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## President's Message

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over, and we will be headed into the Christmas season. I am always happy when January rolls around and all the fuss over Christmas is over. I look forward to cold and possibly snowy weather. Perfect for staying inside and quilting. By now I hope to have completed the memory quilt I was making. My goal was to have it finished for holiday gifting.

Once that project is completed, I want to make another Laura Heine collage piece. I have three rather ambitious patterns of hers. One depicts ravens (or crows?) pecking at a pumpkin, another is of sunflowers, and the third is a Christmas snow globe. I also have two smaller pieces that she calls "whatevers" – a snail with a shell consisting of many small flowers and one of a scissors with the word "sew". I may start with the last one.

There are of course other projects I am working on. My evening EPP project is inspired by the desert palette I saw on the road trip to Santa Fe and Colorado that I took in September. I need about 100 blocks and have made over 40 so far. I am not in hurry. When I finish the desert-inspired one. I have another quilt to finish (only needs one more row of blocks) in red, white, and blue for an 8-year-old new American citizen. There is no doubt a number of other UFOs I could put

in the queue if so inclined.

I completed a creative memoir writing class through OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at Washington University. I am going to sign up for the next session beginning in January. I have met some nice folks that aren't quilty people. I have written about ice skating, Bennett Spring State Park (summer childhood vacations), and my high school days. It's been a nice change of pace.

My "choose joy" mantra has served me well this year and has become a habit. I am adopting "believe" for 2024. As in believe in yourself, believe in kindness, or whatever else you wish to emphasize. How about you? What are you working on? What will be your philosophy for 2024 going forward, if any.

As ever, keep working on the president's challenge, "Make a pink quilt", due in February.

Choose joy,

Mary Ellen, President

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Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild meets on the second Friday of each month. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:00pm at Shrewsbury City Center, [5200 Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, MO. 63119](#).

## ITEMS TO BRING TO MEETING

- Cash or Checkbook for the Stash Sale
- At least 2 Fat Quarters for Bingo
- Coins or something to use for bingo markers
- NO Fabric Raffle this month
- NO Free Table this month
- Name tag - make personal handmade tag for yourself
- Show and Tell items
- Only water bottles with screw caps are allowed•
- Masks are optional



## DECEMBER'S MEETING IS DEC. 15TH!

Our meeting will be held on the 15th of December. This is a week later than usual, so please make a note! The room will open at 6:30p.m. as usual until 9:00 p.m.

Shrewsbury will be having a holiday bazaar on December the 9th. Please consider supporting them and getting your Christmas gift buying finished. See their Flyer lower in this email.

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## Our December Meeting is Quilter's Bingo and Patty Thompson Stash Sale

### BINGO

Bring fat quarters to "buy" bingo cards and another one for the pot. (to play 2 bingo cards, bring 3 FQ's). We have 100 cards. First, I will make sure everyone that wants to play has 1 or 2 then I'll "sell" the remaining cards for a fat quarter.

The number of rounds will depend on how long we shop at the Patty Thompson Stash Sale. For sure we will have one regular round, a four corners round and the Blackout round so bring plenty of markers (buttons, dry beans, M&M's...).

Get ready to shout BINGO!

### STASH SALE

Kathy, Jeanette and Leigh Anne have been busy organizing Patty's stash. It includes yardage, lots of kits for quilt tops or a whole quilt, lots of Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes, Panels and

more. There are over 15 boxes of good stuff that has been boxed up and ready to help you find your next project.

By the way, there will be some fat quarters for sale in case you forget to bring some from your own stash! Don't forget your checkbook or lots of cash!

Money from the sale will be split between our quilt guild and Circle of Concern, Patty's designated charity.



## 2023 Retreat Recap

TnT's 2023 retreat was a great success. Everyone attending liked the new venue. We were all in one room and had plenty of room to

spread out. Extra tables and floor space made for lots of “design wall” space. Even our out-of-town guest had a good time and is putting next year’s retreat on her calendar.

The food was very good, plenty of choices for breakfast (eggs, potatoes, sausage, fruit, juice, yogurt, etc., lunch (sandwiches some days or pasta other, soup, and a never-ending salad bar), and dinner (entrée, a starch, veggie and soup and that never-ending salad bar). Cookies came with lunch and dinner or you could choose ice cream or Italian ices. If you went away hungry, it was your own fault. There were a few minor problems but were easily solved – electric outlets in sleeping rooms were not conveniently placed, but a surge protector solved that issue – and more light needed in sewing area (note to self: Bring extra light for sewing). Jeanette ran home and brought 4 more lights from her house, and all was well. And that was another nice advantage to Mercy Conference & Retreat Center. It is easy to get to and relatively close in case you need to run home and get something you forgot.

