

## Like Us on Facebook

Marty Harris and Jerri Stroud have been working to create an awesome Facebook page for the Quilt Expo and the Guild. If you aren't familiar with Facebook and how it works read on – Jerri has provide a great explanation. Please note – Jerri and Marty are the administrators of the Facebook page. **If you would like something posted to this page – pictures, event announcements, etc. those should be sent to Jerri. Any information you want posted to the Guild's website should be sent to Mary Ellen Adams.**

Facebook 101 – by Jerri Stroud

Many Facebook pages can be browsed without a person being registered with Facebook. For example, the Angel's Arms pictures of the foster children and their quilts were available to anyone because it's a "public" site, just as are sites for many major manufacturers, like Coke, Pepsi, and the like. Often you can find the pages by doing a Google search on the organization's name.

Facebook is simply another "point of entry" for people to learn more about our guild or the upcoming quilt expo. Some people - especially young people - do almost all of their communications through social media like Facebook these days, ignoring email and other forms of electronic communication. At the same time, we are aware that some members of our guild are not even on email. We're not trying to force anyone to join Facebook or participate in it. It's up to every member to make his or her own decision about that.

Anyone who wants to join Facebook may join by going to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and registering with the site. It's up to you how much of the information you fill out and whether you want it to be public. Check the privacy settings to make sure they're set as you want.

Members should be aware that most of what they put on Facebook is potentially accessible to the world. Even if you adjust your privacy setting to "only friends" being able to see things, there is a strong possibility that "friends of friends" could become aware of what you post and possibly even "friends of friends of friends." Facebook is constantly changing things, so any explanation of their settings or how to change them quickly becomes outdated. Most settings are accessible from drop-down links under the word "Home" in the upper right of any Facebook page.

However, if you don't post anything and don't become "friends" with or "like" anything, there isn't much to worry about. But the fun part of being on Facebook is that you are able to share things with people you know.

Once you are on Facebook, whether you're logged in or not, use the search bar at the top of the page to search for "St. Louis quilt guilds" or the guild's name. The URL (or web address) for the guild's Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/#!/ThimbleThreadQuiltExpo> . Once you're on the page, please "like" us if you're registered with Facebook and logged in. Once you do, things we post should come up on your "wall" or home page.

We encourage you to join in the fun of keeping up with the guild through social media. But we understand if you decide not to.