

President's Notes:

Janie Klipstein

Greeting Quilters! Cooler weather is here and I know we will be sewing more at least that is the plan for me. I have a quilt that got started in 2017 at Bee and now all the blocks are finished all made on Bee day. It is on my Get-R-Done list hope to show at the Christmas party.

I am looking forward to the Quilt Challenge reveal at the November meeting. Mine is almost finished. Gail Matuskey has had some wonderful ideas the past couple of years for the Quilt Challenge. Terri Bentz has been her helper and I THANK them both for all the work they have put into this event.

We will be having a busy couple of months. November brings Guild Election Day for your new President and Treasurer on the 8th of November.

On the 11th of November THANK all Veterans for their service.

Your membership dues are the monies the new board will figure next year's budget. I paid my 2019 dues last month so I would not forget \$35.00 is not much for being able to enjoy the chance to learn from our fellow quilters.

November Program – The Big Reveal

Gail Matuskey

Our Birds & Words Quilt Challenge reveal for 2018 has arrived! If you are taking part, please bring your quilt to me at guild in a brown paper bag, black plastic bag, or any bag that hides the contents – no name or label please. These entries will all be displayed in the corner room next to our meeting room. Each will receive a number. They will be paraded across the room during our meeting. Afterwards you will be able to view them up close and then you will vote for ONE. Voting for just one is a challenge in itself.

Ballots will be tallied and gift certificates to A&E, \$60, \$50, \$40 will be awarded to the top 3 vote-getters. There will also be a drawing for prizes among the other entrants.

Seeing these beautiful and creative quilts is so inspiring. Come and join us!!

It's not happy people who are grateful.

It is grateful people who are happy.

Get-R-Done

Roberta Bland

What a busy year for the Get-R-Done group! Looks like it may be a record number of projects the members of the group have completed. December's meeting will be the last opportunity you have to show your finished projects and have your name go in the drawing bucket for some great prizes. This year we have 9 prizes to award! Happy Sewing!!

Sewing Machine Raffle

Tickets will be available at the Guild meeting 6 tickets for \$5.00 or a single ticket for \$1.00. The drawing will take place on the 13th of December at the Christmas party at the Good Shepherd Church Lutheran Church.

Community Quilts

Linda Ness

As of October 31st I am so happy to report that there are only 15 quilts left to be finished for the Christmas delivery. How are you doing on your kit? Most of you have promised to complete them by the November Guild meeting. If something comes up and you can't finish in time please contact me and I'll get some help for you.

Log Book totals 15:

06 kits are signed out to be Pieced

02 kits are assigned to someone to be Quilted

07 kits are assigned to someone for Binding

Please keep in mind we need time 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 Lind or Sarah anytime. If you have checked out a kit and cannot finish it in time call me at 850-501-7302.

WE ARE SO CLOSE TO FINISHING YOU CANSTILL MAKE THIS HAPPEN! LET'S GET IT DONE!

Christmas Party

Janie Klipstein

This year our Christmas Party Brunch will be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church across the street from our Guild meetings at 4257 Gulf Breeze Parkway. You are the creator this year for exchange gifts at the Christmas party. Wrap them please. Make a pair of useable potholders from Orphan blocks no bigger than 12 inches and no smaller than 8 inches. If you do not have Insul-bright I have cut some into 8-10-12 inch sizes and will bring to the meeting. No, they do not need to match for this project.

I wish everything was as easy as getting fat.

New Quilt Store

Did you know there is a new quilt store in Pensacola? Sew Haven is located at 1531 East Nine Mile Road and their phone is 850-542-4195. Right now they carry a small collection of quality flannel and a nice selection of Quilting Treasures fabric. Sew Haven is a Brother dealership and has a variety of machines on display and also carries Exquisite Embroidery thread. They also do alterations and embroidery. They just started a Facebook page – just look up Sew Haven of Pensacola.

Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally, but what you do consistently

Tools of the Trade

Sarah Wisnewski

A seam ripper is one of those tools we wish we didn't have to use but are so thankful to have more often than we would like to admit. I have a favorite brand that fits my hand perfectly and is very sharp – until it gets well used. When dull I toss it in the trash and get a fresh one out. I buy four or five a time so I always have a fresh one on hand. I never thought about sharpening one. Mary Ellen sent me an article she found on nationalsewingcircle.com where someone asked if a seam ripper could be sharpened. The answer is yes! A seam ripper can be sharpened with steel wool or by using a tool called a bead reamer, which looks like a small rounded file. These can be found at most craft stores that carry beads.

