



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

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February 15 program: Comfort Quilt Sew-In

For our annual sew-in, the building will be available by 6:30 pm and I will be on hand to help with your unloading. We hope to have sufficient sewing, cutting and layout surfaces for a productive evening! Because of the limited number of electrical outlets, we plan to set up two ironing boards for use by the team members.

Please contact Karen Puricelli at kpuricelli@sctservices.com or (314) 614-8832 as to your plans for attending so that we can arrange the space ahead of time.

See pages 5-6 of this newsletter for more information about the evening and the supplies you will need to bring. I'll have several squares with inspirational words embroidered on them available if you would like to incorporate those into your top, but it is not necessary. If you do have a request for an embroidered inspirational saying or words, please let me know now so that I have time to make them up before the meeting.

I'm looking forward to an evening of friendship and comfort being sewn into these quilts that will give joy to these outstanding young people who are starting college next fall!

Karen Puricelli, Outreach Co-chair

Welcome to Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild

We hope you will join us at one of our monthly meetings, a workshop, a retreat or even a quilt show. Explore our web site <http://www.thimbleandthreadstl.org> to see some of the quilt-related things going on in St. Louis, our Guild and elsewhere.

We meet at Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 South Kirkwood Road at 7:00 pm on the second Friday of each month, unless changes are announced in the newsletter or on the website. **(Please see note regarding church parking on pages 4-5).**

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Guild meetings are open to non-members, free for the first visit (unless the program involves a national speaker), and \$3 per visit thereafter. A \$5 fee is charged whenever a national speaker gives the program. Membership dues are \$30 per year.

A pre-meeting dinner is held at O'Charley's restaurant, 1242 South Kirkwood Road, starting between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. If you decide to join us, please let the staff at O'Charley's know you are with "the quilters".

Board Meeting Announcement

There will be a meeting of The Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild of St Louis Board of Directors on February 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Grant's View Branch of the St Louis County Library at 9700 Musick Road (just off of Gravois).

Raffle Quilt

I am in the process of putting together a photo card of the raffle quilt to give out at the next meeting to all members to sell raffle tickets to friends and neighbors. Please consider supporting our guild in making this a successful campaign. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Thank you in advance for your help.

Diana Suzuki-Tyrey
Ways and Means Committee

Volunteer opportunities

1. **Nominating Committee:** the Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for the Executive Board (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) at the March guild meeting. Committee members will contact guild members to determine interest and willingness to run. If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact Cindy Neville.
2. **By-laws Committee:** Our by-laws are in dire need of updating. The By-laws Committee may build on the preliminary draft already completed. Contact Cindy Neville if you are willing to help with this project.
3. **Workshop Chairperson:** works directly with the Vice-President to make sure all of our workshops run smoothly. See the Standing Rules on the guild's website (http://www.thimbleandthreadstl.org/file_download) for details. Contact Denise Poepsel.

Newsletter deadline

The next deadline for submitting items for the Thimble & Thread newsletter is February 24, 2019. Please send entries to thimbleandthreadnews@yahoo.com.

Optional Blocks Drawing Now Scheduled for March

Since January's meeting was cancelled, I have decided that we will not have a drawing for optional blocks at the February meeting. Instead I will make the pattern available at the February meeting for a second time and have the drawing in March.

The March newsletter will also have the instructions for the block printed out for those who decide to participate at the last minute.

To whet your appetite, here is a picture of the sample optional block.



Marianne Whaley, Optional Blocks Coordinator

From the President's Corner

Hello Fellow Quilter

Well, hopefully a foot of snow at our last meeting is the parting shot and we will have welcoming weather for our February Sew-In. Yes, our Sew-In will follow a very brief business meeting on **February 15** starting at 6:30 pm. We are meeting a week later due to a scheduling conflict at the church. We have plenty of time to get our Teams together to turn out a bunch of wonderful quilts for our gift projects!

The Guild's Board of Directors has been working very hard behind the scenes to make our Guild the best it can be, but we need some help.

