

Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club

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



Tablecloth Pressed

Fall 2019

Ready or Not, Here Comes Fall

Greetings my fellow tablecloth lovers!

I'm not sure about you, but it seems like summer really flew by this year. As the August quote on our forum pages said, "Summer should get a speeding ticket." It's not that I don't love autumn and all the great fall tablecloths we all have, but that means winter is on its way -- and that never speeds by!

We had a lot happen this summer as you will see as you continue to read on. We are happy to welcome new the members who joined us ... *and* all those who will be joining us during September's Membership Drive.

This fall, we'll be having another Table Setting Contest -- theme and prizes to be announced, so stay tuned.

In closing, I'd just like to thank all of you for your continued support and a special thanks to those who volunteered over the last few months. Without you, there would not be a VTLC. So, ready or not, it's time to fall into fall -- enjoy!

Best always,
Jimmie and the Board

Our Database Hit the 2000 Mark, Thanks To Your Help!

The database submission contest was a huge success, thanks to lots of help from our members. There were 178 submissions during the contest month (July 1 – 31), helping us to meet and exceed the 2000 mark.

Cloth number 2000 was this lovely blue plaid with floral nosegays. A rayon cotton blend, this was made under the Fashion Manor label for Penney's and the pattern name is "Flair." Incidentally, the same cloth was made for the Simtex label as well.



The prize for the most submissions went to member Melissa Szilagi, who submitted a whopping 78 verified tablecloths. Sarah Bailey, however, wasn't too far behind Melissa, with 69 cloths submitted, so even though it wasn't planned ahead of time, the Board sent Sarah a special appreciation prize. All contest participants went into a random prize drawing as well, and our winner there was Pam Speiser, who has submitted numerous tablecloths over the years in addition to the several she submitted for this contest.

Just because the contest is over doesn't mean you should stop submitting your tagged tablecloths. Submitting a cloth to the database is easy. Here's how.

1. Sign into the club's web page, and under the "All Things Tablecloth" tab, select "Tablecloth Database."
2. Click through the link or the icon, and enter your name and password when prompted.
3. In the green bar across the top, select "Add New Tablecloth."

4. Follow the instructions there for submission. You'll need three photos: a full shot of the cloth, a detail shot showing a corner or a typical part of the design, and a shot of the attached paper label or cloth tag.
5. If at all possible, please re-size larger images and make them smaller before submitting. This makes things much easier and quicker for our volunteer database manager.

Welcome to our newest members!

**Jane Textor
Kristine Rude
Elizabeth Dingus
Antonia (Tonia) Mabry
Tara Gallagher
Joan Cleary
Rhonda Kelly
Maria Doyle
Pat Setzer**

Not all our new members have given us their birthday. (Don't worry, we're only asking for the month and day, not the year.) You can email your birthday information to our birthday greeter, Joan Quintana, at cbongolino@sbcglobal.net.

September Membership Drive

Spread the word – when new members join the Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club by September 30, their names will go into a random drawing to win a fabulous prize. We're not exaggerating – the winner will receive a complete vintage table setting, to include:

- A vintage tablecloth (of course!)
- 4 matching napkins
- 1 matching apron
- 4 divided picnic plates
- Round serving tray with a fruit motif
- Syrup jug
- Set of 4 wood mid-century snack bowls
- Kitchen scale
- "Cream of Asparagus" store display sign
- 2 vintage cookbooks – Sealtest and Salads



Joining the club is easy – just direct your tablecloth-loving friends to <http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com> and tell them to click the “Join Club” tab.

Here's What's New on the Website

Top 20 Tablecloth reports: Thanks to the faithful work of member Tim Eigenfeld, you can see the top 20 selling tablecloths each month from online venues. The June and July reports are up now, and members can access them by going to the “All Things Tablecloth” pull down menu and selecting “Tablecloth & Tea Towel Reports.”

Here's a direct link to June's report:

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/reports/TableclothReport-2019-06.pdf>

Direct link to July's report:

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/reports/TableclothReport-2019-07.pdf>

To access all reports since 2015:

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

Member Spotlight: You may think you have a lot of vintage tablecloths ... but do you have as many as club member Jimmie Bucci, who has been collecting since the 1980s? Read about Jimmie and his collection in the newest Member Spotlight.

<http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/membership/PDF/Member-Spotlight-Jimmie-Bucci.pdf>

You can also access it by going to the Club Activities pull-down menu and selecting "Members of the Club." Scroll down, and you'll find a link to the Member Spotlight on the right sidebar.

Join Us on the Forums!

If you're not participating in our forums, you're missing out on vintage tablecloth fun. Members share their finds, ask for help identifying tablecloths, exchange cleaning and storage tips, and more.

Drool over the finds Jimmie Bucci scored at Brimfield earlier this summer:

<https://vintagetablecloth.discussion.community/post/yesterdays-brimfield-finds-10190381?&trail=15>

Join in the discussion on this tablecloth label mystery (spoiler: we solved it, but it's a fun read):

<https://vintagetablecloth.discussion.community/post/mystery-label-10204689?pid=1309266304>

And here's an oldie but a goodie:

<https://vintagetablecloth.discussion.community/post/what-was-your-best-tablecloth-score-ever-9690300?&trail=15>

As always, YOU are what make our club so much fun. We hope you'll join us this fall in spreading the word about the Membership Drive, join in the conversation on the forums, and enter the fall table setting contest (details to be announced soon).

Best regards,

Jimmie, Eileen, Teresa, and Anne

Stay in Touch

Visit us online at <http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com>

Forgot your password?

- Contact our Membership Director, Anne at jamaesaka@gmail.com

Having trouble with the website?

- Check out our how-to videos located under the “All Things Tablecloth” tab on the website.

Terrific Linen Treasures Questions and Ideas?

- Send a quick note to VTLCFacebook@gmail.com

Need to contact an officer?

- Email info@vintagetableclothloversclub.com