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Outgoing President's Message

The next meeting of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis will be **Friday, July 14, 2023**. The new slate of officers will begin their term at this meeting, we wish them well.

We are looking for a Co-Secretary to help Lori Niedliewski. If you are interested in either of these positions, contact Mary Ellen Adams, our incoming President.

The program slated for June had a twist, when the Vice-President's could not reach or connect with the scheduled speaker. To have a program, Adele Niblack called on Julie Tucker for help and they were able to show us two videos on quilting. One from a past member and the most recent one of Ricky Tims. Both were enjoyed by the members, thank you Adele and Julie for coming through in a pinch.

Deborah Carnes will bring Circle in the Square's raffle quilt "Joyful Jane" with raffle tickets to sell at the July meeting. 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, "Do you feel lucky",

take a chance.

Our September 8 meeting will be the auction. Please continue to collect your donations and bring them to the next meeting for Denise Poepsel.

I had some success in moving along some more of the black drapes. The drapes measure 60"x96" with a sleeve at one end. If you know some organization that can use them, please contact Denise Poepsel to make the connections.

This is the last month I will post a "message from the president". At this time, I want to express my appreciation and thank you to the members that have served with me the last two years. Those that I have leaned on the most and needed assurance that I would follow the guild's bylaws and have helped me the most know who you are. I could not have made the meetings run so smoothly without your help. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes that result in meetings running smooth and when they don't (projector or microphone issues) the problem is found and fixed for the next meeting - Thank you Adele.

I have been a member since 1977 and did hold many of the offices over the years while working full time. I started volunteering again a few years ago, after I retired. I was an officer during COVID that threw everyone for a loop, but we stayed together with the newsletter, then the ZOOM meetings, (thank you Julie Tucker and Adele Niblack) and finally getting back to in-person meetings. I would encourage anyone considering taking a job as officer or committee chair to do so, it does give you the opportunity to communicate and MEET the people of your guild. I am looking forward to sitting in the back row again and cannot wait for all the great programs in the future.

Thank you for supporting me during the last two years,

Denise Poepsel

President, Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

Incoming President's Message

Summer is here and the weather is reflecting it! As I write this, it is 90 degrees. Fortunately we have a hobby that we can pursue in the cool of our homes. I am looking forward to spending the coming year with you. I will be setting a President's challenge in the near future. Don't worry. It will be

something simple that you can source from your stash. Members will vote on their favorite entry and there will be a small prize for the quilt that gets the most votes.

On a sad note, we have learned that Giselle Rucker, who was to have been the speaker at our May meeting, died in April. We don't have information about the cause of her death but are hoping to learn more about the circumstances. Information will be disseminated to guild membership when we know more. Gselle was a force of nature and we will really miss her.

I have been able to attend several quit shows locally in recent months. In March I attended the AQS show in Branson, MO. Gyleen Fitzgerald held workshops there and I was able to take "Over and Under Rainbow." She is an excellent insructor and always engaging. In June the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival was held in Overland Park, KS. Two workshops called to me - "Molas" and a Laura Heine collage class. Again, both were excellent and the instructors were very knowledgeable. Neither required a sewing machine. The mola workshop (all hand applique) was quite challenging. The collagesome workshop was all play - cutting and arranging fabric pieces to make a collage.

Bits 'n Pieces had a great quilt show a few weeks back. Hearts 'n Hands held their show in Belleville, Illinois in June, and Threads of Friendship Quilters' Guild had a show June 24 in Park Hills, MO. Quilting is alive and well in the Midwest!

Lastly, many thanks to Denise Poepsel for shepherding us through the past two years. We couldn't have done it without her.

Piece out,
Mary Ellen Adams

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
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July 14 Meeting

Greetings, Thimble and Thread Members! First, let me present your co-Vice Presidential team for 2023-24: Anne Hennig and Kate Sander! Part of the job we have undertaken includes organizing the programs that usually begin each Guild meeting. As the senior co-VP, Anne hopes to continue the interesting, thought-provoking, and hopefully inspiring presentations that Thimble and Thread has been offering its members since resuming “live” meetings after COVID, and that is a daunting proposition! So, we welcome any comments and suggestions – this is YOUR guild; we want to steer it in directions that YOU want it to go!

