



Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis

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### **PROGRAMS**

March 13, 2020 - Movie "Quilts of Belonging' A Place for All" by Esther Bryan. The film shares the inspiring story of making a 120-foot long textile mosaic. There will be movie snacks, but please bring your own drink.

April 17, 2020 - This is the THIRD FRIDAY of the month, mark calendar.

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 give his story on the process of creating his works. Paul has given talks and workshops both in Canada and the United States over the years. A workshop is scheduled for the next day, Sat. April 18, 2020.

May 8, 2020 - Local quilter, Raymond K. Houston, will give a presentation of selected quilts in his collection, showcasing different styles and techniques. Mr. Houston is a textile artist who began his first quilt in 1976, America's Bicentennial. He didn't copy patterns, he learned the operations of symmetry and developed his own method of interlocking shapes, called 'tessellations', that he demonstrated on "Simply Quilts with Alex Anderson". Mr. Houston has appeared in national quilt magazines and given talks coast-to-coast.

### **WORKSHOP**

April 18, 2020 - Paul Leger, National Speaker from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada will give a workshop on "PATCHWORK ILLUSIONS". Come one, come all and learn how to magically turn flat fabrics into 3-D quilt blocks.

## **WORKSHOP**



### **PAUL LEGER**

### **PATCHWORK ILLUSIONS**

The cost of the workshop is \$60.00 for guild members and \$65 for non-members. For the workshop fee you will receive the pattern, ruler and fabric to make 2 of the blocks. The workshop will be held at the American Legion Hall, 314 Clay Avenue, Kirkwood, Mo. from 8:30 to 4:00. We encourage you to bring your lunch. To hold your place please sign up with Cynthia Clifton at the monthly meetings or call 314-965-4516. A supply list will be given to you when you sign up.

The Guild wishes to thank DeWayne Carron on his power point presentation at the February meeting, giving firsthand experience working with the Gammill Longarm Company. Contact DeWayne for information if interested in attending the local workshop that Gammill is giving at St. Charles Convention Center, April 14, 2020.

Saw some new nametags at the February meeting, keep up the good work and if you become a member, we ask that you make a nametag for yourself, express your creativity so anyone sitting next to you or standing by you can see who you are.

## **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, 45 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves, MO 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.

## NOMINATIONS

Denise Poepsel, with Nancy Reeves and Jessica Koczan have made a valiant effort in contacting the membership by phone to fill the open positions on the membership.

Members that have said they would stay in office:

President	Debby Logan
Treasurer	Adele Niblack
Secretary	Gay Stewart

New officer:

Co-chair Treasurer	Ruth Grimes
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No takers for:

Vice-President	-----
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Volunteers of nominations can be made from the floor at the March meeting.

## The Parable of Responsibility

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody were members of a group. There was an important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody would have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Anybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did, what Anybody could have done.

(found on the internet – it is a condensed version of Charles Osgood’s – A Poem About Responsibility).

Please keep this in mind when asked if you will take on either an elected position or a committee chairmanship position in our guild.

### **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. Sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting. You will need to put down \$125.00 to hold your space; balance will be due by the August 2020 meeting.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

The next deadline for submitting items for the Thimble & Thread newsletter is March 23, 2020. 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 Quilt Guild February 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The February 14, 2020 Thimble and Thread Guild meeting was called to order at 700PM by Debbie Logan, President. She welcomed everyone.

Vice-President, Denise Poepsel introduced our guest speaker, DeWayne Carron, of Cross and Crown long arm quilting, who also works for Gammill. He shared helpful suggestions for quilters when getting their quilts ready for long arm quilting. He also explained the questions the quilter will ask you as to batting, thread color, pattern, etc. so you will be better prepared and delighted with the entire quilt creation experience.

**Gammill** offers *Creative Studio 7* program free just for logging on. There is technical support available if you need help. DeWayne suggests logging on and seeing what you can create with your quilt and their software. Beginning April 14 & 15 in St. Charles, Gammill will offer the first of four Retreats during 2020

& 2021. Retreats will be held in various locations across the USA focusing on computerized (edge to edge) quilting and hand guided quilting.

Newsletter & Retreat, Susan Sanders stated:

1. Newsletter items are due by Feb. 24.
2. Kits taken home to complete need to be returned
3. Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 18, 19, & 20, 2020 @ \$245 per person.

Membership, Lillian Seese stated:

1. 36 members and 3 visitors were present.
2. Directory updates were available at the Membership table.

