



# THIMBLE & THREAD QUILT GUILD

## \* President's Message \*

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It's almost July and it finally feels like it. Today it's supposed to be in the 90's. It's time to start working inside again, not out in the flower beds.

I'm truly looking forward to July. I do my best piecing in the hot summer months. Those "melt as you breathe" days keep me inside and the sun seems to inspire me to do more.

This July, I have four quilts that need binding. (Yes that is fun for me) I have another quilt ready for the quilter who will be in town soon (she moved, but makes trips back for her sons). I have a paper pieced project that will need to be trimmed up

before I take it to the retreat (yes, I think that far in advance). I even have plans for another quilt to be started. I wish I could finish more ideas floating in my head, but one thing at a time.

July also brings two opportunities for myself and for others. On the thirteenth I will be playing for 15 minutes with our guest, Victoria Findlay Wolfe. I bought her book last fall and am really looking forward to her teaching us how to "let loose" and play with fabric. It's true; we all take our fabric too seriously, almost

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*Meet Us for Fun, Food and Fellowship Before the Meeting*

You are encouraged to attend our monthly dinner, which takes place just before each meeting! O'Charley's restaurant in Kirkwood Commons (across

from Hobby Lobby) 1242 South Kirkwood Road at 5:15 p.m., Friday, July 12, 2014.

## President's Message (cont.)

to the point of not using it. In this class we'll learn to re-arrange the fabrics we have into new fabric we can use.

The possibilities are endless, I'm sure. I'm really happy that the class filled too. The more the merrier when one plays.

Shortly after that, Mom, Carolyn and I will be on our way to Cedar Rapids to join the fun at Ricky Tim's quilt seminar. I can't wait to see the things the three teachers will be sharing there. I don't think it's sold out, so you can go to Ricky Tim's webpage, <http://www.rickytims.com>, to sign up if you wish. There are many more details there.

That brings me to almost August! Wow, July will fly by quickly.

See you at the meeting!

*Cindy Clifton, President*



## July Program

**Join** us for a fun-filled evening with Victoria Findlay Wolfe, author of "15 Minutes of Play," and winner of QuiltCon, Best of Show in Austin, Texas, March 2013. Wolfe's lecture is a walk-through of quilts showing how she got started in quilting at a very young age. She talks about her inspiration, and how she found her "15 minutes" journey--how it works, why it works and what it does for her and her quilts. She will show many quilts to keep the inspiration flowing and gets everyone excited about *play!*

Victoria is collecting 3.5" signature blocks for inclusion in a quilt she is making. If you wish to submit a signature block. please make it according to her directions, which are available on the guild web site: <http://www.thimbleandthreadstl.org/images/uploads/siggyblocks.pdf>. The directions call for the seams to be pressed open. There will be a small basket on the back table near registration for collecting the blocks as you enter.

The July meeting will also be the first time we will be led by the new President, Cindy Clifton.

*Mary Ellen Adams, Vice President and Program Chair*

# Membership Report

We had 93 people in attendance at our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. We had several newcomers who ended up joining the guild at the June meeting.

Please welcome Callie Appelstein of Kirkwood, Pat Luttrell of High Ridge and Linda Schwartz of Webster Groves.

We ended our 2013-2014 year with

177 members. A large number of members (78) have already mailed their dues or brought them to the meeting, which we really appreciate.

**The official renewal date is 7/1/2014.** So please mail your dues or bring them to the July guild meeting.

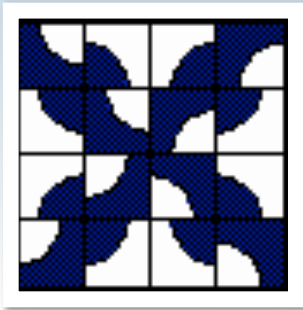
**A copy of the renewal notice is included in this newsletter. (page 8)**

Your new membership team is **Peggy Renard** and **Cindi Templin**. Peggy and I have been working together in June to insure a smooth transition. Peggy and Cindi are out of town in July so you will have Patty Thompson and me around a little while longer at the membership table.

Don't forget to pick up your new

membership card at the meeting so you can receive a discount at our local quilt shops.

