

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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Since 1974 = 42 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP

Presidents' Message from Margaret Natof

For the New Year, let's resolve to:

- 1) Invite a friend to join Nimble Fingers.
- 2) Volunteer to help with the Quilt Show.
- 3) Make or finish a Q4O (Quilting for Others) quilt.
- 4) Make time for your quilting interest and to share it with others.
- 5) Join a small group if you don't already belong to one.

2016 is the year of the Quilt Show. It will be busy and at times stressful. Let's make this the best Quilt Show ever. Find those beautiful quilts that we've seen at Show and Tell. Or find the Quilts that we haven't seen. Finish those projects -- there's still time!

Thank you for a great year. I'm looking forward to an even better 2016 and a fabulous Quilt Show.

Programs – Chaired by the Sew Nice Quilt Group through June 2016

JANUARY 6 – SUE MOATS -- QUILTED WEARABLE GARMENTS. Sue is a nationally acknowledged expert on all threads, having recently retired as a Sulky Threads instructor and consultant. She will present a trunk show of her quilted wearable garments, including her embellished jackets. It will be a retrospective of her earliest pieces to her most recent. Members of the Sew Nice mini-group will model all of Sue's sample garments.

FEBRUARY 3 – CYNDI SOUDER – CREATING UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE QUILTS. Cyndi is an award winning quilt artist whose work has been displayed at the International Quilt Association Festival in Houston, Quilt Odyssey and other quilt shows. She will take us through the process of creating unique quilts for friends and families. www.moonlightingquilts.com

MARCH 2 – BOBBIE KORENGOLD – BALTIMORE ALBUM QUILT EXPERT. Bobbie is a nationally recognized and prize-winning expert on Baltimore Album Quilts. She will reveal her award winning quilts in a trunk show of her early and latest works. Bobbie is a long-time member of Nimble Fingers and we are honored to have her among our midst at regular guild meetings. For the afternoon of March 2, Bobbie is designing a 3-hour appliqué workshop.

APRIL 6 – MARIA SPETALNIK – ORGANIZE YOUR SEWING ROOM. Maria is a skillful quilter, experienced speaker, and engaging instructor. As an expert Certified Professional Organizer®, she offers fiber artists particularly effective ideas for managing ever-expanding fabric stashes. Corners, tables and rooms full of accumulated fabric, thread, and gadgets can be transformed into organized areas. Website: www.MariaSpetalnik.com

MAY 4-5 – JEAN ANN WRIGHT – QUILT DESIGNER AND AUTHOR. For 21 years, Jean Ann was editor-in-chief of QUILT MAGAZINE. Since retiring from full time editing she has worked as a consultant in the quilting industry and recently designed a fabric collection for Newcastle Fabrics. Jean Ann is the author of 5 books, including Jelly Roll Jambalaya and Curvy Log Cabin Quilts featuring her recent rulers, the 6" and 8" Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tools. Website: www.jeanannquilts.com

JUNE 1 – ANNE SULLIVAN – COLOR, COLOR, COLOR: HOW DO YOU CHOOSE? Anne will help us focus on how to make the best choices for colors for our quilts. As an artist, designer, and engineer, Anne is most excited about projects that combine her three passions. She is currently on faculty at American University in Washington, DC, an author at F+W Media, Inc., and Creative Director and Co-Founder of Play-Crafts, Inc. Website: www.play-crafts.com

QUILTING “ROCK STAR” TO WASHINGTON DC METRO AREA

Thinking ahead on the wings of a dream, we are soliciting volunteers to work on a joint effort between quilting guilds and quilt shops to invite one of the “rock stars” of the quilting world to come to the Washington DC metro area. What form of lecture or workshop would you like? Who do you admire? Who should we choose? Who would you like to meet and study with? When and where should we hold the event? Do you have any leads, tips, or ideas for corporate sponsorship? Nancy Sharp welcomes your thoughts, proposals, visions, and brainstorming. Email Nancy.

