



# Thimble And Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

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## News From the President

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### HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

“America is not like a blanket -one piece of unbroken cloth, the same color, the same texture, the same size. America is more like a QUILT: many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread.”

The Rev. Jesse Jackson

Again, your Newsletter Editors, Kathy Sherrick and Patty Thompson stepped up to get meeting changes sent out to you that we were going to a “ZOOM” meeting at the last minute for Friday’s meeting, Julie Tucker set up the two “ZOOM” meetings and Cindy Bell Neville put out request to members for quilts to have a substitute program for us, thanks for your quick work.

The next meeting of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild will be on **Friday, February 11, 2022**. The doors open at 6:30pm, the meeting starts at 7:00pm at Shrewsbury City Center, 5200 Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, Mo. 63119. We will have a local speaker, Hallye Bone give program.

Guild meetings are open to non-members, free for first visit and \$3.00 per visit thereafter, unless pro-

gram given by National Speaker, then a \$5.00 fee is charged. Membership dues are \$30.00 a year.

### Items to bring to Meeting

- Masks are recommended
- Name tag
- \$\$ for Fabric Raffle
- \$\$ for Retreat
- Items for Free Table, take back anything not already taken
- Show and Tell items
- Charity Quilts

Please, only water bottles with caps are allowed.

LaDonna Patterson and Gay Stewart, Membership Chairman have kept us updated with new roster sent by Mail Chimp to all paid members.

The Board held a meeting at 6:00pm, prior to regular Friday meeting, and notes are further in the newsletter.

That time again to have a Nominating Committee for next years officers, Ruth Grimes, Treasurer has held office for two years and has volunteered to be the Board member for the Committee. If you would like to serve on the Committee to find needed replacements please contact Denise Poepsel, [dapoep@gmail.com](mailto:dapoep@gmail.com) .

### WHERE’S WALDO?

“I spy with my little eye” where’s DeWayne Carron. Several members at the meeting said they spied ”DeWayne” of Cross and Crown Quilting in Gammill sewing machine ads in several quilt magazines this month. Have you spied him?Friday

Fun sayings from Connecting Threads catalog

- “Quilters come with strings attached”
- “Well behaved women rarely make quilts”
- “Let It Snow - Let Me Sew”

Denise Poepsel, President



### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

In February we will welcome Hallye Bone to Thimble and Thread. Hallye will present “Quilting in Hard Times”

Hallye is a quilt appraiser, certified by the AQS. She is an author of *Caring for Your Quilts* from Kansas City Star. She lectures on 30's quilts, crazy quilts, redwork, quilt care and other topics. She is an expert at quilt repair. She teaches in several St. Louis area quilt shops and gives workshops across the Midwest.

### March 2022

In March, national speaker, MJ Kinman will present "Gems and Joy" via Zoom at our Shrewsbury location. MJ likes to say she makes the biggest diamonds in the world. But instead of using the hardest substances in the world, she uses the softest – fabric. She describes the techniques she uses to create her giant gem portraits as traditional piecing using freezer paper for templates.

**April** finds us welcoming Jane Baumstark. Jane loves surface design and she will be showing us how easy it is to paint fabric and include it in traditional quilts.

In **May**, Candy Grisham will enlighten us with "What is Modern Quilting?"

Our postponed member demonstrations are tentatively scheduled for **June**. Included are fabric bowls, machine ruler work and machine applique.

In **September** we have an exciting surprise. Ricky Tims is coming to St Louis! He will present "Reach for the Unreachable, Believe in the Impossible"

Ricky Tims is known for his whimsical storytelling, motivational anecdotes, and an inspirational body of work which spans a lifetime of

creative endeavors that include music, photography, writing, and quilting. Through his own experiences Ricky will deliver an uplifting and encouraging multi-media presentation that will highlight the benefits of setting goals and ignite the flames of purpose and determination for your own creative journey.

Co-Vice-Presidents/Programs:

Cindy Bell Neville and Adele Niblack

### THIMBLE & THREAD 2022 RETREAT

Retreat dates for 2022 are **October 28, 29, and 30** at The Pallottine Retreat Center.

The cost per person for 2022 retreat will be \$330.00 per person. Since last year we did not meet the minimum number of participants (25) as per our contract we are assessing this year's cost on having 20 participants. If we have more than 20 people sign up for the retreat, each person will be entitled to a refund based on the actual number of participants. The minimum number of participants is determined by The Pallottine Retreat Center to ensure they have adequate staff and are able to cover their costs.

For our new members, The Pallottine Retreat Center is located in Florissant, MO in what once was a convent. Everything we need is under one roof – sewing space, dining, and sleeping. If the weather is decent, there are areas outside to walk both on the grounds as well as a very old cemetery which in itself is an interesting place to visit. My visit there a few years back indicated that a husband, his wife, and some of their

children were buried on one side of the lane and it appeared that his mistress was buried across the lane.

The retreat starts at 9 am on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and will end after lunch on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 by 2 pm on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will start taking reservations for the Retreat at the February meeting of Thimble and Thread. You may pay either the whole amount of \$330.00 or make a down-payment of 50% (\$165.00) with the balance due no later than our September meeting. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sanders ([bpandq@aol.com](mailto:bpandq@aol.com)) and please reference the retreat in the subject line.

In the meantime, keep on quilting!

Susan Sanders  
Retreat Coordinator

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE JANUARY 2021

We had a total of 30 members online at our January Zoom meeting.

