



President's Message

The Guild members were entertained at our February 10th meeting by Mr. Malcolm Speed who was introduced by Co-Vice President Anne Hennig. Mr. Speed came into the meeting hall with a collection of quilts that quickly were displayed on the dais and numerous tables and chairs throughout the hall. He shared with us his beginnings in quilting and when he couldn't find something in his neighborhood, he took it upon himself to find locations to teach him to quilt and began his own quilt group "Quilters of the Rock" in 2006. Nellie Fogg, a Thimble and Thread member as well as Sandy Christie, both from Malcolm's Quilt group kept the "Show and Tell" of all the quilts on display moving to members holding them from the step stools, for all to see the beautiful work. Nellie and Sandy, as well as other of their guild members, shared with us their beautiful work.

Mr. Speed discussed his interest and love of quilts as well as his background in the music business. When his computer and our projector didn't connect, he could give us the music personally. The time went by quickly and many members took advantage to talk to him during the break and after the meeting.



There was a Board Meeting held on Monday, February 6 and minutes will be further in the newsletter, but one of the topics was to dispose of the Black Drapes that were left from our Quilt Show storage locker. The drapes measures 60"x96" and we estimate to have over 100 available. We hope to donate to any Theatre Groups, Community Theaters, Quilt Guilds, etc. I have one lead to follow up on, but if anyone wants to help in finding an organization that will use them, please let me or one of the other officers know. Currently they are being kept in members' homes and they would appreciate that space back.

The major piece of New Business pertained to the Election of Officers for the next term, covering July 1, 2023 to June-30-2024. Only 1 Board Member, Anne Hennig, is continuing as Vice-President. I ask if anyone was interested to volunteer to take on the positions of President, Co-Vice President, Secretary (2) or Treasurer (2). There were no hands raised to fill those jobs. At the Board Meeting I, Denise Poepsel, volunteered to be the Board Member to be on the Nominating Committee. I ask for 2 more members to help me in the search to contact members on the current roster; none came forward to assist me. I did ask the last

member in the hall that night, Debbie Seeck, if she would help and she agreed. She does not have a computer, which required me to mail a list of names and telephone numbers, etc. for her to contact. Because the Slate of Officers has to be in the March newsletter by Friday February 17th, mailing a list wasn't practical. I have contacted all members, not current office holders, either by phone or email, asking if they would take on one of the offices. **Following is the result of my search this week for the Slate of Officers.**

President

Co-Vice Presidents - Anne Hennig and Kate Sander

Treasurer

Secretary – Julie Eggemeyer

So, as you can see, I was not very successful. I did have nice conversations with people on the phone and did receive some responses from my emails. I will ask again at the March meeting for volunteers. Our By-Laws provide for two people to hold each office, except President. If you would like to be an elected officer, but do not feel like doing it yourself, perhaps your best friend would consider sharing the office with you. I am not in multiple guild groups or organizations, where you could be holding office there. I hope we can get some people to come forward at the March meeting to fill all these positions and move forward for next year. The Slate would have to be posted in the April newsletter to be voted on at the next meeting.

Keep a lookout for the Re-Opening of "Sew Hope Community Sewing Room" in Florissant in March. Kacie Starr Long had sent us a "Thank You" after her presentation in January.

See you at the next meeting on Friday, March 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Poepsel, President

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild meets on the second Friday of each month. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:00pm at Shrewsbury City Center, 5200 Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, MO. 63119.

Guild meetings are open to non-members free for first visit and \$3.00 per visit thereafter, unless programs given by National Speaker, then \$5.00 fee is charged. Membership dues are \$30.00 a year, beginning in July and \$15 for a half year beginning in January.

ITEMS TO BRING TO MEETING

- Masks are optional
- Name tag - make personal handmade tag for yourself
- \$\$ for Fabric Raffle
- Show and Tell items
- Only water bottles with screw caps are allowed

MARCH PROGRAM

Our speaker for the March 10 meeting is Jeff Wunrow who designs church vestments and hangings. In addition

to telling us how he came to this unique career, we've asked him to tell us a bit about adapting traditional piecing and applique techniques for the luxury fabrics that he uses. He will also bring some of his creations for up-close-and-personal examination. Check out his website - www.jeffwunrow.com - and be tantalized! Below are paraments purchased by Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church in 2022.



Future Programs

April - Lynn Isenberg will demonstrate her method of working with silk in her quilts without using an interfacing or stabilizer. She will also give some tips on thread painting and quilting on her domestic sewing machine and will bring a number of quilts for a mini trunk show.

May - Suzanne Marshall is our Speaker and Workshop Leader. She is an internationally recognized expert in applique and hand quilting, She will also lead an applique workshop on Saturday, May 13 from 10-1 (location to be announced).





