



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

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Welcome to Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild

We hope you will join us at one of our monthly meetings, a workshop, a retreat or even a quilt show. Explore our web site <http://www.thimbleandthreadstl.org> to see some of the quilt-related things going on in St. Louis, our Guild and elsewhere.

We meet at Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 South Kirkwood Road at 7:00 pm on the second Friday of each month, unless changes are announced in the newsletter or on the website.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Guild meetings are open to non-members, free for the first visit (unless the program involves a national speaker), and \$3 per visit thereafter. A \$5 fee is charged whenever a national speaker gives the program. Membership dues are \$30 per year.

A pre-meeting dinner is held at O'Charley's restaurant, 1242 South Kirkwood Road, starting between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. If you decide to join us, please let the staff at O'Charley's know you are with "the quilters"

News from the Board – Please read, action required at the May meeting

After a discussion between the current board members, the following two actions are being implemented and will require a vote and/or action by the General Membership of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild.

I.

A motion is made to censure Jean Ameduri for conduct at the April 13, 2018 meeting that was in violation of the Thimble and Thread By-Laws and Robert Rules of Order. The conduct was

- i. not respectful of the officers, in violation of Section II.E of the By-Laws that the purpose of the Guild shall be a source of inspiration and support
- ii. disruptive of the meeting resulting in incoming officers resigning from their offices and in the loss of members.

This censure motion is made in accordance with the Thimble and Thread By-Laws, Section XIV, PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY which states “The parliamentary authority in all matters not covered by the By-Laws shall be the most recent revision of the Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Per Robert’s Rules of Order, 11th Edition, a censure is a warning. If the member does not act according to the By-Laws, that member can be suspended or expelled from membership.

II.

Due to events at the April Guild meeting, three of the four incoming Executive Board members have resigned and will not be serving in their elected positions. We are required to hold a Special Election and nominations for the offices of President, Treasurer, and Secretary are now open. Nominations will be announced at the May meeting of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild. If you have a nomination for any of these offices, please contact the President, Mary Ellen Adams, in advance of the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be taken at the May meeting. All nominees will be published in the June newsletter and voted upon at the June meeting.

A Guild's strength is in its members – an editorial

I have been a member of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild for 30 years. I joined the Guild to learn more about quilting. There were informative lectures and fun workshops and I made great quilting friends, many of whom I still share quilting with today. I have since joined other guilds, but Thimble and Thread remains my home guild and where I feel most comfortable.

I go to meetings to hear presentations that our Vice-President and Program Chair has worked hard to research, contact, and host. The programs are chosen with input from membership. They are the quilting experts we want to meet and learn from. I also go to meetings to see old friends and catch up and to make new friends with ideas and techniques new to me. All of this expands my quilting world and makes me a more excited and exciting quilter all because I have met amazing people in my guild.

But a guild doesn't just exist. It needs input, dedication, and hard work from its members. Any large group requires direction in order to function effectively. Without guidelines lectures, workshops and all of the other activities we enjoy each month lack direction and structure and dissolve into chaos and no one benefits. Our By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Policies and Procedures (all viewable on our website thimbleandthreadstl.org under Downloads) provide this structure for our Guild. They are periodically reviewed, revised and voted upon by the General Membership. They are living documents. The By-Laws are currently being revised – a process which began several months ago – and will be voted upon in due course. The By-Laws committee deserves our sincere appreciation for taking on this task and keeping our Guild current.

At the April meeting, ONE MEMBER, during Show and Tell, expressed her dissatisfaction with the current By-Laws, which were last accepted by a majority of the General Membership in 2014, even after being informed that the By-Laws were currently being revised. The tenor of her statements engendered feelings of being disrespected and unappreciated by members of the current Executive Board (President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary) and the already elected (at the March meeting) incoming Executive Board. In response, three of the incoming Executive Board members, President, Treasurer, and Secretary, have resigned. We currently do not have an Executive Board for fiscal year 2018-2019. The Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild cannot exist without an Executive Board.

Running for an elected office is a scary thing. Many of us have never held a position that requires this level of responsibility. It is also very rewarding. I have served as Vice-president of this Guild. The Vice-president is also in charge of Programs and during that year I met and became friends with quilters I had long admired. I also gained new friends in the Guild as they asked questions and offered suggestions.

I have also served as Membership Chair, on the Quilt Show Committee, and I am currently the editor of the Newsletter. I learned much at each position and it has added to the fullness of my life. New experiences, as daunting as they are, makes me stronger and more aware of the world and the wonderful people inhabiting it.

