



Thimble And Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

December 2021 Newsletter
Volume 45, Issue 12

News From the President

With sadness I share the news that a member, **Karen Daum**, my sister, passed away on Monday, November 15, 2021. Karen was a member from our infancy, since 1981, and was made an Honorary Member of Thimble and Thread for her generous heart and contributions during that time of growth of our guild. Her daughter, **Kristy Daum**, just gave a program for us in October, she continues her mom's creativity.

OUR DECEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild will be on **Friday, December 10, 2021**. The doors open at 6:30 pm; the meeting starts at 7:00pm at Shrewsbury City Center, 5200 Shrewsbury Avenue, Shrewsbury, MO, 63119.

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.

ITEMS TO BRING TO MEETING

- Masks are recommended
- Name Tag
- \$\$ for Fabric Raffle
- Stuff for Free Table to give away (you must take back what is left that you

brought)

- Show and Tell Items
- Charity Quilts

Please note that only water bottles with screw caps are allowed.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Create Your Own Holiday Cards with Fabric and Paper

For the December Thimble and Thread Program, we we will be making Holiday cards! The Guild will supply fabric cut-outs in familiar quilt-y shapes, card stock and envelopes.

With supplies you can bring from home – think paper scissors and wrapping paper, glue, yarn and ribbon, crayons, markers, colored pencils, fancy threads and a needle or two, or whatever you need to do amazing creating – we will be fabricating our cards to use for our Holiday greetings. Gift tags would be another way to use these materials.

We are looking forward to a fun evening of creating and sharing – what could be better?

WE ARE HOSTING A KITCHEN UTENSIL DRIVE FOR HOME SWEET HOME

For the December meeting, let's collect some new utensils for the people at Home Sweet Home.

Bring pizza cutters pans, can openers, spatulas, dish towels, pot holders or any item that you like to use in your own kitchen. We will



have a box close to the membership table at the December meeting.

CHANGE IN STANDING RULES

In the last newsletter, I stated a change to the Standing Rules. It was brought to my attention that I needed to post this change in the newsletter first for a vote by the membership at the following regular meeting. Here is the proposal from our Board Meeting:

A proposed change to the Standing Rules IV, Meetings - H

“Any cancellation of a meeting will be made by MAILCHIMP Email to paid members by 1:00 pm the day of the meeting.”

Originally the change was being broadcast on television Channel 2 or KMOV radio.

We will vote on this change during the business portion of our December meeting.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Denise Poepsel

**Sister Josephine Newmann's
Raffle Quilts**



Sr. Josephine Niemann 's original design Gemstone Splash 2. She made this quilt for her order's Province of Africa and will be raffled in 2022.



The Double Wedding quilt is called "Fidelity" and the stars are done with her original star block. It is for the 2021 raffle for the SSND Province of Africa. The winner will be pulled on December 20th.

**January 2022 Program:
Demonstration of Four
Quilting Techniques**

Start the new year with some techniques to add to your "Quilting Tool

Belt." We will have four demos at the January meeting (three are confirmed at this time):

- Three ways to do raw edge machine applique by Cindy Neville
- Ruler Work for quilting your quilt on a domestic or long arm machine by Adele Niblack
- Use your scraps to make beautiful string bowls and baskets by Ruth Grimes
- Additional Demo to be announced.
-



**THIMBLE & THREAD
2022 RETREAT**

Retreat dates for **2022** are **October 28, 29, and 30** at The Pallottine Retreat Center. Mark your calendars and start saving your pennies. The cost will not be known until January 2022.

And for those of you who really like to plan ahead – **the retreat in 2023 will be October 20, 21, and 22.**

In the meantime, keep on quilting!

Susan Sanders

Retreat Coordinator

CHARITY QUILTS

News flash!

Our Guild's members have donated 256 quilts to Sweet Babies in 2021. We have also donated 35 quilts of various sizes to Home Sweet Home so far this year. 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

Jeanette Oesterly

314-413-7875

oesterly@sbcglobal.net



**Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild
BOARD MEETING**

October 28, 2021

The meeting was opened by President Denise Poepsel at 7 p.m. Present at the meeting were: Denise Poepsel, Adele Niblack, Cindy Bell Neville, Ruth Grimes, Jean Ameduri, Gay Stewart, Kathy Sherrick, and Patty Thompson. Lillian Seese and Julie Tucker also attended to help facilitate the transition to the new membership chairs.

President, Denise Poepsel: Next board meeting will be in January or February via Zoom (to avoid the cost of rental space and libraries are not yet available). Denise has compiled a list of Thimble and Thread property (including projector, step

ladders, and black drapes for quilt shows). Cindy Bell Neville added she had some boxes of quilt show items. Cancellations of meetings (due to bad weather) will be done by a Mailchimp Email; we will no longer list it on local TV stations; this will be announced in the December newsletter and voted upon at the December meeting. Denise will also take care of the newsletter for November, and she will include a photo of our new location again.

