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## President's Message

I hope everyone is staying cool and collected. The hot days of summer are definitely here for now. It's a good thing that we have a hobby that we can pursue indoors. We had a good meeting in July with 40+ members and guests in attendance. Circle in the Square members, Debbie and Shelby, (also TnT members) brought their fabulous raffle quilt to show and to sell tickets. It is a Jane Stickle quilt made by several of their guild members. It was eye-popping.

I posed a President's Challenge at the meeting, "Make a Pink Quilt", to commemorate breast cancer survivors (I am one, 27 years on!) and want to encourage everyone to get their mammograms and to perform self-examinations. That is how mine was found, and even though I was getting annual screenings, by the time that date would have come around, my tumor could have easily doubled in size. Early detection is key.

The challenge is to make a quilt that easily identifies as a pink quilt when viewed. Other colors may be included, but your first impression should be that it is a pink quilt. Any size or technique is allowed but aim for at least a baby-sized quilt – 45" x 45", 36" x 40" – somewhere in that range. If you don't want to keep the quilt you make, or have no use for it, it can be donated to our Comfort Quilt effort and make a baby or

small child happy. The quilts will be due at the February meeting. We will vote on our favorite and the winner will receive a small gift certificate.

I spoke at the meeting about finding joy in our lives. Recent health challenges have really brought that point home to me. We take our mobility and health for granted until we don't have it. Life deals us circumstances that we often cannot control. We can, however, choose how we react. Finding joy is an ongoing process. Choose joy consciously. Sometimes that is just deciding to sit down and sew two pieces of fabric together. It is definitely my happy place. I suspect it is also the case for many of you.

Tetiana, our July speaker, is truly an inspiration. We have grown up and lived in an environment of freedom, unlike her. She and her fellow Ukrainians are fighting hard for their freedoms. I truly believe that Ukraine will prevail over their aggressor, but it's not going to be fast or easy. Despite what she has been through, it is clear that she is choosing joy rather than fear or despair.

I have made a small, quilted banner for my front door that pays homage to the Ukrainian struggle. Eight simple blue and yellow heart blocks make up the piece. Pattern and instructions are available at [quiltville.blogspot.com](https://quiltville.blogspot.com) (<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2022/06/flag-day-solidarity-gift-away.html>). There is a small charge for the pattern, with proceeds to benefit the Ukrainian efforts.

Happy quilting, everyone. See you in August!  
Choose joy!

Mary Ellen

President, Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

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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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## Notice of Annual Business Meeting Change

Because we will have an auction to benefit the guild at the September meeting, the board has decided that the annual required business meeting, normally in September, will be moved to October to give it proper attention. This requires prior notice to membership via the newsletter and a vote by the membership. At the August meeting we will be voting on the change.

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## JULY MEETING RECAP



Tetiana Mouzi shared the history of Ukraine, many cultural highlights, and the current status of Ukrainian refugees in the United States. The popularity of quilting in Ukraine was highlighted with several quilts and pictures of Ukrainian quilting groups.

There is a video recording of Tetiana's presentation which we will post to our Facebook page.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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.

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## Comfort Quilts report for July 2022 thru June 2023

The guild donated 469 quilts and afghans from July 2022 thru June 2023. Home Sweet Home received 89 items from table toppers to twin sized quilts. Sweet Babies was the recipient of 380 quilts, afghans, and tote bags.

Many of the baby quilts were created from kits created  
by some members of the guild. Each kit contains  
everything needed to make the quilt except thread and  
time. Fabric was donated to use in these quilts,  
supplemented by personal stashes.



After the July Guild meeting, 63 quilts were donated to  
Sweet Babies (as seen in the photo) and 9 quilts were sent to Home Sweet Home.

Jeanette Oesterly

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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**

Last call for Retreat! We still have a couple of openings so if you're thinking about coming and haven't signed up yet, now is the time to do that.

A 50% down payment is required to save 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 August 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

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## **Minutes of the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild July 14, 2023**

The July meeting was opened at 7 pm by President Denise Poepsel. Denise introduced Mary Ellen Adams as the new President.

Ann Henning, Vice President, introduced guest speaker, Mrs. Tetiana Mouzi from Ukraine. Ukraine is most famous for wheat, beautiful embroidery, and painting on plates. Tetiana talked about the history of Ukraine and some of the struggles they have endured through the centuries.

Jean Ameduri, Historian, talked about the miniature quilt exchange with European countries and showed slides of blackout quilts made during electrical blackouts. She made available a list of needed items for the Ukrainian Refugees. Culture Shock Ukraine and Culture Smart Ukraine are books for anyone wanting to read about Ukraine. Bonnie Hunter has a free pattern for a Ukrainian Banner.

