

THREAD TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Suncoast Quilting Circle

P.O. Box 47764, St. Petersburg, FL 33743

December 2011 and January 2012

The Suncoast Quilting Circle meets every Wednesday at 10 AM at Faith Church.
6646 First Avenue South (also used by New Life Fellowship). Doors will open at 9:30 AM for social time.
They will open at 8:45 AM for board meetings or bastings.



December Birthdays

December 3 - LeAnn Otheim
December 4 - Patricia Suchier
December 10 - Mary Woolard
December 11 - Tari Ristorcelli
December 12 - Janet Richards
December 13 - Barbara Pardun
December 19 - Anne Long
December 31 - Sue Wareham

January Birthdays

January 5 - Dodie Hink
January 10 - Henrietta Lori
January 11 - Gabrielle Baker
January 15 - Bella Welch
January 18 - Patricia Pfeifle
January 19 - Pat Bleakley

December Meeting Activities

December 7 - Christmas Show and Tell

December 10 - HOLIDAY PARTY 11:00

December 14 - QUILT SHOW MEETING

December 21 - No Meetings

December 28

January Meeting Activities

January 4 - Welcome back

January 11 - Georgia Hink will present a program about our planned trip to Paducah in 2013. An individual from the Travel Agency will be there to answer questions.

January 18 - Sit, Sew, Social and Sell
Bring your cutting tools

January 25 - 10AM Business Meeting



New Officers

We are happy to announce our 2012 officers
Mary Lou Cunningham President
Louise Shahade Vice President
VACANT Secretary
Janet Richards Treasurer

FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

In January I will begin my term as President of the quilt guild. I look forward to the New Year and hope that I can fulfill the office to your satisfaction. Until the quilt show is over we will keep the meetings light with focus on the show.

Our first meeting in January will be light and airy welcoming everyone back from the holidays. The second meeting Georgia will present information about our trip to Paducah scheduled for 2013. Someone from the travel group will be at the meeting to discuss the trip with us. At the sit and sew meeting Barbara T will depend on our cutting skills to help fill the baskets in the Quilters' Walk with fat quarters, and squares of all sizes. Bring your cutting boards, rotary cutters, and rulers. After the sit and sew we will have the first board meeting of the year. The last meeting in January will be the first business meeting of the year.

During the year the club will need to look at the By Laws making some changes to the presentation of officers and voting so that the night group can vote in a timely

manner. While we're looking at the By Laws, we might as well look at the Guidelines to see if anything needs to be changed.

We're going to try to limit business to the business meeting so you will find that other meetings will have greetings, short announcement segment, show, and tell—then getting down to business of the meeting be it a speaker or Sit & Sew. If you have some business which needs to be brought to the club, please let me know about it so that it can be presented at the business meeting.

We're still looking for volunteers for secretary plus the standing committees of: Membership, Retreat, Block of the Month, community liaison, pillow cases and stockings for the armed forces, and the 2014 quilt show.

Have a safe holiday season.

Mary Lou

December Program Information

December 7 - Christmas Show and Tell - bring all the goodies you have made for the Holiday gift giving.

December 10 - Holiday Party - 11:15 am

Holiday Party

Drue Parry is in charge of our Holiday Luncheon along with Georgia Hink, Dorcas Macauley, Martha Pierce and Mary Beth - to be held Saturday, December 10th.

The doors will open by 11:15 and we plan to serve by 11:30. Please stop and sign in to get your pin.

We will have turkey which we will purchase. The other sides will be

provided by our members. The sign up sheet will be going around soon. If you do not wish to provide anything you may pay \$5.00 and that money will help pay for the turkey.

During the luncheon, we will have a drawing of completed quilt blocks. Whoever works on the blocks and returns them, is eligible to enter the drawing for all the blocks. We have a rule that you are not eligible to win another quilt until you finish that one.

December 14 - QUILT SHOW MEETING

The next quilt show meeting will be on December 14 after the regularly scheduled meeting. At the regular meeting quilt show committee chairs will make reports and take questions from the membership. All are welcome at the quilt show meeting.

