

Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. LouisVolume 43, No. 9September 2019

September Program

<u>September 13, 2019</u> – Ann Say from the Kansas City area of "Once We Were Refugees" is coming back to share with us a program on <u>"Hawaiian Quilting"</u> sharing history and examples of Hawaiian Quilts.

When Ann and Rev. Say were here last year, they accepted **donations of cotton fabric and sewing machines for the students they teach.** If you are downsizing, destashing or haven't given your donations for delivery to Jeanette Oesterly when she visits Kansas City, put aside and **bring to the September meeting.**

President's Corner

We have a new meeting place! The board has voted to meet at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, 45 West Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, 63119. We met at this same place before we moved to Kirkwood a few years ago. We meet one more time in September in Kirkwood. Starting October 11, we will meet at the new location in Webster Groves. A special thanks to Cindy Bell Neville and all the others who helped gather information we used in the selection process.

Our guild quilt retreat is coming up, too, October 4 thru 6. I really enjoy this retreat. It is a chance to work on projects without "life's interruptions" than can plague you at home. I love seeing the projects others are working on—I always get new ideas from them. Best of all is the chance to get to know other members better and catch up on what is going on. I encourage everyone to come!

It is also time to start planning fall and holiday projects you want to do for this year. I have a couple of things I started but did not finish for last Christmas.

Take care,

Debby Logan

Future Programs

October 11, 2019 – we will be meeting in our new location, Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Program right now is a "mystery" – we may have a movie <u>or</u> have members share their favorite sewing-quilting tool or store and get to know one another a little more.

November 8, 2019 – Kim Moos from **Cottoncuts** at Chesterfield Mall will come and explain all options of <u>membership</u> the shop offers. Big draw is the <u>PUZZLE MYSTERY QUILT</u> that is mailed out, fabric all cut ready for you to finish a quilt top in 10 months after you receive the KEY to putting the puzzle together in the 10th month. Kim will have items for sale. Great Christmas present idea for the quilter who has everything.

December 13, 2019 – Cathy Sexton will give a talk on **ORGANIZNG YOUR QUILT ROOM**. Cathy was a member of Thimble and Thread years ago and now has her own business **Productivity and Profit Specialist**, helping overwhelmed, under paid small business owners. Having been a quilter herself Cathy know how a quilter can be overwhelmed when an area is out of order.

January 10, 2020 – Sew-in for Community Service.

Welcome to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

We hope you will join us at one of our monthly meetings, a workshop, or a retreat. Explore our web site <u>http://www.thimbleandthreadstl.org</u> to see some of the quilt-related things going on in St. Louis, our Guild and elsewhere.

We meet at Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 South Kirkwood Road at 7:00 pm on the second Friday of each month, unless changes are announced in the newsletter or on the website.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. 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.

A pre-meeting dinner is held at Chili's restaurant, Kirkwood Commons, 1130 S. Kirkwood Road (just north of I-44) starting between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. If you plan to attend, please let Susan Sanders know either by phone or email so she can make reservations accordingly. If you do come, let the staff at Chili's know you are with "the quilters" so they can seat you at the correct table.

Note: we will be changing restaurants with our October meeting; hopefully, finding a restaurant closer to our new meeting location.

Membership Time

Remember it's time to renew your membership to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild if you haven't already. Membership forms will be available at the meeting. We thank you for your contributions to our Guild!

Newsletter Deadline

The next deadline for submitting items for the Thimble & Thread newsletter is September 23, 2019. Please send entries to <u>thimbleandthreadnews@yahoo.com</u>. Any questions, comments, etc. regarding the newsletter should be send to Susan Sanders, the editor for 2019-2020.

Opportunities for volunteering, learning and making new friends!

The following positions are currently available on the Thimble and Thread Board of Directors:

Ways and Means – Overseas the fundraising activities of the Guild Quilt Show Chair – Heads the Quilt Show Committee

Also available is **Fabric Raffle coordinator** – a fun activity for the guild, a way to visit with your BFF various quilts shops in the area, and a chance to meet guild members as they purchase raffle tickets.

All of these positions may be held by Co-Chairs. Considering volunteering and supporting Thimble and Thread. A Guild is only as strong as its members!

Contact Debby Logan if you are willing to help with these activities

Fall Retreat October 4th – 6th 2019

It's not too late to sign up for our Fall Retreat. There is still space available and those of us already signed up would enjoy having more company. If you've not been to a retreat, this is your chance to join us and get to know some of your fellow Guild members on a more personal level.

Price: \$240.00 per person single occupancy, which is how the contract is written.

Payment Schedule: You may submit a down-payment of at least 50% of the amount by the August meeting. The balance will be due no later than the September 2019 meeting.

Meals included: 2 meals on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, and 2 meals on Sunday.

Check in/out: Check in no earlier than 9 a.m. Friday morning (10/4); check out no later than Sunday (10/6) by 2 pm.

For those of you who have not attended one of our retreats before, this is a do your own thing retreat.

