November 29 – Bee 9:00-3:00 at St. Paul’s UMC

December 13 – Guild 9:00 – Christmas Party

No Bee in December

Board Members

President – Janie Klipstein

Vice President – Gail Matuskey

Treasurer – Fran Brewer

Secretary – Sherry Blais

Ex-Officio – Sarah Wisnewski

2018 Committee Chairs

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Heart To Heart – Janie Klipstein

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