



THIMBLE AND THREAD QUILT GUILD OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
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“ENJOY THE LAST MONTH OF SUMMER”

The August 13, 2021 Thimble and Thread meeting will be “ZOOM” at 7:00pm and Julie Tucker will set up access and forward to all paid members by email. We will have a National Speaker give our program:

NINA CLOTFELTER



August Program: Nina Clotfelter

Nina is a national quilting teacher and lecturer who will be teaching six classes this year at the Houston Quilt Festival in October. But this month, she will bring her presentation on thread to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild.

Nina lives in Mobile, Alabama and is used to traveling extensively for guild presentations and workshops.

Check out her website ninaquilts.com for a complete picture of her quilting and style.

A summary of her lecture is below and comes from her website.

THREADS - What's the BIG deal?

This is a FUN lecture on all the things you didn't know you needed to know about thread!

As an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads, Nina has learned a lot and she wants to share!

Thread is like candy! Sometimes you just can't get enough...LOL!

When we purchase thread it's usually the color we buy, or the thread the shop carries. In this lecture you'll learn about the different weights of thread and why they make a difference. Ply, why is that important?

Specialty threads like metallic, monofilament, tinsel threads, how do we work with them? Why do metallics give us issues? This lecture is FULL of information you'll be thrilled you know now!

Majority Votes to Move Guild Meeting Location to Shrewsbury

Thimble and Thread Guild members have voted to move the location of the monthly meeting to Shrewsbury Community Center (Parks and Recreation) by a vote of 28 - 12. The vote on Survey Monkey showed 12 votes in favor of staying at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. The Survey Monkey report showed that as a 70% majority for the relocation.

The new location will be available for the September 10, 2021 meeting. The address is 5200 Shrewsbury Avenue. 63119. The main parking lot is on the north side of the building. There is access from the west and south side of the building also.

More information and a map will be in the September newsletter about our future in-person meetings again at Shrewsbury Community Center, after all the final arrangements and contract are finalized.

T & T Treasurer's Report

June 2021

Checking

Starting Balance	\$6248.02
Checks	1626.24
Deposits	30.23
Ending Balance	\$4652.01

Savings Balance \$ 31.47

Money Market \$9973.80

6 month CD \$6167.96

1 year CD \$6389.48

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.

Internationally celebrated artist, teacher, and author, Faith Ringgold is best known for her painted story quilts – art that combines painting, quilted fabric and storytelling. Her famous quilt, Tar Beach, resides at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York. Ringgold also works in many other media, such as the notable mosaic for the New York subway system at 125th Street in Harlem, where she grew up and taught for many years, bringing the proud history of African-American masters to a new generation.



The reason I have put the information in the newsletter about Faith Ringgold is that there was a feature about her on the CBS Sunday Morning Show on July 11 if you wanted to check it out. My husband David didn't have any articles from the New York Times this month so finding a new quilt artist or refreshing your interest in her work. She was a friend of past deceased member, Cuesta Benberry.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have any articles for newsletter to Denise Poepsel in word form by Wed. August 15, 2021.

From a T-shirt

“Life is too short to waste time --- matching socks”

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

Zoom Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2021

Diane Murtha was our Zoom guest speaker this month. She believes in **challenging** yourself to learn something new. Challenges can be formal (invitational, quilt shops, fabric companies, equipment companies, magazines, etc.); or informal (salvage challenge, state/local fairs); and others are personal (class, new pattern, technique, color, tool or lucky find that needs to be finished, and many more). Diane believes always to be learning and don't be afraid to try something new, she learned from her mistakes too.

Business Meeting:

Debbie Logan, President, thanked 25 members in attendance

1. June 2021 Board of Directors meeting - a correction was noted that the month for Diane Murtha was July not August, Correction made, a motion was made to approve June 2021 Boards of Directors meeting minutes, seconded and approved.

2. June 2021 Guild Member meeting - a motion was made to approve, seconded and approved.

3. Meeting location - Suggestions for our meeting location included Weber Groves Pres. Church (our current location) and Shrewsbury Community Center location. A discussion ensued, included the advantages/disadvantages of each location, what we would need to purchase and how the selection of the location would actually happen? A motion was made to have an email response to reach all the members to be able to vote by July 23, 2021, via Survey Monkey with Julie Tucker and Adele Niblack facilitating the email, seconded and approved.

