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President's Message

Dies Caniculares

Here we are, already in August and past the dog days of summer. The “Dog Days” of summer last from July 3 to August 11. What are the Dog Days of Summer, exactly? What do they have to do with dogs? The ancient origins of this common phrase might surprise you. You might have visions of dogs panting in the heat, but the origins have to do with the heavenly constellations.

This period of sweltering weather coincides with the year’s heliacal (meaning “at sunrise”) rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris—the “Greater Dog”—which is where Sirius gets its canine nickname, as well as its official name, Alpha Canis Majoris. Not including our own Sun, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky.

In ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome, it was believed that the dawn rising of Sirius in mid-to-late summer contributed to the extreme weather of the season. In other words, the combined heat of super-bright Sirius and our Sun was thought to be the cause of summer’s sweltering temperatures. The name “Sirius” even stems from the Ancient Greek seírios, meaning “scorching.”

Today we can remain comfortable despite the heat and humidity because of the marvelous invention of air conditioning. I love to sit in the cool and comfort of my house and sew on quilting projects that won’t be needed until the temperatures cool considerably. Without air conditioning it would be too uncomfortable to do – even hand work would be less than fun!

I have been working on quite a few different EPP projects this past year, because I was not able to sit at the sewing machine due to back issues. Those have been successfully treated with back surgery, but I have fallen in love with EPP. My latest project is the Brimfield block pattern.

(<https://brimfieldawakening.com/product/brimfield-block-epp-pattern/>) The pieces are relatively large and easy to manipulate, and I am quite liking the project. I have sewn all the rings together and am in the process of appliqueing them by hand to the background squares. While I give away much of what I make these days, this one I will keep for myself. I urge you to try it if you haven't tackled EPP (English paper piecing). It is an easily transportable method that lends itself to travel by car, plane or train. The supplies are minimal and don't take up much room. There is another pattern by the same designer – "Sparkle" – that I may try next. I will order the papers from paperpieces.com.



Several members have already started working on their pink quilts for the president's challenge, due in February.

The challenge is to make a pink quilt. Other colors can be included, but when you look at your quilt, it should say "I'm a pink quilt!" You may make any size, use any technique, and make any block. I have suggested that the quilts be at least baby size (36" square, 40" x 40", etc.) so that if you don't have a use for a smallish pink quilt, it can be donated to our comfort quilts and make a baby or small child happy. We will vote on our favorite at the February meeting and the maker of the quilt that receives the most votes will get a gift certificate to a local quilt shop.

The September meeting will consist entirely of the auction that will be led by Kevin the Quilter. Bring cash or checks; the guild does not have the ability to take credit cards. There will be no business meeting, raffles, or other activities that normally occur at meetings. All proceeds will be for the benefit of the guild. Spread the word. All are welcome. No charge for the event to guests. Even if you don't buy anything, an evening with Kevin is always entertaining. Until then

Choose joy!

Mary Ellen

President, Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild



ONLY SIX MORE DAYS!

September 8, 2023 Meeting & Auction

Kevin the Quilter will lead our Auction at our September 8 meeting. He makes the event entertaining, fun and PROFITABLE!

When you arrive, get a bid number and a sheet with a list of the items to be in the auction. Cash or checks only will be accepted. Items will be picked up after the auction is complete. All proceeds go to the guild. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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](#).

September program is the guild auction with Kevin the Quilter as auctioneer. Denise Poepsel reminded everyone there would not be a fabric raffle or free table at the September meeting.

ITEMS TO BRING TO MEETING

- No Fabric Raffle this month
 - No Free Table this month
 - Bring Cash or Check to pay for your Auction items
 - Name tag - make personal handmade tag for yourself
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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN RICKY TIMS IN FORMING

A NEW WORLD WIDE TEA PARTY FOR QUILTERS!

In the early 90s when Ricky was a fledgling quilter, he started a mini-group within Thimble & Thread called Mad Adders. The group continued for many years.

Over the years Ricky has wanted to revive Mad Adders on a national/international scale. Current technology will enable this to finally happen. Anyone who wishes to participate can now enjoy the same experience as Ricky's St. Louis groups back in the 90s.

