

## **Nimble Fingers Quilters - General Meeting Minutes**

### **Potomac Community Center**

**April 6, 2011**

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Co-Presidents Linda August and Patty Estey, who reminded the audience to mute or turn off cell phones. Ms. August reminded members to notify Susan Sellers if they do not want their pictures or pictures of their quilts published on the Nimble Fingers (NF) website. Ms. August acknowledged that there was a parking shortage due to concurrent classes at the Potomac Center and encouraged members to arrive earlier and to car-pool if possible.

**March 2011 meeting minutes:** Ms. August called for approval of the N F March general meeting minutes. The March general meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

**Introduction of new members and guests:** Four guests introduced themselves; one had been a previous member of NF 30 years ago.

#### **General Announcements:**

**Newsletter deadline:** NF members were reminded that April 20 is the deadline for the May/June Newsletter.

**Membership Renewal:** NF members were reminded that it is time to renew their membership. The yearly fee is \$25, same as in 2010.

**Alzheimer's quilts:** Ms. Kim Jalette will collect Alzheimer's quilts at the June meeting.

**Mystery quilts:** Members who participated in January's Mystery Quilt program by Kim Jalette were asked to bring their quilts for Show and Tell at the June meeting.

**Quilting Bee:** The next Quilting Bee will take place on April 21 at the Habitat for Humanity building on Gaither Road.

**Quilting for Others:** Ms. Mary Moore Payne had displays of finished charity quilts. She also had kits for members to take home and piece, quilt or finish quilts for future donations.

**NF Raffle Quilt:** The raffle quilt top depicting a "pineapple" design was shown. Ms. Barbara Kilby who donated the material for this quilt thanked all who helped, and reminded members that more volunteers are needed to finish this raffle quilt. There will be a meeting on April 20 at Barbara's house in Gaithersburg to "tweeze out" the paper foundations on the back of the quilt.

**Hospitality:** Ms. August reminded members that Carole Auth will no longer be the Hospitality Committee chairperson, and volunteers are needed to take over. Beverly Ferrell, Rainie Broad

and Cathie Berman volunteered as co-chairs for the Hospitality Committee. Carole Auth requested volunteers to host the May and June meetings. In addition, the Hospitality Committee presented the speaker with a birthday cake to celebrate that April 6 is her birthday.

**Quilt show:** Chris Ritcher has volunteered to be Quilt Show Chair. Ms. Ritcher told NF members that the next quilt show will take place October 18-20, 2012, at the University of Maryland Shady Grove campus. Ms. Ritcher thanked Beverly Farrell for her help, and indicated that she will be recruiting volunteers next month.

**Elections:** The current officers were re-elected unanimously as follows: Ms. Linda August and Ms. Patty Estey Co-Presidents, Ms. Pat Lefevre Vice-President, Ms. Barbara Kilby Treasurer, and Ms. Evelyn Farinas Secretary.

**Nominating Committee:** Three members are needed to volunteer for the nominating committee. Duties of the nominating committee are to solicit NF members to run for office and to help identify members willing to fill committee vacancies. Laura Markus, a current member, will remain in the committee. In addition to the three elected members, two members of the Executive Board will be appointed by the Co-Presidents to serve on the Nominating Committee. The slate of officers is presented in March to the general membership; other vacancies are filled as they arise.

**Audit Committee:** Two volunteers are needed to participate in the audit. The duties include following the flow of money, and making sure receipts are in line, all necessary signatures are listed, and there is agreement between checks and bank statements. Chris Ritcher and Pam Hahn volunteered.

**Upcoming workshops:** Ms. Susan Sellers mentioned upcoming workshops, such as Maria Elkin's May program on fusing applique portraits to quilts. Members planning to attend Ms. Elkins workshop need to e-mail their photos to Ms. Elkins by April 21. There are still openings for Ms. Elkins' workshop. In June Cindy Blackberg will discuss "tips and tricks of the pros". She will conduct a full day workshop the following day. In September Ruth Powers will present applique techniques. Ms. Sellers reminded the members of additional NF events: in May members will show the quilts made in response to the "Inspired by Verse" challenge, in June members will display Mystery Quilts, and in December there will be pin cushion exchange during the holiday meeting for those who want to participate.

**Show and Tell:** Twenty members displayed more than 25 beautiful quilts of all sizes and colors. Some were dedicated presents for mothers, mothers-in-law and granddaughters. Others were inspired by trips outside the US or cultures from foreign countries. Several quilts resulted from a determined "cleansing" of the quilting stash. There were several quilts displayed that had won prizes at quilt shows. One member displayed beautiful simple dresses, made for a charitable organization called "Little Dresses for Africa".

**Announcements from the floor:**

Ms. Francie Parrack was in a car accident, and is recovering slowly. Members are asked to sign the circulating get well card.

Ms. Susan Sellers indicated that she is the point person for Project Linus donations. At this time, quilts are being sent to Japan. It was pointed out that quilts for Japan require polyester batting.

Several members have submitted work for exhibition at local shows, such as the Glen View Mansion in Rockville.

Patrice Thomas made a donation of Styrofoam for anyone interested.

Ginger Peebles volunteered to be the contact person for “Little Dresses for Africa”

Ms. Sellers invited members to join her and other NF members for dinner with today’s speaker at Dogfish Grill at 5:30

**Program:** Program chair Susan Sellers introduced today’s speaker Mary Stori. The program’s title was Let It Shine, and it focused on beading. Ms. Stori showed several of her works, highlighting the different styles of beading used in each of them. Ms. Stori recommended storing beads away from heat and moisture, checking for color bleeding, and keeping away from UV radiation that can change the colors of the beads. In a slide Ms. Stori pointed out what she considers “minimal equipment” requirement for beading projects. Among the essential tools were PVC frames instead of hoops, small scissors dedicated for beading projects, quilting sharps, Nymo beading thread, sorting tray, bead pad, magnifying glasses and good bright light. The speaker also stated that spacing and stabilizing were the two most important aspects of beading. The weight of the beads may distort the fabric of the project; she recommended the use of stabilizers. Ms. Stori also brought several of her books, DVDs and beaded quilts for sale. At the end of her presentation Ms. Stori gave away two of her pattern kits.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

**Lunch:** A delicious lunch, desserts and drinks were provided by the hospitality committee.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn R. Farinas

Secretary