



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

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### **NEW LOCATION**

**Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild is meeting at our new location**

**Webster Groves Presbyterian Church**

**45 West Lockwood**

**Webster Groves, MO 63119**

**7:00 PM – 9:30 PM**

**Can enter by 6:30 PM**

From the middle of the parking lot, go along sidewalk with cover thru double doors and down a few steps (or elevator on your left) to Fellowship Hall.

For information – the custodian locks the outside doors for security purposes at 7:30 pm. If you arrive after that time or leave the meeting without someone to open the door for you, there is a bell that you can ring by the door and we will hear it and come and let you in.

**January 10, 2020** – Sew-In for Community Service – Pam Coaxum with Susan Sanders and Jeanette Oesterly will be in charge of getting our creative juices going in designing quilts for this year's service project. More information is in the newsletter. Please contact Pam if you are coming with a sewing machine so we have enough space available for all.

**February 14, 2020** – yes "VALENTINE'S DAY" – guild member DeWayne Carron will give a talk about his travels with the Gammill Longarm Company and give us an update on his and Jan's longarm business "Cross and Crown".

**March 13, 2020** – Movie and refreshments "Quilt of Belonging' A Place for All" by Esther Bryan. This film shares the inspiring story of making a 120-foot long textile mosaic

**April 17, 2020** – This is the THIRD FRIDAY of the month, mark calendars accordingly. National Speaker Paul Leger of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada will give a Trunk Show "My Journey in Quilting". Paul will share many of the quilts he has made and designed since 1990 and his journey in quilting. A workshop is offered the following day, Saturday, April 18, 2020.

**April 18, 2020** – Paul Leger, National Speaker from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada will give a workshop on "Patchwork Illusions". The cost for the workshop is \$60.00 for members and \$65.00 for non-members, which includes the

pattern, ruler and fabric to complete two blocks. If interested in taking the class contact Cynthia Clifton, Workshop Chairman, [cindyclifton@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyclifton@yahoo.com) or sign up at the meetings. Location for the workshop to be advised. (Editor's note: due to lack of a color printer, I was unable to include a photo of the block we will be making.)

In addition to being a member of Thimble and Thread, we ask you to **make a name tag** for yourself, so at meetings everyone will get to know you when talking or sitting next to you.

Thanks to Cathy Sexton for the helpful December program on organizing our sewing work area into a manageable space. OR as Cathy showed in the presentation, buy a new home and create the perfect space; wasn't that storage area wonderful? We had some helpful hints from the members as well that have worked for them. When purging our overflow, remember the "Free Table", Charity Sharity, Once We Were Refugees, friends and any other organizations that can use fabric and sewing items.

## Welcome to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

We hope you will join us at one of our monthly meetings, a workshop, or a retreat. 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 Webster Groves Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm on the second Friday of each month, unless changes are announced in the newsletter or on the website.

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 Llywelyn's Pub, 17 West Moody Ave., Webster Groves starting between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. Note: The restaurant is behind the church on Moody, so you can park your car on the church lot and walk over. As this is a new location for us, if you plan to attend, **please let Susan Sanders know either by phone or email** so she can make reservations accordingly. If you do come, let the staff know you are with "the quilters" so they can seat you at the correct table.

## Newsletter Deadline

The next deadline for submitting items for the Thimble & Thread newsletter is January 24, 2020. Yes, I'm giving you a couple of extra days as I will be out of town Jan 13 thru Jan 22. Please send entries to [thimbleandthreadnews@yahoo.com](mailto:thimbleandthreadnews@yahoo.com). Any questions, comments, etc. regarding the newsletter should be sent to Susan Sanders, the editor for 2019-2020. **Note:** information for newsletter must be in by the deadline and in word format only (word.docx). I do not have the capability to convert non-word files to word.

## **Thimble and Thread Retreat 2020**

It's not too early to be thinking about Thimble and Thread's retreat at the Pallottine Center next year. The dates will be September 18, 19, and 20. We have 21 very enthusiastic attendees this year and I know that they are all looking forward to next year's retreat. We have room for 28 members to participate and join in the fun. The cost will be about \$245.00 per person; yes, the rates received from Pallottine went up slightly.