July is the first meeting program that I am pulling together without Adele’s wisdom and experience. Fortunately, another of our Guild’s Wise Women, Jean Ameduri, offered to put me in contact with people she knows who work with Ukrainian refugees coming to our part of the USA. On 7/14, **Tetiana Mouzi** will talk to us about Ukraine: give us a glimpse of the fiber crafts that are part of Ukrainian culture; help us understand what it is about this area that for centuries has driven neighboring nations to conquer and dominate its people; what is happening with refugees that end up in the St. Louis area, ... and maybe how our charity quilts might help, if that is a direction T&T chooses. Jean says: “...the Ukrainian refugee program ... is different from programs for refugees who ... plan to stay here forever. Ukrainian refugees will be here for several years, but want to return to their country ... They can only come to the U.S. when there is someone [here] who will sponsor them in their home. So, I wondered why [Ukrainian refugee relief groups] were looking for so many items related to having their own apartment or house. She explained that the things that Ukrainian refugees will do (in this order) is (1) learn how to speak English (as fast as you can); (2) find a job; (3) find a car to get to the job; (4) make enough money so you can rent an apartment or house so that you will have freedom as they don't want to impose on Americans any more than they have to (these are strong and courageous people). We all will see the deep pride they have in their country.” I am eager to learn more on July 14th!

August 11 Meeting

In August we have a special treat in store: I have prevailed on our own **Ruth Grimes** to show-and-tell us the whole story of the fabric stamp company that her family is starting up! Many of us have seen Ruth's intriguing stamped fabrics or played with her wood stamps at our fabric painting workshop or guild meetings, but the whole story stretches from 'wood waste' in the Midwest to custom fabric stamping tools in high demand all over the world.

The September meeting will be our Guild Auction; the money we raise then will help fund programs for the rest of this year and into next.

September 8, 2023 Meeting & Auction

Going Twice... Going Once...

**SOLD --- to a quilter near you
at the September meeting of T
& T Quilt Guild**



**This is what we will hear Kevin
the Quilter say when he leads the Auction at our
September 8 meeting. He makes the event
entertaining, fun and PROFITABLE.**

It's time to get serious about loading up your car with:

- Kits
- Newer notions
- Vintage
- Fabric
- Newer patterns and books
- Finished tops that you know you will never quilt.
- Finished quilts you just don't need or want any more, but something someone else will treasure.
- That stack of fat quarters you loved in a buying frenzy but now, don't know why.

- UFO's that you just don't want to finish.

Remember, this is a fund raiser and we are looking for items in good condition with much life still in them. Bring donations to the monthly meeting and see Denise about placing them in her car.

Below are a few donations so far:





SAVE THE DATE
THIMBLE & THREAD RETREAT 2023

Dates: October 20, 21, and 22, 2023

Where: Mercy Conference & Retreat Center
2039 North Geyer Road
St. Louis, MO 63131

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

Good news: as of the June meeting, we have 23 people signed up for retreat. And because some who have signed up will be sharing a room with a family member or friend, we still have room for one more person in a single and one person who would like to share a room..

So if you are still thinking about coming to retreat, you do need to sign up and make at least a down payment of 50% quickly so that you will be guaranteed a space. You can either mail a check made out to Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild to me ([905 N. Woodlawn, Kirkwood, MO 63122](#)) or bring it to the July meeting.



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.

Registration will close with the September 8th meeting. After the September meeting, I need to provide the retreat center with a list of attendees and any food allergies they need be aware of.

In the meantime, keep on quilting!

Susan Sanders, Retreat Coordinator

Minutes of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild June 9, 2023

Our June meeting was opened by Vice President Adele Niblack explaining that our scheduled program was not available. In its place we were treated to two recordings: the first a delightful slide show entitled "The Master Craft of Dorris McMannus." Doris had challenged herself to complete a 12inch work of art every week and she succeeded with her artistry varied and rich in color and theme.

Following the slideshow, we watched Rickey Tims on the Jun 7th episode of The Quilt Show interviewing German quilt artist Slike Von Hoffman from the German National

Patchwork Glide showing off her guild's year-long project making variations of Ricky's Granny's Sampler from his beloved book "Lizzy Albright and the Attic Window". Hung high above Church pews the quilts were a powerful presence and a treat for the eyes, all with their own colorations and slight variation. One was even done out of various shades of blue jeans!