We now need to fill the positions of President, Treasurer, and Secretary for 2018-2019. We need your help. I have found that the more I put into the Guild, the more I get out of it. If you truly want the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild to continue, to create new friendships and nurture old ones, to learn techniques and marvel at innovative ideas and to share your stories and accomplishments – in other word, to grow, learn and love – please consider a nomination for one of these positions. There are Guild members with experience who will guide you through the learning process and the rewards are great. Don't let one person's negative and disparaging remarks destroy a Guild bound together by friendship and a passion for the art of quilting.

Cindy Bell Neville

Newsletter Editor

From the Prez

PADUCAH

I spent quilt week in Paducah. Well, actually I split my time between Vienna, IL and Paducah. Vienna was where 16 of us bunked for the night at Samson's Whitetail Mountain Lodge. It is a hunting preserve where celebrities (supposedly) and wealthy clientele come to bag an elk or deer on the thousands of acres of hilly and wooded land. The hunting décor consists of many elk and deer as well as other wild animals that have succumbed to the taxidermist's tender ministrations. Fortunately these are displayed only in the public areas of the lodge, not in the bedrooms. It is very comfortable otherwise and the owners are very attentive to the needs of their clients.

Paducah! What's to say? The quilts were awesome as always. Overwhelming actually. I didn't even try to see all of them because after about an hour or so my brain is dead, my feet are aching, and the eyes are glazing over. The Best of Show by Pat Holly was a tour de force of applique, embellishment, and machine quilting. It was a quilt I had seen before, though, as it has been making the rounds of AQS shows and had appeared previously in the AQS magazine.

Tuesday afternoon I attended the awards ceremony. It was very lightly attended and very few of the winners were on hand to receive their awards. I learned later that the winners are only announced the Sunday before, making it difficult if not impossible (winners are from such far flung places as Australia and Japan!) for them to attend. It was disappointing and if it weren't for the expansive buffet which served as my supper, I would have been very annoyed at the price of entry. Judging for Quilt Festival in Houston is done in mid-September, allowing winners almost six weeks to make arrangements to get to Houston. There are now six AQS shows annually and the tight schedule may be the reason that winners are announced so close to show times.

I took two workshops – one on Hawaiian Applique with Stacy Michell (Marti Michell's daughter) and another using various stitches to hand quilt. The workshop was Utility Quilting with Carolyn Forster of the UK. Both teachers were very good and both classes cost twice what our guild charges for similar workshops. One of the benefits of being a guild member is being able to attend workshops at a bargain price and without the added costs of travel and lodging.

I hope you are are working on something interesting!

Piece Out,

Mary Ellen

PROGRAMS

May 11, 2018, Auction, with “Kevin the Quilter” as our auctioneer. (**Postponed**)
Instead, a “**Movie & Snack**” night is being planned. Please bring your own beverage of choice in a closed container. Bottled water will be provided.

June 8, 2018, Janine Adams, CPO®, founder of Peace of Mind Organizing LLC, who has appeared on TV shows such as A&E’s “Hoarders”, TLC’s “Hoarding: Buried Alive”, and KMOV’s “Great Day St. Louis”, will present her lecture, “More Glitter, Less Clutter”, to help you figure out how to organize all your quilting supplies to make it easy for you to find what you need and put items away. She’ll teach you organizing principles that will make it easier for you to get your quilting space organized and keep it that way so that you can shop from your stash and put your hands on your supplies whenever you need them. Check out her website → <http://www.peaceofmindorganizing.com/>



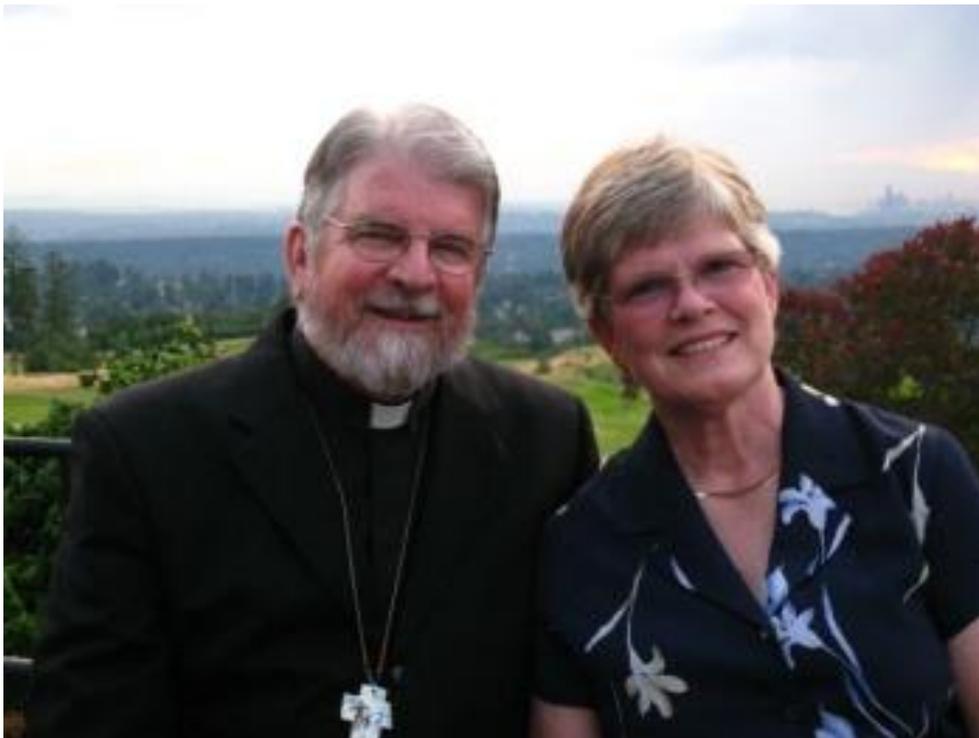
July 13, 2018, Julie Sefton, a.k.a. “quiltdivajulie”, will present her lecture and trunk show, “Color Saturated Scrap Quilts”. Learn more here → <http://quiltdivajulie.blogspot.com>



