



# Silver Threads Quilt Guild Newsletter

November 2023

**The mission of the Silver Threads Quilt Guild shall be to further interest in quilting promote education contribute to community charitable causes and encourage the preservation of quilts and the art of quilting**

## Monthly Note

Happy December! It's already starting to feel like the holidays! This week I finished two doll quilts and a need to finish binding on a pink and cuddly minky backed quilt I am gifting to some sweet little girls this weekend. I always enjoy gifting quilts! I have been thinking a lot lately about what the gift of a quilt means. When I was a young mom and novice quilter in the late 90's I made and gifted so many baby quilts to friends when we were all becoming parents. In the last year or so, two of these quilts come back to me in one way or another. Little did I know these quilts I made so many years and now belong to 20 somethings were treasured and loved until they were little more than rags! They travelled with them to college and study abroad trips and still hold a very special place for them. For one I was able to find the original fabric in my stash and re-piece it so it can travel on with him. I am still trying to figure out a plan for giving the other some repairs!

All this made me really think about how you never know what a quilt will mean to someone when it's given away! It may just become their most cherished possession, even if you don't hear about it again for 25 years!

Wishing you the most merry of holidays!!



## December Notes

Meeting

December 19, 2023

New Hope Church South Fork

10:30 am LATE START

Potluck and Ornament Exchange

December Birthdays:

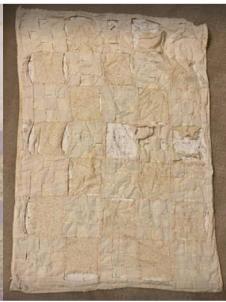
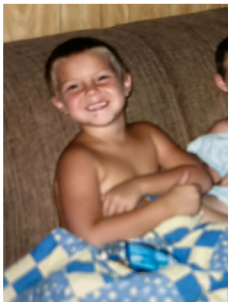
Christa MacDonald - December 3rd

Irene Garrett - December 17th

Emily Koch - December 17th

Debbie Miller December 21st

Cindy Mitchell - December 23rd





## **Guild Activities and Meetings**

December 19th New Hope Church, South Fork Late Start 10:30

Program Ornament Exchange and Potluck luncheon

January 16th, Creede Baptist Church, 10:30

Charity or your project sewing

Reach out to Vi Koch and Mariette Curnutt (Program Chairs) with any program suggestions or requests.

Thank you

## **Secret Santa Exchange**

Secret Santa Gift Exchange participants: By now, or very shortly, you will have heard from Vi or Mariette letting you know who your secret Santa recipient is. If you plan on being present at our meeting on December 12th, then you just need to wrap your ornament with your recipient's name on the package and bring it with you. For those of you that won't be at the meeting, please also wrap your ornament with your recipient's name on it and mail it to Vi ASAP, so we can have them in time for our December 12th meeting. We will then distribute those ornaments to the appropriate recipients, either in person at our meeting or via post.

Vi Koch

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## **Fun time with Fabric Postcards.**

Several fun postcards made by members are pictured below and instructions for making postcards are attached to the newsletter email!

I spoke to the Post Office here in South Fork about what can and can't go through the mail. Because the equipment now is so automated, the cards need to be bendable and have nothing on the top that could get caught in the equipment. It is best to put the postcard in an envelope. If you ask, they may hand stamp your card, but it will still need to be in an envelope.

There are many good video tutorials on making fabric postcards. I just typed in "how to make fabric postcards" and that led me to some very good information. Two that I would suggest are: "The Spruce Crafts", that will give you six different ways to do fabric postcards, and Rob Appell of "Man Sewing" who gives you good step by step instructions with good visuals.

My preferred way of making a fabric postcard is to use a double-sided fusible, Pellon Peltex 72F stabilizer, or equivalent. I layer my top fabric with batting and then add what I would like to put on top. Add some ribbon, maybe some small beads, some Angelina, stickers, glitter fabric paint, do some quilting on it, etc. I use muslin or similar fabric for the back. Then this is all fused together with the Peltex. Finish it off with a zig-zag, a blanket stitch, or decorative stitch.

What ever method you prefer using, just let your creative juices run wild!!! It is lots of fun and your friends and family will love getting them.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call. 719-850-8956 or text me. Also send pictures of your postcards. Would love to see them! Happy Quilting, Vi Koch



## 2025 Show Updates

2025 Theme:

Sewing Seeds: Today & Tomorrow

Categories for the 2025 Show:

1. Appliqué
2. Bed
3. Challenge
4. Children's
5. Holiday
6. Lap/Twin
7. Modern
8. Quilts of Valor
9. Wall Hangings

Thanks to all who voted!

We need your vote on the Raffle Quilt Pattern.  
Please select one pattern below & email us  
[Julie.hammes@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.hammes@gmail.com) by, Friday, December  
15, 2023 with your selection.

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