

Tablecloth Pressed

September 2017

So, it seems like the summer has slipped by (when and how this happened I can't begin to guess) and that brings an end to our 15th Birthday / Anniversary Celebration. If you haven't already done so, you can vote until this Friday on our "It's My Party" Table Setting Contest. You can find the poll at the top of the tablecloth discussion category on the forum. And while you're there, why not vote for your Top 15 Iconic Tablecloths. We'll be wrapping that up and announcing those as well.

Another interesting little somethin' we have for you is a Top 15 Tea Towel Sales that Chelsea compiled from the reports she did for us and a Top 15 Tablecloth Sales from Tim from all of his reports. Pretty interesting and will you look at those prices!

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/tablecloth-teatowel-reports.htm>

In closing, I just want to extend my sincere personal thanks to everyone who has volunteered over the summer and made this club greater than it already was - you all know who you are.

One last note to our club members in Texas and Florida - you're all in our thought and prayers.

Always,

Jimmie

Business and Membership

First of all, welcome to our new member Suzanne Potter from Columbia, South Carolina. Always glad to have new folks on board!

Part of wrapping up our 15th Birthday Party Celebration is to give special recognition and a big thank you to members who have and continue to make the VTLC possible. VTLC is truly a “by the members, for the members” club. All leadership is strictly volunteer, there are no paid staff members.

Check this link to discover the original founders of the club. These folks had the original vision and savvy to initially start a website and group organized around a love of vintage tablecloths.

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership-founders.htm>

Over the years activities, various styles of a forum/chat, and whole new websites were added. The database was started in 2009. We do not have good records and dates, but we want to recognize officers that we know about. Many of these folks have served for multiple years and in multiple positions.

Pamela Glassel, Susan Lombardo, Georgia Mallory, Holly Pawlowski, Tracie Schneider, Jimmie Bucci, Deborah Payne, Sandy Albano, Anne Maesaka and Teresa Stone.

The volunteers who have picked up various committee and coordinator roles are vast. Records are slim, so we ask that you check the current Members of the Club page at

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership-members.htm> to find our current volunteers. We call this group the “Fab Fifteen” even though there are more than 15 volunteers listed there.

While you are there please note the spots where the club needs some “input and energy”. Training from previous volunteers or current officers is always available. We are hoping members will volunteer for:

1. The offices of Vice-President and Treasurer
2. Coordinator positions of Tea Towel Reporter, Welcome Committee, and Sunshine. Yes, our wonderful Sunshine person, Pam Speiser has let us know she is stepping away from this position. Pam has sent cards, small gifts, and special notes to many members over the years. She is an exceptionally thoughtful person who chose with care. Her messages went to members we learned were experiencing a rough period. Most of the time this was a private thing and not mentioned on the forum. Pam always represented the membership with care and class. From our hearts to yours, Pam, Thank you.

Also, it's about time to give our President Jimmie a break and get some help with the **Contests** and **Secret Santa**. He has not said he wants to give these up completely but he has done these on top of President duties for quite some time now. It's time for someone else to pick up the reins and help steer these activities. Could that be you?

If you can help in any of these spots please send a quick message to us at info@vintagetableclothloversclub.com or just reply to this newsletter.

Tips, Tricks and Tidbits for the Forum and Database

Forum:

Have you explored the tabs at the top of the forum? Turns out these are slightly different if you are “logged in” or “logged out”.

Most users stay logged in so we will start with those. The first is a “**Control Panel**”. When you choose that there is another set of tabs which we will discuss next month, but you can figure out a lot of it on your own. Next is a “**Search**”. This works great to find those older posts when you can’t remember exactly what it was called. Then there is the “**Calendar**” where you can find birthdays and VTLC activity dates. The next one “**Latest Topics**” we highlighted last month. Then there is “**Chat**” which takes you to the Live Chat function and finally “**Log Out**”.

The “**Logged Out**” tabs are similar, but there are two significant differences. One is the “**Chat**” tab takes you to the forum categories and the other is the “**Register**” tab. If you have had trouble getting to the forum categories you may want to use this one. Please note there is a “**Terms of Use**” agreement there. It is quite formal and standard to such a forum. We just want you to be aware of it and to feel comfortable asking us to remove anything you feel is inappropriate.

More detail on the tabs in future issues. ☺ But meanwhile explore them a bit!

Database:

We are now over 1600 tagged tablecloth entries in the database. If you have been a member for a while you might check your collection again to see if you have entered all your cloths with a sewn-in cloth tag. Initially only tablecloths with paper labels were accepted so maybe some of yours weren’t “eligible” before but could be added now.

We want to specifically thank Leslie Upson for her initial vision to create this database in 2009. It has gone through several phases over the years, including technology which presents its own challenge. Leslie has

kept us on the straight and narrow to keep the database accurate and in line with member use. Leslie continues to serve as the Database Coordinator. She is the human being on the other end of your submissions. ☺ The VTLC database is the only searchable source for identifying vintage tablecloths on the web and we are all really proud of it!

VTLC Social Status

Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest

Each Thursday on **Facebook** the VTLC features “Thursday’s Linen Treasures”. Member sellers can choose two “linen” items for sale to be scheduled for posting. Please submit your two items to Tom Roberts, our Facebook coordinator, at fiestaqueen1983@aol.com by 5 PM EST on Wednesday.

Tom chooses a theme for each week to increase the fun (and thus visibility) factor. Reminders for each week’s themes are posted on the club business forum every Monday.

September Themes

September 14th - Colors of fall, green, brown, orange, rust, yellow colored cloths.

September 21st - Fall florals and foliage.

September 28th - “Pot luck Supper”, anything you like, no specific category.

October Themes

October 5th - Country Prints, Harvest, Wheat, Grapes etc.

October 12th - Holiday Hostess Gifts, suggested \$25 and under

October 19th - "Spooky Cloths", Halloween, Black and Orange

October 26th - Holiday Preparation, Christmas, Thanksgiving, any holiday will work!!!

Themes for November and December will include many gift-giving reminders! ☺

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Visit us on-line at <http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com>

Forgot your password? ☺ Contact our Membership Director, Anne at jamaesaka@gmail.com

Please contact the officers at Info@vintagetableclothloversclub.com