## **COMFORT QUILTS**

As we move through the holiday season, I am constantly reminded of how much I have to be thankful for in my life—a warm home, plenty of food, money enough to meet my financial obligations and an abundance of people that are important to me. While I am blessed with these things, many here in our community are not. The outreach from our guild to the various organizations we are currently supporting give each of us the opportunity to use our talent for and love of making quilts to provide something of comfort to those less fortunate. It is my sincere hope as I happily work on a quilt that my project will give someone not only warmth but more importantly a feeling that they are not alone in the world.

Recently I was privileged to be the drop off person for 31 baby quilts that had been generously given to me by our membership for Sweet Babies. These quilts were distributed within a week of my visiting the headquarters for Sweet Babies to some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in the St. Louis community. Our January sew-in will focus on our efforts to produce more of these quilts. Please come out in January to support this effort. We will be meeting at our location in Webster in the regular room where we will have nine long tables, two ironing stations, and a cutting station set up for your use. You can bring your sewing machine and equipment along with fabric if you wish, or there will be 5" squares cut out and ready to sew. Some of the squares will be packaged into "kits", or you can choose your own color combinations. Fabric for borders, backing and binding will also be available. All skill levels are welcome! Even if you

would rather not lug a sewing machine that night, your help at the ironing station or with the layouts would be welcomed. All skill levels are welcomed. If 5" charm square quilts aren't your thing, any pattern of your choosing is absolutely perfect. A good size for these quilts is 40" x 50", but that is a guideline rather than a rule. Susan Sanders will have a couple of her recently finished quilts on display at the sew-in. Please contact Pam Coaxum by January 8 to let her know if you plan to attend so that she can coordinate the evening. Her contact information is 314-406-6011 or pcoaxum@att.net

We have recently been asked to once again supply extra long twin sized quilts for college bound seniors to be distributed next summer. The need for these would be approximately 20, and the requesting organization does have a limited budget to defray the cost of quilting these if you would like. Pam can answer your questions and will be the point person for this effort.

Home Sweet Home is always accepting new or gently used quilts for distribution to the people served by their program. These can be snuggle-sized (50" x 60") or bed sized (twins or full) and do not have to be for any specific demographic although many of the people served are single mothers with children. I was recently told a very moving story of how one of our twin-sized quilts was given to an elderly man who had been homeless for a long time. Home Sweet Home was able to furnish a one-bedroom apartment for him, and our quilt was put on his new bed. He sobbed as he thanked the volunteer for the beautiful quilt as it reminded him of happier times when he visited his grandmother's house as a child.

Keep up the good work!

Respectively submitted by Karen Puricelli, co-chairman Comfort Quilts

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild  
December 13, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

The December 13, 2019 meeting of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild was called to order at 7PM by President, Debby Logan. She welcomed everyone.

Our guest this evening was Cathy Sexton, creator of Organize My Sewing Room. Are you kidding? She presented a slide show which explained 5 important categories to consider when attempting to gain control of your sewing/quilting space. These categories are:

- 1) Challenges to Organization: time required, getting sidetracked, decisions to make, cost. I wasn't born organized!
- 2) How to get started: one small area at a time, time requirement, process (gather, filter/sort, action).
- 3) What to do with discarded items: donate, trash, give away, 10 items on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, UFOs.
- 4) Storage Savvy: what to store, how to store, easy access location, label, take-with-you projects.
- 5) Organize for efficient quilting: separate workstations.

Cathy's overview included:

- 1) visualize your goals
- 2) how to make it benefit you
- 3) when to start and how long will it take?
- 4) recruit help (quilter friend or not?)
- 5) what's my plan of action to get this done?
- 6) what tools do I need? (boxes, shelves, etc.)
- 7) what do I do with the get rid of stuff?

Members asked questions and offered solutions of what has worked for them.

Cathy can be reached at [cathy@theProductivityExperts.com](mailto:cathy@theProductivityExperts.com) or 314-267-3969 if you would like further organizational help.

