



THIMBLE & THREAD QUILT GUILD OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

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“HAPPY 4TH OF JULY”

What a great June meeting with Betsy Resnicek from Home Sweet Home and Sr. Josephine Niemann, SSND sharing her Zebra Quilt story. Sister Josephine also presented her “Fidelity” Wedding Ring Raffle quilt, here is the information on that:

CutRite Double Wedding Ring Template Set - using Slit-N-Sew Method (www.quiltersparadisesc.com) works well for scrap quilts.

Next Thimble and Thread Quilt meeting will be on “ZOOM”, July 9 at 7:00pm. Julie Tucker will set up meeting access and forward that information by email to all paid members.

We will have a National Speaker give our Program for us on July 9:

DIANE MURTHA

QUILTER, FIBER ARTIST, LECTURER, TEACHER

“My quilting adventure has been long and varied, including delusions of grandeur, some epic fails, a few triumphs, many “good enoughs” and most importantly, increasingly satisfying results. The stories that go along with my quilts are equal to the warmth and smiles they bring. If only I could just follow a pattern without making changes, it would be so much easier. But where is the adventure in that? Challenge yourself!”

CHALLENGES 1 - ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE & WIN A PRIZE

An informative and humorous perspective on her quilt challenge experiences, including a trunk and slide show. She will discuss what she has learned from the various challenges, other ways to challenge yourself and sources of inspiration. And most importantly how challenges can expand your quilting skills and inspire all of your quilting!

Check her website at <https://www.dianelmurtha.com/index.php>

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 20,2022

The recommendation of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Committee and Board of Directors determined that all members in good standing, those having paid dues for 7-1-2020 to 6-30-2021 will not have to pay dues for the upcoming year, their membership is automatically renewed.

That means, those members that paid last years dues, you do not have to pay for 7-1-2021 to 6-30-2022, you are paid in full.

Anyone joining after July 1, 2021 will pay the membership fee of \$30.00 for the year 7-1-2021 to 6-30-2022.

All members will have to pay dues effective July 1, 2022 at a rate to be determined by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the By-Laws.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2021

Thimble and Threads Treasurer's Report May 2021			
Checking			
	Opening Balance		\$4,862.79
	Checks		\$145.00
	Deposits		\$1,530.23
	Closing Balance		\$6,248.02
Savings Balance			\$31.47
Money Market			\$9,972.98
6 Month CD			\$6,165.56
1 Year CD			\$6,382.32

Minutes from June 7, 2021 Board Meeting:

The June 7, 2021 meeting of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Board of Directors was called together at 7:00 p.m. by co-treasurer, Adele Niblack. Twelve members were present on Zoom.

Election of officers for 2021-2022 was first on the agenda. The Board elected Adele Niblack to fill the board representative position on the Nominating Committee. Two persons from the general membership will be recruited to complete the committee. Positions to be filled are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Ruth Grimes, co-treasurer reported that the anticipated budget deficit will be \$4,185 due to Covid 19 and not having the 2020 quilt show and not having in-person meetings and gatherings. The board approved taking funds from the Guild's money market account to meet the shortfall as needed. A proposed 2021-2022 budget sheet was e-mailed to the board in advance of the meeting. Discussion ensued. It showed actual year-to-date numbers for July 2020 through April 2021 and possible amounts for 2021-2022 where the \$4,185 deficit was explained. A motion was made to accept the tentative budget for 2021-2022. It was seconded and passed.

Lillian Seese, co-membership chairman, stated she has updated the membership directory for 2020-2021 and will e-mail it to paid members. This is the most economical way, so printing cost is not in the budget.

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church has increased its rental fee from \$125 per month to \$200/month. A year contract must be signed and attendance will be limited to 50 members and require a variety of social distancing and tracking requirements. Custodial and cleaning expenses are still questionable with a possible additional cost of \$60 per month. It was decided that it is too difficult for in-person meetings until we have more details and we will continue with Zoom meetings. Art Kruse offered to do some research into other locations and report back.

The Global Quilt Connection has increased its fee for the All Star Virtual Sampler Platter to \$100 for guilds of 50-100 members. The next event by GQC is October 2 and 3 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. CST each day. A motion was made for T & T to pay this, seconded and passed. Guild members will get a link to the event the week before.