September - Auction We need members to contribute items for sale, so remember as you clean out your sewing room to look for:

- UFO's. (best pattern with fabric)
- Fabric that you had to have and now can't find a project to use it for
- Quilts or wall hangings
- sewing boxes, quilt stands
- vintage fabric, etc.

THIMBLE & THREAD RETREAT 2023 SAVE THE DATE

2039 N. Geyer Road, Frontenac, MO 63131

Where: Mercy Conference & Retreat Center

Dates: October 20, 21, and 22, 2023

We have the option of single or double rooms.
Double - \$250.00 each, Single - \$290.00

We will need to have 20 people sign up to maintain these prices.

The retreat starts at 9 am on Friday, October 20th and will end after lunch on Sunday, October 22nd. 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 mid-afternoon on October 22nd.

You may pay either the whole amount or make a down payment of 50% with the balance due no later than our September meeting. After the September meeting, I will need to provide them with a list of attendees and any food allergies they need be aware of. 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. Any questions, please contact Susan Sanders (bpandq@aol.com) and please reference the retreat in the subject line.

In the meantime, keep on quilting!

Susan Sanders

Retreat Coordinator

Minutes of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Board Meeting February 6, 2023

The Board meeting was called to order by President, Denise Poepsel at 7:00 PM.

Attendees: Denise Poepsel, Anne Hennig, Adele Niblack, Ruth Grimes, Susan Sanders, Louise Morris, LaDonna Patterson and Jean Ameduri

Treasurer: Ruth Grimes handed out the year-to-date budget and asked members to let her know if they had any questions.

Election of Officers: President Denise Poepsel, Adele Niblack, Treasurer Ruth Grimes will be stepping down from their offices at the end of this term. Anne Hennig, co-vice president and Secretary Louise Morris will remain on the board if they can find another co-chair.

Denise is looking for two members to help her form a nominating committee to fill the vacancies. When found, the slate will be published in the newsletter.

Membership: LaDonna Patterson reported that 9 new members have been added to the roster bringing membership up to 67 members. Facebook and the website have been a big help attracting new members since their updates and it was suggested that newsletters be posted on the website to show everything that our guild does. It was also brought up that membership needs to keep track of dues that are paid with cash as well as by check.

Retreat: Susan Sanders reported that the last retreat broke even. She has found a new venue for retreat as Pallottine Center has raised their rates and requires payment for 25 participants regardless of how many attend. Mercy Center, located at [2039 North Geyer Road](#), was chosen as the best place to hold future retreats as they provide more amenities than others looked at. Room rates are \$290 for a single room and \$250 for a double. There are 20 guest rooms available, all with showers and meals, tables, coffee bar and late checkout are all inclusive. This year's retreat will be October 20th, 21st and 22nd. A signup sheet will be available at the guild meeting this Friday, Feb.10th.

Old Business: Board members were asked to review the guild's bylaws and job descriptions of their offices. Jean Ameduri submitted several suggestions for changes.

The 2020 books need to be audited.

To access the Guild's Facebook page, you must enter Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis.

New business: The quilt show drapes owned by the Guild need to find a new home. There are over 150 of them in 10-12 tubs, stored since the last quilt show. They will be offered to members free of charge or sold or given to other Guilds or Theatre groups. Deadline for the newsletter is Monday, February 13th. Our next Guild meeting is Friday, February 10th and will feature

local quilter Malcolm Speed. Upcoming programs include Jeff Wunroe in March, Lynn Isenberg in April and Suzanne Marshall in May who will also hold a workshop the following day. In September our auction will be held with Kevin the Quilter as our Auctioneer. Be putting together items you would like to be in the auction and bring them in. Denise will keep a list of all items. She and Ruth have volunteered to store the items in their homes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Morris, Secretary.

February 10, 2023

Minutes of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Meeting

The meeting began at 7:15 PM by President Denise Poepsel as we waited for the arrival of our guest Speaker, quilter Malcolm Speed. Co VP Anne Hennig introduced Malcolm, a quilter she had met at the City Sewing Room. She thought his story was of interest and invited him to speak at our February meeting. He accepted and was particularly excited to be speaking during Black History Month. Malcolm had originally made men's clothing but, during a trip to a local JCPenney's he espied a beautiful Queen sized quilt but with the hefty price of \$300 and decided he could make his own for a lot less. After taking a quilting class at Jackman's he was hooked! He also thought he might find others interested in quilting within the congregation of his Church, St. Alphonsus Rock. He was right. In late 2006 he began a group called "Quilters of the Rock". The numbers grew and he realized that this group had also become a ministry within the church as many of the quilts were donated. His message to us was to sew for ourselves and not for commission as commissioned quilts carried rules and deadlines whereas sewing for ourselves gave us freedom and joy to explore the possibilities that quilting offered. He also maintained that comfort transcends pretty, although judging from the array of quilts arranged along the front of the room and over every available empty chair it was evident that comfort and pretty were in each beautifully made quilt, many made from exquisite African Fabrics. Members of his congregation came as guests and showed off their quilts lovely quilts as well.