New Business:

1. News need to be submitted to Denise Poepsel by July 28th for the August newsletter.
2. Nominating committee will be Cindy Bell Neville, Gerry Carson and Adele Niblack. They will contact members hopefully to have a slate of officers at the August meeting.
3. Loose Threads Quilt Guild will be hosting events in the next two months.

4. Quilt Show - discussion about combining with another quilt guild for a quilt show. Anne Hennig suggested that be put on hold until the new Boards of Directors are in office.
5. Anne Hennig noted that she works at the City Sewing Room (www.citysewingroom.com) She does the long0arm quilting at very reasonable cost.

There were a small number of items for Show and Tell

the meeting closed at 9:10pm

Respectively submitted,

Gay Stewart, Secretary

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

Yes, the below is the same old same old thing.

But, we are getting close to our goal of 25 participants. We now have 20 people signed up for retreat. Just need 5 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 Nominating Committee:

I attended a virtual quilt guild meeting for another quilt guild last night. It was a great lecture. I listened to a wonderful “How I became a quilter” story, picked up some tips and enjoyed the company of my fellow quilters. All in all, a very enjoyable evening!

The meeting brought home to me what quilt guilds are all about. This gathering of people passionate about our craft/art, exchanging stories and ideas, being encouraged and inspired and ending up feeling renewed brings joy to everyday life and I treasure these experiences.

The nominating committee has not been able to fill the positions of Vice-president, Secretary or 2nd Co-treasurer for Thimble and Thread.

The Vice-president is in charge of programs for the guild meetings. Running for an elected office is a scary thing and the position of Vice-president carries a lot of responsibility, but it is also arguably the most rewarding position in the guild. Is there someone you have been wanting to present at a guild meeting? Here is your chance. You will be corresponding directly with our speakers and more often than not will gain a new friend! Please consider running for this position – the bottom line is that without a Vice-president, we cannot run the guild and will be forced to dissolve Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild. I know I don't want that – I hope that you don't want it either.

But here is where the strength of the guild really shines. Thimble and Thread has many members who are familiar with the quilting world and have lots of ideas! They have also dealt with contracts and all of the other details associated with bringing in (or virtually setting up) a speaker. Consider working with a partner. Our Bylaws allow for Co-vice-presidents. If you are a wiz at contacting people and setting up speakers, but are at a loss about who and how to initially contact someone, think about working together. There is also the possibility of an informal committee of guild members who could come up with suggestions for speakers and programs. I know there are several past Vice-presidents who would be more than willing to do this. The bottom line is that the guild has your back. You are not alone and we can work this out.

I have found that the more I put into the Guild, the more I get out of it. If you truly want the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild to continue, to create new friendships and nurture old ones, to learn techniques and marvel at innovative ideas and to share your stories and accomplishments – in other words, to grow, learn and love – please consider running for Vice-president, Secretary or Co-treasurer.

Please contact any of us if you wish to volunteer

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Adele Niblack 314-973-5740 pa.niblack@att.net
Gerry Carson 314-353-4886 gerrycarson@gmail.com

We will also take nominations from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) at the August 13 meeting; publish the names in the September newsletter and vote at the October 8 meeting.

The persons who have accepted nomination thus far are:

President – Denise Poepsel
Co-treasurer – Ruth Grimes

UPCOMING GLOBAL CONNECTION

Next Sampler Platter Dates October 2-3

Thimble and Thread is registered for the next Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 & 3. The presentation is from 2:00-5:00 p.m. CST. This event will not be recorded.

Guild members will receive a link to the event during the week prior. Even if you are at the Guild retreat that weekend, check out the event on your phone, tablet or laptop and meet the quilters being featured in 15 minute segments.

The GQC is a wonderful resource for quilters nationwide and new techniques and ideas. Below is a link to free programs at GQC.

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

The Guild Officers that were voted in at the March 13, 2020 meeting by the membership are to serve July 2020- June 2021:

President	Debby Logan
Vice - President	Vacant
Treasurer	Adele Niblack Ruth Grimes
Secretary	Gay Stewart

2020-2021 Standing Committee Chairs

Membership	Lillian Seese Julie Tucker
Newsletter	Denise Poepsel
Workshop	Cynthia Clifton
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse
Outreach	Sally Koczan Jessica Koczan
Retreat	Susan Sanders
Historian	Jean Ameduri
Fabric Raffle	Anne Hennig
Website	Susan Sanders

Chair offices that are still open for volunteers are:

Quilt Show
Ways and Means

another T-shirt quote:

“Since there is only one of ME.

Does that make me ENDANGERED or a LIMITED EDITION?”

