

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

**www.nimblefingers.org**  
**January/February 2019**

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Officers 2018-2019:  
President: Ann McNulty  
Vice President: Margaret Natof  
Secretary: Nan Highland  
Treasurer: Sheri Thompson

**Since 1974 = 45 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP**

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

**Next meeting is Wednesday January 2**

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## **President's Message from Ann McNulty**

The fires in California devastated whole communities, and we all know about how Paradise California was burned to the ground. It turns out that of the 100 members of the Paradise Ridge Quilters' Guild, 96 lost their homes, and of course, all their sewing supplies, etc.

Honey Run Quilters in nearby Chico, CA

<http://www.cathyssewandvac.com/full-service-quilt-shop-with-speciality-fabrics-and-trims.htm> has put a call out for help. They have received a lot of fabric, and are now running short of storage space. What they need are quilts for the community as well as funds to help out the Paradise quilters. They are working with the Chico quilt guild, Annie Star Quilters in this effort. <http://anniestarquilt.blogspot.com/>

They are also accepting quilts to hand out to those who lost so much in the Camp Fire. They only ask that quilts are at least 60" by 80".

Any funds that are donated will be given to quilters to allow them to buy tools and supplies to go with the donated fabric. If you would like to send a donation, write a check to Honey Run Quilters and note the money is for the Paradise quilters.

Back to our guild....we have a number of positions opening up for the guild. The first I would like to mention is that Mary Campbell and Joni Hanley would like to step down organizing our guild lunches. They have been our Hospitality mavens for a number of years, and would like to let others take over. Joni and Mary can fill you in on what is involved and why they have enjoyed the role for so many years.

ALSO, we will have openings for several guild officer positions for next year...and need a few more persons to work on the nominations committee. Join the Nominating Committee and you will help the guild with an important but time-limited responsibility. The nominations are put forward in April, voted on in May and new officers take over in June. The Nominating Committee work starts in January. This is very important work, and vital to the continuance of the Guild! Give me a call, I would be glad to talk to you about the Committee. Francie Parrack

and Natalie Felsher are already committed to working on the Committee...so you will be joining others who have done this before.

Happy Holidays!

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## **Important information regarding our use of UUCR facilities**

We signed a new contract with the church for another year. Two items of note:

1. Starting with the September 5th meeting, we will have access to church at 9:15 for the 10:00 meeting. Previously it has been 9:30 am. So, if you come a few minutes early, you will be able to enter the church. Please, though, do not try to enter before 9:15!
2. Our contract with UUCR stipulates that the church is a no-guns area. If you carry a weapon, you must leave it home when attending Nimble Fingers events.

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## **Quilting 4 Others – Margaret Natof and Sheri Thompson**

### **Annual Report from Quilting for Others**

Q4O is chaired by Sheri Thompson and Margaret Natof. Lisa Hicks contacts agencies and distributes finished quilts.

During the year 2018, Nimble Fingers members have enabled Q4O to make the following donations:

245 quilts to Shady Grove Hospital, National Institutes of Health, Children's Services, and women's shelters in Montgomery County.

8 quilts donated to Habitat for Humanity

12 mastectomy pillows to Shady Grove Hospital

36 bears, whales, horses and other stuffed animals to Child Services.

All of the items distributed were received with gratitude from the recipients. Sheri and Margaret acknowledge the quality workmanship members put into each item. We are proud of you! Thank you for your contributions.

Q4O meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

The next meetings are January 8 and January 22.

We will be assembling kits to make pillowcases for donation to the Million Pillowcase Challenge.

All are welcome, just call Margaret if you plan to attend.

### **February Meeting Activity - Contributing to the Million Pillowcase Challenge**

Members will be sewing pillowcases from previously assembled kits. All volunteers are welcome and lunch will be provided.

Workers needed: lots of ladies with sewing machines or sergers, un-sewers, ironers

with ironing boards, turners (turn pillowcases inside out), thread trimmers and thread “hidlers”, a couple of “inspectors,” and runners. If you have questions, Margaret can explain each job in more detail.

The original goal was to complete 100 pillowcases. As of year-end, 75 pillowcases have been turned in. Soooo..... Our new goal will be to complete 250 pillowcases. Go Nimble Fingers!!!!

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## **Spring 2019 Retreat – Laura Markus and Kim Jalette**

Registration is full for our next retreat, but please do not hesitate to put your name on the wait list. Plans can change in the next six months and most people on the list often get to come. Contact Laura to add your name to the wait list. The dates are April 29 – May 2 with a 3 or 4 day option. The cost for 3 days is \$319 and for 4 days is \$423.