Susan Sanders gave her report on the upcoming retreat October 20-22. The retreat has enough people, however there are 2 slots available. The deadline to sign up is the September meeting. The cost is \$250 for a double room and \$290 for a single.

There were 43 members attending and several guests. LaDonna Patterson asked members to pick up membership cards at the sign-in table. The membership list will be updated this month. Please pay dues this month.

Kate Lottes held the Fabric Raffle. The fabric was from Missouri Star Quilt Company.

Jeanette Oesterly displayed multiple baby quilts made by members of the guild.

Circle in the Square Quilters in University City sold raffle tickets for the Joyful Jane, hand and machine pieced 83" by 83", quilt. The drawing is November 1, 2023.

Mary Ellen Adams asked how many people were interested in joining with Flower Valley Quilt

Guild to have a joint quilt show. She issued a President's challenge, asking members to make a pink quilt, baby size, approximately 36-45 by 36-45, any technique and due the February meeting.

Old Business: Submit your budget to Ruth Grimes before the next meeting.

Last month's meeting minutes were passed.

Adele Niblack presented Denise Poepsel with a gift for her two years as President, two years as Vice President and various other positions in the guild.

Attendance prizes were awarded.

Show and Tell was presented by members of the guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Niediewski, Secretary.

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## **Board Meeting Minutes of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild June 21, 2023**

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Denise Poepsel.

In attendance: Mary Ellen Adams, Anne Hennig, Kathy Sherrick, Lori Niediewski, Jean Ameduri, Susan Sanders, Louise Morris, Denise Poepsel, Ruth Grimes, Adele Niblack and Kate Sander.

Jean Ameduri, Historian, showed the Board pages from a scrapbook the Guild had made for the Missouri Historical Society years ago. She has an interest in making some updated books to add to the Historical Society's files.

Treasurer: Ruth Grimes. To change signature cards at the bank the President and Treasurer will each need to have a copy of the minutes that show them to be the elected officers. A vote was also taken to move the budget meeting to October to be able to include auction proceeds in the budget and it was approved and seconded.

Ways and Means: Susan Sanders has generously volunteered to restart a Ways and Means Committee for the guild. She and others suggested some ideas to help generate more income, such as:

- Joining Flower Valley Quilt Guild in hosting a mini quilt show.
- See if it's possible to sponsor a booth at the Shrewsbury Craft Fair with items made by guild members.
- We have already planned the Auction with Kevin the Quilter in September.
- Kathy Sherrick will also hold another fabric sale from her sister Patty's collection.

Adele Niblack has asked that we encourage guild members to make and wear name tags to all meetings and is interested in ways to have members reach out and get to know new members.

Board member changes for the new guild year:

Adele will step down from the Board, Kathy will replace Ruth as Treasurer, as someone yet named has agreed to take over her duties as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Ruth will be our everything audio-visual. Mary Ellen Adams will step in as President, Anne Hennig will serve as Vice President with Kate Sander serving as co-Vice President. Lori Niediewski will be our new Secretary. Ideas for future meetings include programs by Tijuana Mahone, Tetiana Mouzi, Alabama Chanin and a demo night by members.

Upcoming meetings:

August: Our August program will feature a new business that makes batik fabrics.

September: Our long-awaited September program will feature Kevin the Quilter as Auctioneer of donations by member and friends. Denise, who is collecting the items, reports that she has already collected 4 full tubs of them. Anne and Kate have volunteered to put items together with cards, listing the items to be placed on tables before the program so that members can make a list of what they would like to bid on. We are reminded that there will be no "Show and Tell" or free table that night. Also, please bring a bag to carry your items home in. They will not be provided.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Louise Morris, Secretary

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Membership Report

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership. We had 6 guests and 36 members present. The wonderful presentation, I'm sure, was enjoyed by all.

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 August meeting. I will have some forms available. Dues are \$30. [This is your last chance to appear in our Membership Roster.](#)

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

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

LaDonna Patterson

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## TREASURER'S REPORT— JUNE 2023

By Ruth Grimes, Treasurer

<b>Checking Account</b>	Starting Balance	\$5,069.45	
	Checks	- \$ 274.50	Room Rental, Program, Fabric Raffle
	Deposits	<u>+\$ 808.22</u>	Fabric Raffle, Retreat, Membership
	Ending Balance	\$5,603.17	
<b>Savings Account</b>	Balance	\$31.47	
<b>Money Market Account</b>	Balance	\$6,380.36	
<b>6 month CD</b>	Balance	\$6,257.74	
<b>1 year CD</b>	Balance	\$6,540.18	

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## DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023

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