



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

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Future Programming

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 it has been awhile. She will also be having a workshop, Saturday, October 15th. The workshop will be Scrappy 3D stars, one of Tea's newer workshops. Please be sure to sign up and enjoy the fun!!



November 11, 2016: Rebecca Douglas will be our speaker. Rebecca is an award winning quilt artist and educator from Columbia Mo. She enjoys creating quilts that portray the natural beauty of our world, painting with fabric and thread. Her website is <http://rebeccadouglasquiltart.com/> if you would like to take a sneak peek at some of her work.

December 9, 2016:

This will be our annual Christmas Party. Debby Logan is looking for a few elves to help planning for the party that evening; she will be seeking volunteers. 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 Appliqué Book, Traditional Techniques, Modern Style".

Saturday, February 11th, Casey will hold a workshop on the Broderie Perse Appliqué, one of the techniques in her book. Broderie Perse uses appliqués cut from print fabric motifs, such as flowers, birds, or other objects. I have taken the class and know that you will enjoy learning about these techniques.

Thanks!!
Debby Logan

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".

FROM THE PREZ

Autumnal Thoughts

Although you can't really tell from the weather as I write this, fall is almost here. It's my favorite time of year. I love the changing colors, the cooler days, and crisp evenings. The season also has my two favorite holidays – Halloween and Thanksgiving. No gift giving involved, just family, friends, and food.

I was sorry to miss the September meeting, but all reports are that a good time was had by all with several interesting and informative demos. Thanks to Debby Logan for organizing the event and thanks to all who demonstrated something or attended.

I was not idle however, having spent a jam-packed three days with Victoria Findlay Wolfe at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY. The class was to make a Double Wedding Ring quilt of your own unique design. My theme was Halloween. I am pleased with my results both from a construction perspective and design aesthetic. Victoria is an excellent teacher and a good coach. If you ever get the chance, don't pass up an opportunity to take a workshop with her. The three-day format allowed us all to get a big start on a completed quilt top. Here is a link to her blog with a short video of all the students' work: <https://bumblebeansinc.blogspot.com/2016/09/paducah.html>.

One lesson learned from my time with Victoria is that competition and perfection are both thieves of joy. Don't compare yourself to anyone else. You are who you are because of all the experiences that you have had and there are no two people in the world who will have had the same ones. Be who you are and make what you like. After all, if you are not enjoying this wonderful past time that we all share, what exactly is the point?

Piece Out!

Mary Ellen

September 9, 2016 Minutes of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

Debbie Logan called the meeting to order.

The program was "Demo Night" by guild members. Three areas of quilting were covered.

Diane Corley showed her method of binding and finishing a quilt. Mitered corners and the "tuck method" of finishing was demonstrated.

Cindy Clifton fascinated all with her set of new rulers and diamond cuts.

Debbie Logan gave suggestions, ways and encouragement on getting organized and finishing those UFO's.

After the break:

Committees:

Newsletter – Debbie Logan announced the deadline for articles for the Newsletter was September 18th.

Quilt Show Committee – Pat Ferrell and Cindy Clifton asked for volunteers to help with sales at Faust Park for September 17th and 18th. Sign up sheets were available.

Gifts of Love – Container was available for donations.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were not available.

Membership Committee – Chris Wilbanks reported 73 members were present and 5 visitors. We welcomed Jane Barnett and Janet Long as new members.

Optional Block – Mike and Joan Tebeau presented the October block “Boo”.

Fabric Raffle – Terri Weiersmueller picked seasonal fabrics were from O'Sew Personal Quilt Show in O'Fallon, MO.

Newsletter Raffle – Ten items were available.

Programs – Debbie Logan reminded members they still have time to participate in the January UFO Contest. Sign up was available.

Retreat and workshop update – Linda Hendren announced that there are two spaces available for the October retreat. Terri Weiersmueller gave instructions for participating in the Patriotic block exchange while on retreat. Spaces are available on October 15th for Teajuana Mahone “Things that Disappear”. Contact Linda for details.

Old Business – The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

New Business – After a brief discussion on ways to cover costs of workshops and retreat expenses the coming year's budget was approved as published in the August Newsletter.

Raffles were held:

Ten Newsletter items were given away.

Fabric Raffle was won by Pat Luttrell and Terry Link.

Optional Block - “Back to School” were won by Carol Anderson.

