

Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. LouisVolume 43, No. 7July 2019

# July 12 program: Demonstrations!

Come in July and get your creative juices revved up as three of our own members share great ideas for your next quilting project. Each teacher will give a 15 minute presentation and we'll rotate around so that you will be able to go to each demonstration.

- **Suzanne Galli Koenen** will show you how easy it is to sew and appliqué on paper using your decorative stitches on your sewing machine, creating one of a kind cards, gifts and art works.
- **Dolores Keaton** will demonstrate applique, showing inside and outside points and concave and convex curves, working on silk as well.
- **Cindy Clifton** will showcase the "Bloc Loc" ruler, that is used to make a pineapple block with very little measuring and cutting.

# Welcome to Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild

We hope you will join us at one of our monthly meetings, a workshop, a retreat or even a quilt show. Explore our web site <u>http://www.thimbleandthreadstl.org</u> to see some of the quilt-related things going on in St. Louis, our Guild and elsewhere.

We meet at Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 South Kirkwood Road at 7:00 pm on the second Friday of each month, unless changes are announced in the newsletter or on the website. (Please see note regarding church parking on page 14).

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Guild meetings are open to non-members, free for the first visit (unless the program involves a national speaker), and \$3 per visit thereafter. A \$5 fee is charged whenever a national speaker gives the program. Membership dues are \$30 per year.

A pre-meeting dinner is held at Chili's restaurant, Kirkwood Commons, 1130 S. Kirkwood Road (just north of I-44), starting between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. If you plan to attend, please let Susan Sanders know either by phone or email so she can make reservations accordingly. If you do come, let the staff at Chili's know you are with "the quilters" so they can seat you at the correct table.

# Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild needs a new meeting space!

Denise Poepsel, our oh-so-wise VP and Program Chair, decided to check on the progress with Concordia's renovations. We have been informed that as of October 2019, we will no longer be able to meet at the church. We desperately need a new meeting place.

I have put together a spreadsheet to keep track of possibilities and have done a bit of research. St Louis County Libraries and Parks are all closed on Friday evenings.

I am willing to head a committee to find a new venue and I could use some help - just let me know if you are interested. Any ideas would be most helpful. Think Churches and Community Centers in your area.

These are our requirements:

- 75 to 100 person capacity
- Availability on the 2nd Friday of the month from 6:30 to 9:30
- A yearly contract would be good, but at least the option to reserve a year in advance
- Set up should include some tables as well as chairs
- A projection screen or at least a blank wall
- Cost it would be best to keep it around \$150 or so for the evening, which works out to \$50/hour
- A microphone would be a plus (we may end up buying our own they aren't that expensive)

There may be some other issues we would need to work out, but this should give us a start. Please contact me ASAP (please put TandT in the subject line) with any possibilities so we can follow up on them and find the Guild a new home!

Cindy Bell Neville Chair, Find a New Home Committee thethenevcreatures@earthlink.net

### Belated "Thank you!"

As Vice-President I dropped the hat for giving our President, Cindy Bell Neville, a nice thank you for her year of service. I will be collecting "batik fat quarters" in BRIGHT, CLEAR RAINBOW COLORS for her at the July and August meetings. If you would like to participate, please bring your fabric to give to Denise Poepsel at the meetings.

### Membership time

Please use the membership form on page 10 to renew your membership. We thank you for your contributions to our guild!

### Newsletter deadline

The next deadline for submitting items for the Thimble & Thread newsletter is July 22, 2019. Please send entries to <u>thimbleandthreadnews@yahoo.com</u>. Any questions, comments, etc. regarding the newsletter should be sent to Susan Sanders, the editor for 2019-2020.

### July deadline for college quilts

The July meeting will be the last day to turn in your college quilts. Quilts can be turned in to Karen Purcelli who is storing the quilts for distribution or Pamela Coaxum can accept them as well.

We can only have 10 members attend the Scholarship Ceremony where quilts will be handed out. It will be held July 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. The Court is located at 750 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Pamela Coaxum, 314.406.6011. Also note:

- To be allowed in the Court, you must bring a drivers' license or valid identification card to show the security guard.
- No cameras, cell phones or any type of electronic devices are allowed in the Court. You must leave them in your car or the security guard will take them.

Thank you all for participating in this Outreach Project and sharing your craft.

Pamela Coaxum, Outreach Co-Chair

### **Opportunities for volunteering, learning and making new friends!**

There are currently two positions available on the Thimble and Thread Board of Directors:

- Ways and Means Oversees the fundraising activities of the Guild.
- Quilt Show Chair Heads the Quilt Show Committee.

All of these positions may be held by Co-chairs. Consider volunteering and supporting Thimble and Thread. A Guild is only as strong as its members!