As a reminder, we are continuing the attendance prizes, and are gratefully accepting donations for prizes! Any books, patterns, sewing notions, small gift items that you make, etc., are welcome! As you are cleaning out your sewing room for the new year, remember the membership table! Thank you so much to those who have already contributed.

LaDonna Patterson

**Are You Missing a Puzzle Piece?**

Did you attend the Fall 2021 Quilt Retreat?

On the free table, to be given away was a **jigsaw puzzle of the Titanic**, in a large Zip Lock bag.

I have a piece that is missing from that puzzle, and rather than toss it in the trash, I thought I'd try to track down the person who picked up the puzzle. If you have any info about this, let me know!

Lillian Seese

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**TREASURER'S REPORT— DECEMBER 2021**

Ruth Grimes, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$6,855.26	
	Checks	-0.00	Pres. Exp, charity labels, room rental
	Deposits	+111.00	New Members, Fabric raffle
	Ending Balance	\$6,967.25	
Savings Account	Balance	\$31.47	
Money Market Account	Balance	\$4,976.95	
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,174.18	
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,403.99	

## **Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild BOARD MEETING, January 14, 2022**

The Zoom meeting was opened by President Denise Poepsel at 6 p.m. Present at the meeting were: Denise Poepsel, Adele Niblack, Cindy Bell Neville, Ruth Grimes, Jean Ameduri, Kathy Sherrick, Jessica Koczan and Art Kruse.

**President, Denise Poepsel:** The Nominating Committee needs one board member to serve on the committee. Ruth Grimes volunteered.

**Quilt Retreat Susan Sanders:** President Denise Poepsel spoke with Susan Sanders. Last year participants \$264 for their 3-day no-frills retreat. Every 2 years the Pallotine Retreat Center raises its prices. A contract has been signed for Oct. 28-Oct. 30, 2022. In order to avoid a shortfall on money taken in to cover the complete cost of the contract, the cost this year will be \$330/person based on attendance of only 20 participants. If the income is over \$6,600, each participant will get a rebate. A motion was made by Ruth Grimes and seconded by Cindy Neville to accept the contract from the Pallotine Retreat Center and charge \$330/person and if we get more income, there will be a refund to participants. The motion was passed.

**Ricky Tims Programs: Cindy Bell Neville:** Ricky Tims will be our speaker for on our regularly scheduled meeting date of September 9, 2022. The venue will be the Shrewsbury City Center. Ricky suggested charging \$10/person for the 250 participants=\$2500 total income Another board member suggested charging more for non-members. Ricky's fees include \$500 for the program and \$500 for airfare. Ricky will pay for meals and lodging. A motion was made by Ruth Grimes and seconded by LaDonna Patterson to accept this proposal. The motion passed

**Quilt Studio Tour 2022 Proposal: Jean Ameduri:** Jean e-mailed a basic proposal for the guild to sponsor a Quilt Studio Tour in 2022. Many possible features, plans and details were presented. Cindy Neville made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to consider the feasibility of the studio tour in the fall of 2022. It was seconded by Kathy Sherrick. Denise will be announce this tonight at the January meeting and members will have several days to submit their name. An ad hoc meeting will be held before the February monthly meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Ameduri, Secretary  
Jan. 16.,2022

## **Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Meeting**

January 14, 2022

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by President Denise Poepsel via Zoom (though there were supposed to be 3 demonstrations, they have been postponed to the June 2022 meeting due to covid omicron concerns with being so close together at tables). Instead, with just a few days notice, members were asked to submit photos of their first and last quilts. Thanks to the following members who submitted photos to Cindy Neville for a Powerpoint presentation: Cindy Neville, Adele Niblack, Art Kruse, Denise Poepsel, Kathy Sherrick, Lillian Seese, Ruth Grimes, Anne Hennig, Mary Ellen Adams, Sr. Regina Kobayama, and Sr. Josephine Niemann.

**Old Business:** LaDonna Patterson, Membership Chairman, has an updated membership list. Kathy Sherrick volunteered to send it out via Mail Chimp. Adele Niblack, Program Chairman, announced that Hallye Bone will speak on "Quilting in Hard Times" at our February meeting. Denise Poepsel, President, received 100+ utensils for Home Sweet Home and took them to their office.

Susan Sanders, Quilt Retreat Chairman, reported an increase in price for the annual 3-day no-frills retreat on October 28-30, 2022. With a new contract for \$6,600 (up 8% from 2 years ago), the price per person will be \$330. The guild is not subsidizing the retreat. If there more than 20 participants, they will each get a rebate. Registration will begin at the February 2022 meeting.

**New Business:** There were 30 members who joined our Zoom meeting. Cindy Neville made a motion to accept the December minutes which appeared in the January newsletter. This was seconded by Anne Hennig. The motion passed. Ruth Grimes will be the board member serving on the Nominating Committee. An ad hoc meeting will meet to consider the feasibility of a fall 2022 quilt studio tour. Volunteers for the committee are: Shelbe Bullock, Art Kruse, Ruth Grimes, and Anne Hennig. Other members have until Jan. 21 to volunteer with Denise Poepsel for this committee. Adele Niblack mentioned that the Global Quilt Connection (which has presented 2-day short quilt presentations from quilters around the world for the last 2 years) will be held in 2022 on March 19-20, July 30- 31, and September 17-18. The cost for all of 2022 will be \$100. A motion was made by Adele Niblack and seconded by Giselle Rucker to pay the \$100 fee to continue our Global Quilt Connection program. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Ameduri, Secretary  
January 15, 2022

