

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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and Patty Estey

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National Quilting Association Chapter #MD019*

In Memoriam

Jeanne Timken, a founding member of Nimble Fingers, passed away suddenly on August 15. A memorial service will be held in early October. Jeanne held several offices in Nimble Fingers including that of President. Over the years she participated in every facet and project of Nimble Fingers, helped on every quilt show and usually worked every day of the show. She will be greatly missed. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to her husband, Tim and family at the home address.

Co-Presidents' Message – Linda August and Patty Estey

As you read this newsletter, the worst of summer hot and humid days are hopefully behind us. Even the most loyal quilter finds quilting during the summer to be problematic. But over the summer, there have been many wonderful local guild and regional quilt shows. It seems that the work of these guilds just gets better and better. The Virginia Quilters Unlimited had many inspirational quilts as did other guild shows. Some of you were lucky enough to attend the NQA show in Columbus or the AQS show in Knoxville. And who doesn't like Quilt Odyssey with all of that lush carpeting in the Hershey center protecting our knees . . . to say nothing about the lovely quilts. September is the start of more opportunities for "field trips" with your quilting friends.

Recently, our neighbors in New Mexico and North Dakota and Missouri withstood the ravages of Mother Nature. Quilters always pitch in and send materials and quilts to help our fellow quilters through the rough patches. We are a generous nation to both our fellow

Americans and those outside our borders. Quilts serve as a reminder of hearth and home – sometimes missing in natural disasters.

At the September meeting, Guild members will need to think about becoming involved in the upcoming October 2012 quilt show. Several committees still need chairs and/or co-chairs. Get involved and volunteer. You will have fun. Our 2012 raffle quilt is complete and "Pineapple Delight" is a beauty. It won a blue ribbon at the Montgomery County Fair and is next off to the Maryland State Fair.

It is good to be back and seeing our Guild friends and taking classes and creating even more quilts. Welcome back!

Programs – Susan Sellers, Carol Clanton, Cheryl Layman, Nancy Rose Opeka, Jill Ruspi, Julie Taylor

The Program Committee is ready for fall and expects that the cooler weather will inspire everyone to pull out fabric and sewing supplies and start quilting! We have planned a full year of activities for you and hope that you will sign up to learn something new and be inspired by our talented teachers. Please contact any one of us to suggest future programs or teachers. We could use volunteers to help with transportation for speakers or to join us for a dinner with our guests, or another committee member or two to share the load. Contact Susan Sellers to learn more or to register for a workshop.

September starts off with a visit from **Ruth Powers** from Kansas. Her lecture is entitled “**Dare to be Different**” and her full day workshop on **Thursday, September 8** will instruct you in a technique called **picture piecing**. Space is still available for this workshop at a cost of \$50 per member plus a pattern fee of \$8.50. Check out Ruth’s web site at www.ruthpowersartquilts.com to see the pictures of her Coneflowers workshop sample and beautiful quilts.

October brings **Pepper Cory**, a nationally known teacher from North Carolina to our guild to share her collection of vintage quilts in a lecture entitled “**Inspiration form Antique Quilts.**” Pepper will instruct us in the Japanese hand stitching art of **Sashiko** in her full day workshop on **Thursday, October 6**. Not only will you learn the stitching technique, but you will also create a wall hanging that incorporates oriental fabric circles and your Sashiko panels. This will be an exciting day of learning, at a cost to members of \$50 plus a \$22 kit fee payable to the instructor. Pepper’s web site includes more information at www.peppercory.com.

November will be our annual “**Quilting for Others**” session, with a new twist to be announced by chairs Mary Moore Payne and Margaret Natof.

December is our chance to celebrate and will include a holiday pot luck, member gift exchange of new handmade pincushions, and a special fall challenge.