Quilt Retreat: The 2021 quilt retreat lost \$390 despite asking participants to make an additional offering, though they did come out even in 2020. The number of participants needed to cover the cost used to be 20, in 2021 it was 25, and next year it may go up to 30. Susan Sanders and Denise have spoken about this, and Susan will pass our flyers (including to other guilds) in 2022. The amount to be paid to the Pallottine Retreat Center will also increase (we won't know the amount until January, 2022).

Treasurer, Ruth Grimes: Passed out the 2021 budget again so we would know how much money was allotted to each board member. On a separate sheet, there was a list of the income from the retreat.

Co-Vice-President/Programs:

Cindy Bell Neville: Programs for the coming months are tentatively scheduled but they are not ready to announce specific names and dates until they are confirmed with the speakers. They cover a variety of topics related to quilting and include at least one national speaker.

Co-Vice President/Programs:

Adele Niblack: The survey of quilting programs that members would like, proved beneficial. The top five choices were (1)unique fabric for quilting; (2)quilting techniques by national quilters; (3)historic quilts or quilt history; (4)modern quilting; (5) vintage quilting.

At the December meeting, we will be making Christmas cards utilizing a variety of Christmas fabrics and designs backed with Select Appli-Stick from a cutting machine placed on cardstock.

Missing: Documentation. If any former board members have materials from their committee (minutes, records, general information) they are asked to bring it to the November meeting to assist the new board with work in the coming year.

Webcam: The Board discussed purchasing a webcam mounted on a tripod to make in-person speaker demonstrations more visible at the monthly meetings. More information will be forthcoming at the next board meeting.

Gay Stewart, Membership: She noted that there is no budget for attendance prizes. Luckily Denise Poepsel remembered why we did have attendance prizes. These were prizes initially donated to the newsletter raffle some years ago (when we mailed newsletters) in order to raise money for postage. The newsletter raffle ended because we went to e-mail newsletters only. Gay suggested that she would use the money to purchase fabric for attendance prizes, but Denise said it would conflict

with the fabric raffle. Denise explained that there really was no need to have attendance prizes. The membership committee could just put the items on the free table (since many of the books were old).

Outreach: Though no representatives were at the board meeting from this committee, they did report they had collected 256 quilts for Sweet Babies.

Patty Thompson and Kathy Sherrick, Newsletter: Future newsletter articles and membership updates should be e-mailed to Patty Thompson.

Website: Adele Niblack: The board discussed the issues with updating the website. Adele Niblack, Kathy Sherrick and Patty Thompson (newsletter editors) will continue to work with the current provider at the present time to resolve the issues. It was noted that if there is obituary information available to us, we must get permission from the family first to be able to publish that on our website and/or Facebook pages.

Quilt Studio Tour 2022 Proposal: Jean Ameduri brought up a proposal for the guild to sponsor a Quilt Studio Tour in 2022. Many possible features, plans and details were presented. The Board expressed positive interest in further discussion at its next meeting in January or February.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ameduri, Secretary
Nov. 23, 2021

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Meeting

Friday, November 12, 2021

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by President Denise Poepsel at Shrewsbury City Center (the third month at this new location) who introduced the presenter, Lyn Heilman who is a Hobbs batting distributor in Overland Park, Kansas (via Zoom). Lyn owns her own memory and t-shirt quilt business at quiltedmemoriesllc.com. In her role as distributor for Hobbs batting, Lyn has the following website: battingsuper-sale.com (which also has several complimentary Zoom classes on batting, needles, and holiday crafts) as well as the batting she carries. Her presentation included information on all types of Hobbs quilt batting (the list follows on Page 7 of the newsletter) as it explains the specific fiber content, maximum distance between stitches, approximate loft, and other details). All batting packages must include fiber content and maximum distance between quilting; however, Lyn personally always quilts no farther apart than 4" (the width of your 4 longest fingers). Polyester batting is the least expensive, the stitching can be farther apart, and it can be washed in hot water and bleach, yet still retain its loft. Use comforter batting (3/4" thick) to plump up the cushions on your furniture. One excellent question was how do you get the creases/fold marks about of packages batting? Answer: gently unfold, put with a damp washcloth in your dryer and set for 4-5 minutes. There is a

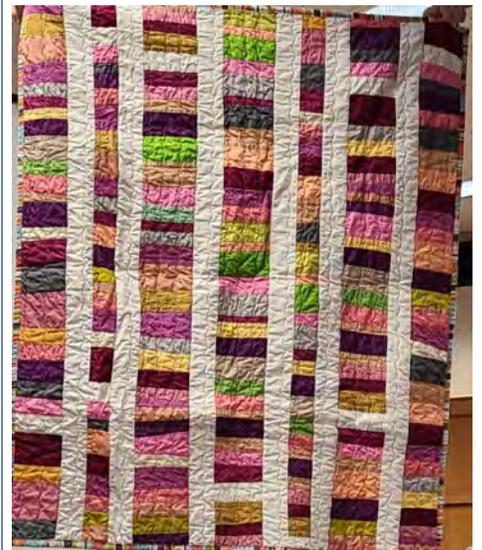
sampler package (battings each 13"-18" square for \$14.95 which includes shipping) so you can try them all. Lyn can also be reached at (913) 649-2704 or (913) 492-8877 if you have additional questions.

