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

President's Message

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to fill the necessary guild positions and the various standing committees. We now have a full slate of officers to vote on at the April meeting. We were in danger of having to fold as a guild in July 2024 if the necessary officer positions were not filled. I was sweating bullets for sometime when no one volunteered for the vice president/program slot.

I have been thinking of other ways we can engage with each other in between monthly guild meetings. Some guilds in the area (including one or two I belong to), have "Sit and Sew" days. Members bring hand work so as not to have to schlep sewing machines, but other guilds have sew days to work on comfort quilts. I thought we could try this, selecting a regular day, time, and place. By a show of hands at the March meeting, it seems that members favor a weekend day (not everyone is retired!). I'm proposing the second Saturday following our regular meeting day. Jackman's will provide us a work space at no charge if we are working on charity projects.

Jeanette Oesterly suggested that we make simple blocks at these sessions – perhaps rail fence -in a standard size that could easily be assembled into twin-sized quilts (approximately 70" x 90") for Ukraine. Jean Ameduri will coordinate this for us as she proposed that we make these quilts in the first place. More details are below. You can also bring a project if you need help or advice, but the focus will be on charity quilt projects. We don't want to abuse Jackman's generosity!

If you have other ideas, please let me know. If possible, we will accommodate suggestions. If fabric is needed, Jeanette Oesterly invited us to shop her considerable supply of donated fabrics at her house.

Choose kindness and believe in the goodness of others!

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 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

APRIL SEW-IN 4/12/2024, 7:00 pm

The April 12th meeting will be a sew-in. The goal is to create Rail Fence blocks to make twin-sized 70" x 90" quilts for Ukraine refugees from the ages from 3 to 18. We don't want kids to outgrow their quilts because they are no longer into unicorns and ballerinas. We are looking for fabric that is NOT distinctly kid related but appealing to all ages. Brights are a bonus. Sports themed fabric would be appropriate. Please bring fabric from your stash. If you have time, please cut some strips so we can get started right away. Please cut strips that are 3" x 8" or 2 1/2" x 6 1/2", with a preference for the larger size strips. Using the 3"x 8" strips we can make larger blocks, but sometimes our scraps are not that big. Use this as an 'opportunity' to clear out some of your scraps, fat quarters or yardage, keeping in mind the audience. We will of course need fabric to make franken-backs.

Please volunteer to bring cutting mats/rotary cutters/rulers, ironing boards and irons, and of course sewing machines. Please email, text, or phone Jeanette Oesterly to let her know what you can bring. We are hoping to have everyone participate in some manner. If you don't want to drag in an ironing board, you might bring a collection of fabrics or a rotary cutter. We will have extension cords. We are going to be meeting in our regular room.

Jeanette Oesterly
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MAY MEETING

Our speaker will be a young St.-Louis-based designer and arts educator, Olivia Rae Davis of Olivia Rae Design Academy (<https://www.theordacademy.com/>). In addition to teaching classes in St. Louis and other places in the

world, she hosts an online craft site called Craftacademy, partners with City Sewing Room and SewHope to sustainably recycle fabric and sewing supplies, and is committed to increasing arts and craft education in low-income communities world-wide. Come hear about her exciting and inspiring adventures in sewing!

JUNE 14 MEETING

Rhonda Pierce with Schmetz Needles will be with via Zoom to educate and inform us on all types of sewing machine needles.

JULY 12 MEETING

Brita Nelson, the Questioning Quilter (<https://questioningquilter.com/>) will speak to us via ZOOM in July about "The Magic of Disappearing Blocks".

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers to be voted on at the April 12, 2024 meeting.

President – Susan Sanders
Vice President – Jean Ameduri
Secretary – Kate Sander
Treasurer – Kathy Sherrick

In addition, although not part of our responsibility, we are pleased to announce that the following members have stepped forward to fill Standing Committee chairs and other activities.

Parliamentarian – Art Kruse
Standing Committees:
Membership – Denise Poepsel & Paula Hardi
Newsletter – Sara Seagrist
Outreach – Jeanette Oesterly & a few of her closest friends
Historian – Lillian Seese
Ways & Means – *open*
Workshop – *open*

Other Activities:
Website – Kathy Sherrick
Facebook – Kate Sander
Retreat – Susan Sanders
Fabric Raffle – Kate Lottes
Optional Block/Raffle – Anne Hennig

We ask, on behalf of the Board, that if you have not already volunteered to do something that you seriously consider taking on one of the unfilled Committee chairs or assisting those who have volunteered to chair a committee or one of the other activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sanders, Nominating Committee Chair

COMFORT QUILTS

Thank you for all the donations during the March meeting. The wagon overflowed with quilts. Since January the guild has donated 126 baby quilts and 7 afghans to Sweet Babies. Home Sweet Home has received 21 quilts ranging in size from toddler to queen sized. The guild was featured in one of the Home Sweet Home Facebook posts.