Show and Tell commenced.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Corley, Secretary of Thimble and Thread

Treasurer's Report

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT			BALANCE SHEET	
SEPTEMBER 2016	Sept 2016	Aug 2016	SEPTEMBER 2016	Sept 31, 16
Income			ASSETS	
Membership Dues		385.00	Current Assets	
Retreat Income	1,200.00	880.00	Checking/Savings	
Workshop Income	200.00		Arsenal CU Checking #2090	8,540.25
Directory Advertising		30.00	Arsenal CU Money Market #2060	9,800.17
Fabric Raffle	90.00	55.00	Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Newsletter Raffle	34.00		Total Checking/Savings	18,481.89
Stash Busters Sales		358.50	Accounts Receivable	
Total Income	1,824.00	1,708.50	11000 - Accounts Receivable	-15.00
Expense			Total Current Assets	18,448.89
Website Expense		60.00	Other Assets	
Room Rental		225.00	Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	8,084.37
Workshop Space		120.00	Arsenal CU CD - 8 month	8,043.94
Fabric Raffle Expense	59.37	54.51	Total Other Assets	12,128.31
Quilt Show Printing	224.00		TOTAL ASSETS	28,575.20
Total Expense	283.37	459.51	Equity	
Other Income-Interest		1.25	30000 - Opening Balance Equity	20,886.03
Net Income	1,340.63	1,250.24	32000 - Retained Earnings	3,478.38
			Net Income	4,210.81
			Total Equity	28,575.20
			TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	28,575.20

Membership Report

September 2016

There were 75 people in attendance at the August meeting. This included the following guests: Rea Lizenby, Marian McGuinness, Terry Link, LaDonna Patterson, Gay Stewart. We hope to see you again at future meetings. We had two members renew, Elizabeth Link and Jane Barnett. Janet Long joined as a new member. Please welcome them. Their contact information is listed below.

Membership cards and directories are ready for pick up at the Membership desk. Please patronize those businesses that advertised in our directory.

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”**. 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

Thank you!
Chris Willbanks & Jeanette Oesterly
Membership Committee

Optional Block

The winner of the “Back To School” blocks at the September meeting was Carol Anderson. It was great to see the buses roll out for the start of a new school year. Congratulations Carol, now that’s the way to roll.

October’s Optional Block’s theme will be “Pumpkin”.

Mike and Joan Tebeau

Ugly Quilts Weekend

The following is from Marty Walsh:

Ugly Quilts Weekend – Saturday, October 29 9:00 am (lunch provided)

Sunday October 30 noon

St. Vincent DePaul Center, 1913 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Ugly Quilts is an annual nondenominational not for profit event to make bedrooms for the homeless.

Items this group could use: old sheets, blankets, mattress pads, decorator fabrics, men’s ties.

For more information, call Marty Walsh 314-822-4422.

Upcoming Quilting Events

Vendor Fair sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Club. Free Admission. October 22, 2016 9:00-4:00 at Holy Trinity Church, 1500 South Outer Road, St. Clair, MO 63077. For more information, contact Pat Ross at piecemakersquiltclubmo@gmail.com

Loose Threads Quilt Guild Quilt Show – Celebrate with Quilts 2016 - Saturday Nov 5th 9am to 5 pm and Sunday Nov 6th 10am to 4 pm. \$7 donation for admission (cash only). St. Charles Community College (follow Mid Rivers Mall Dr., turn left onto Cottleville Pkwy at St. Charles Community College; use the SW or W entrance and park in the SW lot.

Free Stuff

There's plenty of free “quilty” stuff, including quilt patterns, tutorials, techniques, tips, inspiration, etc. at the Quilting Digest blog → www.quiltingdigest.com , so I encourage you to take some time to browse around it. You might want to bookmark the blog or follow its corresponding **Facebook** page for future reference.

Recently, at this site, I came across a link to the Owen's Olivia tutorial for a beautiful No Sew Hexie Wall Clock here → <http://quiltingdigest.com/this-charming-clock-will-look-good-anywhere/> As the article says, it would look great in your sewing room or any room. This clock is similar to the popular, but now retired, IKEA SMYCKE Wall Clock.

Currently, I'm on the lookout for interesting and unusual quilt sashings and block layouts. While on my hunt, I came across many beautiful quilts on the “Becky Quilts in the Old Country” **Facebook** group page. It's a public group where American Becky Petersen shares her quilts, quilt patterns, and quilting experiences while living in Poland. Check it out, because it's interesting and she posts lots of free quilt patterns there.

