



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis
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THIMBLE AND THREAD QUILT GUILD

I am sure that this will come as no surprise to you all, but for the safety of all members and their families, the April and May meetings of the Guild are CANCELLED.

We did receive notices from the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church last Saturday, after our March meeting Friday, that they were suspending services and closing.

Because they were making decisions on a week by week basis at this time, we needed to address our monthly meetings.

In addition, our April guest speaker was coming from Canada. I emailed Paul on Saturday addressing this issue of dealing with cancellation sooner than later for his travel plans as well as not knowing when borders would be closed. Well we now know that they were closed and he was in agreement to postpone his visit until a later time when travel would be safer.

All those members that had paid their class fee for Paul's workshop will be refunded by the Treasurer in April.

Debby and I hope that you understand that this is just a temporary situation but a necessary one to keep everyone safe. The church will keep in contact with us as to when they will open again, and we will also heed the health warnings when notified that it will be safe to have a group meeting of more than 10 people.

I know that we have heard a lot of new terms, "Flattening the Curve" and "Social Distancing", etc. Please take care of yourselves, keep in contact with family and friends. The new technology allows us to do just that with emails and texting. Remember a human voice on the phone can be a comfort to a friend or family member that may be by themselves. Take the time to remember someone that you haven't spoken to in a while and reach out. I guess I didn't realize I'm in the highly susceptible age group until my young next-door neighbor called and ask if I needed anything from the store.

Also, to keep yourselves busy the Outreach ladies, Pam Coaxum and Karen Puricelli have put an update notice in the newsletter of all the organizations we are supporting

with our efforts, and quilt sizes so we can have a big "Show and Tell" when we all get together again.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, we will have a May newsletter with any updated information next month.

Everyone take care of yourselves and stay healthy,

Denise Poepsel

Election of Officers

The Guild Officers that were voted in at the March 13, meeting by the membership are to serve July 2020- June 2021:

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| President | Debby Logan |
| Treasurer | Adele Niblack |
| | Ruth Grimes |
| Secretary | Gay Stewart |

We had a member step up and volunteer to be Vice-President and was introduced at the March meeting, but since her name was not posted in the March newsletter we do so now to be voted on at our next regular meeting:

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| Vice-President | Anita Brinkman |
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2020-2021 Standing Committee Chairs

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| 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 |

Chair offices that are still open for volunteers are:

Website
Quilt Show
Ways and Means

Submitted by Denise Poepsel, Nominating Committee Chair

President's Corner:

Hello Thimble and Thread Members!

Today I started my second week of working from home. I like the much shorter commute, but I'm not enjoying the isolation. I really miss seeing all my quilting friends in person. This reminds me of Laura Ingalls Wilder's book, *The Long Winter*. Thankfully we aren't having blizzards and we don't have to twist hay bundles to keep the fire going. But the uncertainty and isolation are similar. Our hardships are a bit different, but it is still proving difficult to get some of our basic needs.

Though this may be "The Long Spring" for us, it won't last forever. Stay in, wash your hands thoroughly, keep up with friends and family on the phone, on Facebook or whatever works. Do things that help you feel better. Make quilts, happy fun quilts, new to you kinds of quilts, quilts that make you happy!

At this moment, I'm not sure when we'll be able to have our next meeting. We will keep you posted. Stay safe and well.

See you!
Debby

Minutes – March 13, 2020 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Debby Logan.

Denise Poepsel presented a movie "Quilt of Belonging – A Place for All". The movie showcased a 120-ft long quilt containing blocks representative of all immigrant nationalities to Canada as well as Canada's First Nations. 150 different images were included in the quilt. The quilt is outstanding and inspiring and just plain awesome.

Committee reports:

Newsletter – Susan Sanders advised the next deadline is March 24, 2020

Membership – Lillian Seese reported 26 members and 1 guest in attendance

Fabric raffle – Anne Hennig showed the fabric collections for raffle – one consisting of 4 garden panels with coordinated fabric and one panel with additional yardage. She also had a pack of 4-inch squares of Civil War reproduction fabric for anyone who wanted it.

Comfort Quilts – Karen Puricelli announced that batting is available for both the long-twin quilts needed for the teenagers and also for Sweet Babies. Please contact her to obtain batting.

Break – a 15 minute break was taken

Business – Denise Poepsel presented the slate of officers as published in the March newsletter: President – Debby Logan, Secretary – Gay Stewart, and Co-Treasurers – Adele Niblack and Ruth Grimes. No nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers by unanimous declaration. Denise also announced that Anita Brinkman had agreed to be Vice-President for the next year; a vote could not be taken on the Vice-President position as notice had not been given to the membership. A vote will be taken at the April meeting.

April Program – the April program with Paul Leger has been cancelled due to travel restrictions resulting from the coronavirus.

Cindy Bell Neville reported that the St. Louis Totem quilts would be traveling to Paducah, KY to be exhibited.

Fabric raffle and membership raffle were held followed by Show and Tell (15 items shown).

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Gay Stewart, Secretary

Editor's note: any errors in the above may be the editor's fault as the minutes were read to me over the phone. Social distancing and some computer issues prevented them being obtained otherwise.