Sweet Babies, Karen Puricelli stated:

1. A delivery was made to Sweet Babies organization.
2. Greater East St. Louis Community Scholarship Fund has need of 15 quilts for students going to college in the fall. Eleven quilts have been promised for completion by May 8.

Workshop, Cindy Clifton, stated that the April 18 Paul Leger workshop will be at the American Legion in Kirkwood. Cost is \$60 per member. Bring your usual sewing supplies. Pattern and fabric are included in cost.

Fabric Raffle is back according to Ann Hennig. 2 winners received 3 pieces of ½ yd. cuts of fabric from Quilted Fox.

Meeting schedule - Denise Poepsel, VP, announced:

1. March – Movie “Quilt of Belonging, a Place for All” by Esther Bryan.
2. April – **No meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**. We meet April 17 with guest Paul Leger. Workshop scheduled for Saturday, April 18.
3. May – Raymond Houston
4. June – to be determined.

Vicky Unger is having a Doll Making Workshop on March 18 & 21 from 930am to 230pm. Cost is \$45 includes kit.

Website questions were asked by Mary Ellen concerning how difficult it is to maintain?

Break

December meeting minutes – motion to approve with second. Approved.

Old Business – none

New Business:

1. 2019-2020 Budget – there were no questions. Motion to approve with second. Approved.
2. Nominations for 2020-2021 – Committee will consist of Denise Poepsel, Board Member, and two persons from the general membership. Vice-President, Web Site Manager, and Newsletter need to be filled. No volunteers from the floor. Phone calls will need to be made.
3. Attendance prizes – 4 winners receiving 2 books each.

There were so many amazing Show & Tell items, I lost count.

The meeting was closed at 8:44PM.

Gay Stewart, Co-Secretary

## Thimble and Thread Board of Directors Meeting

January 29, 2020

St. Louis Public Library, Grant's Trail Branch

In attendance: Debby Logan, President; Denise Poepsel, Vice President, Leigh Ann Huckaby & Adele Niblack, Treasurers; Gay Stewart, Secretary; Lillian Seese, Membership; Susan Sanders, Newsletter & Quilt retreat; and Art Kruse, Parliamentarian.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Debbie Logan, President. Since there was no quorum, the meeting was for discussion and information only.

Denise Poepsel explained her budget adjustments and totals.

- May program no contracted speaker at \$300.
- No June program scheduled.
- Will schedule three through August 2020.
- Discussion of budget items.
- Webster Groves Pres. Church, meeting location, contract is only for one year at \$125/mo.

Gay Stewart, Secretary, had nothing to report.

Leigh Ann Huckaby & Adele Niblack, Co-Treasurers stated the 2020-2021 budget has not been approved.

- Charity Quilts increase the budget.
- Leasing space at Cotton Cuts.
- Question was asked, 'where does the batting come from'.
- Program expenses have increased. Travel \$2000.

Susan Sanders, Newsletter & Retreat

- Newsletter is being sent to 200+ people.
- Take the new address out of the Newsletter.
- Retreat – 28 quilters at \$245/each. Should a logo carry bag be created for each?
- Paul Leger will be guest speaker at April 17 meeting with a workshop on April 18.

Lillian Seese, Membership

- There are 75 members. Six are new.
- Ordering additional Guild Pins has been put on hold for right now.

Website Administrator, Mary Ellen Adams, not a Guild member but does website, emails, & member list updated.

Name Tags should be worn at meetings. If not, can we impose a \$.25 charge? Paper ones are available.

Old Business

- What can we do to increase membership?
- Can we plan something special for new members? i.e. sew day?
- Increase amount of fabric for fabric raffle to ½ yard. This is a budgeted item.

New Business

- PVC pipe cost \$600/year to store has been in 2 floods and is becoming brittle. ?get rid of?
- Keep the drapes.
- Art has a quilt frame he wants to get rid of. FREE
- Election – nomination committee needed (1 BOD member & 2 general membership). President – Debbie Logan; Vice-President; Secretary-Marylyn Simpson & Gay Stewart; Treasurer needed.
- By-laws need to be revisited.

Special Edition will be going out: 1. Budget; 2. Election. Due Feb. 6.