Looking ahead to 2012, we will have a January round robin of surface design techniques and the 6th annual mystery quilt workshop with Kim Jalette, followed by Eileen Doughty in February lecturing and teaching a half day workshop in three dimensional thread sculpture. March will feature Jennifer Amor with wearable art and a jacket workshop, April will include a guild yard sale and visit from a local thread company, and May will bring the exciting art of Zentangle and Zen Quilting with Pat Ferguson. We will end our year with the incredibly talented quilt artist Ellen Anne Eddy who will speak to us about “The Visual Path” and share her thread sketched bobbin work in her Dragonfly Sky workshop.

Wow! Add a new Block of the Year and the **Fiesta! Challenge** to the mix and we believe will that everyone will be ready to get their Nimble Fingers going!

Fiesta! Challenge

Close your eyes and think about what the word “Fiesta” means to you. Does it make you think of hot, Caribbean colors, salsa music, dancing, tropical fruits and spicy food, warm beaches, celebrations, enjoying life? Our next Nimble Fingers Challenge asks you to ponder this theme “**Fiesta!**” and create a quilt, no larger than 60 inches in either dimension. One entry per member is allowed in this challenge. All quilts will be due at our **December 7, 2011** meeting and will be displayed as part of our holiday party. Join our celebration and participate in this challenge!

Hospitality – Cathy Berman, Rainie Broad, Beverly Ferrell

Please join us for lunch after the guild meeting. The luncheons are a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

In both September and October we will be having sandwiches, salad, etc. as usual for \$4. Leftover sandwiches will be sold after lunch for \$2.

Volunteering as a hostess for one month is a wonderful way to give back to the guild and share your favorite desserts with us all. A signup sheet is available at the meeting; we are currently taking signups for January, February, and March 2012.

If you have volunteered to hostess, please bring a dessert and two 2-liter bottles of soda and arrive at 9:15am to help set up. After lunch, please stay and help clean up and put the supplies away. It goes very quickly if everyone pitches in.

Our hostess volunteers for September are: Lois Smith, Carole Auth, Ginger Peebles, Priscilla Lai, Helene Min, Barbara Kilby and Anne Hammond.

And for October: Shirley Kahan, Ellie McCurley, Nancy Speicher, Anne Datko, Ruan Robertson, Celine Kobak and Chita Brawner.

Membership — Mila Haberman, Mary Jo Haczewski, Liz Brigham

Membership dues are \$25, and were payable beginning back in June. Contact Mary Jo if you are not sure of your status. If you haven't yet paid, but pay in Sept., your name will appear in the roster, which will be available mid to late Sept.

Change in Address/Telephone:

Nancy Sharp

Quilting Bee – Francie Parrack

On the third Thursday of the month, Nimble Fingers members gather at the Habitat for Humanity Headquarters, 9110 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg (diagonal from Capital Quilts). We are there from 10 am till 12:30 and afterwards often go out for lunch.

There are tables at Habitat that are perfect for sandwiching quilts, chairs that are comfy if you prefer hand work, and outlets for machines. Bring your own project and join us. Besides the sewing there is lots of conversation and plenty of advice offered.

The Quilting for Others committee brings fabric that needs to be cut into various sizes for their projects. Please bring your own mat, ruler, and rotary cutter.

Hope to see you at Habitat. It is wonderful that the space is made available for Nimble Fingers members.

Quilting for Others – Margaret Natof, Mary Moore Payne

Stop by the Q 4 O table to pick up a kit to make a top, a quilt to bind or a top to quilt. It is also a good place to admire the fine work Nimble Fingers members have been turning out for those who need a bit of loving care.

We continue to support Project Linus with our quilts. They focus on shelters and hospitals in Montgomery County.

Watch for news of the November Guild meeting where we have exciting plans to create beautiful quilts. More details later.

Mini Groups – Jane Oden

?? Are you looking for some quilting buddies?? I am happy to help members find other quilters who are interested in being part of a mini group.

Mini groups are a great way to form friendships while also learning more quilting skills and techniques. These small groups get together whenever they want during the month.

Some activities you can do are: stitching together, planning trips to quilt shows and fabric shops and sharing your latest accomplishments.

If you are interested in being part of a mini group, there will be a sign up sheet at the September and October meetings.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Jane Oden.

