

Nimble Fingers Quilters - General Meeting Minutes

Potomac Community Center

May 4, 2011

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 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 asked members participating in the Quilt Challenge to turn in their work at this time.

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

Introduction of new members and guests: There were three guests attending. .

General Announcements:

Newsletter: Deadline for the September/October newsletter is August 18th.

Membership renewal: Members were reminded that dues are \$25 for the year and are being collected presently. At this time there are 68 paid members.

Welcome: Beth Smith is visiting from Ohio, and was warmly welcomed.

Alzheimer's quilts: Kim Jalette will be collecting ALZ quilts at the June meeting. These may be shown and sold at Houston. The second collection will be in September. Contact Kim for registration forms.

Cloth and Chocolate: The exhibit Then and Now celebrating 10 years as a group opens May 2, 2011 and closes May 30,2011 at the Friendship Heights Community Center in Chevy Chase. A reception to meet the artists will be held Sunday May 15 2011 from 11:20 AM to 1:30 PM. Several NF guild members are exhibiting (Judy Lundberg, Ruth Cohen, Anne Datko, Linda Syverson-Guild and Marina Baudoin). Chocolate will be served at the May 15 reception.

Quilting Bee: The next quilting Bee will be held the third Thursday of May (May 19) at the Habitat conference center on Gaither Road at 10:00 AM. Bees will continue over the summer. Reminders will be sent via e-mail.

Hospitality: The June meeting will be a pot luck. Members are asked to bring dishes as follows according to the last name: A-G bring appetizers, H-K bring salads, L-R bring finger food, cheeses, and S-Z bring fruits, desserts, bread. The new Hospitality Committee members will take over full responsibility in September.

Quilt Show: Ms. August indicated that Chris Ritcher, Quilt Show Chair, wants to poll past quilt show committee chairs for renewal of services and advice. Other members will also be contacted for participation at the quilt show, and anyone willing to work at the show will be welcomed.

Quilting for Others: Margaret Nadoff and Mary Moor Payne are the co-chairs for this group. They ask NF members to stop by the Quilting for Others table at the back of the room to pick up a kit. Kits include toppers, quilts to be sandwiches, and quilts to be finished; so there is something for everyone's taste. Sizes are Crib 40"x45", Lap 45"x60" and up to 60"by 60", but other sizes are acceptable also. Members are asked not to pillowcase any work.

Fall Retreat: NF is planning a fall retreat at Hallwood Conference Center at the foot of Sugarloaf Mountain on November 7 thru 9. Registration starts May 18 at noon via e-mail or phone call to Anne Datko. At least 8 members are needed to offer this retreat, and the maximum capacity is 16. Cost is \$305 with \$100 deposit due June 1. Retreat cost includes accommodations for 3 days and 2 nights, and includes 7 meals. This information is also in the newsletter.

Friendship Star Quilters Raffle Quilt and Bingo: Ms. Patty Estey pointed out that FSQ will be hosting a Bingo game on September 25; cost is \$15.00 for 20 tickets and includes a door prize tickets. FSQ is also displaying their raffle quilt, and selling tickets during the meeting.

Upcoming workshops: Ms. Susan Sellers mentioned upcoming workshops. In June Cindy Blackberg will discuss "tips and tricks of the pros". She will conduct a full day workshop the following day. In addition, June is the month where members will display the blocks and quilts that they have made for our Block of the Year effort, display their mystery quilts and submit the ALZ quilts to Kim Jalette. In September the speaker is Ruth Powers, and in November NF will have the usual quilting for others meeting. In December we will have an optional pin cushion gift exchange. In 2012 NF will have a Round Robbin demonstration in January, a lecture on three dimensional thread sculpture in February, wearable art in March, a yard sale in April, and a lecture on machine quilting in May. Ms. Sellers reminded the group that there were a few spaces still available for Ms. Elkins program on Thursday.

Free Magazines: Ms. Ann Datko offered free magazines to the group.

Show and Tell: Ten members displayed numerous beautiful quilts; among them were several quilts for charity and others including interesting designs such as the "twister design". One member displayed a pin cushion, which may be included in the December gift exchange.

Board meeting: Co-Presidents reminded committee chairs and officers to remain for the 1:00 PM Board meeting, and invited any member of the guild to attend if interested. NF members were asked to help with the clean up after lunch, and with storing chairs and tables prior to the Board meeting.

Inspired by Verse Challenge: There were three categories for judging the entries. The winners were Lois Smith for best use of color, Sheila Berman for most original, and Shirley Malia for best representation of challenge. Ms. Smith read an original poem and Ms. Berman based her quilt on a poem written by a cancer patient.

NF 37th Anniversary: To commemorate NIF's anniversary the Hospitality Committee brought a beautiful quilt like cake to be shared by the members. Two of the original founding members, Jeanne Timken and Nancy Johnson, cut the cake.

Program: Program chair Susan Sellers introduced today's speaker Ms. Maria Elkins. Ms. Elkins began sewing when she was 5 years old, and she designs original quilts in her mind and then buys materials to fit her dream creations. For today's presentation Ms. Elkins prepared a lecture on Protecting Your Quilts. Ms. Elkins started her presentation providing examples of ways quilts have been lost, and then proceeded to describe techniques to prevent quilts from getting lost. She suggested that quilts be labeled with the name of the quilter, the name of the quilt, the date it was made, city and state, and contact information. In addition Ms. Elkins said it was a good idea to add cleaning instructions in the label also. Ms. Elkins also gave suggestions on how to store quilts (roll better than fold) and where to display them (away from direct light). Ms. Elkins favor Chris Johnston HUB Insurance to insure quilts, particularly those being sent for display in shows. Ms. Elkins uses Photo Shop Elements program for photo quilting, and prefers "misty fuse" for fusing work. She ended up her presentation by reminding members to copyright their original designs, and if using copyrighted material in their quilts to ask permission first. Ms. Elkins then showed several of her quilts which were all beautiful.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Lunch: Sandwiches, salads, desserts and drinks were provided by the hospitality committee at a cost of \$4.00.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn R. Farinas

Secretary