

Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club

Making the world a cozier place...one table at a time



Officially Spring has Sprung (in the USA anyway). That means it's time for a **Table Setting Contest**. The theme for this one is (drum roll please) **SPRING FLING**. The beauty of this theme is that there really is no theme except we want you to show us your favorite springtime table setting. Actually "Spring is in the Air" so think Flowers, Trees, Birds, Gardening, Baseball, Romance, Allergies (well, maybe not allergies!) If it means Spring to you, just *fling* it at us.

The rules are simple. Set your table and take a "full shot" picture of the table, a partial shot and any close-ups you think "show off" the setting. Please send your entries to thevintagetableclothloversclub@gmail.com

by midnight on Saturday May 19th. So, why not Spring Ahead...and Fling that Table Setting together today! Prizes will be Spring-tacular and will be announced on the forum and via email.

Choose this link for details:

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/reports/How-to-Enter-a-Contest.pdf>



Tablecloth Reports!

If you have not been following Tim's Tablecloth reports you really need to check them out at <http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/tablecloth-teatowel-reports.htm>

These are so fun to read, he has a great sense of humor! The reports are amazing in terms of unusual cloths and the dollars they bring. Thank you so much Tim, we know this is a labor of love.

Do You Know How We Came to Be?

In the summer of 2002, a group of linen obsessed folks formed "The Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club" (VTLC). Founders were drawn together by their mutual love and appreciation for the vintage printed tablecloths of the 1930's through the 1960's. As they shared their collections, they also shared their knowledge and realized that if they pooled their resources an important part of American history would be preserved. The club was born and is still going strong today. Promoting the education and appreciation of these textile treasures continues to be our major focus.

The VTLC provides numerous resources benefitting all types – from the casual hobbyist to the rabid collector. We share everything from pictures of our collections to sales trends in the marketplace to resources including articles researched and written by members. We sponsor on-line activities such as table setting contests and themed forum activities. The forum is the place to visit, share, ask questions and learn from each other. Our Tablecloth Identification Database is the only one of its kind, with nearly 1700 tablecloths. More are added all the time. Compiled for members, by members, this invaluable resource is great for identifying a new cloth or just browsing during a quiet moment. The club is not-for-profit, managed by volunteers and all fun. The membership fee goes to support our website which is our club meeting hall. Please visit us at

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com>



Annual Membership Report for 2017

We are so pleased to report that we grew our club by 44 new members last year! Here is the breakdown by month:

January- 1	July-3
February-6	August-5
March-2	September-4
April-1	October-4
May-4	November-1
June-11 (Membership Drive month)	December-2

The following states are represented:

Louisiana, South Dakota, W. Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, New York, Washington, Illinois, Mass., Pennsylvania, Texas, California, Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Arizona, New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Minnesota, Tennessee. And we have one member in Australia! The majority of the new members come from New York with seven. Florida is in second place with five. Washington, Massachusetts, Virginia and North Carolina all come in third.

We retained all but three members and currently we have 112 members. Congratulations to Anne Maesaka, our membership coordinator for such a successful year. With changing to the new web-site she has worked hard to make this a successful transition for many and a new beginning for others.

Facebook and Terrific Linen Treasures

Starting **May 1**, we will feature our Terrific Linen Treasures on **Tuesdays**. Please submit your two listings for TLT to Tom Roberts at fiestaqueen1983@aol.com by 5 p.m. EST the Monday prior. Due to the way Facebook operates we may change the day on occasion as it helps to keep our activity at a higher level. We will always announce changes here and on the forum. It is unlikely it would be more than twice a year. Themes for May and June are listed below. For additional detail about our VTLC Facebook page click here:

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/facebook-linen.htm>

May

1st - Mother's Day Gift Ideas Part 2.

8th - Pot Luck, anything goes!! Remember our best sellers are still print tablecloths!

15th - America The Beautiful, this is for Memorial Day, please be creative! Red, White and Blue, "Amber Waves of Grain", State Cloths, State Flowers even.

22nd - Floral Prints

29th - Fruit Prints

June

- 5th** - Road Trip! State Souvenir Cloths, Travel, Beach, Scenic Prints, State Flowers or Birds, etc...
- 12th** - Garden Themed Cloths, any veggie prints. I would love it if anyone could feature a Victory Garden Cloth or similar for us to talk about.
- 19th** - A Tribute to Turquoise a popular kitchen color for decades! Any cloth with turquoise colors.
- 26th** - Pot Luck - You choose what to bring to the table!

The VTLC Tablecloth Database

Our database is currently at 1688 tablecloths listed. Let's make a push to reach 1700! Sellers, especially, be sure to enter the tablecloths you find that have either a cloth tag or paper label into the database. As sellers, many cloths pass through your hands and we want to get those labeled ones recorded before they go to their new home! Thank you to all of you who regularly submit cloths for inclusion in our database and to those of you who add additional information through the edit process. For additional information see...

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/database.htm>

Love This Club and Want to Help Out?

As always, we hope you will not just consider, but volunteer to fill one of the slots that help to make the VTLC a vibrant and fun place to be. Please review the list at the link below to see where you might share our time and talent. In particular we could really use an official treasurer, Anne has been filling for a few months now and it is time to give her some relief. And the position of Vice-President is open. There are some tasks that could be done by an additional board member and we are always searching for new ideas!

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/members.htm>

Stay in Touch

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