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## **2019 Programs – Laura Markus, Kim Jalette, Linda August**

**January – Lauren Kingsland will talk about the quilts of Gee’s Bend**

**February – Quilting for Others Pillowcase Day** Contributing to the Million Pillowcase challenge. More information in the Quilting 4 Others section.

**March – Nisha and Kim and the now famous Brimfield blocks, Lecture and Workshop**

We are excited to have Nisha and Kim join us at our March meeting. They have scoured the Brimfield Massachusetts flea markets and created new blocks and patterns from antique blocks they found there. Their work with English paper-piecing (EPP) has caught on with many EPPers who have shown that the possibilities with these blocks are endless. Nisha and Kim will present a trunk show and then conduct a half-day workshop with the Brimfield Meadows block in the afternoon. Sign up at the January or February meeting or contact Linda August. The cost is \$25.

Check out their website at <https://brimfieldawakening.com> for more information on their work.

**April –** Judy Gula of Artistic Artifacts in Alexandria VA will present a lecture based on her latest book, *Colorful Batik Panel Quilts*. She will follow with a workshop on panel quilts.

**May is our annual yard sale.** Bring your donations to meetings starting in January.

**June –**Showcasing the results of our *Panel Challenge* followed by a potluck lunch.

**September –** Mary Kerr will present a lecture on *Quilting Old into Art*. She will conduct a workshop in the afternoon called *Twist and Shout*.

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## **Book Sales**

Lots of books have been donated and will be sold for \$1 each at the January meeting.

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

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on January 2 for \$5. 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). A membership roster was sent out in October to all paid-up members. If you have not received yours, please email [newsletter@nimblefingers.org](mailto:newsletter@nimblefingers.org) to get a copy.

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## **Current Events – Linda Dixon**

Check out upcoming quilt-related events in the Events section of the Calendar tab on the Nimble Fingers web site. See <http://www.nimblefingers.org/events.html>

Announcing *Hometown Girl Contemporary quilts of Mimi Dietrich*, a yearlong exhibit at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore opening Saturday March 23, 2019. It will also feature historic quilts from the Maryland Historical Society collection. See flyer at end of this newsletter for details.

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## Library – Luanne Lindeman

### 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 March / April 2019 NEWSLETTER: February 20, 2019

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	Linda Dixon
Historian	Susan Sellers
Hospitality	Joni Hanley, Mary Campbell
Library	<a href="#">Luanne Lindeman</a>
Membership	<a href="#">Rainie Broad</a> , Flo Warmack
Mini Groups	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter/Blasts	<a href="#">Linda August</a>
Programs	Kim Jalette, Laura Markus, <a href="#">Linda August</a>
Quilting for Others	Margaret Natof, Sheri Thompson
Quilt Show	Barbara Kilby
Retreat	Kim Jalette, Laura Markus
Sunshine	Laura Markus
Website, Facebook	Linda Dixon
Welcoming	Nan Highland

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.



# Hometown Girl

## CONTEMPORARY QUILTS of MIMI DIETRICH



### Exhibition Opening

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019:**

**A year-long exhibit featuring  
traditional and contemporary quilts**

by Mimi Dietrich and the  
personal stories behind them,  
plus Historic Quilts from the collection  
of the Maryland Historical Society

### MUSEUM HOURS

Wednesday-Saturday: 10am-5pm  
Sunday: 12pm-5pm

### MUSEUM ADMISSION

MdHS members . . . . .	Free	Students . . . . .	\$6
Adults . . . . .	\$9	Children ages 3-18 . . . . .	\$6
Seniors . . . . .	\$7	Children under 3 . . . . .	Free

Special guided group tours with Mimi Dietrich available.

Please contact Margot Kopera at 410.685.3750 x343 or  
mkopera@mdhs.org to schedule your visit.

Quilting guilds and groups of 10 or more are welcome.

### SPECIAL GROUP TOUR PRICING

*(includes museum admission)*

MdHS members . . . . .	\$5	Seniors . . . . .	\$12
Adults . . . . .	\$14	Students . . . . .	\$11

### LOCATION AND PARKING

Maryland Historical Society is located in Baltimore's  
historic Mount Vernon Cultural District, a 15-minute  
walk from the Inner Harbor and a half block from Light  
Rail's Centre Street stop. Limited on-site visitor parking  
is available. Call or visit [www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org) for directions.



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