August 10, 2018, TBD

September 14, 2018, Rev. William Say will provide information about the “Once We Were Refugees” project (www.oncewewererefugees.org), background information on the refugees themselves, and tell us how he and his wife, Ann, got into this project. Ann Say will present information about their sewing/quilting project and tell individual stories about the refugee students, using a slideshow presentation.

They do not charge for the program, especially when it is a quilt guild. Instead, they ask that we donate as we are able from our stashes (cotton or cotton blend fabrics in 1 yard or larger pieces; thread; and natural fiber batting or insulbright type batting), for the students projects. They already have a source for polyester batting for the refugee quilts that go back to the camps, but they make several small projects for sale that require small pieces of batting (off cuts from making quilts). These are for making items like potholders and microwave bowls, so pieces of fabric 10 inches square or larger are great!



WORKSHOPS

July 14, 2018, Julie Sefton, a.k.a. “quiltdivajulie”, will present the “Lynne’s Liberated Birds” workshop, Learn more here → <http://quiltdivajulie.blogspot.com> If interested in signing up for this workshop, contact Lynda Hendren (Workshop Chairperson) to sign up, participants will be limited to 12. This workshop will be held at the American Legion Post 156, 314 S Clay, Kirkwood, MO.



Nancy Hamilton

Possible 2018-2019 Programs

Our incoming Vice-president/Program Chair, Nancy Dlugosz, is already hard at work on programs for next year! Here are some of those tentatively scheduled programs:

Terry Atkinson - Atkinson Designs - designer of the famous Yellow Brick Road Quilt pattern

Sue Nickels - award winning machine quilter - Space Quilt and Beatles Quilt at National Quilt Museum in Paducah

Sandy Schweitzer - Quilt appraising and quilt care

Angela Walters - Midnight Quilt Show hostess

Nova Montgomery - Featherweight guru, possible Featherweight maintenance workshop

Catherine Redford - Fiber Artist

Suzi Parron - Barn Quilts

Anita Grossman Solomon - Author, non-traditional quilt methods

Carol Wilhoit - Get Your Stash Together

Sue Pawlowski - Jack Squares Studio

Nancy Dlugosz - Finding Quilt Items in Unusual Places

Nancy Dlugosz

Membership Report
April 13, 2018

There were 62 people in attendance at the April meeting along with 10 visitors.

Our visitors were Linda Waugh, Gail MacCartney, Gail Tredoux, Phyllis Bednarek, Wendy Richards, Edie Cornell-Smith, Alice Treece, Shirley Ostman, Marie-Denise Houston, SSND, and Carol Cordani. We also gained two more new members, **Judy Miguel and Dee Marty**, who took advantage of our \$15 membership (1/2 price beginning in January). We now have a total of 129 members.

Submitted by,

Kathy Sherrick & Jeanette Oesterly

Membership Committee

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

April 13th Minutes, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Mary Ellen Adams.

Mary Ellen wished us all well on this “Friday the 13th”.

Nancy Hamilton introduced our speaker Carol Mueller, International Quilt Instructor and Designer.

Carol shared her love of quilting by bringing a few of her “Group Quilts” . Her strategies and techniques were “eye opening”. The Do's and Don'ts of group quilts is quite different from the traditional “Round Robins” some of us have participated in. Skill level, strengths and weaknesses all play an important roll. Carol 's lecture included showing off “The Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt”. This quilt is an award winning quilt made by “The Amazing Eight”. Cindy Neville of Thimble and Threads was one of the eight.