Committee Reports

Membership: LaDonna Patterson. Thirty-five members and one guest signed into the meeting this evening. LaDonna reminded us that the July meeting marks the beginning of the new guild year. If you haven't already done so, please bring or mail in your yearly dues of \$30.

Retreat: Susan Sanders was not in attendance, but the October retreat has 20 members signed up with room for 4 more available to members who are willing to share a room.

Outreach: Leigh Anne Huckaby: she received 4 baby quilts this evening and has 6 kits to take home.

Fabric Raffle: Kate Lottes: there are two bundles of fabric from Paducah from the Dear Stella line donated by a member.

Old business: Denise reported that St. Simons Church took 2 tubs of drapes but there are still 10 to 12 tubs remaining totaling over 100 drapes. If you know of any business or organization that would like them, please let Denise know.

Hearts and Hans Quilt Show in O'Fallon, Illinois is this weekend, June 10th and 11th Thimble and Thread has given information to the Missouri Historical Society in 2005, 2012 and 2014., reports Historian Jean Ameduri. Call Jean if you have anything to donate to the Historical Society. Newsletters always give a wonderful look into what our guild does.

New business: Lillian Seese reported that Home Sweet Home will take donations from those wishing to downsize or replace furniture. They charge \$100 for removing one room of furniture. You can go to Home Sweet Home stl.org for a list of things they will and will not take.

Jean Ameduri spoke to us of Ukranian refugees who have relocated here by means of a sponsor and that she is collecting sewing machines and sewing items for them.

Julie Eggemeier is stepping down from one of the secretarial positions and is looking for someone to take her spot.

Kathy Sherrick is looking for someone to take over her role as Newsletter Editor as she is taking over as Treasurer for next year and can't do both. Call her to find out what is involved.

Our next meeting is July 14th. Deadline for newsletter is Friday June 16th to Kathy Sherrick.

Our final Board meeting of the year will be June 21st at the Grand Glaize Branch of St. Louis County at 7:00 PM. [1010 Meramec Station Rd.](#) We hope that both old and newly elected board members will attend to ease in a smooth transition for the next year. Last month's minutes were approved by Kate Sander and seconded by Leigh Anne Huckaby. Show and tell was followed by raffles. Lillian Seese brought in a whopping 26 baby quilts made from donated fabric, much of it, African, and all made since the last meeting!

Respectfully Submitted,
Louise Morris, Secretary

Membership Report

There were 34 members in attendance and 1 guest at our meeting.

We have had 29 membership renewals so far. Our membership year runs July 1-June 30. If you have not renewed your membership yet, print out the membership form and mail it to me or sign up at the July meeting. I will have some forms available. Dues are \$30.

Please look for your membership card at the membership table as you sign in.

Click here for [2023-2024 Membership Form](#).

La Donna Patterson

TREASURER'S REPORT— MAY 2023

By Ruth Grimes, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$4,716.79	
	Checks	- \$1,098.56	Room Rental, Program, Fabric Raffle, Workshop
	Deposits	<u>+ \$1451.22</u>	Fabric Raffle, Retreat, Workshop
	Ending Balance	\$5,059.45	

Savings Account	Balance	\$31.47
Money Market Account	Balance	\$6,369.98
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,230.11
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,476.54

Guild Officers serving July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

President	Mary Ellen Adams
Co-Vice President	Anne Hennig & Kate Sanders
Treasurer	Kathy Sherrick
Secretary	Lori Niediewski

2023- 2024 Standing Committee Chairs

Membership	LaDonna Patterson & Gay Stewart
Newsletter	Kathy Sherrick
Workshop	Sara Seagrist
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse
Outreach	Jeanette Oesterly & Leigh Anne Huckaby
Website	Kathy Sherrick
Historian	Jean Ameduri
Ways and Means	Susan Sanders

Special Committees

Retreat	Susan Sanders
Fabric Raffle	Kate Lottes

Ad Hoc Committee

Facebook	Cindy Bell Neville
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A Standing Chair office that is still open for a volunteers is:

Quilt Show

DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

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