From the Editor:

I needed a filler and what a better place to put it than where I had a blank half page. Since we will not be meeting in April or May there will not be a "formal" newsletter. However, I thought it might be nice to put member's musings into a newsletter to help us keep up with each other. Send me an e-mail (bpandq@aol.com) telling what you're doing and include a photo if you want (please send the photo as an attachment so I can retrieve it). Let's target a deadline of April 20th and if I have anything to pass along, I will.

So, to start this off – I'm working on a wedding present – wedding is to be in June and I'm making a Christmas quilt using a flying geese pattern (both 1-1/2" x 3" and 3" x 6" geese mixed together in a 12-inch block). Problem is the original quilt is in a variety of colors and a specific fabric line and I'm trying to recreate in Christmas colors (red, green, white). Each block gets made individually, put on the design wall, and then the next block's colors are figured out. Takes more time to figure out the color scheme than to paper piece the block.

At the end of the newsletter is a photo I received of how one of our member's is spending her time.

| PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT | | | BALANCE SHEET | |
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| | March 2020 | February 2020 | | February 2020 |
| In Income | | | Current Assets | |
| Membership Dues | 30.00 | | Checking/Savings | |
| Retreat Income | 490.00 | 2,405.00 | Arsenal CU Checking #2090 | 7,808.58 |
| Misc sales income | 3.00 | 3.00 | Arsenal CU Money Market #2060 | 9,952.95 |
| Workshop Income | | 420.00 | Arsenal CU Savings | 31.47 |
| Fabric Raffle | 43.00 | 39.00 | Total Checking/Savings | 17,793.00 |
| Quilt Raffle | | | Accounts Receivable | |
| Optional Block | | | 11000 - Accounts Receivable | -64.00 |
| Total Income | 566.00 | 2,867.00 | Total Accounts Receivable | -64.00 |
| Expense | | | Total Current Assets | 17,729.00 |
| printing | | | Other Assets | |
| postage | 1.50 | | Arsenal CU CD - 1 year | 6,266.74 |
| Membership directories | | | Arsenal CU CD - 6 month | 6,130.32 |
| Room Rental | 125.00 | 125.00 | Total Other Assets | 12,397.06 |
| Business Insurance speaker | | | TOTAL Assets | 30,126.06 |
| President's Discretionary | | | Total Current Liabilities | |
| Refreshments | 48.00 | | Accounts payable | 237.50 |
| Travel | | | Total Accounts payable | 237.50 |
| Web hosting | | 60.00 | Equity | |
| Meals | | | 30000 - Opening Balance | 20,866.03 |
| Program Expense | | 100.00 | Equity | |
| workshop space rental | 150 | | 3200 Retained Earning | 10,782.02 |
| Charity quilt batting | 155.69 | | Net Income | -1,759.49 |
| State Registration | | 35.30 | Total Equity | 29,888.56 |
| Fabric Raffle | | | TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 30,126.06 |
| Total Expense | 480.19 | 320.30 | | |
| Other Income-Interest | | 2.43 | | |
| Net Income | 85.81 | 2,549.13 | | |

COMFORT QUILT OPPORTUNITIES

During our time of uncertainty, I would like to ask our membership to think about the ways they can find peace and comfort through helping others. Our outreach is even more important now than it was before Covid19 became an issue. We still have babies being born! In addition, there are still young people who will hopefully be going off to college this fall, and there may be even more people in need for the services offered at Home Sweet Home. The guidelines are as follow:

1. Sweet Babies—any baby quilt will be welcomed! They would like to receive quilts that incorporate a black and white theme, but please don't let that stop you from using colors that may be more appealing to you. The preferred size is 40" X 50", but smaller quilts make awesome car seat/stroller/tummy time gifts!
2. College Quilts—we are hoping to still be able to gift these. The current need is 25, and I have 8 currently. The preferred size is 56" X 88".
3. Home Sweet Home—they enjoy receiving quilts of about 50" x 60" or larger. The target population for these are adults, some with children. My plan will be to donate any quilts earmarked for the college quilt outreach that aren't needed. We had some college quilt overage last fall, and those were gratefully accepted and given to families with school aged children to help start their school year off with something new and to adults who were starting their housekeeping with twin-sized beds.

I have batting that might help you in finishing these projects stored at my home. It is cut into usable-size pieces and stored in plastic (a huge thank you to Jan and DeWayne Carron for doing this for us!). I can take a page from Charity Sharity's book and place them on my porch for you if you give me your specific requests and the time that you would be passing by my house. The batting is cut into 50" X 60" pieces for the baby quilts and 120" X 70" for the college quilts.

Stay safe, healthy, and productive!

Karen Puricelli and Pam Coaxum

Thimble & Thread Board of Directors 2019-2020

Officers

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| President | Debby Logan |
| Vice President | Denise Poepsel |
| Secretary | Marylyn Simpson/Gay Stewart |
| Treasurer | Adele Niblack/Leigh Anne Huckaby |

Standing Committee Chairs

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| Historian | Karen Terry |
| Membership | Julie Tucker/Lillian Seese |
| Newsletter | Susan Sanders |
| Outreach | Pam Coaxum/Karen Puricelli |
| Parliamentarian | Art Kruse |
| Quilt Show | vacant |
| Workshop | Cindy Clifton |
| Ways & Means | vacant |

Sub-committee Coordinators

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| Quilt Retreat | Susan Sanders |
| Website Administrator | Mary Ellen Adams |

Quilt on the following page is one Dolores Keaton is working on while we are staying home and practicing social distancing.