*Kathy Sherrick and  
Patty Thompson,  
2013-2014  
Membership Chairs*

GUILD MEETINGS	JULY 11, 2014	AUGUST 8, 2014	SEPTEMBER 12, 2014	OCTOBER 12, 2014
WORK SHOPS	JULY 12, 2014	AUGUST 9, 2014		
	Victoria Findlay Wolfe "15 Minutes of Play"	May Snook, "Judy Niemeyer Paper Piecing"	Kevin the Quilter	Janie Lou Quilt Shop "Juvenile and Baby Quilts"
	Victoria Findlay Wolfe "15 Minutes of Play" (filled)	May Snook "Judy Niemeyer Paper Piecing" (filled)		

# Treasurer's Report

This is my last report as treasurer for T&T

## Balances forward

Savings	31.47
CD 6 mo	6,024.04
CD 1yr	6,040.97
MMF	9,865.36
Checking	<u>11,462.79</u>
<i>Total assets</i>	33,423.51

## Expenses

Speaker	175.00
Travel and room	161.04
Refunds	160.00
Refreshments	<u>100.15</u>
<i>Total expenses</i>	596.19

## Income

Membership	2,042.50
Newsletter raffle	37.00
Workshops	215.00
Retreat	530.00
Fabric raffle	<u>36.30</u>
<i>Total Income</i>	2,860.50

**Total asset balance** 35,868.82

*Marylyn Simpson, 2013-2014 Treasurer*

## Baker's Dozen

Here is the scoop on Baker's Dozen: We will meet on October 19, 2014--place to be determined.

The new theme is to do a block using gray and yellow, any size.

We hope to get some new members to join us to try their hand at putting different size blocks into a quilt. Anyone wanting more information can grab me at the next meeting.

*Judy Lorino,  
Baker's Dozen Chair*

2014-2015

## Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Cindy Clifton
Vice President	Mary Ellen Adams
Secretary	Robin O'Sullivan
Treasurer	Kathy Sherrick
Parliamentarian	Art Kruse
Membership	Peggy Renard
Historian	Karen Terry
Workshops	Susan Sanders
2015 Quilt Show Chair	Pat Ferrell
Retreat	Becky Waldrop
Charity Quilts 2015	Linda Polcyn
Newsletter Raffle	Wanda Hilliard, Marty Walsh
Optional Blocks	Jeanette Oesterly, Sally Koczan
Website	Mary Ellen Adams
Baker's Dozen	Judy Lorino
Fabric Raffle	Carolyn Smith Laverne Farrar
Newsletter	Betsey Gardner

"Quilt Magic"

## 2015 Quilt Show Committee

Chairperson	Pat Ferrell
Admissions (Front Door Area)	Sally Koczen Karen Pecaut Leigh Anne Huckaby
Consignment Chair:	Denise Poepsel Marian McGuinness, Steve Zegel
Demonstrations Chair	Leslie Clark
Gifts of Love Chair	Adele Niblack
Guild Challenge	Patricia Ferrell
Judges and Ribbons	Kate Lottes
Operations	Art Kruse
Program	Vacant
Quilt Info Tags	Linda Wandling
Quilt Placement/Hanging	Susan Sanders. Joan Tebeau
2015 Raffle Quilt	Joan Tebeau
Show Photographer	Jerri Stroud
Special Exhibit	Hallye Bone
Table Decorations	Cindy Neville
Treasurer	Jeanette Oesterly
Vendors	Mary Ann Wachtel Jan Oehrle Linda Polcyn
Volunteers	Debbie Logan, Wanda Hilliard



## June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chris Willbanks. Mary Ellen Adams announced the guest speaker. Cynthia Felts is president of Piece and Plenty Guild in Rolla, MO, a national level show participant, and an antique quilt collector. Cynthia presented a trunk show entitled "Little Quilts Then and Now." She presented several antique doll, baby, and lap quilts, as well as, some of her Guild Challenge quilts. She believes there are two types of small quilts; those designed and scaled to be small and those made from leftover blocks from larger quilts.

