



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

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Future Programming

August 12 and September 8, 2016: UFO Challenge Signups!! Just in time for the T&T quilt show in March 2017, we will have a UFO challenge. Members will sign up with the names of 1 or 2 unfinished quilts they would like to have finished by the January 13, 2017 meeting. Signups will be taken at both the August and September 2016 meetings. (You may also email Debby Logan to sign up.) You declare your challenge when you sign up, naming the quilt(s) and if you will finish just the top or finish the top and the quilting. For each quilt finished as part of the challenge, the member will be entered into a prize drawing. Be sure to enter your quilts, be part of the fun and help yourself get some projects done for the quilt show.

August 12, 2016: Please join us for our member Stashbuster Sale! Have any extra fabric, books, patterns or quilting/sewing notions you no longer need? We will have a Stashbuster Sale. To participate in busting your stash at this sale, email Debby Logan NO LATER THAN Tuesday August 2nd: iquilinstitches@yahoo.com to sign up for a table. The price is just \$15 for a table; you are welcome to share one with a friend. Any questions, please contact Debby Logan at the above email, or call her at 636-288-6263.

September 9, 2016: Demo night. We will have quilting demonstrations for our program in September. Be sure to join us for a fun and informative evening. Learn new skills or brush up on existing ones. This will help us all get projects finished for the quilt show coming up in March 2017.

October 14, 2016: Teajuana Mahone will be joining us. She will be presenting a new program, "Things That Disappear: Tea is a creative, talented quilter. Some of you may have seen her "quilt mobile" at a past Flower Valley quilt show. Tea has been with us before, but is has been a while. She will also be having a workshop, **Saturday, October 15th**. The workshop details will be announced in a special flyer email and at the August meeting.

November 11, 2016: To be announced

December 9, 2016: This will be our annual Christmas party. Debby Logan is looking for a few elves to help plan the party for that evening; she will be seeking volunteers at the August meeting. If you have any ideas on what you'd like to do that evening, please let Debby know.

January 6, 2017: UFO Challenge Party: Participants in the UFO challenge will show their finished quilts, either top finished or top and quilting finished. For each quilt that was entered in the challenge and finished, the member will be entered into a prize drawing. Multiple prizes will be awarded. If you finish your quilt but are unable to attend the meeting, you can send your quilt with another member and be eligible for the drawing.

February 10, 2017: Casey York will be joining us. She will present a trunk show and her new program, "Modern Applique", which follows her new book "The Applique Book, Traditional Techniques, Modern Style". **Saturday, February 11th,** Casey will hold a workshop on the Broderie Perse Applique, one of the techniques in her book.

Welcome to Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild

One of St. Louis' largest quilting clubs. 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 7:30 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".

T&T Retreat

Just a little more than 2 months until the retreat weekend! Some of us are eagerly counting the days. In addition to LOTS of sewing time and LOTS of good food, there will be a few fun activities that you may choose to participate in. #1: Do you know your left from your right? #2 Don't cut your nails too short for this one. #3 Are you prepared to try your luck. Annie says there will be "fabulous prizes worth thousands of dollars" but what does she know, she's just a kid. Seriously, Annie has been a big help with the activities.

If you haven't signed up with Terri or Lynda, time is running out. There are still 4 spaces to fill to make our quota (though we could allow more) and we are reaching out to other guilds to fill the slots. Just \$210 for a single and \$180 for a double, including two nights' stay and a total of seven meals. Hope to see you there!

FROM THE PREZ

Learning and Growing

The July presentation was exceptional. Two of our very own members gave us a slide show and talk that memorialized their personal histories – both sewing and otherwise. It is easy to see how Sister Josephine came to be a great needlewoman. It's in her genes, for sure, with all the talented relatives who came before her and who made beautiful quilts and clothing. Then there is her Master's degree to put the education with the expertise. Sister Regina, while not technically from a quilting family, had a father who had his own tailoring business. You just have to think that some of that talent got passed down to her through genes. Together with Sister Frances Ann they parlayed their talents into a business making banners and vestments for churches and priests. Both have served in other ways as well, teaching in elementary schools both here and abroad.