Speakers and Programs are a budgeted item. Any Zoom presenters will be paid out of the Speaker Budget. The June speaker is Betsy Reznicek from Home Sweet Home. Also, Sr. Josephine Niemann, SND will be a guest and speak about her "Aren't Zebra's Fantastic?" auction quilt. Diane Murtha has been scheduled for August and will present her program about quilt challenge experiences and how they can expand and inspire all your quilting.

Future Quilt Show will become an ongoing discussion. Maybe a quilt show in 5 years?

Charity Quilt Program is going well. Thirty-four quilts are complete and many more kits were taken at the picnic last month.

Susan Sanders, Retreat Chair stated that more members need to sign-up for the October retreat.

FYI– City Sewing Room and Charity Sharity have become partners. Items can be delivered to the City Sewing Room. If no one is available, there is a shed on the side to put things in.

Heyde Sewing Machine has moved to a new location at 11960 Tesson Ferry Road and is having a Grand Re-Opening on Sat., June 19 from 9 AM to 4PM.

Adele Niblack closed the meeting at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Stewart, Secretary

LOST AND FOUND

Jean Ameduri is searching for a current address, phone number, and or e-mail address for Lynn Isenberg? She has questions about silk quilts. A guild member thinks she moved to Hawken House Condos. Forward information to Jean Ameduri, quilterjean@att.net or if you have Lynn's contact, ask her to contact Jean at above email address. Thanks

Another article from the New York times from David Poepsel:

From The New York Times: Welcome to Barn-Quilt Country Take a road trip in the Midwest to see a homegrown art form that creatively combines aspects of Americana.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/15/travel/wisconsin-barn-quilts.html?smid=em-share>

“You know you’re getting old, when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder, what else you could do while you’re down there.”

Comedian George Burns

The June 11, 2021 Thimble and Thread Guild meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Adele Niblack, Co-treasurer. Twenty-two members were present and two guests, Betty Reznicek and Sr. Josephine Niemann.

The guest speaker Betsy Reznicek, is the founder and executive Director of Home Sweet Home (HSH). Thimble and Thread members have been making and donating quilts to HSH for several years.

Sr. Josephine Niemann, SND, was featured recently in a video about the making of her quilt, "Aren't Zebras Fantastic?" This 36" quilt was inspired by a photo of a mother Zebra and her baby. It was auctioned to raise funds for Microfinancing Partners in Africa.

Business

Minutes: The May meeting was the picnic. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented, seconded and approved.

Treasurer: The May profit and loss statement was in the last newsletter. The current checkbook balance is \$6248 and total guild assets \$ 28,767.

From Retreat Coordinator, Susan Sanders:

Retreat is October 1, 2 ,& 3, 2021. Eighteen members have signed up. Seven more are needed to fulfill the contract agreement.

Other upcoming dates for T&T members:

The next Global Quilt Connection will be October 2-3. Eighteen Quilt teachers will present some of their favorite quilting techniques over the two days. Time is from 2-5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. There is no cost to guild members. You will receive a link to the event the week prior to it. No registration is required.

A second free Global Quilt Connection event is a free Meet the Teacher webinar where teachers present a 1-2 minute review of their styles and techniques and links to their website. The dates are October 11-13 from 3-4:30 p.m. CST. Register individually at the GQC website

<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/guildresources.html>

Membership: Lillian Seese stated that any guild member who paid the \$30 membership for the 20-21 year would not need to pay dues for the 21-22 year. New members will pay the regular \$30 for the 21-22 year.

Meeting Location: Several guild members are researching possible new meeting locations due to the increase in rental fee from \$125 to \$200 at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. We are waiting on more information from several of these locations.

Program: The August program speaker by Zoom will be Diane Murtha.

<https://www.dianelmurtha.com/index.php> She is a quilter, fiber artist, lecturer and teacher from Iowa who is one of the teachers from the Global Quilt Connection. Among other topics, she will talk about how challenges can expand your quilting skills and inspire all your quilting.