We start sewing as soon as we can get the room set up. We must be out by 2 pm on Sunday afternoon, so usually we stop sewing at noon, turn off irons so they can cool down, enjoy lunch and then come back and pack up. You may sew as late into the night as you desire or start as early in the morning as you want. Naps are optional. We ask everyone to bring a shareable snack and usually have way too much snack food. We share large ironing and cutting surfaces and freely give advice and lots of "oohs and aahs".

Rules are simple: be mindful of your neighbors; work as much or as little on your project(s) as you wish, and above all enjoy yourself.

Susan Sanders Retreat Coordinator

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee gives a warm hug for all who participated in making quilts for the college students this year. On July 26, 2019, your quilts were given to the college bound students who were awarded scholarships from the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund. There are no words to describe the smiles your beautiful quilts brought to these students.

The Ceremony was held at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. The Honorable Judge Donald G. Wilkerson presided and presented each scholarship recipient with a certificate of award. All students told where they are going to college and their major. There were 24 students in attendance along with families and other supporters. Another seven students picked up their quilts. I thought these pictures would express more than we could ever say. On behalf of the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund we thank all the members of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild for the beautiful quilts. A special thank you to the Chairs, Pamela Coaxum and Karen Puricelli and Delores Keaton for her leadership and creativity. Thank you. Thank you.





Optional Blocks



Legacy Quilt - From Ricky Tims - www.rickytims.com

Schoolhouse Block

"Then Laura saw the schoolhouse. It was out on the prairie beyond the end of the dusty road.... A bell rang. A young lady stood in the schoolhouse doorway, swinging the bell

in her hand. All the boys and girls hurried by her into the schoolhouse." ~ Laura Ingalls Wilder, On the Banks of Plum Creek, Ch. 20 "School"

The Schoolhouse Block, familiar to most quilters, it is very traditional, but your fabric choice can make it look contemporary, and I thought it might appeal to many of our guild members.

Make the **Background** (Fabric A) any **light-colored fabric** Make the **Schoolhouse** (Fabric B) any **medium to dark fabric** The main importance is that there is a **strong contrast** between the two. Make the **Frame** the **same color as the Background**.

Since not everyone's ¹/₄ inch seam allowance is the same, please make the frame wider than suggested on the pattern to allow for trimming (when I printed out the pattern, no matter how hard I tried, the printing test turned out just a smidgen smaller than an inch, and that is how I constructed the sample).

If you are like me, you might have to do some trimming to make the pieces fit, don't worry about it; that is why we make the frame larger.

Your finished block will be bigger than 15" x 15", because you made the border wider to allow for trimming.

Write your name on to a seam allowance with permanent marker.

If you print these instructions out from the Newsletter and plan to use the templates, please pay close attention to the printing test in the upper right corner. Templates may be found on Thimble & Thread's website.

Minutes

The August meeting of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild came to order at 7:00p.m. On August 9, 2019. Fourth members and 4 guests in attendance.

Denise Poepsel introduced guest speaker Kristin Gula, a modern thread artist from Swansea, Illinois. She creates hand embroidery items picturing various flowers, fauna and limericks . Her work can be found on her website Gulash.com. She creates custom made patterns and ready made products, travels across country giving workshops teaching hand embroidery. Committee Reporting

July minutes approved after being corrected

Still looking for new meeting place

There is still room for October retreat first weekend in October

Deadline for newsletter August 19

No new business.

Drawing for four door prizes

Show and tell completed meeting by 8:45

Treasurer's Report

Profit & Loss Statement	Aug.2019	July 2019
Income		
Membership Dues	270.00	480.00
Retreat Income	480.00	615.00
Guest Passes	34.00	0.00
Workshop Income		
Fabric Raffle		
Quilt Raffle		
Optional Blocks		
Total Income	784.00	1,095.00
Expenses		
Printing		28.77
Website		
Room Rental		
Business Insurance		
Speaker	150.00	60.00
Office Supplies		
Travel		
Workshop fee		
Program Expense		
Raffle Quilt		
Fabric Raffle Retreat		
	2,550.00	
Total Expenses	2,700.00	110.77
Tot. Other Income Interest		
Net Income	-	984.23
	1,916.00	

Balance Sheet	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	10,177.56
Arsenal CU checking #2090	9,936.34
Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Total Checking/Savings	20,145.37
Accounts Receivable	
11000 - Accounts Receivable	276.00
Total Accounts Receivable	20,421.37
Total Current Assets Other Assets	
Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	6,206.21
Arsenal CU CD - 6 month	6,107.20
Total Other Assets	12,313.41
Total Assets	32,734.78
LIA/Total Current Liabilities Accounts Payable	915.00
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	20,866.03
32000 - Retained Earning	10,104.52
Net Income	849.23
Total Equity	31,819.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	32,734.78



Thimble & Thread Board of Directors 2019-2020

Officers

President	Debby Logan
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