

Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2011

The June 1, 2011, Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild was called to order at 10 a.m.

Co-president Linda August asked that members who do not want photos of their quilts possibly published on the Guild web site, to please notify Liz Brigham after the meeting.

The May meeting minutes were approved as published on the web site.

Three guests introduced themselves to Guild members.

The deadline for the upcoming September/October newsletter is August 18.

The next quilting bee will be on June 16, at the Habitat Re-store on Gaither Road. The bee will begin at 10 a.m. Future dates for the bee are July 21 and August 18.

The new hospitality committee will begin duties at the September 2011 meeting. New members of the hospitality committee are Rainie Broad, Bev Ferrell and Cathy Berman. The Guild recognized the work of the outgoing committee, Carole Auth. Nancy Sharp and Karen Cyr.

Chris Ritcher, 2012 quilt show chairperson, announced planning would begin by identifying committee chairs. A list of open chairs will be emailed to Guild members.

Margaret Natof and Mary Moore Payne are co-chairs of the Quilting for Others (Q4O) Committee. They asked members to stop by the Q4O table to pick up a kit. Members can either cut, sew a top, sandwich and quilt, or bind a quilt. Q4O quilts should not be pillow-cased.

The November 7-9, 2011, fall retreat is full. Call Anne Datko to be placed on the wait list. \$100 deposit is due today for everyone who successfully registered for the retreat.

Kim Jalette and Linda August made and were selling tickets to the MAQ raffle quilt. Betty Isemann quilted the quilt. Tickets are \$5 each of 3 for \$10. 100% of the proceeds go to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

It was announced that Ann Plunkett was stepping down as chair of the Current Events committee. The job includes scouting for upcoming quilt-related events in the area or news stories about guild members and announcing them to the Guild in any and all formats – newsletter, meetings, blast emails, web site. Pam Hahn volunteered to chair the Current Events committee.

The Nominating Committee needs two more volunteers. Please contact Patty Estey if you are willing to serve.

Jill Ruspie announced there was room for the June 2 workshop. She also requested members sign up for the September and October workshops. The September 8, 2011, workshop will be taught by Ruth Powers who will teach a technique that she calls “picture piecing” as you make a stunning coneflower wall hanging. This is a method of creating detailed pictorial quilts with piecing, not fusing. The \$58.50 fee for members includes the pattern.

The October 6, 2011, workshop will be taught by Pepper Cory. The workshop is on sashiko, which began as a mending stitch in Japan and today is often used as a decorative hand stitch in quilting. As a bonus in this full-day workshop, Pepper will teach her method of back basting appliqué with circles. Fees: \$50 for members with a \$22 supply/kit fee to the instructor for a set of Sashiko supplies.

The November 2, 2011, meeting will be the Q4Os annual work meeting.

Kim Jalette advised the Guild that she would collect Alzheimer quilts at both today’s meeting and the September 7, 2011, meeting.

It was announced that there would be a gift exchange of handmade pin cushions at the December 7, 2011, Guild meeting. If a member makes more than one pin cushion for the exchange, please wrap them separately but in the same paper.

An announcement was made about the Creative Crafts Council show at the Mansion at Strathmore from May 28 through July 9, 2011. Members were encouraged to attend.

Rainie Broad asked for members to sign up for Hostesses for upcoming Guild meetings.

Show and tell included finished mystery quilts, the Guild's block of the year quilts and "regular" show and tell quilts.

Linda August introduced the speaker, Cindy Blackberg, who presented a trunk show of her beautiful hand pieced quilts.

At 11:30 a.m., the meeting ended and lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lefevre
Vice President