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TIMELY NOTES

Why You're Getting This Paper Newsletter

Several times a year we send out an email newsletter, plus an occasional time-sensitive bulletin or update. The newsletter is filled with all the club news, links to explore, and more. However, some members report it goes into their spam or junk folders. Is the e-newsletter going into your spam folder? A version of this newsletter was sent to your email recently. If you don't see it in your inbox, please check your spam folder, and add the sender address to your contacts. This will help to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

We Gather Together: Vote for Your Favorite In Our Current Table Setting Contest

The spring table setting contest, "Mother Nature's Bounty," was so enjoyable that we wanted to squeeze in another contest before year's end. "We Gather Together" seemed like the perfect theme after another year of the pandemic in the headlines. The entries to this current contest are posted in the VTLC Table Talk Forum. **Your vote is needed to help determine the winner.** Who will take home one of three fabulous prizes? You help decide! Voting closes in just a few days, so please hop online to the forum, see the beautiful and creative tables our members have set, and cast your vote.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Secret Santa "Reveal" Sunday, December 19th

Even if you aren't participating in the Secret Santa gift exchange, you're still welcome to pop into the chat room on party night and "watch" as we open our gifts. We hope to see you on Sunday evening, December 19th, at 8pm eastern time.

Now Playing: The 25 Days of Christmas on the Member Discussion Forum!

Head on over to the Members' Discussion Forum on the website to see daily posts featuring our members' Christmas tablecloths and holiday table settings. At the end of the season, we plan to continue the tradition of the past few years and put the 25 days of posts into a special video. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, if you need a little more Christmas, you can check out the videos of past years' 25-Days events on the Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club YouTube channel.

MEMBERS-ONLY NEWS & RESOURCES

New Resource: Designers on our Radar

You may have heard of Pat Pritchard, Tammis Keefe, and Ivan Bartlett, but do you know who Sewell Jackson or Elza Sunderland were? How about Robert Darr West or Mary Blair?

Designers on Our Radar is a collaboration between members Teresa Stone and Gerry Cenci to get you up to speed and to help preserve the historical record of 20th century textiles. This comprehensive chart delivers the details of over 80 textile designers from the 20th century. It lists what they designed, who they worked for, signature styles, and more. As tablecloth collectors know, our knowledge is always expanding – so if you have information to add to this document, please send it in to the club.

Updated & Improved Report Page PLUS New Report Index

Santa's elves have been busy recently tidying up the sales report links page on the website to make it easier to locate what you are looking for. An enthusiastic shout-out to club member Tim Eigenfeld for researching and reporting on the top 20 tablecloth sales each and every month!

Another big shout-out goes to club member Gerry Cenci. She is definitely on Santa's "nice" list this year, as she has been staying out of trouble by creating an index of every tablecloth that shows up in each monthly sales report. The index, organized by month, lists each tablecloth by theme or pattern name, along with the designer or manufacturer if known. If you use the monthly reports to identify trends or find a particular cloth (rather than just to enjoy the eye candy), you may find the new index to be an easier first step. The index will be updated several times a year. You'll find all the reports under the Tablecloth & Tea Towel Reports tab in the navigation menu.

New Special Report: Designer Tom Lamb

If you haven't been on the Reports page recently, you may have missed the newest special report about designer Tom Lamb (written by member and chief tablecloth reporter Tim Eigenfeld). Read about Tom's life and work, and see what recent items designed by him have sold in online markets. Lamb's work was a delight to children of all ages. Check it out at the link under the Tablecloth & Tea Towel Reports tab in the navigation menu.

2021 Membership Report

This year, we reached a membership of 140 vintage tablecloth lovers. Fourteen of those are brand new to the club, and we have two members who returned after a hiatus. Of course, the more members the better, so if there's a tablecloth collector in your life who is not a member of our club, point them in our direction!

The Wonderful Wizard Behind our Website

Our website would not be possible without the talents of our web designer and technician, Marla Bradley of North Country Website Design. She has made numerous magical updates this year to ensure the site continues to run smoothly. Say it with me, everybody, three cheers for Marla!

Thank you to all of our club members for their participation and support during the year. An extra measure of thanks goes to our club volunteers who provide behind-the-scenes support so that we can all enjoy the beauty of vintage tablecloths.



The Board wishes you the happiest of holidays and a wonderful New Year.

**Warm wishes from
Jimmie Bucci (President)
Eileen Coale (Vice President)
Anne Maesaka (Membership Coordinator and Treasurer)
Teresa Stone (Secretary)**