Mad Adders is a concept to create a wall quilt, primarily created using patchwork, in a round-robin fashion. The six individuals each provide a starter piece and each participant adds to it. The originator should not see their project until the reveal party. After the reveal party, the originator may then alter, change, or add to their quilt top and then finish it as desired. The size of the finished quilt is not limited, but would likely be no larger than 60" with most quilts finishing in the 36"-50" range

Please register by October 1 or sooner

Starts October 4th

[Find out more about it!](#)



15th Harvest of Quilts

QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW

**Friday and Saturday
September 15 & 16, 2023
9 AM to 5 PM**

OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA EXHIBIT HALL B
715 Locust St., Evansville, IN 47708

\$10 Admission • Under 12 Free • Free Parking • Handicap Accessible
(Ask a guild member for a \$1.00 off admission coupon while they last)
Food and beverages are available for purchase.

EXHIBITIONS:

- Over 200 Quilts on Display With Judged and Non-Judged Entries
- 2023 Raintree Quilters Guild Raffle Quilt
- 2022 Birthstone and Birth Flower Challenge
- 2023 Chickens Having Fun Challenge

QUILTER SHOPPING:

- Boutique of Handcrafted Items for Christmas & Other Occasion Shopping
- Merchant Mall
- Silent Auction of Handcrafted Items
- Another Chance for Animals Charity Benefit & Adoptions
(Sale of pet blankets and beds made by guild members and raffle quilt chances to benefit pet care. Donations also accepted.)
- Mystery Gift Card Drawing
- 20 Raffle Baskets of Varying Size and Value
- Quilt Appraisals by Appointment

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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

Last call for Retreat! We still have a couple of openings so if you're thinking about coming and haven't signed up yet, now is the time to do that.

A 50% down payment is required to save a space. You can either mail a check made out to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild to me ([905 N. Woodlawn, Kirkwood, MO 63122](#)) or bring it to the August meeting.

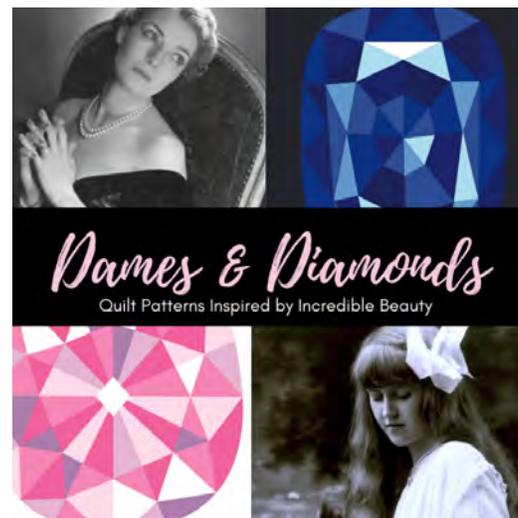
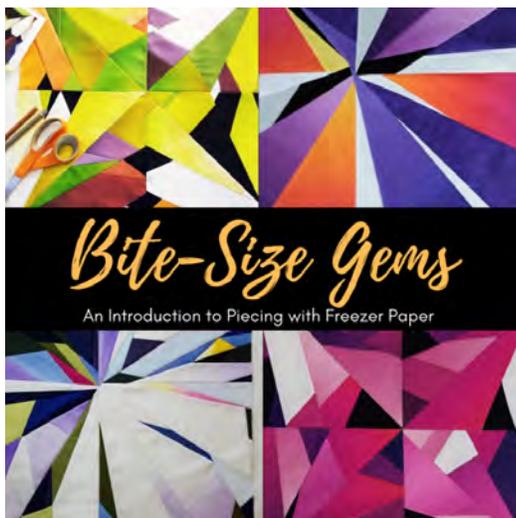
The retreat starts at 9 am on Friday, October 20th and will end after lunch on Sunday, October 22nd. Lunch and dinner are included on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. We have to be out of the premises mid-afternoon on October 22nd.

Registration will close with the September 8th meeting. After the September meeting, I need to provide the retreat center with a list of attendees and any food allergies they need be aware of.

In the meantime, keep on quilting!

Susan Sanders, Retreat Coordinator





GEMSTONES ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

Precision Paper Piecing

2 Workshops with MJ Kinman

Bite Size Gems

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Jackman's Fabrics – [1234 N. Lindbergh Blvd. 63132](#), 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM
(includes half hour lunch break)

Dames & Diamonds

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Jackman's Fabrics – [1234 N. Lindbergh Blvd. 63132](#), 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM
(includes half hour lunch break)

Bits 'n Pieces Quilt Guild is pleased to host MJ Kinman for two workshops, October 25th, and October 26th.

Do you love the precision of foundation paper piecing but HATE ripping out papers? Do you get a headache turning your brain inside out and upside down to stitch those perfect FPP lines? MJ has a unique and exciting approach to traditional piecing with freezer paper that gives you the precision of foundation paper piecing without the mind-bending exercises and paper mess of foundation paper piecing. MJ's shares her approach to color, light, and piecing with aspiring quilt artists to create their own gemstone portrait.