On our last day we did have an interesting “adventure.” The elevator decided it needed some TLC. Fortunately, this was after we had to be out of our sleeping rooms. The kitchen staff lent us some of their carts and we were able to use the back door to the meeting room we were in and access the Sisters’ parking lot to load up our cars.

We have booked Mercy Conference & Retreat Center for TnT’s Quilt Retreat for 2024 and 2025. So, mark your calendars and save the following dates:

2024 – August 16, 17, and 18

2025 – October 24, 25, and 26

And, yes 2024 is earlier than usual but that was the only date we could get with both sleeping rooms and meeting room. Everyone who was in attendance this year agreed on this date. Conference centers have become very popular venues.

And we have pricing for next year, so you can plan accordingly:

Single - \$312.00                      Double - \$272.00

We will start taking reservations in January 2024.

Regards,  
Susan Sanders, Retreat Coordinator



## Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2023

The meeting opened at 7 pm by Mary Ellen Adams, President. Anne Hennig, Vice President, introduced Louise Morris, who brought



one of her favorite quilts "Organized Chaos" by Sujata Shah. Like many quilters she likes to use a pattern as a starting point and making it hers in a unique variation, while always giving credit to the creator. She displayed several of her beautiful quilts utilizing the interesting "star blocks." For more information on Louise's November presentation and the survey of our members that Louise conducted, click [here](#).

Susan Sanders booked our next retreat at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center for August 16-18, 2024. She also booked the next retreat for October 24-26, 2025. The retreaters liked the accommodations and sewing area.

Gay Stewart continues to gather information on Thimble and Thread t-shirts. She will get back with the guild in the new year.

Anne Hennig will begin the optional block in January 2024. It will include a pattern and instructions. If anyone would like additional

help with the block, you can go to the City Sewing Room on Tuesday evenings. There is a \$40.00 charge for 2 hours.

The December Meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup>, please mark your calendars. There will be Quilt Bingo and a fabric sale. There will not be a free table or fabric raffle. Bring fat quarters for the games.

Kate Sander continues looking at Instagram/Facebook for outreach to get new members and post quilts.

Mary Ellen Adams asked if the guild would be interested in a "sleep in your own bed retreat" or renting a room at Jackmans or Warm and Cozy. There was a lot of interest. More information will be available in January. Reminder: The Pink Quilt Challenge is due at the February meeting.

There were 34 members and 2 visitors attending.

October meeting minutes were passed.

The fabric raffle was held.

Attendance prizes were awarded.

Show and Tell was presented by members of the guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Niediewski, Secretary

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## Membership Report

There were 34 attendees at the November meeting. There were 2 guests in attendance. It is always wonderful to have guests at almost every meeting!

Please continue to spread the word about our guild and invite people to attend. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!

Happy quilting!

LaDonna Patterson, Membership

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## TREASURER'S REPORT — OCT & NOV 2023

By Kathy Sherrick, Treasurer

<b>Checking Account</b>	Starting Balance	\$8,901.78	
	Checks	- 100.00	Speaker Fee
	Deposits	+ <u>186.75</u>	Memberships, Guest Fee, Fabric Raffle
	Ending Balance	\$8,988.53	
<b>Savings Account</b>	Balance	\$31.47	No Activity
<b>Money Market Account</b>	Balance	\$6,433.54	\$21.25 Dividend - 2 mos.
<b>6 month CD</b>	Balance	\$6,301.56	\$ 7.86 Dividend
<b>1 year CD</b>	Balance	\$6,605.15	No Activity

## Accuquilt Equipment, Cutting Mats and Templates For Sale

Patty Thompson's husband Sam wants to find a quilter who has longed for an Accuquilt Cutter (Not pictured, full sized one, hand crank kind), a Go! Baby Accuquilt small Cutter, as well as numerous templates and cutting mats. Most of the cutting mats and templates have never been opened. The full sized cutter saw little use.

Sam is looking for 1/2 off retail but maybe take best offer. Wouldn't you like to have this for Christmas?! If you are interested, [Kathy Sherrick](#) will give you contact information and a spreadsheet listing for all the items.







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## DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

Newsletter articles are due the Friday following our monthly meeting.

Please submit newsletter information to KATHY SHERRICK, [kathy.sherrick@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.sherrick@gmail.com).

Pease do not use any fancy formatting as all formatting is removed before inserting in the newsletter. We prefer Word OR Plain Text documents and JPG's for graphics.

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