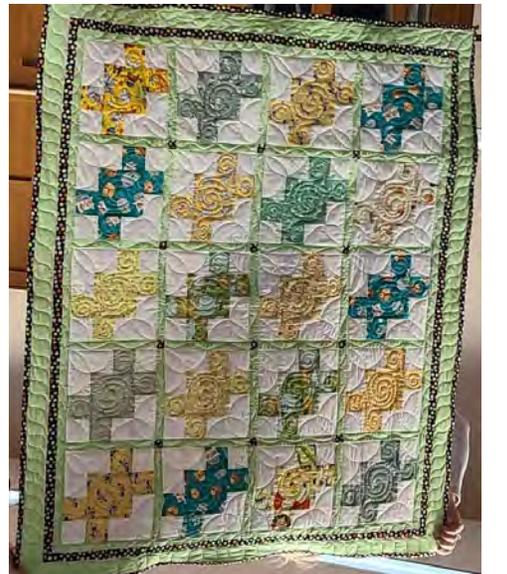
Old Business: October board meeting minutes will be in the December newsletter. Jeanette Oesterly has quilt labels for charity quilts. She is also willing to take sewing machines and fabric to Once We Were Refugees in Kansas City. The Afghan refugees will be coming in January-- hopefully, some will attend the sewing classes utilizing American electric sewing machine. Upon completion, they get to take the sewing machine they used home with them. We received a thank you letter from the Modern Service Quilts speakers from last month.

New Business: 22 members and 6 guests were present at this meeting. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. The December program will feature quilted Christmas cards. Adele Niblack will take the Christmas fabrics brought tonight, iron them on Appli-stick and we will make Christmas cards with a multitude of arts and crafts materials we will bring with us to the meeting. Donations will also be collected for Home Sweet Home, especially the kitchen utensils (pizza cutters, can openers, etc.). Fabric raffle featured red, blue, and brown St. Louis fabric featuring tourist attractions purchased from Quilted Fox's new location in West County. Many charity quilts were shown at Show and Tell. Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ameduri, Secretary

NOVEMBER SHOW & TELL PICTURES





Treasurer's Report For Month Ending October 31, 2021



Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$6,436.66	
	Checks	-50.00	Donation to speaker (a veterans organization)
	Deposits	+540.29	Retreat
	Ending Balance	\$6,926.95	
Savings Account	Balance	\$31.47	
Money Market Account	Balance	\$4,976.12	
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,171.75	
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,396.73	

Ruth Grimes – Treasurer



Warm Thoughts

Love is a quilt... a quilt is love.
 Both love and a quilt should be:
 Soft enough to comfort you,
 Straight enough to cheer you,
 Generous enough to enfold you,
 Light enough to let you move freely,
 Strong enough to withstand adversity,
 Durable enough to last a lifetime,
 And given gladly from the heart!

*From "Quilts are Forever" by Kathy Lamancusa
 contributed by Julie Dye*



PRODUCTS	PRODUCT TYPE	APPROXIMATE LOFT	SHRINKAGE	MAXIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN STITCHES	FOR			FOR LIGHT FABRICS
					HAND QUILTING	MACHINE QUILTING	DARK FABRICS	
POLYESTER								
Tuscany®	Resin Bonded Silicized Poly	1/4"	None	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent
Cloudloft®	Resin Bonded Poly	1/2 - 5/8"	None	4"	Good	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent
Poly-Down	Resin Bonded Poly Silicized Fibers	1/4"	None	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent
Thermore®	Resin Bonded Poly Patented Fibers	1/16"	None	9"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
COTTON								
Heirloom® Premium	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® 80/20 Black	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Not Recommended
Heirloom® 80/20 Bleached	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Heirloom® 80/20 Fusible	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® & Tuscany® Natural/Unbleached	100% Cotton Needle punched	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® Natural with Scrim	100% Cotton Needle punched with scrim binder	1/8"	3 - 5%	8"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® 100% Organic	100% Organic Cotton	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Good	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® & Tuscany® Bleached	100% Cotton Needle punched	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Tuscany® Cotton/Wool	80% Cotton 20% Wool Resin Bonded	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent Test With Fabric
WOOL								
Heirloom® & Tuscany® Wool	Superwashed Wool Resin Bonded	1/4 - 3/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent Test With Fabric
SILK								
Tuscany® Silk	90% Silk 10% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent Test With Fabric

Pre-Wash is NOT recommended. For optimal results, always test with your fabric

