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

President's Message

We had a fun and productive April meeting. There had been speculation beforehand as to whether there would be much turnout. Well, I am pleased to report that we had very good attendance, maybe more than usual.

We sewed rail fence blocks to make twin-sized quilts for Ukraine. Some members brought sewing machines, others sorted and cut strips, ironed, fetched, and carried.

Liza Mitchell color coordinated fabric. Everyone worked to their strengths, and we had to set a time limit for packing up and leaving. Suffice it to say we were in our happy place!

Members said they would like to do this again, and we will. I took home enough pieces and blocks to sew a top together, plus a couple of baggies of 5" novelty squares. Each piece was different and will make an I Spy quilt for a little one. I have already sewn one set together. No thinking involved. It made for pleasant Zen sewing.

As the weather warms up, outside tasks are calling. Since having back issues, I have used a garden service for the big jobs – raking leaves, spreading mulch, and weekly mowing. Still, there seems to be small things to do. When the weather is pleasant, it's nice to do what I can.

There still seems to be time for quilting, though!

Currently I have been making baby quilts for donation. I finished the kits I had made by Jeanette O and her posse. I ordered several sale fabrics for backings from [equilter.com](https://www.equilter.com) at \$5 to \$6 per yard. I could piece fabrics for backings, which for smallish baby quilts isn't a big task. I really dislike that particular job, so I tend to avoid it.

The rail fence project is calling my name as well and that will be next up when I get back home from Kansas City.

Sew on. Happy Spring. 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 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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APRIL SEW-IN HIGHLIGHTS





Here are some pictures from the April Sew-In for St. Louis Ukrainian refugees. Thimble & Thread members took over the council chambers to cut, assemble and sew twin-size quilts for the refugees. There were members happily sewing away at the council members' seats. There was a fabric placement station where 2"x8" strips were assembled for the sewers and there was a cutting table for cutting the donated fabric into strips. After piecing, the blocks were pressed at the ironing station.

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 MEETING





Rhonda Pierce with Schmetz Needles will be with us 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".

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

April 12, 2024

The evening began as guild members arrived to help with the Ukrainian Refugee quilt assembly. Jeanette Oesterly, the Charity Chairman, assigned duties.

The candidates for new positions are:

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

A motion to accept the candidates was moved, seconded and passed. Congratulations to our new candidates!

The minutes of the last meeting were moved, seconded and passed.

Ways and Means Committee and Workshop Committee are in need of a chairman.

Raffles were held and prizes awarded.

Lillian Seese won the Block of the Month.

The Paducah Quilt Show is April 24-27, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Niediewski, Secretary.

Membership Report

We had 29 attendees at the April meeting. There was one guest. Our renewal membership dues are \$30 and will be accepted starting at the May meeting. If you will be unable to attend the next several meetings or have change in your contact information, please see our renewal form [here](#). Our year runs July 1-June 30.

La Donna Patterson, Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2024

By Kathy Sherrick, Treasurer

Checking Account	Starting Balance	\$4,178.62	
	Debits	- 682.42	Rent, Charity Quilts, Speaker Fee
	Deposits	+1,412.19	Retreat, Workshop, Membership, BOM, Fabric Raffle
	Ending Balance	\$4,908.39	Incl. .19 Div.
Savings Account	Balance	\$ 31.47	No Activity
Money Market Account	Balance	\$6,476.27	\$10.88 Dividend
6 month CD	Balance	\$6,412.95	\$62.40 Dividend
1 year CD	Balance	\$6,742.24	\$71.20 Dividend

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 17, 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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