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President's Message

I will not be with you at the January meeting. Travel is again calling me, and I will be in San Diego visiting my brother and sister-in-law. Now that Covid is (pretty much) behind us and my health is good, I will be traveling as much as I can. I became a homebody during the pandemic and was content to be at home with my sewing machine, television, audiobooks, and Pandora. Many people chafed at the enforced restriction on their activities. Maybe it's my age and maybe it's that I have a fulfilling hobby in quilting, but I really didn't mind

staying at home.

Which brings me to quilting and the winter months ahead. January and February have ever provided a sweet respite from the hubbub of the fall holidays. Thanksgiving is a favorite – the only requirement being family, friends and good food. Christmas has always been a mixed bag, but I have simplified here as well. With no little ones in the picture, it is much like Thanksgiving – friends, family, and good food. Rather than spend money on each other my daughter and I use our financial resources to give to others in the community who are less fortunate. We celebrated the holiday Christmas Eve eating out at a local restaurant. I recommend this approach.

“Choose Joy” was my 2023 mantra - no New Year’s resolution, but a focus for the year going forward. 2024 has me at “believe” – believe in kindness, friends, love and savoring the small gifts that each day brings. Some people like to keep a gratitude journal, writing each day about things they are grateful for. I have never kept a journal, except for a few months when I studied in Germany, but I can reflect each day on those things that for which I am grateful, and which bring me joy. Living in the moment is key here. Bring me flowers when I am alive - or give them to others.

As you read this, I will be working on the President’s challenge. I tend to procrastinate or maybe it’s that I work best to a deadline. It seems 90% of the effort is selecting a pattern and a colorway. I have chosen the color for you, so here’s hoping you are well down the path to completing the challenge. I look forward to seeing you in February and what your creativity has engendered. In January, Anne Hennig will introduce us to optional blocks. It’s been many years since the guild had an optional blocks program. It was a lot of fun and I enjoyed it immensely then. I hope you will, too, and will participate.

Happy New Year, or as the Germans say, “a good slide into the New Year.” The greetings are meant to convey a smooth transition into the New Year, though the origin of the phrase is still uncertain. Anyway you say it, I wish a happy and prosperous 2024 for you.

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

- \$ 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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JANUARY MEETING **1/12/2024, 7:00 pm**

Every quilt tells a story, but some stories are more meaningful to us than others. If you have a quilt with a special story, share it with your Guild friends at our next meeting on Friday, January 12! Take a few minutes to tell us why that quilt stands out from all your others - for example, who made it for you? What does it represent or

commemorate? Where did the fabrics come from? How did the quilt come to you? One story per member, please; you will still be able to show other quilts at the regular "show & tell" session.



December Stash Sale Recap

After Kathy, Jeanette and Leigh Anne organized Patty Thompson's stash, it resulted in 15 boxes of stuff, including yardage, lots of kits for quilt tops, a whole quilt, Fat Quarters, Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes, Panels and books. At the

end of the sale, there were only 3 boxes left. To say the least, it was a great success! The sales totaled \$1,032, of which \$516 goes to our guild and \$516 went to Circle of Concern, Patty's designated charity. At the same time, the space at Sam Thompson's house got cleared out and hopefully our members added to their own stash or have new projects on their own UFO list!

Many thanks to our volunteers who helped make this event a success. I would name you individually but I'm afraid I would leave someone's name out unintentionally. You know who you are!

Kathy Sherrick

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

For regular attendees, you will note that we are meeting in August of 2024 rather than our "normal" October timeframe. This is because it was the only time that Mercy had both meeting rooms and sleeping rooms available at the same time.

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.

We will start taking reservations for the Retreat at the January meeting of Thimble and Thread. 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.



I know it's only January but I'm already thinking about what projects I want to do at retreat. I spent a week in December cleaning out and straightening up my sewing room which included going thru books, magazines, and patterns I've saved over the years. Some of those patterns said "Hey, make me!" so they're on my to-do list for 2024.

In the meantime, keep on quilting!
Susan Sanders, Retreat Coordinator

Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2023

The evening began with a fabric sale. The selection was quite extensive, and many shoppers found fabric they could not live without. Half of the proceeds went to the guild and half went to charity.

The meeting opened at 7:00 with Ruth Grimes calling Bingo games. Five rounds were played, and prizes were given to the winners. Fun was had by all. Thank you, Ruth!

During the brief business meeting, the minutes of the November meeting were accepted.

- Mary Ellen Adams, President, reminded everyone of the Pink quilt challenge, in a baby size, due at the February meeting.

- Ann Hennig reminded everyone the Optional Block will begin in January. She also stated that the City Sewing Room is open on the first and third Tuesday of each month should you need any help with your block.
- Susan Sanders reminded everyone of the upcoming retreat August 16-18 at Mercy Retreat and Conference Center. A single room is \$312, and a double is \$272. Susan will begin sign ups in January.
- Ann Hennig and Kate Sander would like suggestions for speakers. The January program will be Show and Tell. They are asking that members bring a quilt and tell the story of the quilt.
- The February program will be Olivia Ray. The March program is Dorothy Pino. She teaches children classes and possibly a workshop for the guild members.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Niediewski, Secretary

Membership Report

There was no Membership Report submitted for the December Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is no report as November was reported on in the December newsletter. The month of December is not complete as of the writing of the January newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

Newsletter articles are due the Friday following our monthly meeting.

Please submit newsletter information to KATHY SHERRICK, kathy.sherrick@gmail.com.

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