### ***Committee Announcements:***

Chris Willbanks announced that June is the last month of our current years membership so new dues are being collected for the 2014-2015 year.

As our last month with refreshments, the guild is providing a build your own sundae and ice cream float.

Sue Sanders announced that all workshops are full. And as a side note, asked that all members enter into the quilt show.

Pat Ferrell recognized members who worked on the 2015 raffle quilt which is a Judy Neimeyer pattern. Pat also asked for a program chair to prepare the pamphlets to be handed out at the show in March.

Becky Waldroff announced there is only one opening left at the October retreat. She is taking orders for handle kits for the retreat project which is an oversized tote bag. Becky estimates the kits may cost (depending on number ordered) approximately \$7.50.

Cindy Clifton has 11 items on the newsletter raffle tonight.

Betsey Gardner, our new newsletter editor, reminded everyone that articles are due the second Sunday following the meeting.

Members submitted 25 optional blocks. The June block is called Parquet Tiles.

Laverne Farrar and Carolyn Smith purchased fabrics from the Quilted Fox and Heyde Sewing.

Judy Lorino of Baker's Dozen would like to see those stashed blocks at the quilt show.

Membership had 93 members present along with 1 guest and 3 new members; Dues for the new year were collected and new membership cards were issued at the meeting. More items for attendance prizes have been requested.

### ***After the break . . .***

Old business – Chris motioned to approve the minutes from last month. As departing president, Chris thanked all the outgoing board members for their time given. She also passed the "Queen Bee" to Cindy Clifton.

New business – none

Drawing were held.

Show & Tell – Participants in the presidents UFO Challenge presented their projects and received certificates. Mary Ellen asked for signed blocks for Victoria Findley Wolfe.

Debbie Miles introduced Betsey Gardner as our new newsletter editor. The guest speaker drew and Art Kruse won the drawing for the secret word. Debbie also recognized Giselle Rucker's birthday.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Respectively submitted by  
Robin O'Sullivan, 2013-2014 Secretary*

## 2015 Quilt Show – Entries

Now is the time to start thinking about the 2015 Quilt Show and what quilt(s) or quilted item(s) you would like to display in the show. The deadline for quilt show entries is January 9, 2015 – about 6 months from now. For members who do not quilt but collect quilts, please consider entering an item from your collection.

Possible categories to think about:

Miniatures – less than 100” perimeter

Wall or small quilts – greater than 100” and less than 260” perimeter

Bed quilts – 260” or greater perimeter

Other quilted items – purses, bags, vests, sweatshirts

Those of us who have volunteered to organize the placement of items in the show really want everyone to participate and put at least one item in the show. And no saying “but, it’s not good enough,” we all were beginners at one time. Also, we want to know if this is the first time you have exhibited in a quilt show. We know there are talented quilters among the members of our guild – you only have to attend a meeting

and see the quilts and other items shown off during “Show and Tell.”

So start your creative juices flowing (yes, you have time to start a new project or complete one) or your mind wandering through quilts you’ve made since the 2013 Quilt Show and make a decision on what you want to enter in the show. And don’t forget the workshops you’ve attended in the last couple of years.

*Susan Sanders*

*Joan Tebeau*

*Liza Mitchell*



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**July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

*Membership Form*

***Basic membership dues are \$25;***  
*New Members as of August 1, 2012,*  
add \$10 to receive monthly newsletters by regular mail.

PLEASE PRINT!

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ regular dues  
\$10 \_\_\_\_\_ addl for mailed newsletter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to receive our monthly newsletter? Email \_\_\_\_\_ or Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you are related to someone in the Guild, please list member's name and relationship to you,  
e.g., sister, mother, spouse, etc.:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please make membership checks out to Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild  
and mail to:

**Peggy Renard, Membership Chair**  
**111 Chatwood Terrace**  
**St. Louis, MO 63126**

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

How did you hear about us? Quilt Shop \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_ Word-of-mouth \_\_\_\_\_



## Member Musings -- Quilting in Summer

I am finding it harder to quilt in the summer. As I look out my window in the back yard, I see a weed or a tomato that needs to be picked. So I am easily distracted from working. I commonly take hand work outside to finish on the deck, but it is just too darn hot some weeks.