Silent Auction-Quilt Show March 2012

Although our show will be in a new venue, we will have as much room as we did for the 2010 show to show case the silent auction. If you have a piece ready or plan to make something for the auction, please let Mary Lou know your plans. Thanks in advance for all the wonderful small quilts and your hard work.

January Program Information

January 4: first meeting of the year-welcome to the New Year

January 11: Come hear how our plans are shaping up for the 2013 trip to Paducah

January 18: Sit & Sew Barb T would like us to bring our mats, rotary cutters, and cutting skills. We'll be cutting various sized

pieces of fabric for the Quilter's Walk baskets. Afterwards, the first board meeting of the year.

January 25: First Business meeting of the year.

Membership Renewal

The \$25.00 fee for membership renewal is due by January 1, 2012. Please pay by check and make the check payable to the "Suncoast Quilting Circle".

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EVENING GROUP

Plans for this next year are starting to come together. I think there will be a little of everything so everyone can have fun.

1. Don't forget to come to the Holiday Party on December 10th. There is more information about it on the web site or in the newsletter. Lets have a good showing of the evening group.

2. The first meeting of 2012 will be January 16th which is Martin Luther King day. Hopefully we will all have the day off and come to enjoy this interesting meeting. Our speaker will be Joyce Hamill. She will be talking about rulers. There are an amazing number of rulers out there to learn about. They come in all shapes and size and

sometimes we buy them and don't even know how to use them. If you have one you need help with, bring it with you and maybe we can figure it out.

3. Don't forget that it is time to pay dues for next year. It cost \$25 for the year.

4. Quilt show is coming up on March 2nd and 3rd. We hope everyone will have an entry. Please keep checking the web site for due dates for the entry forms. Also, we hope to have the option of having your quilts judged. This will be optional.

We will also be needing volunteers to work at the show. We are asking for at least a 3 hour commitment during the show. The day people are asked to work all day Friday and Saturday as well as set up on Thursday so they will be glad to get help on Saturday especially for take down.

We do ask that members who work the show wear a "turkey red" apron. Joyce Hamill usually has a work day at her house for new members to help them make one.

5. I have set up a yahoo group for us to use for communication. You should be getting an email from the group soon inviting you to join. You do need a Yahoo account for this.

If you have any concerns or problems, contact me.

Looking forward to this next year having fun together.
Alberta Dalke



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Lotto Blocks

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Suncoast Quilting Circle

October 26, 2011 Business Meeting

Call to Order: Susie Brennan 10:00 am

Greetings, **Visitors - none**

Roll Call: Alicia Griffiths 42 members present

President's Reminders: Night Guild Activities are available on website

Vice-President's Report: Louise Shahade/Nancy Schubart

11/2 – Live Auction of sewing related items. Motion made by Barbara Trapp and second by Mary Lou Cunningham that members have the option for 50/50 split of proceeds with guild. Motion carried by acclamation.
Donations taken for postage to send stockings to troops.

11/10 – 10am-3pm – Lake Seminole Square Quilt Show looking for exhibitors. Volunteers also needed. See Louise S for details.

11/9 – Sue Wareham trunk show

11/16 – sit and sew

11/23 – No Meeting

11/30 –Business Meeting

11/11 – West Palm Beach show – Bus trip cost is \$43.00

11/21 – Night Guild – Anthony Jones Trunk show

12/10 – Holiday Party – instead of gift exchange small gifts for Christmas Toy Shop will be received. Ages needed are 1-2, 11-12.

Elections of officers

President – MaryLou Cunningham

Vice President – Louise Shahade

Night Guild Programs – Alberta Dalke

Treasurer – Janet Richards

Secretary – TBD

Motion to accept slate made by Sue Wareham. Second by Mary Wheeler. Motion carried by acclamation.

Basting 11/16.

Membership – Barbara Trapp will take over for 2012.

Need retreat chair for 2012.

Quilt Show – meeting 11/16 after sit and sew. Still need someone to handle quilt intake , make arrangements to show opportunity quilt, and handle judging committee.

Alberta Dalke is having quilt sale 11/12 at her home.

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am

Program - stuff and pack stockings