Contact Debby Logan if you are willing to help with these activities.

# **Upcoming programs**

Please contact Denise Poepsel if you have any questions about these programs.

**August 9, 2019** - Kristen Gula is a local embroiderer from Swansea, IL and author of "200 Embroidered Flowers". Kristen is a self-taught fiber artist who took her love for hand embroidery to the next level by founding Gulush Threads in 2013. Kristen has classes at Perennial and gives workshops all over the United States. Kristen will have items for sale.

**September 13, 2019** - Ann Say, from the Kanas City area "Once We Were Refugees" project, is coming back to bring us a program on "Hawaiian Quilting". She will discuss the history of these fascinating quilts and share a number of examples. She will also be accepting donations of cotton fabric and sewing machines for the students that they teach. Please note that Jeannette Oesterly also accepts donations for the Refugee project as she travels to the Kansas City area on a regular basis.

# Fall Retreat October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

It's not too late to sign up for our Fall Retreat to be held at the Pallottine Retreat Center. There is still plenty of space available and those of us already signed up would enjoy having more company. If you've not been to a retreat, this is your chance to join us and get to know some of your fellow Guild members on a more personal level.

Price: \$240.00 per person single occupancy, which is how the contract is written.

**Payment Schedule**: You must submit a down-payment of at least 50% of the amount by the August meeting. The balance will be due no later than the September 2019 meeting.

Meals included: 2 meals on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, and 2 meals on Sunday.

**Check in/out:** Check in no earlier than 9 a.m. Friday morning (10/4); check out no later than Sunday (10/6) by 2 pm.

For those of you who have not attended one of our retreats before, this is a do your own thing retreat. We start sewing as soon as we can get the room set up. We must be out by 2 pm on Sunday afternoon, so usually we stop sewing at noon, turn off irons so they can cool down, enjoy lunch and then come back and pack up. You may sew as late into the night as you desire or start as early in the morning as you want. Naps are optional. We ask everyone to bring a shareable snack and usually have way too much snack food. We share large ironing and cutting surfaces and freely give advice and lots of "oohs and aahs".

Rules are simple: be mindful of your neighbors; work as much or as little on your project(s) as you wish, and above all enjoy yourself.

Susan Sanders, Retreat Coordinator

### August 28 bus trip to Missouri Star Quilt Co. in Hamilton, MO

Hey Thimble and Thread members, want to go to Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton, MO? Join Jefferson Star Quilt Guild on our one day bus trip (**see itinerary on page 13**). The emergency contact information sheet (**see page 12**) should be filled out and carried with you on the trip. However, I do need an emergency contact phone number and a cell phone number for you. Please send that when you send your check. Hope you can join us!

Questions to: Serena Crisp, serenacrisp@gmail.com, 314-973-1280

### Bits 'n' Pieces workshop with Sandra Bruce

Spaces are available in an upcoming workshop sponsored by the Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild. On Tuesday, August 27, Sandra Bruce is teaching "The ABC's of Stitching Words" which will teach you how to create letterforms with your sewing machine. For more information, see the Bits website <a href="http://www.bitsnpiecesguild.com">http://www.bitsnpiecesguild.com</a> and click on "Workshops" in the lower right corner. Contact Candy Grisham to register.

### From the President's Corner

Happy New Year!! July begins a new year for our quilt guild. I hope it will be a good quilting year for all of us. Summertime brings lots of outdoor fun for many of us, but this can be a quilting time, too, for days when we aren't outside. Summertime can also help inspire us with new ideas, ways of seeing things, and new quilting skills to learn. Include some quilting activities in your summer fun. I have a UFO that I plan to finish by the end of July, for Loose Threads, my other quilt guild, UFO program. It's a pineapple table topper in fruit prints--I'll be hitting that one hard on the 4th and on the following weekend. I'm also finding lots of new things to think about doing, never mind the roomful of projects I already have!!

Think about things you would like to learn, speakers you would like to hear, and workshops you are interested in taking! Please pass these on to me or any the other officers. The more ideas we have, the more workshops and programs we can be inspired by. The leads you provide us can help enrich our guild and our quilting journey together.

See you at the July meeting!!

Debby Logan, President, Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

# **Optional Blocks**

In June we had only **one** submission for optional blocks, so we decided to give everybody a second chance. For instructions on the June block, "Four Doves in a Window", check out the June newsletter. We will have the drawing for the June **and** July blocks at the July meeting.

#### Rocky Road (Legacy Quilt - From Ricky Tims - www.rickytims.com)



Considering that the Ingalls had journeyed almost 2000 miles by covered wagon by the time Laura was twelve, there is surprisingly very little mention of rocky roads in the Little House books. However there are muddy wheels, river crossings, and tall grasses.

