



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis
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Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild meeting is cancelled for September.

Our speaker would have been the fabric store “OSewpersonal”, Kelly says they have reduced hours at the store and welcome everyone to come by:

O’SewPersonal Fabric Store
210 Sonderen St.
O’Fallon, Mo. 63366
osewpersonalfabric.com
(636) 294 7922

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10-3 Sat. 10-1

When we can schedule speakers at meetings, we will invite them back for a program.

The membership application is in the newsletter, please complete and forward to Lillian Seese.

Adele Niblack, Treasurer, reports that the books have been audited and received an A+ rating, working on a budget for next newsletter.

I’ve been in contact with a few members again, Karen Terry, past historian, has had some health issues, currently it’s with her eyes, starts out in morning to see fairly well, by lunch fuzzy, and she says by evening everything is hard to see, going to Dr., with next appt, next week and hopes to get some good updated news.

Called Mary Ann Wachtel, she has been in Veronica House since the lockdown, imagine one room, food delivered each meal, cannot leave building, maybe get a chance to walk the hall if no one else there. Good for her, been sewing up a storm. Serena Crisp and Lori Niediewski moved Mary Ann’s quilting supplies to their homes. Mary Ann lets them know which UFO she wants to work on and they do their best to find and get to her. Lori has a longarm and quilts Mary Ann’s tops. As we all do, she has quite the stash and numerous projects in the works, can you possibly remember what you have and explain to someone else what you want? I’m finding so many UFO’s going thru boxes all the time. If you would like to contact Mary Ann here is her information:

Maryann Wachtel
12284 DePaul Drive. Veronica House, Apt. 129
Bridgeton, MO 63044
314-225-9144 journey100@att.net

Nancy Hamilton sent an email to share a new resource and wanted to get in newsletter, she and family are doing well and staying healthy, but sadly has known people that have passed from the coronavirus.

I think about everyone and want to wish them well. I recently came across this great resource and just had to share.

<https://www.tildasworld.com/free-patterns/>

Enjoy,
Nancy Hamilton

Thimble and Thread Retreat - Pallottine Retreat Center - Sept. 18, 19, & 20, 2020

I have been in contact with Pallottine Retreat Center. They are looking forward to our being there in September for our Retreat. If you are still considering attending but have not made up your mind, they have assured me they are taking all precautions to keep everyone safe.

And in no particular order, a few of the things they are doing. We will be the only group there that weekend. All community bathrooms will be closed; attendees will need to use the facilities in their room. All sleeping rooms will be single occupancy. Dining will be cafeteria style in the Gym rather than buffet style in the Dining Room; staff will serve you and condiments will be individual packets. The staff will wear masks at all times and ask that we also wear masks if we cannot safely socially distance. We will have use of all the large rooms on the main floor including the dining room for sewing so we can spread out.

This retreat will be a little different than those in the past due to social distancing. However, I think we can still enjoy being with our quilting friends and visiting with people other than our immediate family. And for basically two-and-a-half days – no cooking – no cleaning – no one asking you to stop whatever you're doing and do something for them. That in itself sounds like bliss.

We still have room. So, if you do want to come and feel that you can safely do so, please let me know. Price is \$245.00; make check out to Thimble & Thread, and send to me.

Susan Sanders

Retreat Coordinator

HOPE TO SEE SOME GREAT PICTURES IN NEXT NEWSLETTER, HAVE FUN!

Greetings, Thimble & Thread friends! I've missed seeing everyone, sharing our quilting adventures at our meetings, and hearing what's happening in your lives during this strange time! But I'm thrilled to have so much free time to sew, quilt, knit embroider ...

As many already know, I officially retired Jan. 1, 2020, from my vision research job at WashU, so when COVID hit in March it was not such a sudden change for me as for many. I did make a conscious commitment to finishing up UFO's and "sewing down" my Stash. I had the perfect opportunity, since my husband Frank was doing home hemodialysis 5 days a week and all I had to do was sit with him "just in case". So he got a lot more familiar with what I do with all those fabrics I'm always bringing home, and surprisingly got interested in how little fabric scraps morphed into quilts (and why I needed so many different sewing machines!). He started "surfing the net" ... and got hooked watching the videos and playing with the programs DeWayne Caron recommended at one of our last T&T meetings, among others. Frank even rearranged his "Man Cave" to make a sewing corner for me so that I can piece quilt tops while he was dialyzing, with the idea of putting a quilting machine in that space 'sometime' (birthday or anniversary gift down the road, I figured ...).

Back in the real world, one of my UFO's was a hammock throw made of dog bandanas that my friend Betsey & I were making for another friend. (WHEW! Dog bandanas still smell of dog, no matter how many times they get washed!!!) Betsey was going to quilt the throw, but it ended up too huge for her Baby Lock table-top longarm. By chance she had heard that the City Sewing Room (www.citysewingroom.com) had acquired a big Bernina Q-24 longarm on a frame, so she called to find out if we could rent it. The answer was a qualified yes, since the person who was originally going to manage it had to quit working because of COVID. The shop owner (Anne Stirnemann) could teach us, with help from Bernina video tutorials, how to set up a quilt sandwich for free-motion quilting, but the Q-24's computer capability was languishing. During one of my shifts on the dog bandana throw, I happened to mention to Anne that I was newly retired, my husband was becoming interested in computerized quilting, and might City Sewing Room consider letting the both of us manage the Q-24 until after COVID? Anne jumped at the chance, offered us a position on the spot, and my life was changed forever!