Our most pressing need is for a Nominating Committee. The committee will consist of at least three people including a Board member. They will contact members who are willing to step up and lead Thimble and Thread into another year of learning, laughter, and fun. The slate of nominees for President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer should be presented at the March meeting, so this involves a month or effort and you are done. Help our Guild grow stronger by joining this important committee.

We are also in need of a Workshop Chair to make our workshops the best they can be and a committee to write a much-needed revision to our Bylaws. Contact me if you can help with any of these positions.

A final word tonight about the loss last week of Chris Willbanks. Chris was an active member and Past President of Thimble and Thread. I remember her best at the quilt shows where her ready smile, steady hand and quiet persistence made life a bit easier and a whole lot better. She will be missed.

Cindy Bell Neville, President, Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

Parking changes due to church construction

Concordia Lutheran has begun a major construction project which will not be completely done until June, 2019. You will need to park in their lots off Woodbine and walk up Woodbine (see the red arrows on the map) to enter the building.

Please consider using the larger lot with the basketball hoop if you are physically able so that members who need them can have the closer lots.

Also, we suggest you bring a flashlight to use as you walk back to your car after the meeting.



Parking colors on map below:

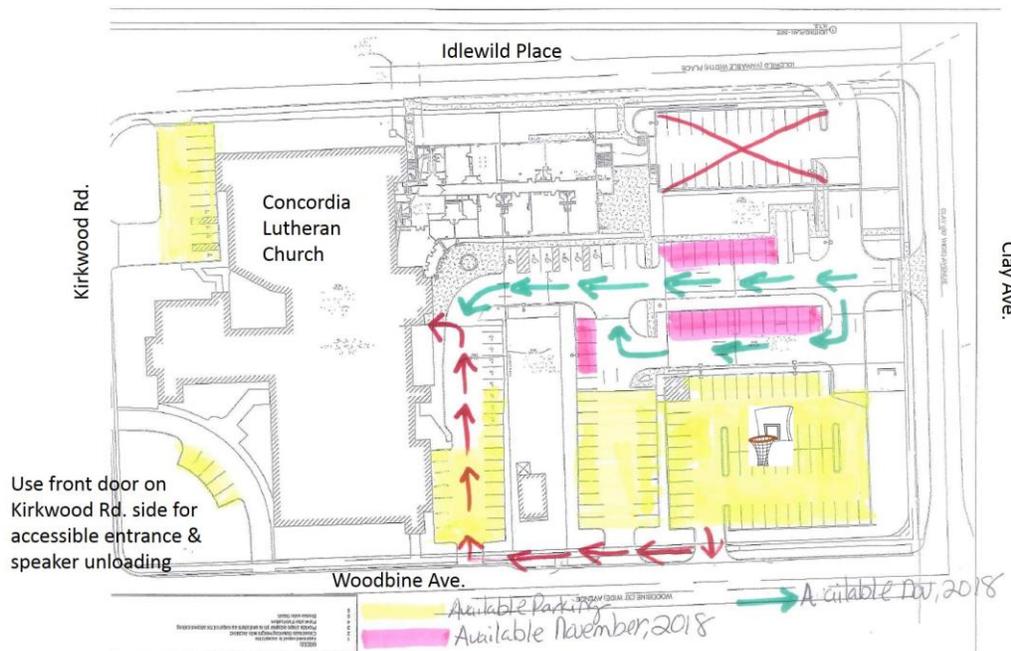
Blue/green arrows: Parking in this area is scheduled to be available November 2018.

Pink: Parking in this area is scheduled to be available November 2018.

Yellow: Parking currently available.

Red arrows: Current path to get into the building.

Use the front door on the Kirkwood Road side for accessible access and speaker unloading.



Our Sew-in is here!

This year's sew-in will be held on February 15, 2019 as our regular meeting. The "Sew-In" will focus on making inspirational college quilts for the scholarship recipients of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois: Greater East St. Louis Community Fund.

Room set-up:

We will have a second room for sewing in addition to our regular meeting room. Because of the limited availability of electric outlets, the rooms will be set up as follows:

1. Sewing machines will be placed in the second room and all sewing will be done there.
2. Two ironing stations will be available in the regular meeting room and pressing, cutting, and planning will be done there.
3. Each team will have "runners" between the rooms.

