

Nimble Fingers Guild Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by co-president Linda August. Ms. August asked the members to mute or turn off cell phones, and to notify Liz Brigham if they did not want their pictures or their quilt pictures published on the Guild website.

The June meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

Six guests introduced themselves to the Guild members.

Announcements:

The deadline for the November/December newsletter is October 15.

Membership renewal time is now; membership remains at \$25 per year. Everyone who has not renewed the membership is encouraged to do so at this time.

Next quilting bee will be on September 15 at the Habitat conference center on Gaither Road, at 10:00 AM. Bees are scheduled on the third Thursday of the month.

Chris Ritcher, the 2012 Quilt Show Chair, announced that there were a few empty slots that needed members' participation. Chris asked the members to contact her for volunteering for these empty slots. Chris also stated that she is working on a budget for the Quilt show.

Chris Ritcher, who is also the Librarian for the guild, announced that she brings a notebook to each NF meeting that includes all the books and publications owned by the Guild. Members are encouraged to browse this notebook, and select a book or publication, which Chris will bring to the next meeting.

Quilting for Others quilts were displayed; quilting for others quilts are sent to Project Linus, who forwards them to local hospitals, shelters and camps for children.

Quilt exhibit at Delaplaine Art Center in Frederick, MD is open through September 25. Several Nimble Finger members are exhibiting quilts at this show.

Jackie Erlich sent an e-mail to Ms August, indicating that she was selling a Bernette 320 machine. Linda has contact information if anyone is interested.

Patty Estey announced there will be a Quilt Bingo on Saturday, September 24 at The Shrine of St Jude Catholic Church in Rockville, MD, sponsored by Friendship Star Quilters. Door will open at noon. All Bingo prizes are quilts or quilted items. Tickets are \$15.00 each before September 24, or \$18.00 at the door. If interested send a self-addressed envelope with a check for \$15.00 to Coralyn Colladay, at 9631 Delmar Lane, Kensington, MD 20895.

Another quilt bingo will take place on Saturday, October 22, sponsored by The Four County Quilters Guild. It will take place at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Lunt airy. Doors open at 5 M, and games start at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, and \$18.00 at the door. For advance tickets sale call Rhonda Madden at 301-972-6564 or Kathleen Lieberon at 301-368-3424.

Francie Parrack announced that Jeanne Timken, a founding member of Nimble Fingers, passed away on August 15. A memorial service will be held October 1st. She will be greatly missed. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to her husband, Tim Timken, at 13001 Cleveland Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. Jeanne's fabrics and other quilting materials are being donated by her family to NF guild; members are asked to help pick up and store this donation.

Members participating in the fall retreat should make final payments to Barbara Kilby.

Linda August brought to the members' attention that a charity(s) should be selected to receive the donation from the opportunity quilt proceeds. The charity(s) selected may motivate purchasing of tickets to the opportunity quilt. A motion was made and accepted to delay the selection of the specific charity(s) until the October meeting. Members should forward their nominations to Barbara Kilby. Voting at the October meeting will be from the floor.

There are two raffle quilts on display; one is from Clustered Spires and the other is from Bethesda Quilters. Members from each group are selling tickets. The Bethesda Quilters show will take place October 1, and the Clustered Spires drawing will be on December 1st.

Susan Sellers listed several of the upcoming NF programs. She indicated there were still a few spaces available for Thursday's workshop. Members were encouraged to suggest programs and speakers for future meetings and workshops. In October the program will feature sashiko; in November the meeting will be dedicated to Quilting for Others, and in December there will be a gift exchange of pin cushions for those who wish to participate. Members are encouraged to participate at the workshops sponsored by the Guild.

Congratulations go to Lois Smith who was named NQA Teacher of the Year.

NF Raffle Quilt won Best Traditional Ribbon at the Maryland State Fair, plus two additional ribbons at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The Nimble Fingers raffle quilt will be exhibited at the Mancuso quilt show in PA.

On September 17, Friendship Star Quilters is sponsoring a bus trip to the PA quilt show. Tickets are \$60.00. If interested, contact Barbara Kilby.

There were 14 quilt projects displayed by Nimble Finger members during Show and Tell.

Susan Sellers introduced the speaker for today's presentation. Ruth Powers, who is from Kansas, is especially known for the nature quilts. In addition to being a quilter, Ms. Powers has set up her own quilting pattern company. The program for today is "Dare to be Different". Ms. Powers' program included several examples of her nature based quilts.

After the presentation, there were several door prizes, which had been kindly donated by Ruth Powers and Morna Golletz.

Ms. August announced everyone was welcomed to stay for the Board meeting, which would follow the luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn R. Farinas

Secretary