Current Events – Pam Hahn

Sept 3- 25 **National Juried Quilt Exhibit**, The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, historic downtown Frederick, MD. Reception 3-5 PM, September 3.
<http://www.delaplaine.org/>

Sept 10 **Nassawango Outdoor Quilt Show**, Snow Hill, MD. Admission \$8.
http://www.furnacetown.com/quilt_show.html

Sept 10 **Fiberfest Textile Arts Festival**, Snow Hill, MD. Demonstrations, vendors selling fiber art supplies and hand-crafted goods, live animals, children's activities & more. Free!

Sept 11 **Sully Quilt and Textile Show and Sale**, Sully Historic Site from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Chantilly VA <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully/calendar.htm>

Sept 15-18 **Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVIII**
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA
<http://quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4>

Sept 24 **Friendship Star Quilters Host Quilt Bingo**, The Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church, Rockville, MD <http://www.friendshipstar.org/2011/index.htm>

Sept 24 & 25 **Eternal Quilters and Friendship Quilters Biennial Quilt Show**, Brooklyn Park, MD http://www.friendshipquiltersoflinthicum.org/quilt_show.htm

Sept 29, 30 & Oct 1 **Original Sewing & Quilt Expo**, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly VA
<http://www.sewingexpo.com/ChantillyVA.aspx>

Sept 30 & Oct 1 **Bethesda Quilters 2011 Quilt Show**, Holy Redeemer Church School Gym, 9705 Summit Ave, Kensington MD. Donation is \$3.

Oct 7-9 **Countryside Artisans Studio Tour** This is a self-guided tour in which customers visit with artists in their studios, learn about the process of making art and have the opportunity to purchase wonderful handcrafted items. <http://www.countrysideartisans.com/>

Oct 22 **Four County Quilters Host Quilt Bingo**, St. Michael's Catholic Church in Poplar Springs (Mount Airy), MD. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. <http://fourcountyquilters.com/index.html>

Oct 22 & 23 **Kent Sussex Quilt Show**, Georgetown, DE <http://www.kentsussexquiltshow.com/>

Oct 28 **Village Quilters Host Quilt Bingo**, Catonsville, MD
Tickets are \$15. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Contact: Patty Wheeler at 410-591-1488 or mrs.wheeler@comcast.net

Nov 3-6 **International Quilt Festival**, Houston TX
<http://www.quilts.com/newHome/index.php>

Member News

Anne Datko's wall hanging, Japanese Tea Garden, is included in "Artists at Work," a biennial exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution's Ripley Center (Concourse, Sublevel 3). This juried exhibition features two- and three-dimensional works of art by members of the Smithsonian community -- staff, research fellows, volunteers, interns, and contractors -- in all media and disciplines, from painting, sculpture, photography, and video to weaving, metalwork, and ceramics. The exhibit closes October 2, 2011.

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Albert Feldman has had two quilts accepted into the National Juried Quilt Exhibit at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center (DVAEC) located in historic downtown Frederick, Maryland. See Current Events for more information on this event.

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Carol Clanton's Broderie Perse piece entitled "Blossoms and Butterflies" has been accepted for the traveling collection of the Hoffman Fabric Challenge.

Bits and Pieces

Get your seat before they're gone! Friendship Star Quilters is sponsoring a bus trip to the **Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVIII** in Oaks, PA. Sit back and enjoy the ride to the show, stop at the famous Sauder's Fabric for bargains -- then see all the beautiful quilts, and do a little more shopping.

Date: **Saturday, September 17, 2011**. Cost: **\$60 per person** (includes \$48 for bus fare and \$12 for discounted admission to the show). Bus will leave at **7:00 a.m.** from the **Park and Ride** lot at I-270/Rt 124, easy access from I-270! Bus will depart the quilt show at 6:00 p.m.

To sign up, make your check for \$60 payable to FSQ and mail it to Jean Farrell.