Teams for the Sew-In:

Thimble & Thread Guild Members will work in teams of 2 – 3 people. Each team will decide on a theme and colors for your quilt. You may use any pattern you want. Feel free to make your plans and cut your pieces beforehand so that the February meeting can be devoted to assembling your top. We would like the quilts to finish at approximately 54" x 88". Each team should plan to bring:

Sewing machine
 Cutting mat
 Rotary cutter
 Ruler

If you want to make an inspirational words quilt like the one designed by Karen Puricelli (see picture), your supply list is below. The quilt is made up of eight rows of twenty - 5” x 5.5” squares, with inspirational words or quotes incorporated in the areas you select. You will need:

--7 sashing strips 2” x 90” (cut size)

--160—5”x5.5” squares (cut size)

--Inspirational words or a quote on 5.5” wide pieces to be included into the quilt. Your words can be embroidered or written with a fabric marker on fabric. There will be a basket of embroidered inspirational words for you to use, and if you have specific requests, please let Karen know.



This is an opportunity for Guild Members to work together and to possibly bring a friend to help and work with your team to increase awareness of our Guild. We will set up at 6:30 and hope that each team will have a finished top at the end of the session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us: Pamela Coaxum & Karen Puricelli

Upcoming programs

Please contact Denise Poepsel if you have any questions about these programs.

March 8, 2019, Angela Turner, local modern quilter and artist, will present a lecture and trunk show “Colors of My Soul II” of her quilts and artwork. Her design aesthetic is influenced by engineering and mathematics. Her inspiration comes from life experience, art, architecture, and history. <http://angeequilts.blogspot.com/>



April 12, 2019, Anita Grossman Solomon, internationally recognized quilt instructor and author, will present “**Pages from the Make It Simpler Notebook**”, a multimedia presentation that combines a PowerPoint slideshow with a curated quilt trunk show. Anita makes "artful" bed quilts from classic blocks using her signature non-traditional shortcut techniques that make quilt-making faster and easier. She’s been a guest on HGTV’s “*Simply Quilts*” and “*The Quilt Show*”, featured in magazine and books including “*Quiltmaker*”, and authored three books for C&T

Publishing: “*Make It Simpler Paper Piecing*”, “*Perfect Blocks in Minutes*” and “*Rotary Cutting Revolution*”. <http://makeitsimpler.com/> Anita is offering a workshop (see below).



If you are unable to attend, she will also be giving this presentation to our co-host, Flower Valley Quilt Guild, on Thursday, April 11, 2018, at 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 123 Carson Rd., Ferguson, MO 63135.

May 10, 2019, Movie and popcorn.

June 14, 2019. (TBD)

Workshops

Please contact Denise Poepsel if you are interested in signing up for any of these workshops.

April 13, 2019, Anita Grossman Solomon, will present her unique “**Anita’s Lazy X block**” workshop. This is a block technique class. She will begin with “Lazy X”, but will also teach “Evening Star” and “Road to Berlin” construction. This workshop is being co-hosted with **Flower Valley Quilt Guild** and will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 123 Carson Road, Ferguson, MO 63135. There are **11 slots** available for interested attendees. The cost for the workshop is \$45.00

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Minutes

December 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Denise Poepsel, Vice President.

Karen Puricelli, Outreach, introduced Diana Grey from Home Sweet Home, one of the charities the guild provided quilts for in 2017-2018. They have helped approximately 1000 families since they started in October 2015 by providing furniture and household items. Some of the quilts provided to Home Sweet Home by the guild were then shown.

Old Business:

Nancy Hamilton made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as published in the December newsletter, and the motion was approved.

Cindy Neville, President, announced that the guild is still in need of a Workshop Chairperson and a Quilt Show Chairperson.

New Business:

Cindy announced that the guild needs a nominating committee for the Board for 2019-2020. If anyone would like more information, they should contact Cindy.

Committees Reporting:

Newsletter - Cindy announced on behalf of Kathy Gaynor that the deadline for the January newsletter is December 27.

Membership - Cindy Clifton announced that there were 36 members present and one guest.