Old Business -

The March minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

New Business – None

Committee Reports -

Membership-Kathy Sherrick reported that we had 62 members were present and 10 visitors.

She also had list of member information to be picked up and added to the current directory.

New members are Judy McGale and Dee Marty.

Charity Report – Susan Sanders reported that we have delivered 58 quilts and 14 shower bags to Nurses for Newborns. Next sew day is April 19th at Janie Lou's.

Optional Blocks – Kathy Gaynor received 9 “Take Me Away” blocks and had patterns for May called Midnight Blooms.

Fabric Raffle – Annie Ruffino had fat quarters from Janie Lou's

After the Break -

Raffle drawings: Fabric was won by Jan Carron and Karen Baustian

Show and Tell

At the end of Show and Tell, Jean Ameduri took the podium and expressed her dissatisfaction with the current President and Board of the guild. In reply, President Mary Ellen Adams assured Mrs. Ameduri that all actions taken by her and the board were taken in respect of the current ByLaws.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Corley, Secretary

Treasury Report

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT		
APRIL	April 2018	Mar 2018
Income		
Membership Dues	30.00	30.00
Workshop Income	330.00	215.00
Fabric Raffle	57.00	31.00
Book Sales		
Total Income	<u>417.00</u>	<u>276.00</u>
Expense		
Membership Rosters	227.16	
Fabric Raffle Expense	39.28	
Speaker Fee		150.00
Speakers' Meals		108.00
Room Rental		360.00
Travel		407.67
Workshop Fee	440.00	150.00
Raffle Quilt Fabric		62.50
Total Expense	<u>706.44</u>	<u>1,238.17</u>
Other Income-Interest		4.25
Net Income	<u><u>-289.44</u></u>	<u><u>-957.92</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET	
APRIL	April 30, 2018
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Arsenal CU Checking #2090	7,698.91
Arsenal CU Money Market #2060	9,906.59
Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Total Checking/Savings	<u>17,636.97</u>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	10.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>10.00</u>
Total Current Assets	17,646.97
Other Assets	
Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	6,121.66
Arsenal CU CD - 6 month	6,059.85
Total Other Assets	<u>12,181.51</u>
	<u><u>29,828.48</u></u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	-100.00
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-100.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-100.00</u>
Total Liabilities	-100.00
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	20,866.03
32000 · Retained Earnings	16,461.92
Net Income	-6,189.16
Total Equity	<u>31,138.79</u>
	<u><u>31,038.79</u></u>

Optional Block

May's optional block will include two mandatory colors and one color of your choice. It's slightly more challenging than previous ones, but don't let that scare you off. Optional blocks is a great opportunity to learn a new skill, acquire a new pattern, and just have fun. Hope you will join us.

Kathy Gaynor

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Comfort Quilts – 2017/2018

Thanks to everyone who turned in quilts at the April meeting. There must be several more out there since I don't think I've seen very many from our January Sew-In. And I keep handing out labels. I do know of one group (2 people working together) who are working on 10 quilts for Home Sweet Home. We would still like to make a delivery to Home Sweet Home in June so hope to see lots of quilts turned in at the May and June meetings.

We will not have a Sew Day at Janie Lou's in May. They have electrical work to do on the upstairs and have it scheduled for May.

As a reminder, Nurses for Newborns baby quilts will be approximately 24" x 36" and Home Sweet Home quilts will be lap size (4' x 5', 5' x 6'). And quilts must be washed before turning them in. They need to be smoke free and animal hair free before we take them to the charities.

Susan Sanders

Outreach Chairman

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the May newsletter is May 21, 2018. Please send articles by email to me, Cindy Bell Neville: <mailto:tandtnewsletterckbn@earthlink.net>.

Officers & Committee Chairs

Officers

President	Mary Ellen Adams
Vice President	Nancy Hamilton
Secretary	Diane Corley
Treasurer	Patty Thompson
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse

Standing Committee Chairs

Newsletter	Cindy Bell Neville
Outreach	Susan Sanders
Ways & Means	
Workshop	Lynda Hendren
Historian	Karen Terry
Membership	Kathy Sherrick, Jeanette Oesterly

(The above group represents your Board of Directors)

Sub-committee Coordinators

Fabric Raffle	Terri Weiersmueller & Annie Ruffino
Bonus Raffle	Marty Walsh & rotating members
Optional Blocks	Kathy Gaynor
Quilt Retreat	Diane Corley & Lou Brummet
Comfort Quilts	Susan Sanders
Baker's Dozen	Judy Lorino
Website Administrator	Mary Ellen Adams

