

NIMBLE FINGERS GUILD MEETING

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, December 7, 2011

INTRODUCTION

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM

Members and guests were welcomed by Co-President Linda August, who reminded all to mute or turn off cell phones.

Members were asked to notify Susan Sellers if the member does not want photos of them or their quilts to possibly go on the web site.

The November meeting minutes were accepted as published on the web site.

One new member and two guests introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Guest raffle quilt: Sue Moats from Faithful Circle Guild is selling tickets for her guild's opportunity quilt. Members are encouraged to support this guild just as they support NF.

Quilting for Others: Ms. August thanked everyone for participating in the Quilting for Others day in November. It was very successful; 35 quilts have been donated by Nimble Fingers so far. Margaret Natof also thanked all the members who helped in this effort, and stated that everyone was encouraged to pick up kits and work on them at home.

Members were asked if they would like another Quilting for Others' day in lieu of yard sale in April. A spirited discussion followed where proponents of this idea and supporters of continuing with the existing April yard sale program shared their views. A first vote resulted in a tie. Following additional discussion, members voted to maintain the scheduled yard sale as the program for the April 2012 meeting. Ms. August explained that the format of the yard sale was being worked on. Basically, NF members donate their no longer wanted fabrics, thread, equipment, etc. and bring these items to the meeting for sale. All sale proceeds go to the Nimble

Finger Guild. At the previous NF yard sale approximately \$700.00 was collected. As needed, NF could print donation forms for tax purposes. Any unsold goods will be sent to the Artisan's Attic section of the Quilt show for sale.

Newsletter: Deadline is December 15; please submit your articles to Kim Jalette prior to this deadline.

Board Election: Volunteers are needed for next elected board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). Current elected officers will remain in office for only 5 more months. Term of office for each officer is 1 year; although traditionally officers accept a second one-year term. The nominating committee, composed of Laura Markus, Kim Jalette, and Liz Brigham, is accepting nominations for the 4 elected officer slots now through February 1. They will be presenting the slate at the March meeting and the voting will take place in April. Anyone interested in one of the positions or know someone who may be a good candidate, please contact the nominating committee. The bylaws, available on the web site, describe the duties of the 4 officers.

Quilting Bee: The December 15 quilting bee has been cancelled. Next meeting will be on the third Thursday of January 2012, January 19.

Members were asked to help store the tables and chairs at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Quilt Show Announcements:

Artisans Attic: Volunteers are needed to help out with the Artisan's Attic. Interested members please contact Nancy Rose.

Vacant positions: There are 2 positions left to fill – Volunteers coordinator and Program Advertising Chair. Contact Chris Ritcher or Beverly Ferrell if you are interested.

Raffle Tickets: Raffle tickets are available for pickup beginning at today's meeting. Please save Nimble Fingers postage by picking up your tickets from Kim Jalette. Tickets will be mailed to those members who did not pick up their tickets at the December or January meetings. Each member will receive 4 books of tickets (6 in a book) along with a photo of our beautiful

quilt. Members were encouraged to support the guild by either selling their tickets - \$1 each or 6 for \$5 - or by purchasing them themselves - it's only a \$20 cash outlay for the 4 books. Last show, there was only about 60% participation from the guild members in selling their allotted tickets. Linda August stated that the guild would like to see a higher percentage this year! Additional tickets will be available at the monthly meetings or by contacting Kim Jalette to arrange pickup. All ticket sales proceeds should be given to either Kim or Laurie Bay only.

Vendor committee: Volunteers are needed to work on the Vendor Committee. The last show had 5 volunteers and it worked well for all who participated. The bulk of the work is during the show - helping out vendors in simple tasks, such as guiding vendors to their sites, showing where facilities are located, and directing them on the last day to the loading dock. Anyone interested please contact Evelyn Farinas. She will need some assistance prior to the show, mostly on the business-related activities.

Quilt Show Challenge: More details for the Quilt Show Challenge will be forthcoming at the January meeting.

Programs: Susan Sellers reminded members of the upcoming programs and of the opportunities for members to sign up for the very interesting programs available. MS. Sellers also showed examples of the Log Cabin quilt block that she had made, and encouraged members to pick up the instructions and make one or more blocks. Finished blocks, or quilts made with these blocks, will be displayed at the June 2012 meeting.

Today's Program:

WEARABLE ART SHOW AND TELL: Twelve members stood in the stage showing their wearable art. There were examples of vests, jackets, tee-shirts and purses. All were lovely.

REGULAR SHOW AND TELL: Several members displayed their creations, which included a quilt for a college freshman, a Christmas tree skirt which morphed into wall art, and several other beautiful wall hangings and quilts.

FIESTA CHALLENGE – Ten members entered this challenge, which was to create a quilt that displayed the quilters' interpretation or meaning of Fiesta. There were three categories and three winners: Best Use of

Color: Ruth Cohen, Most Original: Renuka Algama, and Best Delivery of the Fiesta Theme: Ginger Peebles

PIN CUSHION EXCHANGE – Members who made a pin cushion were given a white token, which was exchanged at the conclusion of the meeting for another pin cushion. Approximately 25 pincushions exchanged hands.

LUNCHEON –The hospitality committee set up a delicious lunch donated by the members.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn R. Farinas
Secretary