

# THIMBLE AND THREAD QUILT GUILD OF GREATER ST. LOUIS VOLUME 45, NO. 5 MAY 2021

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

quips from Real Simple magazine:

Mom said: "Never buy anything full price."

Mom said: "A good chef always cleans up after himself."

Mom said: "Surround yourself with people who are loving

and supportive."

I'm sure we can hear ourselves saying something that our mothers always repeated to us when we were growing up, and ones that we have made up and drummed into our children's heads as well.

The next meeting of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild will be in person. Adele Niblack, who has coordinated and run the zoom meetings that we have had in the past few months, has secured an outdoor location for us to meet on Saturday, May 15th at 11:00am at Whitecliff Park. The notification was sent out to members last week and appears on the following page as well.

Adele also sends this reminder about the GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION in May.

Here is a link to the reminder about the free May 22 and 23 event from Global Quilt Connection. All T&T members can attend at no charge. You will get a link the week before the event with the Zoom information on it. These events will not be recorded for later viewing. The viewing time in our time zone will be 2-5 p.m. (CDT).

https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/download/gqc-all-star-ad.pdf

# Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

# Spring Picnic/Guild Meeting Saturday, May 15

Gathering at 11:00 a.m. Whitecliff Park 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane,

Crestwood, MO 63126 Pavilion #3

Bring your own lunch and drink Ample Parking – no hills

Restrooms nearby in Community Center
This event is in place of the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday
May meeting

You are invited to

<sup>\*</sup>Attendance Prizes\* \* Show' n Tell\*

<sup>\*</sup> SMALL Free Table: Take back what remains of your donations. There will be no general trash disposal for free table items.

From Watson Road in Crestwood, turn southeast on to Grant Road, right on to Pardee Lane, right on to Whitecliff Park Lane at Park entrance. Pavilion #3 is on your right up the park road past the Community Center

St. Louis County requires people to wear masks when under the Pavilion roof, except when eating or drinking.

This will be the first in-person meeting for T&T in 13 months. Future meetings will continue to be on Zoom until Webster Groves Presbyterian Church opens to groups over 20 people.

Bring your own chair for additional seating outside the pavilion and easy social distancing..

A Thank You note from Cynthia aka Cindy Clifton to Guild members:

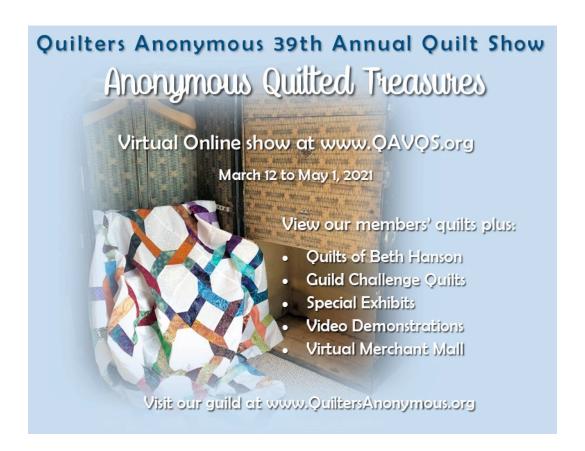
Dearest friends in Quilting:

I want to thank each of you who took the time to send me a sympathy card or email following the passing of Carolyn. Each one led to a little more healing as I read your notes. I appreciate the words of encouragement during one of the roughest times of my life.

Thank you so much,

Cindy

In case you may not have logged into Jerri Stroud's quilt guild virtual quilt show here is the information again, I found 3 quilts of hers, how many did you find?



### **Charity Quilting**

We are currently donating quilts to two organizations, Sweet Babies and Home Sweet Home. **Sweet Babies** supplies needy parents delivering at St Mary's hospital with baskets of items that new parents need. Diapers, books, outfits, changing pads, blankets and of course quilts. The usual size is about 40"x 50", but smaller quilts make awesome care seat/stroller/ tummy time gifts.

