

Nimble Fingers Quilters - General Meeting Minutes

Potomac Community Center

October 6, 2010

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Co-Presidents Linda August and Patty Estey welcomed members and guests, and reminded all to turn off cell phones or mute them.

September 2010 meeting minutes: Call for approval of the Nimble Fingers (NF) September minutes as published on the web site and distributed via e-mail. The September minutes were accepted as written.

Introduction of new members and guests

General Announcements:

Nimble Fingers Pins: NF Pins are available for sale at \$5.00 each; contact membership committee.

Quilting for others: Members are reminded that this committee is in need of a permanent chair. Francie Parrack has been graciously substituting since Beth Smith moved to Ohio. There is a write-up of the duties of this post. Members are alerted that the nominating committee will be actively canvassing the membership to fill this important position. Contact Pam Hahn if interested.

Mini-groups: People interested in joining please contact Jane Oden.

Quilting bee: Mary Campbell will make an announcement regarding a potential change in the meeting dates for this group due to a scheduling conflict with Habitat for Humanity.

Newsletter: Deadline for accepting items is October 20; however, news can be submitted prior to that date.

Donation receipts: Receipt blanks are no longer available on the website. Receipts will be issued by the responsible committee chair receiving the donation.

Quilt show announcements:

Volunteers: Contact Francie Parrack or Jill Ruspi. Contact either one for volunteer assignments. Quilt show volunteers must wear their NF nametags while working at the show. Jill indicated that volunteers are needed for take-down. This includes take down of the quilts, curtains, poles and transportation of curtains and poles to the trucks.

Setting up: Beverly Ferrell requested that members volunteers for this task. Beverly stated that children and spouses were welcomed as helpers. Beverly also stated that a new storage place for

the black curtains is needed after the show. She reminded all that set up for the quilt show starts at 7:00 AM. Please bring rubber mallets and 8-foot ladders if possible.

Quilt show treasurer: Burt White asked members to bring to the show receipts of any show expenditures. If a check is needed prior to the show members should contact Burt directly, who will then mail the check.

Demonstrations: Susan Sellers thanked the members who volunteered to demonstrate skills or techniques at the show. Demonstration schedule is on the NF website. Susan indicated that there are demonstrations both Friday and Saturday, and that two vendors will also be demonstrating.

Photographs: Susan Sellers reminded the members let her know if they do not want their pictures posted on the website.

Raffle baskets: Nancy Rose Opeka thanked NF members for their generous donations for the raffle baskets, and asked members to place today's donations at the designated table.

Raffle tickets: Shirley Malia requested that members return to her unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money from ticket sales.

Paint challenge entries: Linda Molinari reminded NF members registering paint challenge quilts that paint chips must be attached to the entries. Members can get replacement paint chips if needed at Home Depot. Linda also reminded NF members that quilts should have sleeves for hanging and be properly labeled.

Quilt registration and retrieval: Members were reminded that quilt registration is from 8:30 through 11:30 AM at the Shady Grove show venue, on Thursday October 14. There will be signs indicating which room to drop off the entries. All entries must have a label, with the quilt's name and the name of the artist, and a sleeve for hanging. Quilts must be folded so that the label is facing up. Two photographs of each entry must also be submitted. Registrants will get a receipt which must be presented at the end of the show to retrieve their entries. Retrieval will take place from 5:00 to 6:30 PM on Saturday October 16 at the quilt show Shady Grove venue. Instructions for entry and retrieval of quilts are posted on the NF website.

Call for additional entries: Space is available for additional quilts to be exhibited. Contact Julie Taylor for information. Linda Molinari will send follow up information to new entrants.

Presidents' statement: Reminded members that it takes a considerable number of volunteers for the show to be a success, and encouraged NF members to volunteer.

Quilt Show questions:

Is it important for the guild to have a quilt show? Yes, it is a means for the guild members to highlight their talents and skills. Because it is not a juried show, it provides a less stressful environment for exhibition, particularly for the less experienced quilters. It is also an educational

venue for NF members, through demonstrations of quilting techniques and quilts, and it is a means to educate the public about NF charitable work.

Is quilt show financially important to the guild? Yes, it is a major source of income for the group. At the last show, there was a profit of \$5,000. Funds for our programs and education are supported in large part by quilt show income.

Are there any more quilt show fliers available for distribution? Yes, book marks are available from Beverly Ferrell and from the NF website.

Are quilt labels going to be highlighted? The white glove ladies can show the labels if there is a request to see the labels.

Do quilt show volunteers pay admission? NF board decided that NF members who volunteer at least 4 hours do not pay admission to the show.

Program Announcements:

Quilt Challenge: Program committee chair Susan Sellers announced that this year's challenge is "Inspired by Verse". Members are challenged to make a quilts inspired by a poem, verses based on a quilt, an original poem or a song that is classified as a verse. There is no size restriction, but there has to be a connection between the quilt and the poem, song, etc. The poem and a label with the name of the quilter should be attached to each entry. Challenge is due at the May 2011 NF meeting.. Fliers are available at the registration table. Susan stated that the previous challenge had been very successful. Entries will be displayed at the May 2011 NF meeting.

Block of the Year: Susan Sellers informed the members that a split 9-patch pattern is now available for members to make one or more blocks for this project. One copy of the pattern is available for free to each member wishing to participate. Cheryl Layman has an example of the use of this pattern for members to see its versatility, and she will be available at the November meeting if NF members need help with this project. Cheryl can share books she has for inspiration for this project. The objective is to motivate members to share their knowledge with other members, and to encourage members to start a new project. At the June 2011 NF meeting these blocks, or quilts, will be presented at the Show and Tell section of the meeting.

Quilting for Others: The November meeting will consist of a work session which includes tying, sandwiching, finishing, etc., quilts for charity. Contact Francie Parrack if you can bring small scissors, a serger, and sewing machines to this meeting.

Quilt appraisals: Ms. Mary Kerr will also be available for quilt appraisals during the November meeting. The fee is \$45 for a written appraisal, or \$20 for an oral appraisal (heirloom quilts only), payable directly to the appraiser. Appraisals are useful for insurance purposes, especially for exhibition of quilts. However, to date, no one has signed up for this service.

In December Ms. Jane Garrison will present “What a Difference a Thread Makes”, followed by a 3-hour workshop in the afternoon. Cost of the workshop is \$35 and cost of the kit is an additional \$20. This is a hand-stitching workshop.

In January, the guild will present a Round Robin which will focus on tools. There will be a workshop the following Thursday, featuring the mystery quilt by Kim Jalette.

Program for today: Quilt Show “Show and Tell”

Twenty NF members showed their quilt show entries. Registrant shared with the members what the inspiration was for the entries, or other relevant background attached to the entry. The display included a set of coat, hat and purse, table runners, wall hangings, a short coat, a snow dyed quilt, paint challenge entries, original designs, both machine and hand quilted pieces, 18-inch doll clothing and doll blankets. All were spectacular.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn R. Farinas

Secretary