Here's a [flyer](#) if you are interested.

Minutes of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild August 11, 2023

The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Mary Ellen Adams, President. She reminded the guild of her pink quilt challenge, baby size, any technique and due the February meeting. She reminds everyone to "Choose Joy".

Anne Hennig, Vice President, introduced guest speaker, Ruth Grimes. Ruth, her daughter Kendra and husband Bill, created Stump Stamps Company. The company makes fabric stamps out of wood. The stamps use wax, no paints or ink. Kendra does most of the designs and Bill does most of the woodworking. Ruth gave a detailed description of how the fabric is stamped and dyed. The website is: www.StumpStamps.com

Jean Ameduri is requesting children's size and twin size (70" by 90") quilts for the Ukrainian refugees. You can make the quilt tops and turn them in to be quilted if you are unable to quilt them yourself. If you have questions, please contact Jean.

Susan Sanders gave her report on the upcoming retreat October 20-22. The deadline to sign up is the September meeting. The cost is \$250 for a double room and \$290 for a single.

There were 36 members attending our August 11th meeting. LaDonna Patterson will update the membership list next week.

Jeanette Oesterly is asking for children and animal fabrics for the charity quilts. Let Jeanette know if you would like to attend a "cut in" to make kits for charity quilts sometime after Labor Day. Jessie and Sally Koczan need your prayers as Jessie recovers from two strokes.

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The St. Louis Art Museum Educational Center is offering Sewing Workshops 1-4 pm Sundays, August 13 through September 10. The Community Bojagi Family Friendly Sewing Project is in partnership with the Gateway Korea Foundation. For more information visit



www.gateway-korea.org.

Cindy Clifton is having a Fabric Rumble Saturday, September 23rd. The address is [2779 Winding Valley Dr. Fenton, MO 63026](#). If you have questions, please contact Cindy 314-496-8144.

Last month's meeting minutes were passed with corrections.

Kate Lottes held the Fabric Raffle. The fabric was from Hickory Stick, Hannibal, MO.

Attendance prizes were awarded.

Show and Tell was presented by members of the guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Niedewski, Secretary

AUGUST SHOW AND TELL







From Top, Left to Right:

1. Shelby Bullock is teaching a class at Central Baptist Church. These are three samples she made to inspire her student on the second project. They are based on six postcard design designed by Elaine Young.
2. Jeanette Oesterly combined some orphan blocks and her creative touch to create these joyful wallhangings.
3. A completed quill top donated to our guild's upcoming auction. It would be a beautiful fall themed quilt. Just waiting for your creative quilting.
4. Sunflowers piece by Mary Ann Whaley, and shown and quilted by Christine Engberg.
5. A recent creation by Russ Horne with his beautiful appliqué and precision piecing.
6. One of the appliqué quilt blocks in a large completed top donated to the guild auction and ready to be quilted.

7. This is a quilt made by members of Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild in 2001 to honor those lost in the 2001 tragedy in this country. It has been on display in New York since then, but was recently returned to Suzanne Chisum. Each block is labeled on the back and many of our members today made one or more of the blocks.

Membership Report

We had 36 members attend the August meeting, no guests. Thanks to the members who renewed their membership at the meeting. Those who have not renewed are now removed from the roster. But it's not too late to renew! Click here for [2023-2024 Membership Form](#).

I am looking forward to the September auction with Kevin, as I know many others are also! Because it will be a fun and exciting meeting with many goodies, we will not be having attendance prizes.

Happy quilting!

LaDonna Patterson

TREASURER'S REPORT— JULY 2023

By Kay Sherrick, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$5,603.17	
	Checks	- \$ 501.52	Room Rental, Program, Fabric Raffle, Charity Quilts
	Deposits	<u>+\$1,358.00</u>	Fabric Raffle, Retreat, Membership
	Ending Balance	\$6,861.42	(not al checks have cleared)
Savings Account	Balance	\$31.47	
Money Market Account	Balance	\$6,391.10	
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,257.74	
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,540.18	

Notice of Annual Business Meeting Change

Because we are having an auction to benefit the guild at the September meeting, the board has decided that the annual required business meeting, normally in September, will be moved to October to give it proper attention. After the required prior notice to membership, the change was approved at the August 11 meeting

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Newsletter articles are due the Friday following our monthly meeting.

Please submit newsletter information to KATHY SHERRICK, 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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