

# Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club

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



## Tablecloth Pressed

**Summer 2019**

### **Help Us Reach 2000 Tablecloths in the Database You Could Win a Prize!**

At this writing, we have 1818 identified tablecloths in our database, thanks to members like you. Now, we're aiming to reach 2000 by the end of July. Can it be done? Only with your help! The contest runs from July 1st, midnight PST, through July 31st, 11:59pm PST.

**Two prizes will be awarded:** one to the member who submits the highest number of new tablecloths (and/or new color ways) to the database, and one to a member whose name will be randomly drawn from the pool of people submitting at least one tablecloth.

If you have a vintage tablecloth with the paper label attached, or a sewn-in cloth tag identifying the manufacturer, and it's not already in the database, please submit it. If you have a cloth in another colorway of one already in the database, we'd love to see that one, too!

Submitting a cloth to the database is easy.

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 close-up 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. It also reduces the amount of data storage space we use and therefore cost.
6. For Apple devices instructions for resizing photos will be posted on the website shortly. For PC users, each device has its own application, way more than we can research and provide. Please check your options. Pictures are best sized to 4" X 6" or by making the largest side less than 1000 pixels.

Please be patient as Leslie, our volunteer who approves the submissions, works through this process. We cannot expect her to get this all done immediately. 😊

**Let's do this!!**

### **Get Those Tablecloths Stain-Free with the Summer Sun**

It's that time of year again ... time to lay your stained tablecloths in the sun and let it bleach out those persistent stains naturally. This process is called "crofting," and it's fast becoming a forgotten art.

Here's how to do it. Wet the tablecloth, or at least wet the stained areas. Place the cloth face-down on green grass on a sunny day, and leave for several hours – or all day, if you can. Re-wet the stained areas as needed. The sun reacts with the chlorophyll in the grass, and together they can make stains disappear. For really stubborn stains, it may take more than one session.

### **Send Us Your Summer Tablecloth Photos and Share the Love**

We're always looking for that tablecloth "eye candy" that people love to see. If you have tablecloths drying on the line in the warm weather, spread a vintage

cloth for a picnic or barbecue, or set a summer table with a vintage tablecloth ... please, take a picture for us!

We love to use them on the website and our Facebook page. Don't be shy! Send in your photos to [info@vintagetableclothloversclub.com](mailto:info@vintagetableclothloversclub.com)

### **Fun on the Club Website**

Spring and summer themed pictures are up. These will inspire you to get out your favorite colorful tablecloths. Be sure to check the pages under the tabs for great photos as well. There are also new Tablecloth Sales Reports, lots of great threads on the forum and a fabulous article on vintage BBQ aprons on the Vintage Linen Library page. <http://vintagetableclothloversclub.com/library.htm>

In addition, we have updated the suggested cleaning guidelines and added an article on how to sell inherited vintage linens on the Resources Page. This is available to the public and are the topics that drive the most questions. Now we are able to quickly refer folks to this source. Please feel free to do likewise. It is quick and easy and also gives the club more visibility.

### **Sellers, Take Advantage of VTLC Opportunities!**

1. Participate in Terrific Linen Treasures each week, when we promote one tablecloth listing (from eBay, Etsy, or independent online shops) from seller members. [VTLCFacebook@gmail.com](mailto:VTLCFacebook@gmail.com)
2. If you post tablecloth photos on Instagram, tag the Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club in your photos with the hashtags #vtlc, #vintagetableclothloversclub, and, if you participate in TLT, #terrificlinentreasures and #tlt.
3. Include VTLC postcards or business cards in the package every time you sell a vintage tablecloth. These are provided to you free of charge by the club – just let us know you want some!

**As members of the VTLC Board, we wish each and every one of you an enjoyable summer.**

**Jimmie, Eileen, Teresa, and Anne**

**Stay in Touch**

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Contact our Membership Director, Anne at [jamaesaka@gmail.com](mailto:jamaesaka@gmail.com)

***Terrific Linen Treasures Questions and Ideas?***

Send a quick note to [VTLCFacebook@gmail.com](mailto:VTLCFacebook@gmail.com)

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A final photo favorite!