**Home Sweet Home** is an organization that helps homeless families/individuals when they get an apartment. The client 'shops' for everything that will make an apartment a home, including furniture, lamps, kitchen utensils, dishes, pillows, pots and pans, and linens. The client shops in the morning and their items are delivered the same afternoon. Home Sweet Home can use lap

size non-baby quilts 50"x60" or larger quilts to use on beds. Most of the clients are adults with some children. Home Sweet Home will pick up donations of furniture, call (314) 448-9838.

Sally and Jessie Koczan have made numerous kits for baby quilts and Jeanette Oesterly is willing to deliver quilt kits or pick up quilts if a reasonable distance from Brentwood.

oesterly@sbcglobal.net 314-413-7875

"Nurses for Newborns" can always use 24"x36" baby quilts. Their office is located at 3 Sunnen Dr, Maplewood, MO 63143. (314) 544-3433

# 2021 ELECTIONS

Just a reminder that the 2021 Election of Officers for the Guild was postponed three months until September. The Nominating Committee will be formed in June and begin work July 1. The slate of officers will be presented in the newsletter preceding the September meeting of the corporation.

If there are no nominations from the floor, the section will be by voice vote. If there are nominations from the floor at the September meeting, a ballot will be held at the October meeting with the candidates listed in the newsletter published prior to the October meeting. This procedure follows the By-Laws Section V, Paragraphs A and B.

# T-SHIRT QUOTE

I've finally reached the Wonder Years
Wonder where my car is parked?
Wonder where I left my phone?
Wonder where my glasses are?
Wonder what day it is?

#### Thimble & Thread Retreat 2021

October 1 – October 3, 2021

We are now half-way to having 25 people sign up for retreat, so there is still plenty of room for you and your friends. Right now I'm working on cleaning up some UFO's but as I do so my mind is thinking about what I might work on at Retreat. And can you believe as I write this that it is snowing in St. Louis!

Dates are October 1st thru 3rd. Check-in time will be 9 am on Friday, October 1st; check-out time will be 2 pm on Sunday, October 3rd.

The price per person did not change – a nice thing in these uncertain times. However, our contract is for a minimum of 25 people instead of 20 as we did last year, so we are committed to pay for that any people even if we don't have 25 people sign up. Price is \$245 per person, single occupancy room.

Per Guild by-laws, retreats require a 50% down payment at time of registration. Please make your check payable to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild and send to me (905 N. Woodlawn, Kirkwood, MO 63122). And please be a little patient – once I receive your check, I will sign you up for the retreat and then forward your check to the treasurer to be deposited. I will probably only forward them once or twice a month depending on how many come in. I will acknowledge receipt of your check/registration by email so you at least know that I received it.

I did check with Pallottine to see if they had any guidelines regarding vaccinations and because the vaccines are still under "emergency use" they can only say they recommend that people get vaccinated. That being said, a number of those already signed up for the Retreat and of those who attended the last Guild Zoom meeting thought that requiring attendees to be vaccinated was a good idea. So, in order for us all to be safe and to be able to move freely about (sans masks) we are asking that everyone please get vaccinated.

The layout of our work areas will not be known until later this year. A lot will depend on how well we get the Coronavirus under control and how Pallottine decides to handle the layout of their facility.

Susan Sanders Retreat Coordinator.

## Minutes from April 9, 2021 zoom meeting

The April 9, 2021 Thimble and Thread Guild meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Adele Niblack, co-Treasurer, 23 members and our guest speaker, Barb Fischer, from Sweet Babies had logged into the zoom meeting.

Adele introduced our speaker, Barb Fisher, President of Sweet Babies organization. Ms. Fisher is the niece of Alice Provaznik, the founder of Sweet Babies, who believed all babies deserve the same start in life, regardless of family situation, homelessness, mental health issues in the family, HIV or drug use, or mothers too young to care for their babies properly. She shared Sweet Babies history and told us about the increased need in the St. Louis area. Sweet Babies uses our quilt donations in the bag of goodies that they give to St. Mary's hospital volunteers who distribute them. They also make "Pack N Play" bags for educational purposes and have a closet at Cardinal Glennon Hospital that has clothes, diapers, bibs, burb pads, etc. for those in need. Ms. Fisher was asked and she answered questions from members.

