

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

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Since 1974 = 43 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP

Remember to please keep our meetings a fragrance-free environment.

Next meeting is Wednesday November 1

President's Message from Dottie Acton

October has been a very busy month at our house. My great grandson is now three months old, and is a total joy to play with. His smile is just so cute that he easily is more tempting than quilting (and definitely more tempting than housework). In addition, my grandson Kenny is being treated for lymph edema, and needs to be taken to the doctor every day for massage and re-wrapping of his leg. Definitely not as much fun as playing with the baby, but it's a necessary step in getting him healthier. Hopefully I'll have a little more quilting time in November.

Our librarian, Luanne Lindeman, needs help with the library for the next few months while she deals with a major health issue. If anyone is willing to step up and do our librarian job for a few months, please let me know. The books can remain at Luanne's house, and be picked up to bring to the meeting, so even if you don't have storage space you can still help. Please keep Luanne in your thoughts and prayers.

The next board meeting will be on Wed, Nov 15, 10:30, at my house. If anyone has items that need to be addressed by the board prior to that, please let me know and we'll try to handle everything by phone or email. I'm sorry we had to cancel the last board meeting, but Kenny's doctor visits got in the way.

At the last guild meeting, we spent some time talking about what activities had the most appeal to the membership. There was almost unanimous agreement that we wanted to do a yard sale, so I've started going through my books, patterns and fabrics to see what can be donated. I hope the rest of you are doing the same. It's always good to make some extra space in your sewing room before the holidays. I've also found some 'ugly fabric' for our upcoming challenge. See below for more information.

I hope to see all of you at our November meeting, and at the half-day and/or full day workshop. Keep on smiling and quilting.

Quilting 4 Others – Margaret Natof

Quilting for Others (Q4O) makes mostly "comfort quilts" for donation in Montgomery County. Our committee meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at my house from 10 am to about 1 pm. Bring a bag lunch and stay to cat after our work session. Our next meeting is Tuesday September 12.

Comfort Quilt Sizes are provided as a guideline, not as a set-in-stone requirement. Q4O will accept quilts of any size because the need is great in all areas. We will find a home for any size quilt.

Comfort Quilts

Baby	36" x 36"
Child	40" x 60"
Lap	45" x 45"

In addition, special sizes are listed below:

Preemie	18" square to 24" square
Wheelchair Lap Quilt	36" square to 38" x 47"

This information was gathered from a number of sources including the American Quilters Society, Warm Up America, and Project Linus. Please send any comments and/or corrections to Margaret Natof.

Programs – Cecilia Marzulli (Chair), Ann McNulty

Nov – Lee Chappell Monroe, an expert in accurate piecing will present “Tools of the Trade” + trunk show – with ½ day Clutch & Case Workshop, followed by full day precision piecing workshop. Contact Mary Ling to sign up.

Dec – Lois Smith will present a lecture on “Challenge”.

Jan – Liz Brodsky will present a lecture and half-day workshop on Wool Appliqué.

Feb - Ugly Fabric Challenge Show and Tell

Mar - Susan Schoelwer, Textile Curator at Mt Vernon, will present a lecture on Quilts of the Founding Mothers

Apr - Andrea Schnur will present a lecture and trunk show on foundation paper piecing followed by a half-day workshop

Ugly Fabric Challenge – Ann McNulty

This is what you have been waiting for! Do you have any UGLY, truly UGLY fabric in your stash? If so, bring to the November (or December or January) meeting and *get it out of your house*. Maybe you have a piece that your thought you would use, and 15 years later, it is still lying around. We'll deposit the fabric in a large bag, and then you get to draw out an alternative piece of fabric that someone else has brought in. You

may like it, who knows?! The only requirement is that the fabric be at least as large as a fat quarter. Larger is also okay.

If you forget your UGLY fabric, don't worry as we will have some extras so everyone can participate!

It's an UGLY FABRIC challenge. Take your new fabric and show us what you can do with it! Make your best effort to use the fabric. You don't have to do a whole quilt...but at least a pot holder/placemat size would be good...if inspired, make a quilt! Bring whatever you come up with to the February meeting and show and tell what you did with your fabric.