What is the take-away from this? I was inspired to keep making those quilts for Nurses for Newborns. We all have talents in some direction and as Oprah says, when we find out best selves, we will be happiest and will realize our purpose in life. I am still looking for my purpose, but I think as I learn I get closer to that goal.

Lately I have been taking classes at St. Louis Community College in the Arts & Crafts section of the college's Continuing Education program. Book binding, Tunisian crochet, and Shibori tie-dyeing have been my selections to date. None are directly related to quilting, but the dyeing class at least may provide some raw materials for a future quilt or two. I am big on education and learning new things. By the end of my tenure, you will probably be tired of hearing this. If you are not learning, you are not growing. If you are not growing, well you get the picture.

Which leads me to my next topic- workshops and retreats. With our present budget issue before us, now is the time for each and every one of you to sign up for a workshop or retreat. Those must be filled for the guild to continue to be able to offer them to you. But don't sign up out of guilt; sign up because it's good for you. There is always something to learn from each and every instructor we have had. See comments about learning and growing above! New members who have gone on retreat with us tell me that they have learned so much from the more experienced quilters in the group. If someone has a problem, there is always a quilting buddy waiting to jump in and help out. And it's just plain fun, fun, fun! Unfortunately for me, I won't be able to attend this year. Why? Because I will be at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah taking a three day class from Victoria Findlay Wolfe!

We will have Teajuana Mahone with us later this year and she will be leading a workshop. The project has not yet been announced, but you will see me there!

Piece Out,

Mary Ellen

July 8th, 2016 Minutes of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

Mary Ellen Adams, President, called the meeting to order.

Debby Logan, Vice-President of Programs, introduced our speakers Sister Josephine Niemann and Sister Regina Kabayama. We are fortunate to have such talented members in our guild. This was evident in their slide presentation of "Sisters in Quilting". The Sisters shared how fabric had been such an important part of their lives: Sister Josephine with sharing pictures of vintage quilts her mom made that influenced her and Sister Regina with having tailors in her life as the family business. Each shared family history and wonderful memories with us. We were able to see how their friendship developed through the years and how each one has their own unique style of art, color and design. The presentation was an inspiration to us and also a testimony to what we share and love as friends. Thank you, Sisters.

Committees:

Newsletter – Susan Sanders reminded members that it is very important to honor the July 17th deadline for articles for the Newsletter.

Quilt Show Committee – Susan Sanders requested current quilt books and patterns for the Membership Booth at the Quilt Show. Collection of these items will start at the August meeting. Jeanette Oesterly filled in for Pat Ferrell in giving a brief update that sign-up sheets for volunteers of the Quilt Show were not available at the present meeting but would be available soon.

Membership – Jeanette Oesterly reported 78 members were in attendance. We had seven guests and 3 new members. Dues this year are \$30. In order to be included in this year's directory, a completed form with payment must be received by August 20th, 2016.

President's Challenge – Cindy Clifton – Challenge quilts were on display. Members were encouraged to take a penny and vote for your favorite.

Marty Walsh and Marianne Whaley had 10 Newsletter Raffle items.

Terri Weiersmueller purchased Fabric Raffle from Quilted Cottage in St. Charles.

Optional Blocks – Mike and Joan Tebeau presented the "Doggie" block for this month.

Retreat – Lynda Hendren – we have available space for the October retreat. She also said we will be opening up the retreat to other guilds very soon to help fill our space.

Programs – Debby Logan – our program in August is a "Stashbuster Sale". Tables are available for \$15.00. Space is available.

Additional information – "Hearts and Hands" Quilt Guild members displayed their Raffle Quilt and tickets were available for purchase.

After the break...

Debby Logan presented a basket of fat quarters to Cindy Clifton. The fat quarters were collected from guild members to show appreciation for her serving as our President the past two years.

Winner of the President's Challenge were Julie Connell for favorite selected by guild members. Gay Lang was given the President's Choice for best interpretation of Spring.

Raffles:

Newsletter tickets were called. Fabric raffle was called. Four attendance prizes were given.

