



Thimble and Thread Quilters Guild of St. Louis Monthly Newsletter Volume 47, Issue 1

President's Message

Friday the 13th, January 2023, meeting welcomed back everyone from the holiday break.

Adele Niblack, Co-Vice President, introduced our evening's speaker, Mrs. Kacie Starr Long, founder and CEO of Not-For-Profit, SEW HOPE COMMUNITY SEWING ROOM, in Florissant, Mo. Kacie wanted to share her interest in sewing with others and with support and help from Anne Stirnemann of CITY SEWING ROOM in South City, she and her husband opened the center in a strip mall early last year of 2022. Last summer during hard rains, the area was flooded and they had to close and temporarily did find a new location to continue and as the damage is repaired and are getting closer to being finished, they hope to have a GRAND Re-Opening in March at:

Sew Hope Community Sewing Room

630 Hwy N. 67

Florissant, Mo. 53031

Kacie's cell: 314-324-7248

www.SewHopeSTL.com

Hrs: Tues, Wed, Thurs. 12-8

Fri, Sat. 10-6



Kacie gave an enthusiastic and strong presentation in her decision to open the Sewing Room, focusing on the desire to help formerly incarcerated women from prison to learn sewing skills from the classes offered, to go forward in their lives with a skill for future success. Like the City Sewing Room, they take donations of fabric (larger than a fat quarter) and sewing notions and sell those to the public, presently \$3.00 for a pound of fabric. They offer classes and are always looking for teachers to share new topics and skills. The Sewing Room has a “SEWCIAL” every 4th Friday for people to interact and share stories and abilities in sewing.

They have a wish list on website and you can keep up with progress through FACEBOOK/WEBSITE/INSTAGRAM. I hope that many of us will support Kacie and the re-opening of Sew Hope in the future.

I received a notice of 2023 KANSAS CITY REGIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL, June 15-17, 2023. The Festival’s website is: www.KCRQF.com and on Facebook if you are interested in attending and getting more information about the show.

Our annual Retreat in October has found a new location with guidance of Susan Sanders and help from

Shelbe Bullock and Lillian Seese.

One of the guests we had at the meeting was Malcolm Sneed, finding out he is the speaker for our February meeting. He seemed to have a loyal following already as many members were in conversation with him. We look forward to his talk next month.

The Guild is having its first workshop in many years on Sat. Jan. 21st with Jane Baumstark on Fabric Painting, hope to see lots of work at February's Show and Tell.

I was told that past member, Debbie Miles, had passed away last year.

A future program in September is an auction and we need members to contribute items for sale, so remember as you clean out your sewing room to look for:

- UFO's. (best pattern with fabric)
- Fabric that you had to have and now can't find a project to use it for
- Quilts or wall hangings
- sewing boxes, quilt stands
- vintage fabric, etc.

See you at our next meeting, **Friday, February 10, 2023** at Shrewsbury Community Center at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Poepfel, President

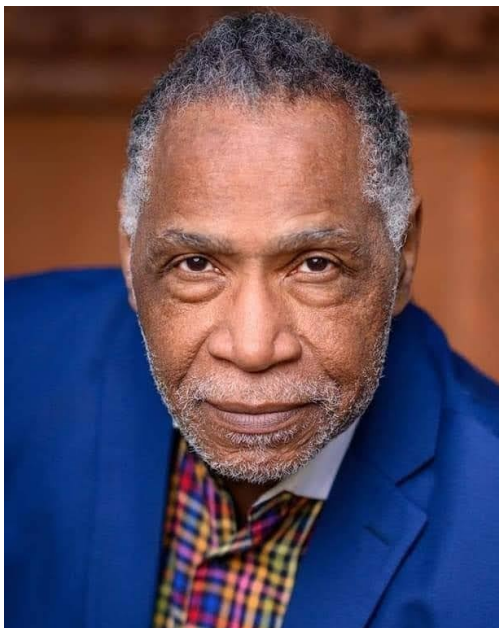
Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild meets on the second Friday of each month. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:00pm at Shrewsbury City Center, 5200 Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, MO. 63119.

Guild meetings are open to non-members free for first visit and \$3.00 per visit thereafter, unless programs given by National Speaker, then \$5.00 fee is charged. Membership dues are \$30.00 a year, beginning in July and \$15 for a half year beginning in January.

ITEMS TO BRING TO MEETING

- Masks are optional
 - Name tag - make personal handmade tag for yourself
 - \$\$ for Fabric Raffle
 - Show and Tell items
 - Only water bottles with screw caps are allowed
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FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Malcolm Sneed, the speaker for the February Thimble and Thread meeting, came to quilting by way of interest in a quilted bed cover in a retail store. The cost was \$300. Too much, he said. "I can make that."

Thus started a new creative journey for Mr. Speed. He channeled his enthusiasm for fabric and quilting by enrolling in a beginner quilt class at Jackman's. He soon explored the St. Louis area's fabric stores for supplies to create new and more advanced designs. He also searched for quilt groups in north St. Louis, but found none.

Another journey was born. He started a new quilt group to meet at St. Alphonsus Rock Catholic Church where he was a Minister of Music since 1991. "Quilters of the Rock" quilt group started meeting in late 2006 and is going strong today.

Along the way, he worked at two quilt shops, trained to operate a computer driven long-arm quilting

machine and taught classes.

Mr. Speed will have a trunk show of his quilts at the February meeting and relate more of his quilting journey.

SAVE THE DATE
THIMBLE & THREAD RETREAT 2023
Dates: October 20, 21, and 22, 2023
Where: Mercy Conference & Retreat Center
2039 North Geyer Road
St. Louis, MO 63131
Cost: We have the option of single or double rooms.
Single - \$290.00
Double - \$250.00 each

We will need to have 20 people sign up to maintain these prices.