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Area quilter downsizing her 30 year stash! Hundreds of patterns at \$2...hundreds of books at \$3 - \$5 (many out of print)...fabric by the pound at \$8/lb (1 lb = about 4 yards)...tools and machines (Bernina QE, New Home). Saturday, September 24, 9-2. Rain date: Sunday, September 25. Location: 14624 Country Creek Lane, North Potomac, MD

Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts, Round 2 – Kim Jalette

I will be collecting again at the September meeting. Contact me if you need a registration form. All quilts must be submitted with one. There will be blank forms available at the meeting.

Go to this link at the AAQI website for basic info on making a donation quilt:
<http://www.alzquilts.org/paq.html>. (NOTE: I am your Temporary Quilt Registration Goddess.)

Committee Chairs – contact these people to volunteer or get information:

Current Events:	Pam Hahn
Historian:	Susan Sellers
Hospitality:	Cathy Berman, Rainie Broad, Beverly Ferrell
Library:	Chris Ritcher
Membership:	Mila Haberman, Mary Jo Haczewski, Liz Brigham
Mini Groups:	Jane Oden
Newsletter:	Kim Jalette
Programs:	Susan Sellers, Carol Clanton, Cheryl Layman, Nancy Rose Opeka, Jill Ruspi, Julie Taylor
Quilt Consortium:	Elizabeth Davison
Quilt Show:	Chris Ritcher
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack

Quilting for Others: Margaret Natof, Mary Moore Payne
Retreat: Anne Datko
Sunshine: Betty Ford
Website: Jane Van Horn
Welcoming: Jane Oden

All telephone numbers, snail mail and e-mail addresses can be found in the Membership Directory. Copies are available from the Membership Chair.

Please notify Mila Haberman, Membership Chair, with any changes in home address/phone number and/or e-mail address.

Quilt Show 2012 – Chris Ritcher

It has begun! We are preparing for our Quilt Show in 2012! We have our raffle quilt, we have our venue (again The Universities at Shady Grove), we have our budget, and we have had our first planning meeting. Things are moving!

Our beautiful raffle quilt is complete and named “Pineapple Delight”. It is indeed a delight to look at. Thank you, Natalie Felsher, for your name suggestion. And thank you to everyone who submitted name suggestions.

The quilt will be in Pennsylvania during our first meeting. It’s already been busy traveling and winning some ribbons. It won two first place ribbons at the Montgomery County Fair. From August 23 until September 6, it will be at the Maryland State Fair. Thank you to all who worked on making this quilt.

We had our first planning meeting on August 18 and got some things done. A big change for the 2012 Quilt Show is that members are now allowed to enter a quilt made any time **as long as it was not shown in a previous Nimble Fingers Quilt Show.**

The dates for the Quilt Show are Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20, 2012. The hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. The price for admission remain the same at \$6 and free under 12 years old.

Many positions are already filled but there are still a few vacancies. Come see me at the meeting, email me or call me if you’re interested or want more information on the vacancies.

Quilt Show Committees as of August 2011

COMMITTEE	VOLUNTEER
Quilt Show Chair	Christiane Ritcher
Treasurer	Barbara Kilby
Secretary	Evelyn Farinas
Quilt Registration	VACANT
Publicity	Susan Sellers
Art Work (merge with Publicity?)	VACANT
Program Advertising	VACANT
Program Layout	Linda August
Design (quilt layout)	Julie Taylor
Show setup	Patrice Thomas
Volunteers	VACANT
Signage	Carole Auth
Artisan's Attic	VACANT
Boutique	Rainie Broad
Vendors	Evelyn Farinas
Silent Auction	Burt White
Challenge (TBD)	Kim Jalette
Demonstrations	Cheryl Layman
Viewers Choice	Al Feldman
Opportunity: Raffle Baskets	Anne Trudel
Opportunity: Quilt Mother	VACANT
Opportunity: Quilt Scheduler	VACANT
Opportunity: Quilt Tickets	VACANT

Some of these committees are co-chaired; I only included the name of the main chair.

OUR MEETING LOCATION: Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac MD, 10 AM on the first Wednesday of the month (except July and August). Luncheon follows.