Anne Hennig, a guild member, talked about the City Sewing Room, a 501c3 non-profit status organization where she works on the long arm quilt machine. The City Sewing Room staff/volunteers offer many services from beginner to advanced sewing. All phases of quilt making are also available including the use of a Bernina Q24 quilting machine with computer capabilities. Anne is their go-to-person for help with long arm quilting. Anne sent the following email with the information about City Sewing Room and upcoming classes and sales.

City Sewing Room update: the bibs we are making 4/20 ARE for Sweet Babies!

Here is the info from the "Upcoming Events" slide:

- <u>SEWING IN SERVICE</u>  $-3^{rd}$  Tuesdays after 3PM, \$10 (bring your sewing machine or use one of ours!)
- Gather with other crafty people to work together on service projects for donation to a worthy cause (4/20 we'll be sewing bibs for Sweet Babies)
- <u>FABRIC-PALOOZA</u> Clearance Sale May 15-16 (10-4 on Saturday, 12-4 on Sunday)

Includes dress forms, working sewing machines, quilts, lace/ embroidered tablecloths, craft kits, yarn, books, much more ... See it, want it? Make a donation and it's yours!

## WE'RE WORKING WITH CHARITY-SHARITY!

After our clearance sale, CSR will become the drop-off point for Charity-Sharity donations, and provide space for the services they provide throughout our area.

CITY SEWING ROOM HOURS Tues, Weds, Thurs: noon – 8PM;

Sat, Sun: noon - 4PM

ADDRESS 6700 Arsenal St (at Ivanhoe), St. Louis,

63139 (Parking lot & entrance off Ivanhoe)

WEBSITE <u>www.citysewingroom.com</u>

FACEBOOK citysewingroom CALL/TEXT 314-255-5857

EMAIL citysewingroom@gmail.com

# Retreat Coordinator - Susan Sanders report

Response is very slow

## Membership, Lillian Seese stated:

Do not send in any dues for upcoming 2021-2022 year, discussion will be at next meeting.

Show and Tell - only four people submitted pictures for viewing and discussion.

Officers - Current officers will continue. Nominating committee meeting will be in June. An election delay notice was sent out in a previous newsletter and will be included in the May newsletter.

<u>Social Event -</u> Adele had investigated Kirkwood Park and Whitecliff Park in Crestwood to host an outside social event. Discussion ensued. Whitecliff Park was chosen for our Saturday, May 15th meeting instead of a zoom meeting on Friday, May 14th. We will have a pavilion reserved for all day, come about 11 am and stay for as long as you want. Items to bring includes a chair to sit in if a park bench doesn't work for you, your sack lunch of whatever you want to eat and drink; something to do (handwork is great idea); and mask.

Special items should include <u>Show and Tell and Free Table</u> (however, you must take your leftover free table items back with you, Charity Sharity is working on new location and currently has not been taking in any donations)

Anyone with ideas how to encourage our non-zoom attending members to come and see us on May 15, contact Adele.

Visiting and sharing will be in abundance that day.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm Gay Stewart, Secretary

There were no corrections made to the April newsletter.

# **List of Thimble and Thread Officers**

President Debby Logan

Vice - President Vacant

Treasurer Adele Niblack

**Ruth Grimes** 

Secretary Gay Stewart

# 2020-2021 Standing Committee Chairs

Membership Lillian Seese

Julie Tucker

Newsletter Denise Poepsel Workshop Cynthia Clifton

Parliamentarian Art Kruse

Outreach Sally Koczan

Jessica Koczan

Retreat Susan Sanders
Historian Jean Ameduri
Fabric Raffle Anne Hennig
Website Susan Sanders

Chair offices that are still open for volunteers are:

**Quilt Show** 

Ways and Means

Remember to bring to our May picnic meeting at Whitecliff your:

Name tag

Lunch and drink

Personal chair

Lots of show and tell

Take care and be safe until then, Denise Poepsel, Newsletter editor