

Nimble Fingers Quilters, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Kilby, Treasurer, at 10:00 AM. Members were asked to silence cell phones, and to notify Susan Sellers if they do not want their pictures to appear in the newsletter. Thanks were given to all those who helped set up the room for the meeting.

New members and guests were asked to stand up and be recognized.

The September minutes were approved as written in the newsletter.

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 15. Please submit your news or articles prior to the deadline to Kim Jalette.

Membership renewals are still being accepted; dues are still \$25.00. Contact one of the ladies of the membership committee to renew (Mila Haberman or Mary Jo Haczewski).

Next quilting bee will take place October 20, 2011 at the Habitat for Humanity conference room center on Gaither Road in Gaithersburg. This event takes place at 10 AM on the third Thursday of the month.

Margaret Natof and Mary Moore Payne described events for the November meeting. At this meeting members will piece, sew, bind and finish as many charity quilts as possible. Members were asked to pick up material from the Quilting for Others table at the back of the room in order to cut strips and have them ready for sewing at the November meeting. Printed material should be cut in 2.5 inch strips and solid material in 3.5 inch strips. Members were asked to sign up for specific jobs for the November meeting, such as pressers, sewers, etc. Margaret said that it takes 27 yards of 3.5 inch strips to make a lap quilt. Margaret and Mary Moore showed examples of quilts done by participants in Quilting for Others.

Pam Hahn stated that Friendship Star Quilters has an upcoming opportunity quilt raffle. More information will be published in the newsletter.

The fall retreat is full; however, applications for placement in a waiting list are being accepted. The retreat will take place November 7 through November 9 at Hallwood. If interested, call or e-mail Barbara Kilby.

The next Quilt Show meeting will take place on October 27 at Barbara Kilby's house, starting at 10:00AM. All committee members are asked to attend. Chris Ritcher, Quilt Show Chair, stated that more participants are needed for the Advertising Committee, Registration for display quilts, and for Volunteer Coordinator.

National Quilting Association members were asked to identify themselves. Five individual members are needed for the Guild to qualify as a member of the National Quilting Association. Please give your name and NQA number to Chris today.

Members voted on two charities that would receive donations from the proceeds of the Raffle Quilt. The nominees were: American Quilt Study Group, Lincoln, NE; Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative; A Wider

Circle, Washington DC; Fisher House Foundation, Nationwide; Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery county, Hero-Dogs Organization, Brookville, MD; Rockville Help and Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, Philadelphia, PA. Ballots were circulated and tallied. The winners to receive the Guild's donations were: Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County and Hero Dogs of Brookville, MD.

Members were also asked to vote on the 2012 Quilt Show name. Three names were proposed: Hearth and Home, Pineapple and Hospitality, and Pineapple Fiesta. The winner was Pineapple Fiesta.

More than 12 members showed their quilt projects during Show and Tell. Among the projects shown were examples from the September workshop, a hand quilted piece dedicated as a wedding gift, baby quilts, quilts for a granddaughter, tee shirt quilt for a swimming team, a baseball motif quilt, two mystery quilts resulting from January's mystery quilt workshop, a piece exhibited at the Sacred Threads show, a "tab" project and a baby's name book for a baby, and a garden quilt challenge quilt.

Susan Sellers, chair of the Program Committee, stated that there were a few opening for Thursday's workshop with Pepper Cory. Susan mentioned some of the future program, such as Quilting for Others in November, holiday party, challenge and pin cushion gift exchange in December, Round Robin in January, three dimensional thread sculpture in February followed by wearable art in March and a guild yard sale in April. In May there will be two workshops; members attending both workshops will be charged only \$75.

Susan Seller proceeded to introduce Pepper Cory as the speaker for today. The title of Ms. Cory's presentation is Inspiration from Antique Quilts. Ms. Cory's presentation was very animated and interesting. She spoke on how she started collecting antique quilts after buying her first quilt for \$1.00 at a garage sale. She showed several examples of antique quilts and how these served later on for her creation of modern quilts. Ms. Cory made everyone in the room take the "Scrap quilt" pledge: "I promise that I will never say it's just a scrap quilt." The presentation was followed by a question and answer period. Ms. Cory stated that she soaks antique quilts in water first, and if needed uses soap not detergent. She also stated that she sorts fabric by colors, not by type of fabric. She pre-washes fabric only when she is ready to use that fabric.

At the end of Ms. Cory's presentation, Susan Sellers stated that members were encouraged to attend dinner at 6:30 with the speaker, where there would be another opportunity to exchange ideas and ask questions.

Barbara Kilby thanked the speaker, and indicated that lunch would be available for members at \$4.00 for sandwiches, salad, drinks and deserts. She thanked the hospitality committee members, and encouraged everyone to help store chairs and tables after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn R. Farinas

Secretary