"Day after day they traveled in Kansas, and saw nothing but the rippling grass and enormous sky. In a perfect circle the sky curved down to the level land and the wagon was in the circle's exact middle....The wagon kept on jolting, the canvas top snapped in the wind. Two faint wagon wheel tracks

*kept going away behind the wagon, always the same."* ~ Laura Ingalls Wilder, Little House on the Prairie, Ch. 1 "Going West"

The pattern is at the end of the newsletter.

Part A - the pieced part, can be done randomly or all 4 pieces the same. I chose fabrics that look sort of like a rocky road, but use your own imagination, or all scraps. <u>When printing out the pattern, pay close attention</u> to size. The square on the upper right should be 1 inch square.

Part B - use something light that contrasts well with your pieced part A. If you prefer not to use a template, cut four rectangles  $3\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ , put two together <u>right sides facing each other</u>, and cut them diagonally from corner to corner. Do the same with the other two.

Part C - use a fabric that blends well with your pieced part A. If you prefer not to use a template, cut 2 squares  $4 \times 4$  and cut each diagonally once.

For the border choose a color that sort of dominates in the pieced (A Part) section, and make it a bit wider to allow for trimming, cutting it about 2 inches wide. Remember the second set of strips need to be longer to allow for the extra width.

Your finished block will be bigger than 15" x 15", because you made the border wider to allow for trimming.

Write your name on to the seam allowance with permanent marker.

Marianne Whaley, Optional Blocks Coordinator

# **Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Minutes**

#### June 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Cindy Neville, President.

Denise Poepsel, Vice President, introduced our speaker, Dr. John Oldani. John has spent decades studying American folklore. He founded the National Quilt Archive at SIUE in the 1970s and collected over 300,000 folklore items. He spoke to us about how quilting is how women wrote history. All the superstitions, jokes, and slang that quilters use to speak to each other contribute to quilting folklore. John also shared pictures from an exhibition he attended in New York titled "Three Centuries of Red and White Quilts".

#### **Committees Reporting:**

Newsletter - Cindy Neville announced on behalf of Kathy Gaynor that the deadline for the July newsletter is June 24.

Membership - Cindy Clifton reported that there were 40 members present and three guests.

Retreat - Susan Sanders reported that we met our quota of 20 people for retreat, but there are a few slots left.

Optional Blocks - Marianne Whaley had Rocky Road optional block patterns available for next month. She also noted that there was not much participation and asked members if there was still interest. Several members expressed interest, so Marianne decided that the drawing for June would be postponed to the July meeting to allow more members to participate.

Outreach - Pam Coaxum and Karen Puricelli thanked guild members for all their work on the college quilts. There are 36 scholarship recipients who will be delighted to receive them at the scholarship presentation in July. Pam and Karen said quilts can still be accepted next month. Pam also talked about an educational outreach project on July 18 and 19, from 9 am to 12 pm through SIUE. Volunteers are needed to help children in foster care with a heart-themed quilt project.

Break

After break:

#### **Old Business:**

Pam Coaxum made a motion to call the business meeting to order, and it was approved.

Cindy Clifton made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as published in the June newsletter, and the motion was approved.

Cindy Neville announced that we still need a Membership chair for next year since both outgoing chairs are moving to other positions. Julie Tucker and Lillian Seese spoke up and said they had emailed about taking on the position. We still need a Ways & Means chair as well as a Quilt Show Chair or co-Chair. There are

options to change the quilt show (it can be smaller or not in March), but it does require a year of lead time, and it is the guild's only big fundraiser.

Leigh Anne Huckaby needs budget information, and annual reports are due in July.

#### New Business:

Cindy Neville announced that the guild will not be able to meet at the church after this September. She volunteered to head a committee to find a new space for the guild to meet for the monthly meeting. She needs at least two guild members to work on the committee with her. She also needs suggestions for possible venues and will post a list of requirements in the newsletter. If you have ideas for places to meet, they should be sent to Cindy. Possibilities will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting and voted on at a general meeting.

Raffles:

Optional blocks will be drawn for next month.

Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Fraizer, Secretary of Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild

