

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

**www.nimblefingers.org**  
**March / April 2018**

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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 March 7**

**NOTE: There will be no weekly blasts May 2 through June 8**

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## **President's Message from Dottie Acton**

Please volunteer to be on the nominating committee. We are supposed to have the guild election in April, with the slate announced in March, but as of today we have only one person on the nominating committee and no slate of officers. If you are willing to be on the nominating committee, or would like to be a guild officer, please contact me immediately.

I've totally enjoyed being your guild president, but cannot serve another year because I'll be taking care of my great grandson this fall when my granddaughter goes back to UMD to finish her degree.

I'm looking forward to the ugly fabric challenge that got snowed out last month. So far the weather forecast looks good for our meeting date. I am so ready for sunshine and warm weather. I'm starting to get cabin fever.

This note is going to be very short because my right arm and wrist are giving me problems. I never thought I'd get to the point where I need two hands to lift my morning coffee but I'm there! Fortunately, I've figured out a way to pick up our baby that avoids stress on the sore parts. I'm going to the doctor as soon as flu season is over, but I'm avoiding it for now in an attempt to stay healthy.

I hope to see all of you on Wednesday at our guild meeting.

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## Quilting 4 Others – Margaret Natof and Sheri Thompson

The March Q4O meetings will be at Margaret's on March 13 and 27. If you would like to join the group, please call Margaret to RSVP.

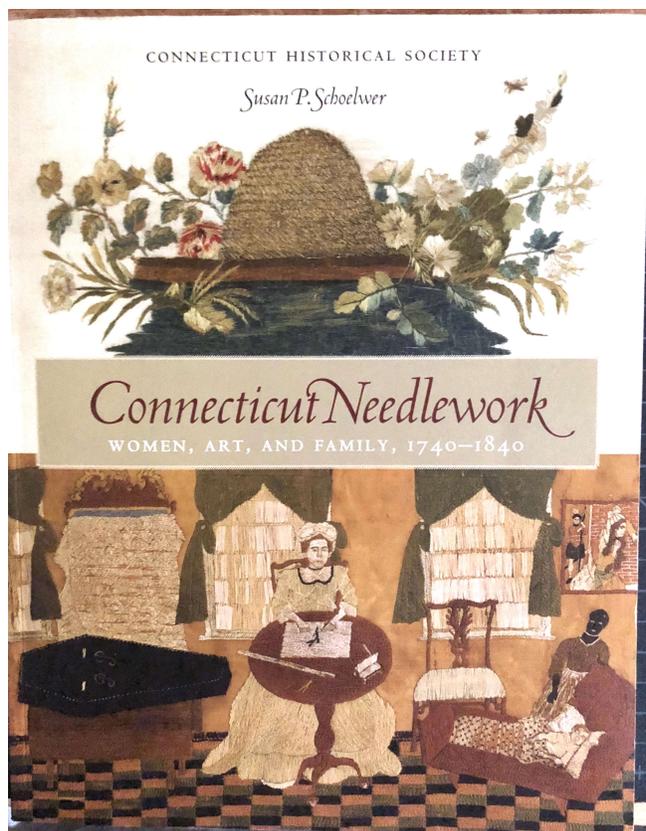
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## Programs – Cecilia Marzulli (Chair), Ann McNulty

You don't want to miss the March meeting-there will be soooo much going on!

Our program is a real coup: Susan Schoelwer, PhD will be talking about THE founding mother, Martha Washington, her quilts and needlework. Susan is the curator at Mt. Vernon, and a leading authority on colonial needlework.

Susan is edited the book, ***The General in the Garden: George Washington's Landscape at Mount Vernon***, a volume of essays inspired by Mount Vernon's current exhibition on that topic. She previously headed the museum collections department at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford. She holds a doctorate in American Studies from Yale University, a master of arts from the Winterthur Program in Early American Culture, and a bachelor of arts in History from the University of Notre Dame. Her book on Connecticut needlework is considered to be the reference on colonial needlework.



It will also be UGLY Challenge time! We will take the challenge items as you enter...assign numbers and display the entries. After the program, there will be a short break and you can vote for your People's Choice favorite. Please pin a scrap of your ugly fabric to the challenge piece, so everyone can see which fabric is the ugly one.

Our Show and Tell will be ONLY the ugly fabric challenge entries...so if you have other items, please hold them for the April meeting.

Finally, we will also be doing our first raffle for the guild. We will have two baskets to raffle (\$1 per chance, \$5 for 6). Come and see what treasures we have! All items were donated to the guild, and proceeds will help support guild activities.

**Apr** - Andrea Schnur (quiltsensations.com) will present a lecture and trunk show on foundation paper piecing followed by a half-day workshop

**May** – Yard Sale

**June** – Brenda Shoemaker will talk about T-shirt and memory quilts

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## **2018 Yard Sale – Margaret Natof**

Margaret Natof is collecting your donations for the **MAY 2** Nimble Fingers Yard Sale. Please note the May date. Donations will be accepted through April 4.

Some guidelines for your donations:

- 1) Fabric in all sizes from fat/skinny quarters to yardage. No scraps, please.
- 2) Cotton quilting fabric only.
- 3) Books and patterns, no magazines.
- 4) Sewing notions of all types.
- 5) UFO's or completed projects in which you have lost interest. Please package kits, etc. in plastic zip-loc bags.

Items left over after the sale will be recycled, donated to charity, and/or given to Friendship Star for their June yard sale. Call Margaret to arrange for delivery of your donated items to her garage.

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## **2018 Spring Retreat – Kim Jalette and Laura Markus (co-chairs)**

We are happy to announce that the Spring retreat is full, but we keep a wait list just in case! Contact Kim if you would like to be added. Retreat dates are April 16-19, with a 3 day or 4 day option available.

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

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on March 7 for \$5 (price increase and larger sandwich size). Those who signed up to hostess will be sent a reminder before the meeting.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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](mailto:membership@nimblefingers.org).

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## **Current Events – position OPEN**

Contact Dottie Acton if you are interested in this position. Your responsibilities would be to provide information about upcoming quilt shows and quilt-related events at meetings and to the Newsletter chair for publication in newsletters and blasts.

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## Library – Luanne Lindeman

In our previous newsletter we incorrectly stated that Mary Ling had taken over as Librarian. Luanne is still librarian but is being helped by friends for the next few months.

### 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](http://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](mailto:librarian@nimblefingers.org)

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## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR May / June 2018 NEWSLETTER: April 20, 2018

Please send corrections to [newsletter@nimblefingers.org](mailto:newsletter@nimblefingers.org)

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

Current Events:	OPEN
Historian:	Susan Sellers
Hospitality:	Joni Hanley, Mary Campbell
Library:	<a href="#">Luanne Lindeman</a>
Membership:	<a href="#">Rainie Broad</a>
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter/Blasts:	<a href="#">Linda August</a>
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.