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Dear Kathy, enjoy the latest news from Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild.

President's Message

This 'n That

When you read this, the February meeting will be done and dusted, and the winning entry voted on and revealed. Out of necessity, due to the February speaker's last minute illness, display, voting, and discussion of the pink quilts will be the focus of the meeting. If I had had more notice, I might have been able to gin up some sort of program to replace the speaker's absence. Anne will rebook her for later in the year. The best laid plans...

I am currently working to complete a red, white, and blue quilt for a young man (only eight years old) who became a US citizen recently. I found tea towels representing states that have figured in his short life and will piece them into the backing -- South Carolina (where he received his citizenship, Missouri (his grandmother lived a significant part of her life here), and Washington, D.C.

My daughter asked for a quilt to include in a silent auction for a worthy cause. Do you have a quilt "just lying around" that you could donate?" Well, no I didn't but I do have a shoebox of 5 inch squares left over from the many baby quilt kits I have sewn for the guild. Pre-cut and ready to go. I am making a very simple small-sized quilts from the squares. Easy peasy. I stayed up late last night and pieced four of the ten rows I needed in a short time. My

daughter said it did not need to be anything fancy, so it isn't.

The days are getting longer, and the weather is warming up. There are some small clean-up jobs in the yard that need attention, but they can wait a bit. Quilting is calling!

Believe,

Mary Ellen, President

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

ITEMS TO BRING TO MEETING

- Your Check for \$45 for upcoming 3/16/24 Workshop
 - Your Optional Block + \$1.00 entry
 - \$ for Fabric Raffle
 - Stuff for Free Table (you must remove untaken items at end of meeting)
 - Name tag - make personal handmade tag for yourself
 - Show and Tell items
 - Only water bottles with screw caps are allowed
 - Masks are optional
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MARCH MEETING 3/8/2024, 7:00 pm

The March Guild Meeting will feature **Dorothy Pino** of Sew, La, Tea Music & Crafts, LLC (<https://www.sewlateastl.com/>). Dorothy teaches sewing, among other arts and crafts, and has been hosting classes for young people at the City Sewing Room for several years. I invited her to speak to us because one of her teaching strategies is to use quilt-piecing as a means of building sewing-machine proficiency: first, new students sew together pre-cut squares of fabric to make a patchwork pillow or throw. Later, they "graduate" to foundation paper piecing to make quilt-block pictures while practicing straight-stitch seam control. Her classes are lively and fun, and I wanted her to share some of her stories with the Guild.

And just a little hint ... if you enjoy workshops, please consider volunteering for the

Workshop Committee (not an elected position, but you can still tell the Board Member who calls you to ask you to run for office that you are already committed to a leadership position!)

We will also have attendance and fabric raffles plus our SECOND "Optional Block" raffle (\$1 plus a block buys you a chance to win; \$5 plus 6 blocks buys you 6 chances!) and a new block pattern for March (pattern direction handouts are free). Don't forget the free table, Show and Tell, and your name tag!

MARCH WORKSHOP

3/16/2024, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dorothy will also host a FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING WORKSHOP at the Shrewsbury Center – the cost will be **\$45 per person**. Sign up at Guild Meeting [bring cash or a check], or please contact Co-VP Anne Hennig (henniganne07@gmail.com – please put T&T WORKSHOP in the SUBJECT line). If this sounds like fun but notice is too short, let Anne know – I may be able to arrange another workshop later in the Spring or early Summer.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Later in the Spring we have a couple of presentations on fabric embellishment. **Nita Pace** will speak to us about techniques like Sashiko (Japanese decorative stitching for mending or joining fabric pieces) and similar stitching traditions from Africa that can enhance or complement the designs printed on pieces of cloth. **Anne Stirnemann** from the City Sewing Room will speak to us about Alabama Chanin hand-crafted design, committed to sustainability, local and ethical production, and preservation of craft traditions.

Over the summer our presentations will get back to more traditional piecing techniques. **Brita Nelson, the Questioning Quilter** (<https://questioningquilter.com/>) will speak to us via ZOOM in July about "The Magic of Disappearing Blocks". I hope our Guild will host one of her Disappearing Block workshops sometime in the future.

SAVE THE DATE

THIMBLE & THREAD RETREAT 2024

Dates: August 16, 17, 18, 2024

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

Cost: We have the option of single or double rooms.
Single - \$312.00
Double - \$272.00 each

The retreat starts at 9 am on Friday, August 16th and will end after lunch on Sunday, August 18th. 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 August 18th.

So far twelve guild members have signed up for the retreat. We need 20 people to meet the pricing set by Mercy Conference & Retreat Center. If you haven't signed up, please consider doing so at the March meeting. The earlier everyone signs up and pays, the less stressed I am. Seriously, even though I love doing the Retreat, I get worried the closer it gets to retreat time if we haven't filled the spaces we have committed to.