I am home recouping from a stroke that happened on June 4th. Thanks to the good folks and rapid response team at St. Anthony's, I am doing very well. Thanks again!!

*Terrie Yardley-Nohr*

### Alternative Hospice

At the June meeting I spoke to the members about *Alternative Hospice* and their need for lap quilts and promised to send more information. Here it is: *Alternative Hospice* is an organization serving Fenton, St. Louis and surrounding areas. It provides care for

What makes it harder for me to quilt during the summer is heat and grandchildren.

My little house has a second floor that is set right under the roof, some of you may be familiar with the Cape Cod style cottage. When it gets hot, it gets hotter in my second-floor sewing room. The new sewing machine tolerates the heat better than my old Bernina, but I do not. My daughter is giving me an old room air conditioner, which may help.

Also making it harder to quilt is the fact that my grandchildren visit me at irregular intervals during the summer, often for a full day starting at 8 a.m.

Sometimes they are content to play games at the computer while I sew. Sometimes they are not.

*Betsy Gardner*

adult individuals who seek comfort rather than cure in managing life limiting illness. They serve patients anywhere they call home, including private residence, senior and/or assisted living communities, as well as skilled nursing facilities. At this time they are in need of lap robes or quilts for patients in wheel chairs. The size of the quilts is about 32"x 45", or crib size, longer

ones can be used for jerry-chair patients. The quilts need not be works of art. Since they care for veterans, they welcome lap quilts with a patriotic theme. So pull out those extra blocks you had left over or use up strips that are filling up your scrap box and make a little quilt!

Thanks!

*Sister Frances Ann  
Eveler*



**WE  
NEED  
YOU**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
QUILT EXPO 2015  
"QuiltMagic"**

**March 21 and 22, 2015**

**For information and to  
sign up contact:**

**Debby Logan**

**dlogan@healthlink.com**

**636-288-6263**

**OR**

**Wanda Hilliard**

**wandahilliard@sbcglobal.net**

**314-623-7311**

**Let us know your time  
and job preference**

## Help needed!!

As you know, we have a quilt show In MARCH 2015 and there is a great deal of work to be done. The Publicity Chair is forming a committee to assist in the responsibilities. Join our team today!!

There are two positions open under the Publicity Chair. They are: Co-chair and graphics designer.

The Co-Chair will share in the responsibilities of the main Chair. Responsibilities include coordinating mailers, emails, news flash and signs.

The graphics designer will help design flyers, email, newsletter, signs and more.

The work of the publicity committee brings attendees to the show. We are important and we want to increase our attendance this year. Call Darlene Pratte at 314-426-4675 or email at [darlene.pratte@yahoo.com](mailto:darlene.pratte@yahoo.com) to join our creative team.

## Publicity News

Over the next few months, the Publicity Committee will be asking you--our members--for help in promoting our show. For now, we ask you to visit our T&T Facebook page and like us. We will be using Facebook to help promote our show and will soon forward more information on just how you can help. If you do not use Facebook, you can still help. Do your kids use Facebook? Ask them to like us. One of their friend's parents or grandparents may be a quilter and not know about our show.

Thanks for your support!!!

*Darlene Pratte – Publicity Chair*

## QUILTS OF VALOR

In all the activities of Friday night's meeting, I forgot to draw names for our September veteran's presentations. I am glad now that I waited, because we had eight names submitted and it really seemed a shame to eliminate two candidates. Kevin the Quilter has agreed that eight presentations are okay.

So, here are the candidates for receiving a Quilt of Valor in September. The name in parentheses is the guild member):

Gene Brostowski (no member name submitted), John Buckingham, Omaha Beach survivor (Marylyn Simpson), Donald Buenger (Debbie Logan), Russ Horne (Russ Horne), Cassie Triplett (Karen Triplett), Sarah Watkins (Chris Willbanks), John Van Doren

(Carol Williamson), and Joe Yanko (Cindy Clifton).

Kevin will bring the bulk of the quilts. I will have one to present, and we know of one more made by a member that should be (fingers crossed) ready for the September meeting. If anyone else would like to make a Quilt of Valor for presentation at the September meeting, or already has one completed and is looking for a recipient, please contact me.