Break

The meeting resumed:

1. Membership/JulieTucker & Lillian Seese – there was 39 present including 2 guests. Please remember to sign-in. 3 attendance prizes were drawn.
2. 2020 schedule:
  - a. January – Sew-In for Community Service. Bring your sewing supplies. Please RSVP to Pam Coaxum @ [pcoaxum@att.net](mailto:pcoaxum@att.net) or 314-406-6011.
  - b. February – DeWayne Carron of Cross and Crown Quilting will be our speaker.
  - c. March – Movie “Quilt of Belonging, a Place for All” by Esther Bryan.
  - d. April – **We will NOT meet on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Paul Leger from Canada will be our guest speaker. He will be having a workshop on Saturday, April 18. The cost is \$60.
3. Fabric raffle included 2 packages of 4 fat quarters from Sew Inspired and Quilting by the Yard.
4. Sweet Baby Quilts – 31 mothers of new babies received quilts.
5. Greater East St. Louis Community Scholarship Fund is in need of 12+ extra-long quilts for the scholarship winners. Currently 5 or 8 are being worked on.
6. Maryanne Whaley asked what the Guild wanted to do with the patterns that were used for the Optional Block now that is not a monthly offering.

7. A motion was made to accept the November meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved as written.
8. Old Business – none
9. New Business -- none
10. Show and Tell – 9 members showed +/- 18 creations.

The meeting was closed at 8:36 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Gay Stewart, Secretary

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT			BALANCE SHEET	
	December 2019	November 2019		November 2019
<b>Income</b>			<b>Current Assets</b>	
Membership Dues	30.00	92.00	Checking/Savings	
Retreat Income			Arsenal CU Checking #2090	7,403.56
Misc sales income	2.00		Arsenal CU Money Market #2060	9,946.75
Workshop Income			Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Fabric Raffle	30.00		<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	
Quilt Raffle			Accounts Receivable	-64.00
Optional Block			11000 - Accounts Receivable	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>62.00</b>	<b>92.00</b>	<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>17,317.78</b>
<b>Expense</b>			<b>Total Current Assets</b>	
printing			<b>Other Assets</b>	
Membership directories			Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	6,233.43
Room Rental	125.00	125.00	Arsenal CU CD - 6 month	6,121.26
Business Insurance			<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>12,354.69</b>
speaker	125.00	125.00	<b>TOTAL Assets</b>	<b>29,672.47</b>
President's Discretionary			<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	
Refreshments	21.27		Accounts payable	237.50
Travel				
hotel			<b>Equity</b>	
Meals	16.19		- Opening Balance Equity	20,866.03
Program Expense			Retained Earning	10,782.02
State Registration			<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,213.08</b>
Fabric Raffle			<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>29,434.97</b>
Retreat	70.10			
<b>TOTAL Expense</b>	<b>357.56</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>29,672.47</b>
e Other Income-Interest				
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-295.56</b>	<b>-158.00</b>		



Because every baby has a story to be told

November 27, 2019

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild  
c/o Karen Puricelli  
3 Countryside Lane  
Frontenac, MO 63131

Dear Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild,

All the volunteers at Sweet Babies thank you for generously donating your time and treasure in making all those wonderful and beautiful quilts. Thirty-one underserved families in December will be receiving them, and what a gift for their new babies! We feel blessed to have so many individuals making items for our 'Sweet Babies' bags. While we provide the basic essentials to the newborn like diapers, wipes and clothing, it is all those handmade items we include in our bags that make the bags SO special.

Sweet Babies is expected to donate 900 "Sweet Babies" bags to underserved mothers leaving the hospital with items you helped us provide to keep the babies warm, safe and comfortable. We helped another 150 pregnant women receive an incentive bag through the Fetal and Maternal Clinic who come in for their wellness visits. We provide these women more hygiene related items and expect to increase the number of women we assist to over 450 next year. And finally, we anticipate we will have donated 350 Pack n' Plays to babies requiring a safe place to sleep in 2019!!!

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL for your continued support of our mission.

Thank you for thinking of Sweet Babies and sewing all those wonderful quilts.

Gratefully yours,

Barb Fisher and  
the Sweet Babies Volunteers

*Sweet Babies is an all-volunteer non-profit public charity organized under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services have been provided by Sweet Babies in consideration, in whole or part, for the donation described above.*

*The best gift we can give any child is to make that child feel WANTED, LOVED, and CARED for because that child is the greatest gift of God. Mother Teresa*

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