You may pay either the whole amount or make a down-payment of 50% with the balance due no later than our July meeting. After the July meeting, we 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.



Any questions, please contact Susan Sanders (bpandq@aol.com) and please reference the retreat in the subject line.

In an earlier message, I said I spent a week cleaning up my sewing room. Then I spent a second week going through all my fabric and reorganizing it. An even though I've been working on baby quilts for Sweet Babies, my brain keeps going over all the patterns and fabric I through. Now if it will just tell me what I will be working on at Retreat.

In the meantime, keep on quilting!

Susan Sanders, Retreat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2024

In attendance: Mary Ellen Adams, President; Anne Hennig & Kate Sander, Co Vice Presidents; Lori Niedewski, Secretary; Susan Sanders, Ways & Means, & Retreats; Jean Ameduri, Historian; Jeanette Oesterly, Charity Quilts; Gay Stewart & LaDonna Patterson, Membership

It was decided that the Historian will send the Historical Society the guild records after three years.

Wix hosts the guild website. The cost was \$264 yearly and has increased to \$324 yearly. Kathy Sherrick will check on it.

There was a discussion on purchasing a new microphone. The committee consisting of Adele Niblack, Cindy Neville, and Ruth Grimes will research this issue.

There will be a nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers. Mary Ellen Adams will chair the committee with Jean Ameduri and Susan Sanders as members of the committee. The positions open are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Jean Ameduri submitted her name for President and she will stay on as Historian. Kate Sander submitted her name for Secretary. The position of Vice President and Treasurer are open. These four positions need to be voted on by members of the guild. Mary Ellen would like to go over what each position entails at the meeting. The committees may have some openings.

Guild Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2024

Mary Ellen Adams, President opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The booked speaker was unable to attend due to illness. Mary Ellen started with the President's Pink Quilt Challenge. She asked everyone to bring up the quilts they had made. The quilts were numbered and each person talked briefly about their quilt. There were sixteen entries: Mary Ellen Adams, Ruth Grimes, Susan Sanders, Leigh Anne Huckaby, Gay Lang, Lori Niedewski, Dolores Keaton, Mary Anne Hoppe, Gay Stewart, Kate Lottes, Jeanette Oesterly, Anne Hennig, Virginia Smith, LaDonna Patterson, Carol Harris, Kendra Bertleson. The winning quilt was made and quilted by Virginia Smith.



Susan Sanders reminded everyone that the Retreat at Mercy Retreat and Conference Center will be August 16-18, 2024. She is accepting money and reservations. The cost is \$272 for a double room and \$312 for a single room. Susan is also the Ways and Means Committee Chair. She is looking for a way to make money for the guild. If you have any ideas, please see Susan.

Jeanette Oesterly is the Charity Chair reporting approximately 50 quilt donations to Sweet Babies.

Anne Hennig oversees the Block of the Month (BOM). The instructions are free. If you turn in a block for the drawing, the charge is \$1.00 per block/\$5.00 for 6 blocks. The February BOM is a heart. The January BOM winner was Gay Stewart.

There is a Workshop Saturday, March 16, 11:00-2:00 on Paper Piecing by Dorothy Pino. The cost will be \$40-\$45 depending on participation.

Kate Lottes conducted the fabric raffle.

LaDonna Patterson reported 35 members and 2 guests.
The newsletter minutes passed.

The positions open this year are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Jean Amaduri submitted her name for President.

Kate Sander submitted her name for Secretary.

Mary Ellen Adams gave a brief overview of the positions and what is involved. Mary Ellen is the Nominating Committee Chairman with Jean Ameduri and Susan Sanders assisting.

Mary Ellen talked about how we stay in touch utilizing the Wix website. Kathy Sherrick will check on the website. The cost has increased from \$264-\$324. There was a discussion about a "landing page" with a link to go to Facebook.

Attendance prizes were awarded.

Show and Tell was presented by members of the guild.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Niediewski, Secretary

FEBRUARY SHOW 'N TELL





Membership Report

There were 35 in attendance at our February meeting. We had 2 visitors. One visitor joined, Michelle Ahrens. Welcome back! Michelle was a past member of the guild.

Membership dues are now \$15 for the remainder of our year (till June 30). If you know of anyone interested in joining our guild, now is the time!

La Donna Patterson, Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 2024

By Kathy Sherrick, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$2,702.21	
	Checks	- 90.00	Rent
	Deposits	+ 972.00	Retreat, Membership, Fabric Raffle
	Ending Balance	\$3,584.34	
Savings Account	Balance	\$ 31.47	No Activity
Money Market Account	Balance	\$6,455.22	\$10.85 Dividend
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,350.55	No Activity
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,671.04	No Activity

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

Newsletter articles are due the Friday following our monthly meeting.

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Pease 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.

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