Most of us use the same size needle when piecing our quilts. If it's working for us why change? Ask a group of quilters what needle brand and size they use and you will get a variety of answers. That will bring up the question "Why are there so many needle types?" Schmetz now has an app you can download to your phone, mobile device or desk top. It is free and a comprehensive source chock full of information. Type in Schmetz in the App Store to find it.

Our Friend Math

Too much π gives you a large circumference.

Coming in January 2019

Mystery Charm Pack Workshop after the Guild meeting. Charge is only \$5 (for room fee). All you need are two charm packs. Sign-up begins at the November meeting where you will receive more information.

Dear Jane Group

Barbara Gallo

Barbara Gallo will be hosting a Dear Jane group at her home starting in January. If you are interested please see her at guild or give her a call at 850-938029.

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Apparently you can't use 'beefstew' as a password. It's not stroganoff.

Sleigh Bells

Gail Matuskey

Who is up for a sleigh ride? Jan Patek has designed a folk art quilt full of winter fun. Her pattern features an 80"x96" queen size quilt of 50 plus blocks in various sizes.

After hearing Kim Brackett and Karen Williamson talk about their experience in making one quilt each in their own style, Terri and I thought we would try it too. We've chosen Sleigh Bells, as our model. We will each be creating our own version of it in our own size and style. We invite you to join us in this creative venture.

Our finished results will be shown at next September's guild. Are you interested????? This is all for fun and creativity – no prizes, no pressure, no restrictions.

Sleigh Bells was published in 2018 by That Patchwork Place and is available on Amazon, Connecting Threads and Missouri Star sites. Check it out!

My own version will be smaller, not winter themed, and I'm incorporating images from other folk art patterns. There are 3 of us taking this ride so far. Hoping to welcome more on board!

Thanksgiving: Not a good day to be my pants

Scrap Solutions

Sarah Wisnewski

As you dig through your scrap bin(s) you will probably run across scraps that have the selvage still attached. These selvages are usually cut away and tossed. Did you know the selvages with the pretty dots of color are now used in quilt designs? It takes a lot of them to make a design but there is something you can make with five or six strips and some scrap fabric. For this project all you need is just the color dot part unless you want to use fabric line name involved. Choose pieces that have close to the same amount of dots. Since the edge of a selvage does not fray no need to have a seam. Lay them on top of one another leaving the dots exposed and using a top stitch sew them together. Use scraps to sew a border on, if you like, and for the backing. Fill with your favorite stuffing or walnut shells to finish it off. I will have samples to show at Guild.

The Buzzing Bee

Despite the torrential downpour on Bee day we had a great turn out. Some continued making string blocks for CQ, some worked on handwork, and others were busy working on their quilting projects and of course there was Show & Tell. If you have never come to one of our Bee's put it on your New Year's Resolution list and plan to join us. It's an opportunity to make new friends who enjoy the same thing you do – Quilting!

Some people are wise.

Some are otherwise.

Calendar of Events

November 8 – Guild 9:00- Program: Quilt Challenge Reveal and Elections for President and Treasurer at the CLC

November 11 – Veterans Day

November – Bee – 9:00 – 3:00 at St. Paul’s UMC Please note this is a change from our regular schedule

December 13 – Guild 9:00 – Christmas Party at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church across the street from our Guild meetings

2018 Board Members

President – Janie Klipstein

Vice President – Gail Matuskey

Treasurer – Fran Brewer

Secretary – Sherry Blais

Ex-Officio – Sarah Wisnewski

2018 Committee Chairs

Community Quilts – Linda Ness & Sarah Wisnewski

Membership – Pat Clark

Door Prizes – Lynda Krupka

Newsletter – Sarah Wisnewski

Facebook & Chat Group – Laura Phillips

Quilt Challenge – Gail Matuskey

Get-R-Done – Roberta Bland

Quilts of Valor – Barbara Logan

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Happy Thanksgiving

Remember to set your scales back ten pounds this weekend.