Vice President/Programs - Denise Poepsel thanked members for their participation in the auction in November. She reminded members of upcoming workshops - the workshop in March is a two-part workshop held over consecutive weekends, and the workshop in April is being held in conjunction with Flower Valley Quilt Guild. She also announced that next month is our charity sew-in.

Ways & Means - Diana Suzuki-Tyrey reported that the raffle quilt had been taken to St. Clair Quilt Guild, Pattonville High School, and the Overland Craft Fair. She was calling for any ideas for groups to display the quilt in January and February.

Outreach - Karen Puricelli announced that next month will be our sew-in. We will have our normal space as well as the adjacent room. If people have an idea of who they might want to work with, they were encouraged to start coordinating. Karen also invited people to bring friends who are not members to help. She said that if you would like to have special words embroidered, you may email her and she will have it available at the meeting. She also announced that the meeting will start at 6:30 so that we will have plenty of time to work on the quilts.

Optional Blocks - Marianne Whaley announced that she has an optional block pattern that will be available next month as well. It is an Attic Window pattern and members should put something that they would see out the window in the middle of the block.

After announcements, Denise led us in some fun paper folding activities and games.

Break

After break:

Fabric raffle was drawn.

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Fraizer, Secretary of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

Membership

Per the meeting minutes, Cindy Clifton announced that there were 36 members present and one guest in December.

Treasury Report

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT		BALANCE SHEET		
	January 2019	2018Dec	December 31, 2018	
Income			Current Assets	
Membership Dues			Checking/Savings	
Retreat Income			Arsenal CU Checking #2090	8,751.88
Auction		200.00	Arsenal CU Money Market #2060	9,924.03
Workshop Income			Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Fabric Raffle		69.00	Total Checking/Savings	18,707.38
Directory Advertising			Accounts Receivable	
Optional Block			11000 · Accounts Receivable	
Total Income		0.00	Total Accounts Receivable	0.00
Expense			Total Current Assets	18,707.38
Website		60.00	Other Assets	
Retreat			Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	6,156.32
Room Rental		315.00	Arsenal CU CD - 6 month	6,084.54
Speaker Fee			Total Other Assets	12,240.86
Meals		13.40		30,948.24
Travel				
Hotel			Total Current Liabilities	
Program Expense		26.00	Total Liabilities	
Raffle Quilt			Equity	
Membership Directory			30000 · Opening Balance Equity	20,866.03
		414.40	32000 · Retained Earning	11,083.68
Other Income-Interest			Net Income	-1,910.49
Tot Net Income		-414.40	Total Equity	30,039.22



THE QUILTED FOX

Super Bowl Sunday Sale !!!!!

Sale!! February 3, 2019

11:00 am-4:00 pm

100's of fabrics on sale!!!!
 Come in and check our sale table!
 Books and patterns on sale too!!!!

Paducah Bus Trips April 24 -- 26, 2019

Paducah is a Mecca for quilters and quilt enthusiasts during the American Quilter's Society Annual Quilt Show & Contest. The bus goes down in the morning and returns that evening. There will be a bus each day, Wednesday through Friday. Sign up now to hold your seat! It's only \$61 per person which covers the bus. Meals and show entrance are on your own. Call now to reserve your seat!
 314-993-1181

Don't forget—we're open every Sunday from 12 – 4 pm

Visit us at: 10403 Clayton Road in La Chateau Village or call us at (314) 993-1181

Monday & Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30;

Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

Find our newsletter on our web page: www.quiltedfox.com

Officers & Committee Chairs

Officers

President	Cindy Bell Neville
Vice President	Denise Poepsel
Secretary	Katie Fraizer
Treasurer	Leigh Anne Huckaby
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse

Standing Committee Chairs

Newsletter	Kathy Gaynor
Outreach	Pam Coaxum
	Karen Puricelli
Ways & Means	Diana Suzuki-Tyrey
Workshop	
Historian	Karen Terry
Membership	Cindy Clifton
	Debby Logan

(The above group represents your Board of Directors)

Sub-committee Coordinators

Website Administrator	Mary Ellen Adams
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