The meeting in February will be a chance to show and laugh and enjoy what has been done. Anyone participating will get to pick from some fabulous prizes ... and there will be door prizes for everyone attending.

You will have a chance to vote on your favorite entry ... but otherwise, no judging!

Hospitality – Joni Hanley and Mary Campbell (co-chairs)

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on November 1 for \$5 (price increase and larger sandwich size). Those who signed up to hostess will be sent a reminder before the meeting. December will be a potluck lunch.

Mini Groups – Ruth Cohen

If you are not in a small quilt group, now is the time to join one, or start a new one. Many of the small groups already have enough members. But it is easy to start your own group. Just send Ruth your name and contact information and when you would like to meet. She will keep a list of interested quilters and see if she can create a group. It is not necessary for everyone in the group to be at the same skill level or enjoy the same kind of quilting. Diversity makes for livelier meetings. Send information or questions to: Ruth Cohen by phone or email.

Membership – Rainie Broad

Nimble Fingers membership runs each year from May 1st through April 30th. Our dues remain at \$25 per year. You can either pay by check (payable to - Nimble Fingers) or cash. If you would like to mail your dues please mail check to Rainie Broad. For more information, send an email to membership@nimblefingers.org.

Sunshine – Laura Markus

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE.....

Laura is looking to spread some Sunshine to our guild members, so if you hear of someone that needs a little Sunshine, or if there's Great news, please let her know, and she will send a card from the guild. Please email Laura.

Retreats – Kim Jalette and Laura Markus

Save the date! Our spring retreat at the Hallowood Retreat Center will be April 16-19, 2018. Sign ups have begun. There are two openings remaining. A waiting list will be maintained. Contact Laura if you would like to attend. A \$100 deposit is due by the December meeting or you can mail your check made out to Nimble Fingers Quilters Inc to Kim Jalette. Cost for 3 days and 2 nights is \$314, and for 4 days 3 nights is \$409.

Library – Luanne Lindeman

Luanne needs someone to temporarily take over library duties for the next few months. Please contact Dottie Acton if you can help.

1. We continue to add books to the library through purchases and donations. Thank you to all who have donated! Below are just a few of the titles received since the Spring:
 - “Civil War Legacies II” by Carol Hopkings
 - “Fabricadabra” by Paula Nadelstern
 - “A New Dimension in Wool Applique” by Deborah Gale Tirico
 - Title by Elly Sienkiewicz
 - “Digital Fiber Art” by Wen Redmond
2. Acting on a suggestion by a member, I’m going to apply stickers to the spines of our library books so they are easier to find if they get shelved with your personal quilt books.

LIBRARY FAQ’s

Can I check out more than one book at a time?

Yes!

How long can I keep a book checked out?

The guild prefers that books be checked out for one month at a time so that more people have access to each title. Check it out at one meeting and return it at the next whenever possible.

Don’t forget to check the website often (www.nimblefingers.org/library) and peruse our list of available titles. If you find one or more you would like me to bring to the next meeting, just email the request to librarian@nimblefingers.org

Current Events – position OPEN

Contact Dottie Acton if you are interested in this position.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR
January / February 2018 NEWSLETTER:
December 20, 2017**

Please send corrections to newsletter@nimblefingers.org

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

Current Events:	OPEN
Historian:	Susan Sellers
Hospitality:	Joni Hanley, Mary Campbell
Library:	Luanne Lindeman
Membership:	Rainie Broad
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	Linda August
Nominating:	OPEN
Programs:	Cecilia Marzulli (Chair), Ann McNulty
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Margaret Natof
Retreat:	Kim Jalette, Laura Markus
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website, Facebook:	Linda Dixon
Welcoming:	Ivy Barnett

Nimble Fingers Quilters, Inc. meets at 10 AM on the first Wednesday of the month
(except July and August) at the
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville (UUCR)
100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville MD 20850

Luncheon follows each meeting.