# **Treasury Report**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT			BALANCE SHEET	
	June 2019	May 2019		May 2019
Income	- A. A.	1.11.12.1	Current Assets	
Membership Dues	960.00	120.00	Checking/Savings	
Retreat Income		240.00	Arsenal CU Checking #2090	8,731.91
Guest Passes			Arsenal CU Money Market #2060	9,934.30
Workshop Income			Arsenal CU Savings	31.47
Fabric Raffle			Total Checking/Savings	
Quilt Raffle			Accounts Receivable	
Optional Block			11000 · Accounts Receivable	406.00
Total Income	960.00	360.00	Total Accounts Receivable	19,103.68
Expense			Total Current Assets	
Meals			Other Assets	
Website	60.00		Arsenal CU CD - 1 year	6,179.40
Room Rental	315.00		Arsenal CU CD - 6 month	6,098.30
Business Insurance			Total Other Assets	12,277.70
speaker	125.00	125.00	TOTAL Assets	31,381.38
Office Supplies				
Travel			LIAI Total Current Liabilities	
Workshop fee			Accounts payable	600.00
Program Expense				
Raffle Quilt				
Fabric Raffle			Equity	
Retreat			30000 · Opening Balance Equity	20,866.03
TOTAL Expense	500.00	125.00	32000 · Retained Earning	11,083.68
			Net Income	-1,168.33
Tot Other Income-Interest			Total Equity	30,781.38
Net Income	460.00	235.00		
			TOTAL LIABILIES & EQUITY	31,381.38

#### THIMBLE & THREAD QUILT GUILD July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Membership Form

#### Membership dues are \$30 per year

#### **PLEASE PRINT!**

Date:	_	Renewal:	
Check #: C	Cash:	New Member	rship:
Amount paid: \$			
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State	e: Zip	
Phone: (h)	(w)	(m)	
Email:			
If you are related to someone i	n the Guild, please	list member's name and	l relationship to you.

Make checks payable to Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild and mail to:

Cindy Clifton Membership Committee 615 Hickory Hollow Ln. Kirkwood, MO 63122

#### **NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME TO OUR GUILD!**

Quilt Shop	Website	Word-of-mouth
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Quilt Show \_\_\_\_\_



# Thimble & Thread Board of Directors 2019-2020

#### Officers

President	Debby Logan
Vice President	Denise Poepsel
Secretary	Marylyn Simpson/Gay Stewart
Treasurer	Adele Niblack/Leigh Anne Huckaby

#### **Standing Committee Chairs**

Historian	Karen Terry
Membership	Julie Tucker/Lillian Seese
Newsletter	Susan Sanders
Outreach	Pam Coaxum/Karen Puricelli
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse
Quilt Show	vacant
Workshop	Cindy Clifton
Ways & Means	vacant

#### **Sub-committee Coordinators**

Website Administrator Mary Ellen Adams

Emergency Information for Jefferson Star Quilt Guild bus trip on August 28, 2019

#### PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address
Phone Number
Date of Birth
Weight Social Security Number
Emergency Contact
Primary Care Doctor
List any allergies:
Past Medical History: (major issues only)
List current prescription medication and dosages:

If possible, please attach a copy of your driver's license and insurance card.

### Jefferson Star Quilt Guild 2019 Bus Trip August 28, 2019

#### 7:00 AM leave from Lot H

Arnold First Baptist Church 2012 Missouri State Road Arnold, MO 63010

8:30 AM Short Bathroom Break Iron Skillet Kingdom City

**<u>11:00 AM Arrive at Missouri Star Quilt Company</u></u> Shop, Shop, lunch on your own, Shop, Shop, Shop** 

2:45 PM Board Bus to Leave

5:00 PM Dinner Break McDonald's Kingdom City

6:00PM Board Bus for Home

#### 8:30 PM Return to Church

<u>Cost:</u> Jefferson Star members - \$35 (includes driver's tip, does not include meals) Non-members \$45 (includes driver's tip, does not include meals) Accepted after July 1, 2019. 50 Seats are available.

**NOTE:** Payment is non-refundable. If you pay and are unable to go, the guild cannot refund your money. The guild has already paid for the bus. You are welcome to find someone to take your place, but you will need to take care of doing so on your own. Please inform Serena Crisp if this is the case.

Payment will be accepted at the June and July meetings or can be mailed to: Jefferson Star Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 1133, Arnold, MO 63010. Deadline August 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to Jefferson Star Quilt Guild.

Sorry, no alcohol on the bus (that cost us extra) and please no milk-based products (if spilled, it is difficult to get the smell out of the seats). You are welcome to bring your own snacks and meals.

Questions: Serena Crisp, 314-973-1280 (text messages are OK), serenacrisp@gmail.com

### Parking changes due to church construction

Concordia Lutheran has begun a major construction project which will not be completely done until June, 2019. You will need to park in their lots off Woodbine and walk up Woodbine (see the red arrows on the map) to enter the building.

Please consider using the larger lot with the basketball hoop if you are physically able so that members who need them can have the closer lots.

Also, we suggest you bring a flashlight to use as you walk back to your car after the meeting. Parking colors on map below:

Blue/green arrows: Parking in this area is scheduled to be available November 2018.

Pink: Parking in this area is scheduled to be available November 2018.

Yellow: Parking currently available.

Red arrows: Current path to get into the building.

Use the front door on the Kirkwood Road side for accessible access and speaker unloading.