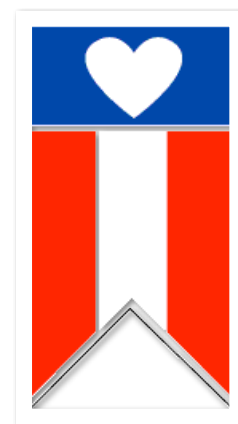
Also, whoever submitted the name of Gene Brostowski, please email me. All recipients must be present at the September meeting to receive their quilt.

While not a requirement, it would be nice if the guild member who submitted the name is also present at

the September meeting. This is not a guild requirement, but one imposed by the Quilt of Valor organization.

For information about requirements for Quilts of Valor (size, labeling, etc.) please visit their web site: <http://www.govf.org/content/basic-gov-requirements.html>.

The guild has the labels that Quilts of Valor requires, so if you are making a quilt for the presentation, let me know. We will have them available at future guild meetings.



**Optional Blocks** -- Susan Sanders was the winner of the optional block for the month of June.

# Quilt Magic

To **ALL** Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild Members from the **Registration Committee**:

“Quilt Magic” will be the 20th show hosted by Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild. In fact, as a Guild, we have been purposeful in hosting a quilt show biannually. The shows are intended to encourage others to engage in the “quilt arts” so that they may be passed on to future generations.

The 2015 Quilt show again gives us the opportunity to show attendees the endless possibilities that quilt making offers. The Registration Committee is encouraging every member of the Guild to participate in “Quilt Magic” by submitting a quilt. It can be a first quilt, a small/medium/large sized quilt, funny quilt, serious quilt, wacky quilt or the quilt of you always wanted. Let your hopes, dreams or serendipity guide you. It is after all, *Quilt Magic*.

**We NEED 275 to 300 quilts** to make this show a go and those quilts should come from each and every one of you because it is the members that make this show what it is.

Show Countdown - 9 months!

Thank you!



# THE QUILTED FOX

## *The Fox in the Forest*

starts in August 2014

Our First or Third Saturday Block of the Month

This unique Quilted Fox design will feature all the warmth and beauty of our own Missouri forests. Registration for the main block is \$15. The alternate block for the year is \$55 or by the month for \$5 per month. This will be a pieced quilt.

Registration is now open. Call 314-993-1181 to register. Check our webpage at <http://www.quiltedfox.com/saturday-groups.htm> to see some of the quilts from past years.

Don't forget--we're open every Sunday from 12-4 p.m. Visit us at 10403 Clayton Road in La Chateau Village or call us at (314) 993-1181

Monday & Wednesday 10-5

Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30

Friday & Saturday 10-4:30

Sunday 12-4:00



## EDITOR'S NOTES

I don't remember anyone telling me that editing the Thimble & Thread newsletter was going to be easy....

We had a few bumps and bruises along the way, including (but not limited to) the fact that my elderly MacIntosh computer would not run the software that Debbie has been using, that I had to relearn how to do graphics after a twenty-year absence, and that the Quilted Fox advertisement took a positive loathing for both my computer and the software that I chose to use to produce it.

Sigh.

If it weren't for the encouragement and support of Mary Ellen Adams and Chris Willbanks, the newsletter would definitely have been stillborn. Thank you, ladies.

Feel free to contact me with comments and suggestions.

*Ruth-Elizabeth "Betsey" Gardner*

Newsletter submissions are due the second Sunday after the meeting. This month July 21, 2014. Submissions should be e-mailed to [babagardner@yahoo.com](mailto:babagardner@yahoo.com). Call or text 314-322-0790 for submission guidelines.

Welcome to **Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild**, St. Louis' largest quilting club.

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

We meet at the Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 South Kirkwood Road, at 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month, unless changes are announced in the newsletter or on the website. Doors open at 6:30. A pre-meeting dinner is held at O'Charley's restaurant, 1242 South Kirkwood Road, at 5:15 p.m. This month the meeting is on Friday, July 12, 2014.

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. Memberships are \$25-\$35 per year.

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