Optional blocks were won by Patty Thompson and Mary Ann Wachtel.

Show and Tell commenced.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Diane Corley, Secretary of Thimble and Thread

Membership Report

July 2016

There were 78 people in attendance at the July meeting. This included seven guests: LaDonna Patterson, Gay Stewart, Luanne Flick, Janet Long, Charlesetta Carr, Darshan Uppal and two members of the Hearts N Hands Quilt Guild. We hope to see you again at future meetings. We had three new members join the guild at this meeting: Marilyn Coulter, Julie Connell, and Robin Medici. Please welcome them.

We already have 105 members that are members in good standing for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Thanks, way to go!

July 1st was the start of our new fiscal year. **Dues this year are \$30.** All checks should be made payable to "**Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild**". There will be 2016-2017 membership forms available for you to fill out at the August meeting. To be included in this year's membership directory we need to have your completed form and dues **NO LATER than AUGUST 20th.**

Also the new 2016-2017 form is posted on the Thimble and Thread website. If you prefer, you may print the form from the website and mail it with your check made payable to "**Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild**" to:

Chris Willbanks
Membership Committee
10631 W. Knollshire Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63123

It is easier for the membership committee if you fill out a new form each year. If any information has changed since last year (address, phone, email, etc.) please make a note on the form.

Treasurer's Report:

			BALANCE SHEET	
JUNE 2016	July 2016	June 2016	JUNE 2016	July 31, 16
Income			ASSETS	
Donation		3.00	Current Assets	
Guest Pass	6.00		Checking/Savings	
Membership Dues	750.00	2,185.00	Arsenal CU Checking #2090	3,759.92
Retreat Income	735.00	460.00	Arsenal CU Money Market #2060	9,888.49
Workshop Income			Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Newsletter Advertising		10.00	Total Checking/Savings	<u>13,679.88</u>
Directory Advertising	90.00		Total Current Assets	<u>13,679.88</u>
Fabric Raffle	79.00	73.00	Other Assets	
Newsletter Raffle	33.00	30.00	Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	6,084.37
Table Fee	15.00		Arsenal CU CD - 6 month	6,043.34
Total Income	<u>1,708.00</u>	<u>2,761.00</u>	Total Other Assets	<u>12,128.31</u>
Expense			TOTAL ASSETS	
Board Meeting Expense		30.00	<u>25,808.19</u>	
State Registration		10.50	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Membership Expense		20.36	Equity	
President's Discretionary		33.02	30000 - Opening Balance Equity	20,866.03
Charity Quilts	41.24		32000 - Retained Earnings	3,478.36
Retreat		1,312.50	Net Income	1,463.80
Room Rental		345.00	Total Equity	<u>25,808.19</u>
Speaker	150.00	150.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>25,808.19</u>
Fabric Raffle Expense	52.96	53.50		
Quilt Show Printing		64.00		
Total Expense	<u>244.20</u>	<u>2,018.88</u>		
Other Income-Interest		7.27		
Net Income	<u>1,463.80</u>	<u>749.39</u>		

Comfort Quilt Projects for 2016-2017

Ten baby quilts were turned in to me at the July meeting. Several more already completed baby quilts were brought in for Show & Tell, but still need to be labeled and/or washed before being turned in.

Surprisingly to me, most of you prefer to use fabrics from your stashes and only requested quilt labels at the July meeting. I distributed all 24 of the loose quilt labels I brought with about 5 more labels that I had to pull out of the quilt kits that I had planned to hand out. So, I'll bring a lot more labels for you to the August meeting. We will expect you to bring in a charity quilt for each label you take. Also, I will bring the quilt kits again for those of you who may still want one or more.

Just a reminder that our comfort quilt projects for 2016-2017 include quilts for the following groups:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Pillowcase</u>	<u>Fabric type/theme</u>	<u>Quantity needed</u>
Veterans	36" x 48"	no	Patriotic	Unlimited (due date TBD in 2017)
Magdalene St. Louis	twin (approx. 63" x 90")	yes	Adult women	12 + (due by Sept ember 2016)
Nurses for Newborns	24" x 36"	no	Infant (can use flannel/minky)	Unlimited (due date TBD in 2017)

I will continue to distribute special guild quilt labels and collect charity quilts at all guild meetings from now until the due dates. All charity quilts must be quilted, labeled and washed before they are turned in. Unfortunately, tied quilts cannot be accepted. Please bring in your baby quilts as soon as they are completed, because they will be given to the Nurses for Newborns periodically **before the due date** in batches.