With some bumbling around and a lot of online video-watching, Frank & I figured out how to get computerized quilting working. In the process I discovered that Bernina is still hosting in-person training workshops at their "Creative Center" [<https://www.bernina.com/en-US/Learn-Create-US/Classes/Creative-Center>] in Aurora, IL, not that far from St. Louis and very close to where I grew up and still have friends. In fact, there was one on how to make the most of the Q-24's computer capabilities coming up in early August! Anne S was willing to pay the registration fee from CSR funds if I could cover transportation and housing (the workshop provided snacks and lunches). No-brainer: drive, and stay with friends! And that decision also was huge, since I ended up being the only one of 5 workshop participants with a car – the others either stayed in the conference hotel and depended on the workshop shuttle, or came in RVs. Since there were so few of us, we naturally took advantage of the opportunity to visit quilt shops in the area during our "free time"! And each night I was treated to supper in return for driving everyone around. So I got to know the other wonderful quilters taking the workshop, all about my age or a little younger, and all new owners of their own Bernina Q-24 quilting and fancy

embroidery systems - I was the only participant there to learn a "rental" machine, and the only one planning to market the skills I was learning!

Anne Hennig henniganne07@gmail.com

submitted the above article and I was not able to put all that was submitted so I finished her letter with a few sentences on this page.

As Susan Sanders has told me not all computers are compatible and I, with the help of my computer savvy husband, could not get all of her report in our newsletter, I did put in the form that her company has for anyone to sign up for their services.

Newsletter Deadline

Please send all articles for the October newsletter to Denise Poepel dapoep@gmail.com by Friday, September 25. Please send in WORD format. If you have any updates on members please send in.

CHARITY QUILTS

Members of the guild are making baby quilts for Sweet Babies, an organization that provides parents who need help with the essentials, a basket of baby items when they get out of the hospital. This includes many diapers, blankets, outfits, books, changing pads and even a pack-n-play to those who need it. We have been delivering quilts to be included in the baskets.

Many people have helped in this endeavor: Outreach Committee Members

Sally Koczan - ecosally2@gmail.com

Jessie Koczan - koczanje@gmail.com

are making kits complete with fabric and batting.

Karen Purcelli - kpuricelli@sctservices.com

Jeanette Oesterly - oesterly@sbcglobal.net

have been organizing pick up and delivery of the items. Others held cutting parties to create the 5" blocks used to make the tops. There have been many quilters who have donated their time, fabric and talent to this cause, too many to mention here.

thank you to all and if you want to join in contact one of the people above.

Denise Poepel
Newsletter Editor

City Sewing Room

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~ introduces ~

BERNINA Q-24 LONGARM QUILTING SYSTEM

See: www.bernina.com/machines/longarm

SPECIAL OFFER GOOD THROUGH 2020

OPTION 1 - WE WILL QUILT YOUR PROJECT!

2 cents per quilt-top square inch (plus materials)

That's as little as \$40.50 for a 45x45 wall hanging, or \$225 for a king-size quilt, if you supply backing and batting!

- Edge-to-edge computerized design
- Binding available at 2 cents per edge-inch plus materials
- On-line (Zoom or Skype) consultation available
- free pickup/delivery within 30-mi. radius of St. Louis
- Additional fee for custom designs

OPTION 2 - QUILT YOUR OWN!

\$30 training fee includes set-up, how to use the Q-24 for free-motion OR computerized operation, supervised practice during your first session
\$15/hr or \$100/8-hr day rental fee (during store hours)

- Pre-rental on-line tutorials to familiarize you with the system
- Bernina-trained instructor on premises for/help/advice
- Consecutive reservations advised to avoid taking off & remounting your quilt
- Advanced instruction for computerized operation available

CONTACT CITY SEWING ROOM FOR MORE INFORMATION: 314-255-5857

or city.sewing.room@gmail.com

THIMBLE & THREAD QUILT GUILD
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
Membership Form

Membership dues are \$30 per year

PLEASE PRINT!

Date: _____

Renewal: _____

Check #: _____

Cash: _____

New Membership: _____

Amount paid: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: (h) _____ (w) _____ (m) _____

Email: _____

If you are related to someone in the Guild, please list member's name and relationship to you.

Make checks payable to **Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild** and mail to:

Lillian Seese
Membership Committee
1500 Renderer Dr.
St. Louis, Mo. 63122

NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME TO OUR GUILD!

How did you hear about us?

Quilt Shop _____

Website _____

Word of Mouth _____

Quilt Show _____