

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

www.nimblefingers.org
September/October 2017

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Officers 2017-2018:
President: Dottie Acton
Vice President: Liz Adams
Secretary: Virginia Weber
Treasurer: Helen Wasserman

Since 1974 = 43 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

Next meeting is Wednesday September 6

President's Message from Dottie Acton

I hope all of you had a good summer and are ready to dive into all that fall has to offer. I'm looking forward to cooler weather and more quilting!

We just got back from a trip to South Carolina to see the eclipse. Totality was unbelievably fantastic. I'm already look forward to 2024. If I'm still alive and kicking I'll definitely head to upper NY state to see the next total eclipse.

At the September guild meeting we will spend a few minutes looking at the direction of the guild for the next few years. Please start thinking about what you want for our guild. Do you want to put on another quilt show? If so, when? Do you want a guild raffle quilt? Do you want guild sponsored road trips? If so, where and when? Do you have any particular speakers you would like to invite to speak or offer workshops? If you answered yes to any of these questions, what are you willing to do to help?

The program committee is actively working on setting up programs, and have speakers or activities lined up through next June. We'll announce the Jan-June line up at the September meeting.

I'm still enjoying being a great grandmother. Little Jett is growing bigger and getting more playful every day. My granddaughter is going back to UMD two days a week this fall, so Jett's paternal grandmother and I will each get a chance to babysit. I hope to see all of you at the September meeting.

The next board meeting is September 27 at my house. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

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

Sept – Lecture and Trunk show by Penni Domikis of Cabin in the Woods Quilters followed by a half-day workshop with Penni on English Paper Piecing

Oct – our annual Quilting for Others day workshop.

Nov – 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.

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

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on September 6 for \$4. Those who signed up to hostess will be sent a reminder before the meeting.

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

The deadline for paying the balance due on the September retreat is at our next meeting on September 6. You can bring your check to the meeting or mail to Kim Jalette. There are a few spaces still available- the dates are September 19-21. Contact Kim or Laura with any questions.

Our October retreat is full with a wait list. If you've never been to a guild retreat, join us! It's fun and relaxing, and you get to know some of your fellow guild members a bit better. And, Chef Howard does all the cooking!

Save the date! Our Spring retreat will be April 16-19, 2018. Sign ups will begin on October 16, more information as we get closer to that date.

Library – Luanne Lindeman

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

From Sheri Thompson:

Lancaster PA Shopping Trip - sponsored by a co-op of local Quilt Guilds:

Friday, October 20, 2017

Departure: 7:30 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately

\$60 - Includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch

Stops: Burkholder's Fabric Shop, Shady Maple lunch, Kitchen Kettle Village (Old Country Store, Zook's)

Need payment by September 18th for 30 people to guarantee it's a go.

Checks made payable to: Village Quilters

Send to: Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR November/December 2017 NEWSLETTER: October 16, 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.