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

Comfort Quilt Projects for 2016-2017

In my unplanned absence, Lillian Seese thankfully took the initiative to pick up the charity quilts donated at the September guild meeting. She accepted ten unlabeled quilts, in addition to her six baby quilts with labels for Nurses for Newborns and one twin-sized quilt with a label for Magdalene St. Louis. So, I've arranged with her to get all of these quilts and I will, *in this case only*, attach labels where necessary. I've mailed labels to those of you who have requested them, so you should have ample time to attach them prior to the October meeting.

If you turned in a one or more quilts to Lillian at the September, please drop by the charity table during the October meeting to let me know, because I'm keeping track for two reasons. One reason is for our prize drawing. Secondly, I'm expecting you to bring in a charity quilt for each label and/or quilt kit you take.

The initial batch of *12 or more quilts* for Magdalene St. Louis was due as of September 2017. Based on those already received and those promised to be delivered to me by October, our goal for the initial batch has been met. I will continue accepting twin size quilts for Magdalene St. Louis, until a date TBD in 2017, and I will arrange to deliver them in batches of 12 or more as they are received. We may also, by October, have received enough donated baby quilts to deliver an initial batch to Nurses for Newborns.

REMINDER: 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 date TBD in 2017)
Nurses for Newborns	24" x 36"	no	Infant (can use flannel/minky)	Unlimited (due date TBD in 2017)

I will continue to bring some quilt kits and labels to each guild meeting for those of you who may still want them. Also, I will continue to collect charity quilts at all guild meetings from now until the due dates. To answer questions recently asked:

- All charity quilts should be quilted, labeled and washed (*particularly, if exposed to cigarette smoke or pets*) before they are turned delivered to me. **Unfortunately, tied quilts or too large baby quilts cannot be accepted.**
- Please bring in your donated quilts as soon as they are completed, because they will be delivered in batches periodically **before the due date.**
- Tax receipts cannot be provided for the donated quilts. We are individually responsible for any recordkeeping related to our own charity quilt donations (e.g., materials receipts, quilt photos, appraisals, etc.).

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

Quilt Show – Entries

Quilts and quilting can mean so many things. We are traditionally a teaching guild and it's good to share quilts of all kinds. Nobody starts at an A+ level. Early quilts that were made as gifts still please us. Tears come to our eyes as we've looked at someone's first baby quilt and thought of how hard it was to make and how much it means. We've also been stunned at how skilled some quilters are. They give us something to strive for. We need to show quilts of all types and skills to encourage others to make a quilt.

This is October and Quilt Show entries are due in January – a short 3 months away. Remember, we only need two 4x6" color photos of your assembled quilt top with the entry form; quilting and binding can be done between the January and March meetings. Registration forms will be available at the October meeting.

Programming has issued a challenge to the membership to complete one or two UFO's by the January meeting. Be sure and sign up with Debby Logan at the October meeting; there will be drawings for prizes.

Remember quilted entries can be any size (miniature to queen). This includes quilted table runners, placemats, wearables, pillow tops, bed runners. And don't forget the Challenge quilts – either the Spring Challenge done this past July or the Hot Hexie challenge that Pat Farrell has issued.

Our latest membership figures show we have 128 members, which is down significantly from two years ago. We are counting on the members to "step up to the plate" and get their quilts finished by the January meeting. We would like to see entries from everyone in the Guild. This is, after all, **your** Quilt Show; the Quilt Show Committee only serves to facilitate the event.

On behalf of the rest of the Quilt Show Committee, we ask that you, as guild members, participate in the sale of raffle tickets for our gorgeous raffle quilt (at Faust Park we sold over 200 tickets) and also to block out some time on your calendar to help with the Quilt Show itself. We will start setting up on Friday, March 17th, host the show March 18th and 19th, and then take down everything after the show closes on Sunday evening. (A little secret – some guilds require members to sell raffle tickets and participate in the quilt show- we have not chosen to do that.)

Your quilt placement committee: Liza Mitchell, Susan Sanders, and Joan Tebeau

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



Clear the Small Bolt Sale!!!!!!

October 7, 8, 9 & 10
Friday and Saturday 10:00—4:30
Sunday: 12:00—4:00; Monday: 10:00—5:00

The shelves are crowded with new fabric and more is coming in every day! We need to make room on the shelves! **We're having a sale!** Any bolt with 3.5 yards or less on it is 20% off, **if you empty the bolt!!**

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