Respectively submitted,  
Gay Stewart, Co-Secretary

## COMFORT QUILTS UPDATE

It was my privilege to drop off 69 quilts at the Sweet Babies outreach this morning! They were so happy to receive your generous gifts and will begin distributing them today. The coordinator did ask that we consider making black and white quilts when we can—any color is still gratefully accepted, but if you are digging through your stash and your hands land on black and white prints, those would be wonderful either by themselves or mixed in with other colors.

Pam has a need for 15 college quilts by the end of April and an additional 10 by the end of June. If you have WIPS that would fit the bill of these extra-long twin size quilts, please consider finishing them up and passing them along!

The board generously gave a budget line to cover the cost of batting for the comfort quilts project. I will have this available to our membership soon. Please contact me. The Carrons have generously offered to purchase the batting for us and to slice it up into usable dimensions for both the college quilts and the baby quilts. As we have produced over 150 baby quilts this fiscal year, I'm sure we are all nearing the end of our scrap batting. You may contact me at [kpuricelli@sctservices.com](mailto:kpuricelli@sctservices.com) or (314) 614-8832, and I will plan to have the batting available to pick up at our next meeting.

You are making a difference in countless lives through your endeavors!

A couple of pictures from an earlier delivery.







### **Quilt Stand**

The Guild owns a queen size hand quilting stand that is looking for a new home. The frame is approximately 8 feet long by 3 feet wide. The quilt sandwich is pinned onto the frame and then rolled up so only a portion of the quilt is visible at a time for quilting. The quilt is moved between the rollers as more quilting is needed on the quilt. The quilt stand sits on the floor. If interested in the frame, please contact Art Kruse at 314-822-1826 or [kampkruse@att.net](mailto:kampkruse@att.net).

### **Mary Ann Wachtel**

Mary Ann fell in her home about a week ago. Luckily, she did not break anything but she is in a rehab facility. Members of her church are working on making her home a bit safer by installing grab bars and decluttering. She would appreciate calls, cards, and visits. Afternoons are best as her therapy sessions take place in the mornings. Her room phone number is 314-878-1330, room 106. The address is Delmar West, 13550 Outer South Forty Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

### **Quilt Show**

Just a reminder – Bits ‘n’ Pieces Quilt Guild is presenting their Fanfare of Quilts show March 21-22, 2020 at Queeny Park – Ballwin, MO.

## Treasurer's Report

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT			BALANCE SHEET	
	February 2020	January 2020		January 2020
<b>Income</b>			<b>Current Assets</b>	
Membership Dues			Checking/Savings	
Retreat Income	2,405.00		Arsenal CU Checking #2090	5,260.90
Misc sales income	3.00		Arsenal CU Money Market #2060	9,950.97
Workshop Income	420.00		Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Fabric Raffle	39.00	40.00	<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>15,243.34</b>
Quilt Raffle			Accounts Receivable	
Optional Block			11000 · Accounts Receivable	-64.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,867.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-64.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>15,179.34</b>
printing			<b>Other Assets</b>	
Membership directories		5.90	Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	6,266.74
Room Rental	125.00	125.00	Arsenal CU CD - 6 month	6,130.32
Business Insurance speaker		520.00	<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>12,397.06</b>
President's Discretionary			<b>TOTAL Assets</b>	<b>27,576.40</b>
Refreshments			<b>LI Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>237.50</b>
Travel hotel			Accounts payable	237.50
Meals			<b>Equity</b>	
Program Expense			Opening Balance Equity	20,866.03
State Registration			Retained Earning	10,782.02
Fabric Raffle	35.30	22.35	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-4,309.15</b>
Retreat		1,215.00	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>27,338.90</b>
<b>TOTAL Expense</b>	<b>160.30</b>	<b>1,888.25</b>		
<b>Other Income-Interest</b>		<b>8.61</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>27,576.40</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,706.70</b>	<b>-1,839.64</b>		

## **Thimble & Thread Board of Directors 2019-2020**

### **Officers**

President	Debby Logan
Vice President	Denise Poepsel
Secretary	Marylyn Simpson/Gay Stewart
Treasurer	Adele Niblack/Leigh Anne Huckaby

### **Standing Committee Chairs**

Historian	Karen Terry
Membership	Julie Tucker/Lillian Seese
Newsletter	Susan Sanders
Outreach	Pam Coaxum/Karen Puricelli
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse
Quilt Show	vacant
Workshop	Cindy Clifton
Ways & Means	vacant

### **Sub-committee Coordinators**

Quilt Retreat	Susan Sanders
Website Administrator	Mary Ellen Adams