As those of you who have attended Thimble & Thread's retreat in the past can see, we have changed location. Although we have had a lot of great retreats at Pallottine, a decision was made to look at other options. Our criteria included (1) must provide food, (2) be a reasonable driving distance, (3) willing and able to accommodate quilters, (4) handicap accessible in both public and private areas, and (5) require fewer than 25 people. Lillian Seese and Shelbe Bullock assisted me in this search.

The retreat starts at 9 am on Friday, October 20th and will end after lunch on Sunday, October 22nd. Lunch and dinner are included on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. We have to be out of the premises mid-afternoon on October 22nd.

We will start taking reservations for the Retreat at the February meeting of Thimble and Thread. You may pay either the whole amount or make a down-payment of 50% with the balance due no later than our September meeting. After the September meeting, I will need to provide them with a list of attendees and any food allergies they need be aware of. Checks are to be made out to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild.

We will be opening this retreat up to other guilds in the area in late Spring. Any questions, please contact Susan Sanders (bpandq@aol.com) and please reference the retreat in the subject line.

In the meantime, keep on quilting!
Susan Sanders
Retreat Coordinator

Minutes of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

January 13, 2023

The meeting started at 7:00pm by President, Denise Poepsel, welcoming members and guests back from the holidays. Adele Niblack, Co-Vice President, introduced the evening's speaker, Kacie Starr Long, founder and CEO of the Sew Hope Community Sewing Room in Florissant, MO. The mission of Sew Hope is to serve the St. Louis area by providing a gathering space to share and learn from each other thru the art of sewing, quilting and crafting. Kacie gave an enthusiastic detailed picture of what she hopes the future of the Sew Hope community is and will be as they go forward as a faith-based non-profit community. They had only been open for a short while when the original location was demolished by the July floods. They found temporary space, but hope to re-open this March, going forward step-by-step to reach numerous goals. Sew Hope has a focus to help past incarcerated women from prison in learning a skill in sewing to go forward and be a success on their own. She spoke of traveling in February to Mozambique, with another group to teach woman sewing skills too.

Sew Hope is located at 630 Hwy. N. 67, Florissant, Mo. 63031 in a strip mall under a sign that reads: "SEWING". They accept donations of fabric (fat quarter or larger) and notions and sell them as well, \$3.00 for a pound of fabric. They have a wish list on their website as well you can find information on FACEBOOK/WEBSITE/INSTAGRAM.

Committee Announcements:

Workshops - Adele Niblack for Cynthia Clifton reminding members that we have a workshop by Jane Unger Baumstark, painting on fabric at Jackman's Fabrics from 1 to 5 pm on Jan. 21st. Jane will forward a supply list to those already registered and there are still openings until Jan. 18th for anyone else interested in attending.

Membership - LaDonna Patterson reported that her head count and those signed in matched, (36) so no one had to sign in at break. We had several guests this month too.

New Business: The newsletter deadline for February newsletter is next Friday, Jan. 20th to Patty Thompson

Old Business - A correction was made to the minutes from January newsletter concerning a correction that was made to the Dec. minutes: the correction to the spelling of Paula Hardi's name it was shown as Hardy. And it was noted that Paula was offering an Appliqué Quilting class but it is her sister Angela Lawrence that is the quilt teacher. A motion was asked for from the floor to accept these changes, Susan Sanders made the motion and Jeannette Oesterly 2nd. Those in favor of approving those changes to the minutes of Dec. meeting in the Jan. newsletter were "Yes". No "Nay" votes, the minutes were accepted

with changes.

Retreat - Susan Sanders gave an updated report on the search she and Lillian Reese and Shelbe Bullock had researched over the holidays. They liked Mercy Retreat and Convention Center in Frontenac and hope to confirm and move the Retreat to that location, more information will be coming.

Our next meeting will be Friday, February 10th and featuring Malcolm Sneed.

Membership and fabric raffles were held.

Show and Tell produced a lot of beautiful quilts, as usual many for our service projects, people were busy during the holidays. Lillian Seese heeded the warning from Miriam Murphy to get those quilts out of closets and dressers. She showed us just the first of many to come in future months of those old quilts she had put away, and now had spread out on extra bed to get creases out of them.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Denise Poepsel

Membership Report

We had a total of 36 attendees at the January meeting. 4 guests joined us as new members. Welcome to Michelle Ahrens, Mary Jo Barbush-Weiss, Julie Eggemeyer, and Jean Wash.

Beginning in January dues are now \$15 for the remainder of the year, ending June 30.

LaDonna Patterson

TREASURER'S REPORT— DECEMBER 2022

By Ruth Grimes, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$3,986.88	
	Checks	\$288.11	Room Rental, Program, Fabric Raffle
	Deposits	+ 37.17	Fabric Raffle, Membership
	Ending Balance	\$3,835.94	
Savings Account	Balance	\$31.47	
Money Market Account	Balance	\$6,318.23	
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,202.26	
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,426.73	

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Patty collects the news and Kathy composes the newsletter and handles MailChimp service.

Please submit newsletter information to PATTY THOMPSON, pat.thomps85@gmail.com. Please 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.

Here is the link to Show and Tell photos from our January Meeting:

<https://fb.watch/iiKrvkBS2H/>

Here are the photos from Fabric Painting Workshop:

<https://fb.watch/iiKPOXtAmQ/>

Download our List of Officers, our Committee Chairs and
Publishing Schedule for the 2022 - 2023 year.

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