For each charity quilt you turn in, you will get a chance to win a prize in a drawing to be held in 2017.

Happy quilting,
Nancy Hamilton

Optional Block

The winner of the "Gradation Graduations" blocks at the July meeting was Patty Thompson and the winner of the "Tall Ships" blocks was Mary Ann Wachtel. Congratulations Patty and Mary Ann. A couple more quilts for the 2017 quilt show. –Hint, Hint

August's Optional Block's theme will be "Back to School".

Mike and Joan Tebeau

FREE STUFF

If you're like me, you have a list of different quilt techniques, designs and textiles that you've been inspired to try in a quilt someday. Hopefully, each of us will succeed in scratching off most or all of the items off of our lists as completed. Crazy quilts are likely on many of our lists, and if so, you are in luck with what I'm sharing today.

Sharon B's Pin Tangle website focuses on contemporary hand embroidery and crazy quilting. It's certain that you'll find some inspiration here. Sharon is an artist and textile lover in New Zealand, currently writing a book on crazy quilting. On her website (*below*), she shares a series of articles which include detailed free patterns, including her embroidery designs, textile selections and embellishments, for each of the unique 100 crazy quilt block patterns in her 10 block by 10 block quilt "*I Dropped the Button Box*".

<http://pintangle.com/faq-pages/cq-details/>

Remember, if you have an idea or want me to find something specific for a future "FREE STUFF" article, please call or email your suggestion to me—I'm listed in the guild's directory.

Enjoy!

Nancy

Missouri State Quilters' Guild Retreat

October 7, 8, 9

The Missouri State Quilters' Guild will be holding their annual retreat in Jefferson City. There will be a terrific selection of classes, all suitable for quilters of all levels of experience, all exciting and taught by awesome teachers. Good luck trying to make your decision! Price includes your room, meals, Mary Fons trunk show, and one half day class. For 20 dollars more you may choose another class. Costumes, parades, games, prizes, shopping, learning, friends, food, and Mary Fons! You really won't want to miss this retreat. Grab some friends and meet us in Jefferson in October!

For more information see the MSQG newsletter at MSQG.org

Joyce O'Connell

MSQG President

Officers & Committee Chairs

Officers

President	Mary Ellen Adams
Vice President	Debby Logan
Secretary	Diane Corley
Treasurer	Patty Thompson
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse

Standing Committee Chairs

Membership	Chris Willbanks
Newsletter	Susan Sanders
Outreach	(Open)
Ways & Means	Jeanette Oesterly
Quilt Show	Pat Ferrell
Workshop	Lynda Hendren
Historian	Karen Terry

(The above group represents your Board of Directors)

Sub-committee Coordinators

Fabric Raffle	Terri Weiersmueller & Annie Ruffino
Newsletter Raffle	Marty Walsh & Marianne Whaley
Optional Blocks	Joan & Mike Tebeau
Quilt Retreat	Lynda Hendren & Terri Weiersmueller
Comfort Quilts	Nancy Hamilton
Baker's Dozen	Judy Lorino
Website Administrator	Mary Ellen Adams



THE QUILTED FOX

The Fox Explores The Emerald Isle
New Block of the Month starts in September

This unique Quilted Fox design will include all the colors of Ireland—the green of the fields and the blue of the sea and sky. There will also be some of the gorgeous colors from the heather. Registration is now open. Call 314-993-1181 for more information and to register.



The Quilted Fox is a 2016 Row by Row Shop

Don't forget—we're open every Sunday from 12 – 4 pm
 Visit us at: 10403 Clayton Road in La Chateau Village or call us at (314) 993-1181
 Monday & Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30;
 Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

Find our newsletter on our web page: www.quiltedfox.com