Quilt Show 2016 – Raffle Basket Donations Accepted Now

Start saving your extra threads, notions, books, educational DVDs, and other sewing do-dads. Check your stash to clear it of duplicates and/or never used sewing items. We have started collecting donations for the raffle baskets to be offered at the Nimble Fingers October 2016 Quilt Show. Please give your new, never-used, or like-new donations to Nancy Sharp at any Nimble Fingers meeting.

Hospitality – Joni Hanley and Vivi Sheff (co-chairs)

Six hostesses are needed at each meeting to set up and take down the paper products and food. Hostesses will also need to bring a two-liter bottle of a drink and dessert. One person will bring ice instead of dessert. \$4.00 covers your sandwich, salad, drink, and dessert. What a deal! Those who signed up as hostesses 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.

From Ann McNulty:

There is a new small group that is forming. The group could use some new members...so if you are interested, please contact Ann. We can probably have somewhere between 10-12 total.

The group has not yet decided its focus...so join in and you can help determine what the meetings will be about.

The meetings are tentatively set for the fourth Monday of the month at noon or the afternoon.

The next meeting in will be January 25th, noon, Kathy Brown's house in Gaithersburg. It looks like most of the members who are interested are from the north Olney, Poolesville, Gaithersburg area, with two of us from Silver Spring.

Membership – Rainie Broad

Membership dues are \$25 for the year. Checks made payable to Nimble Fingers Quilters Inc or cash will be accepted at the meeting. You can also mail a check with your membership dues to Rainie at her home address listed in the directory. For more information, send an email to membership@nimblefingers.org.

Quilting 4 Others – Ginger Peebles and Barbara Shaffer (co-chairs)

We're on a roll !!! Our system is in place and we are producing very nice quilts for sick children. A doctor at Shady Grove Hospital made a point of telling me how important the quilts were to the kids. A quilt is typically on the bed when a child is taken to their room - they are appreciated!

This year we will continue to have (1) 4-patch kits, (2) packets of coordinated fabrics, (3) tops with backing and binding to be quilted, quilts to be bound, and other "offerings" as they appear.

We will have precut batting at the Q4O table sized for our kits, and you can call Ginger before a meeting if you need batting for a different size Q4O top. If you want to do your own thing - try a new technique, etc., please do so.

We truly want you to enjoy whatever part of the process you choose. That being said, if you don't like to bind, return the quilt to Q4O and it will be bound. If you would like to do any particular part of the process, (like binding) please let us know. It is fun to work as a team! If you are a mid or long armer please consider quilting Nimble Fingers tops.

Your support in 2015 was absolutely wonderful. Thank you! We look forward to another successful Q4O year.

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.

Quilting Bee – Francie Parrack

The last Bee will be held on Thursday, Jan 21st at Habitat Headquarters from 10-12. The Restore is moving to East Gude Drive the end of January and the offices will be somewhere in Silver Spring. However, there will not be room for us to meet there.

If you can, join us on the 21st of Jan.

Welcoming – Winnie McCarraher, Helen Wasserman

A big warm hi y'all and welcome from Winnie & Helen! If you are a new member, please check in with them so they can make sure you have fun and get to know everyone!!

Library – Susan Sellers

Do you need inspiration to get your quilting back on track after a busy holiday season? Would you like quick and easy projects to reduce your fabric stash? Consider checking out a book from our Nimble Fingers library. The list of library books is available on the Nimble Fingers web site so that you can request a book by an email to the librarian, Susan Sellers. In addition, a selection of different titles is brought regularly to guild meetings.

Also, we are still looking for someone who will consider stepping in as librarian to help the guild. It's a great volunteer job for a book lover!

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR
MARCH / APRIL NEWSLETTER:
February 22, 2016**

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

Current Events:	Cathy Berman
Historian:	Susan Sellers
Hospitality:	Joni Hanley, Vivi Sheff
Library:	Susan Sellers
Membership:	Rainie Broad
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	Linda August
Nominating:	Al Feldman, Cathy Berman, Judy Walsh
Programs:	Sew Nice Mini-group
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Ginger Peebles, Barbara Shaffer
Retreat:	Rainie Broad
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website:	Linda Dixon
Welcoming:	Winnie McCarraher, Helen Wasserman

Nimble Fingers Quilters, Inc. meet 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.