Outreach: Jeanette Oesterly reported that 34 small quilts were delivered to Nurses for Newborns recently.

2021-2022 Officer Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consisting of one Board member and 2 members from the general membership will begin as of July 1 to search for a new slate of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer). The slate of nominations will be in the September newsletter and will be presented at the September 10 meeting. If there are no additional nominations from the floor, the vote will be held. If there are additional nominations from the floor, the names will be in the October newsletter and there will be a ballot at the October meeting.

Other information:

City Sewing Room and Charity Sharity are now partners at the 6700 Arsenal location. See the website for donation information. <https://www.citysewingroom.com/>

Nancy's Notions is now open in Hamilton, MO (home of Missouri Star Quilt)

Show & Tell: Five pictures and stories were available for viewing and discussion.

Newsletter: items are due to Denise Poepsel by June 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Submitted by Gay Stewart, Secretary

T & T Officer Election In September

The nominating committee will begin meeting in July and will present a slate of officers for 2021-2022 for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer at the August Guild meeting. The committee consists of Adele Niblack, Board representative, and Cindi Bell Neville and Gerry Carson from the general membership. For information about officer duties and responsibilities, see the T & T web site, Downloads / Policies and Procedures.

Possible New Location of T & T Guild Meetings to be Discussed at July 9 General Meeting

The Guild's contract with Webster Groves Presbyterian Church for meeting space expired in September of 2020. Since groups were not meeting at that time, we are now getting information about a new contract for that space. The church has raised the monthly fee from \$125 to \$175. With that in mind, several members have been investigating other meeting locations. WGPC provides microphone and podium, projector and screen for Zoom presentations by out of town speakers, access to kitchen facilities. Seating capacity is 100 persons.

Another location under consideration is the Shrewsbury Community Center, 5200 Shrewsbury Avenue, 63119. The rent is \$30 per hour. They provide only a screen. We would bring our own microphone and projector (the Guild owns a projector). Seating capacity is 100. All entrances and rooms are on the main floor.

There will be discussion at the July Guild meeting and a vote by the membership.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit any information for the August Newsletter to Denise Poepsel, dapoep@gmail.com by July 23, 2021 in WORD format.

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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](tel:3144489838).

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](tel:3145443433)

Thimble & Thread Retreat 2021

October 1 – October 3, 2021

Fellow quilters – we now have 19 people signed up for retreat. Just need 6 more to meet our commitment of 25 people. In order to reach our goal of 25 people, please if you plan on coming, send your check to me so I can put you on the list. And for those who have already signed up – do you have a cousin, other family member, or best friend who you'd love to spend time with quilting. Why not ask them to join you for the weekend. Price is the same whether they are a member of the guild or not.

Since the Retreat is the first weekend in October, we need to have everyone signed up by our September meeting (9/10/21). If you've made a partial payment, the balance is due by September also. If possible, please get your payment to me before then – I already know that I will be out of town that weekend.

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.

Now to get some work-in-progress projects finished so I can concentrate on what I want to work on during Retreat.

Susan Sanders
Retreat Coordinator.

From the Post Dispatch obituary on May 23, 2021, I noticed a name from my early days with quilts. Tricia (Patricia) Woo. I remember visiting her shop in the Central West End filled with homemade quilts, not so much by her I had found out, but from women that

made and quilted her designs in their homes from Missouri and Illinois. A cottage industry back in the early revival days, and not by machines. I remember they were old traditional patterns. I'm thinking that many of us had been there, always searching out anything that related to quilts. The shop closed in the 1980's, and she continued to sell her quilt and artist products wholesale under the name American Collectibles. She was 78.

If you have gotten to the end of the newsletter, go back and check out all the information in the June minutes, Nancy's Notions has opened a store front in Hamilton, MO.

Check out updated information about Charity Sharity at City Sewing Room.

Jeannette Oesterly will be happy to deliver Charity quilt kits that are all made up with cut fabric and batting, remember Leigh Ann Huckaby or Ruth Grimes have offered to long arm machine quilt those Charity Quilts for you.

Everyone stay happy and healthy and enjoy and be safe for the 4th of July and hope to see you at the Zoom meeting on July 9 at 7:00pm

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