Among other hats worn by Malcolm were Public Technology Assistant at St. Louis Public Library, Former Adjunct Professor at Harris-Stowe State University, Musician and Songwriter with royalties given for "I'm His Child" sung during the final episode of the television series "Glee."

Committee Announcements :

Membership- LaDonna said that her head count again matched those signed in Along with guests.

Retreat: Susan Sanders has found a new venue for upcoming retreats as Pallottine Center had increased their prices and required payment for 25 participants regardless of how many attended. Mercy Center, located at [2039 North Geyer Road](#) in St. Louis County was chosen as our new place for retreat. Room rates are \$290 for a single and \$250 for a double with 20 rooms available and many nice amenities. Susan began a sign up list for the Oct 20-22 retreat.

Outreach: Jeanette Oesterly reported that 10 quilts were given to Sweet Babies or Home Sweet Home. She has tax forms for last year's charity quilts. She also has 4 kits available to take home.

The only correction in last month's minutes was the misspelling of Malcolm Speeds name.

Jeanette Oesterly approved and Susan Sanders seconded the minutes.

Our next meeting will be March 10th,2023 and will feature Jeff Wunroe who, with his team hand crafts beautiful liturgical textiles. Denise has quilts to donate to the City Sewing Room.

The drapes from our last quilt show need to find a new home. There are 10 to 12 tubs, each with about 18 drapes. We discussed if they should try to be sold or given away. If anyone would like to take them or if anyone knows of a venue that could use them, such as a theatre group please let us know. The drapes measure 60 by 96 and are made of polyester.

Officers are needed for President, Treasurer and Secretary for next year. Anne Hennig will remain as Co-vice president as long as someone will serve the office with her. Denise needs two members to serve with her on a nominating committee to fill the vacancies. Please let Denise know if you are available to help her. The slate needs to be chosen to be presented at the March meeting to be voted on by members. Officers, please look at your job descriptions.

The Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival will take place from June 15th to the 17th.

Cindy Neville told members the Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Show will take place on Saturday, March 18th, 2023 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, March 19th from 11am to 4pm at Queeny Park. Roxanne Jasper will be the featured Quilter and MJ Kinman the featured Artist. Admission is \$8 good for both days.

Those that took Jane Unger's class loved it as they were given free rein to play with gel plates. It was noted that it was the first workshops in years.

Adele read a letter of thanks from Kacie Starr Long.

Membership and fabric raffled were held: Our speaker did the honors of calling out the numbers. Two Bundles were donated by Jackman's and one by a member.

The newsletter deadline for the Feb meeting is Friday, Feb. 17th, to Patty Thompson not the 20th as stated in the Jan. Minutes.

Show and Tell: Show and Tell is always a highlight of the meeting and tonight's was no exception. Jean Ameduri told of Alex Anderson's recent diagnosis of breast cancer and of her scary slip on a slick surface with the note to self to hold on to the handrail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Louise Morris, Secretary

Membership Report

Beginning in January dues are now \$15 for the remainder of the year, ending June 30.

LaDonna Patterson

TREASURER'S REPORT— January 2023

By Ruth Grimes, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$3835.94	
	Checks	\$1254.24	Room Rental, Program, Fabric Raffle, Insurance, Workshop, Charity Batting
	Deposits	+ 157.15	Fabric Raffle, Membership, Workshop
	Ending Balance	\$2738.85	
Savings Account	Balance	\$31.47	
Money Market Account	Balance	\$6,327.02	
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,202.26	
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,427.73	

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

Patty collects the news and composes the newsletter and handles MailChimp service.

Please submit newsletter information to PATTY THOMPSON, pat.thomps85@gmail.com. Please do not use any fancy formatting as all formatting is removed before inserting in the newsletter. We prefer Word OR Plain Text documents and JPG's for graphics.

Here is the link to Show and Tell photos from our February Meeting:

<https://fb.watch/iiKrvkBS2H/>

Here are the photos from Fabric Painting Workshop:

<https://fb.watch/iiKPOXtAmQ/>

Download our List of Officers, our Committee Chairs and
Publishing Schedule for the 2022 - 2023 year.

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