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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 fifteen 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 the meantime, keep on quilting!

Susan Sanders, Retreat Coordinator



Guild Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2024

Vice-President Anne Hennig introduced Dorothy Pino, a sewing teacher for children at City Sewing Room, who spoke about paper foundation piecing. The benefits of teaching this method include improving the independence and confidence of her students, repetitive straight line sewing helps with precision on other projects, and it gives them a starting point for creating larger projects. Here are places you can get paper foundation pieced patterns--Etsy and just Google the topic. Some of these designs are large and have many pieces. She suggests students color in the whole pattern design sheet with the colors they want to use in their fabric. Dorothy recommends the book 100 Paper Pieced Quilts Blocks with Sarah Colleard, editor (note: though not available at St. Louis County Library, this book may be requested via MOBIUS on the library's website). Dorothy also suggests newsprint for paper piecing because it peels off easier; it is available in 8.5" x 11" paper. Tips: starching the fabric makes it easier to do and press after each step to avoid bulk. You may contact her at dorothypino@gmail.com.

Jeanette Oesterly, Outreach, has donated 21 quilts to Home Sweet Home. You are welcome to share part of her stash in her home if you are making charity quilts. Our upcoming project will be twin-size quilts for Ukrainian refugee children ages 3-18 that live in the greater St. Louis area. Several options are being considered including a sew-in day. The size of the finished twin-size quilts should be at least 70" x 90" (or slightly larger). Machine quilters need to have the backing 4" wider along each side (total 8" wider and 8" longer) so this would require a backing 78" wide and 98" long for the 70" x 90" quilt. Use rainbow colors that are bright and happy. Quilts full, queen, or king size (if they are donated) will be given to the adult Ukrainian refugees.

Susan Sanders, Retreat, is accepting reservations for the Aug. 16-18 retreat. Cost: \$272 double room or \$312 for a single room; half of the openings have been filled.

Gay Stewart had some information about a new Thimble and Thread silk screened t-shirt. The minimum number is 48, so that is not possible with our current membership. Michelle Ahrens will check on other options.

Volunteers for our 2024-2025 election are: President: Susan Sanders; Vice-President: Jean Ameduri; Treasurer: Kathy Sherrick; Secretary: Kate Sander. Volunteers for other positions: Fabric Raffle: Kate Lottes; Facebook: Kate Sander; Historian: Lillian Seese; Membership: Denise Poepsel and Paula Hardi; Optional Blocks: Anne Hennig; Outreach: Jeanette Oesterly; Newsletter: Sara Seagrist; Parliamentarian: Art Kruse; Retreat: Susan Sanders; Ways & Means - open; Website: Kathy Sherrick; Workshop: Open.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Ameduri

MARCH 9 WORKSHOP

Six members enjoyed an afternoon learning about techniques of foundation paper piecing with instructor, Dorothy Pino. Dorothy brought a sampling of fun simple patterns and fabric to try while some members brought their own patterns. Most students completed one small project and learned to appreciate the intricacies and precision that foundation paper piecing provides. You can see the joy on their faces, can't you?



Membership Report

There were 37 people in attendance at our March meeting. We had one guest who joined our guild. Welcome to Kathy Oppelt! We're glad to have you join us!

Thanks to those of you that donate attendance prizes! We appreciate your generosity and I hope the winners appreciate the prizes!

La Donna Patterson, Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2024

By Kathy Sherrick, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$3,584.34	
	Debits	- 805.85	Rent, Ins., Website,
	Deposits	+1,400.00	Retreat, Membership, Fabric Raffle, Dec Stash Sale, BOM
	Ending Balance	\$4,178.62	Incl. .13 Div.
Savings Account	Balance	\$ 31.47	No Activity
Money Market Account	Balance	\$6,465.39	\$10.17 Dividend
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,350.55	No Activity
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,671.04	No Activity

DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

Newsletter articles are due the Friday following our monthly meeting.

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