

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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**Since 1974 = 42 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP**

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

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## **Presidents' Message from Margaret Natof**

The Guild has so much happening all at once and we still need help.

Programs will come to a halt following our June meeting if we do not have a volunteer or volunteers to chair that committee.

The Quilt Show and all the activities associated with the Show needs helpers. Much of the work is done well in advance of the Show. Please sign on to help.

Quilting for Others is struggling. Such a great need for quilts and Q4O needs a committee to take projects under their wings.

And.....

I hope you are using this very changeable weather to work on your personal projects for the Quilt Show. Think display, Boutique, challenges, Silent Auction..... Three years have passed since our last show, so I'm sure there are lots of projects just waiting for the opportunity to Bloom!

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.

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

### For our March meeting, just for fun.....

In conjunction with our program on applique and embroidery at the March 2 meeting – please wear an article of clothing, jewelry, purse or tote bag with applique and/or embroidery to show off your previous projects or purchases.

Also, for those of us who dressed “to the nines” with fine jewelry and clothing in our working days, we now have drawers and closets filled with our finest outfits. We encourage you wear your finest again to Nimble Fingers to show off your “stuff.” The Sew Nice mini-group has been showing off their jewelry at NF and mini-group meetings.

**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 applique 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.play-crafts.com)

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## Starlight Garden Quilt Show 2016 News – Rainie Broad, Barbara Kilby, Luanne Lindeman co-chairs

### STARLIGHT GARDEN NEEDS A RIDE TO LOCAL GUILD MEETINGS

Thanks to all who are volunteering at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton, VA. We couldn't show our beautiful quilt without you!! We'll give you an update on ticket sales at the March meeting.

Now our quilt, Starlight Garden, is back home. We want to share her with everyone! If you belong to a local group in addition to Nimble Fingers, please help us show this stunning quilt at your "other" guild meeting or club event. Maybe a family member belongs to a guild in another location - what a great excuse for a visit! Perhaps there is a speaker you'd love to hear talk that is coming to another guild – arrange to take our quilt on that date! Let us know where and when you want to go and we'll provide you with the quilt and supplies for that date. If Nimble Fingers is your one and only guild, we can arrange a visit with one of the quilting groups on our list. You can take a friend to help show the quilt, or one of us can accompany you. Remember, quilters at other groups are just friends you haven't met yet!

Please call or e-mail Natalie Felsher, raffle quilt mother, to sign up - there are a lot of opportunities out there and we have tickets to sell!

P.S. We are already scheduled to visit some local groups, so check with Natalie to see if your choice is already spoken for.

### **RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS**

Don't forget to return your ticket stubs and money to Kim Jalette at any meeting. More tickets are always available! We also have photos of the quilt for your use, and the quilt is pictured on the home page of Nimble Fingers' website.

### **DEMONSTRATIONS – IDEAS WANTED**

What new quilting idea or tool would you like to see demonstrated? What new technique? What new quilting books discussed? If you have an idea for a demonstration at our quilt show or if you would like to be a demonstrator, please contact Shirley Malia.

### **RAFFLE BASKETS**

Are you combing through your stash for extra threads, notions, books, educational DVDs, and other sewing and quilting “do-dads” to contribute to our Quilt Show's Raffle Baskets? It's time to clear your stash of duplicates and/or never used sewing items. Bring them to any Nimble Fingers guild meeting and give to Nancy Sharp.

### **APPRAISALS**

HOW MUCH IS YOUR QUILT WORTH? We'll ask you to state the value of your quilt when you register for the Nimble Fingers Show in October. It's a good idea to keep a detailed record of all your quilts, and for insurance purposes, the best documentation is a written valuation by an accredited appraiser.

Phyllis Hatcher, who appraised our Starlight Garden raffle quilt, can come to us for a day of appraisals in September, the month before our quilt show. You will need to fill out a one-page form in advance, and the fee will be \$50 per quilt. We can schedule up to ten appraisals on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. If your appointment is in the morning, you can leave your quilt while you attend the Nimble Fingers meeting, and pick it up after lunch. Afternoon appointments will end at 4 pm. A written report, including a statement of replacement value for insurance purposes, will be sent to you later. Contact Barbara Kilby if you are interested.

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

We will set up two quilt stands to take pictures for the appraisals. Whenever they are not in use for appraisals, you can use them to take your own digital photos to turn in with your Quilt Show registration forms. (No fee, all members are welcome.) Contact Barbara Kilby if you are interested.

### **ARTISANS ATTIC**

See below for Guidelines for items.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Now is the time to start thinking about any small thing that you want to sell at the quilt show. It could be something you made for a class or an item you made that you no longer want for yourself. It could be a small item that you use to learn a new technique. These are the types of thing that would do nicely in our silent auction. And you earn 75% of the selling price. Contact Ruth Cohen for more information.

### **DO NOT TOUCH THE QUILTS CHALLENGE**

#### **A Fun and Easy Challenge!**

Please help make our Starlight Garden Quilt Show even more fun for our attendees by making some mini-quilts that remind everyone not to touch the quilts. Here are some guidelines:

- The theme of each mini-quilt should be to remind attendees to please not touch the quilts...please, we always want to be polite in asking.
- Size should be approximately 8 ½” by 11” (like a sheet of standard paper). That way they aren't so small they could get lost, but won't be so big they hog the limelight from our quilts on display.
- Use any quilt technique you like. If you love to fuse, then fuse away! If you like to paint on cloth, then get out those brushes! If you like to hand applique, prep those pieces and get sewing!
- Finishing the finishing can be as easy as sewing right sides together with a backing and then turning inside out, but you can also do a binding if you'd like (everyone's favorite part!). Batting is not a requirement.
- This is a chance to be clever, cute or funny in a non-rude way. Not that any of us would think of being rude!!... but...please run your ideas past a friend just to be on the safe side. Something we think might be clever (like this guidelines document) might not actually be clever at all to someone else...yikes!
- Don't forget to write your name somewhere for posterity. Shy people can put their names on the back, extroverts can put your name on the front. It's your name, you can put it anywhere you'd like. We'd just like to know who made each one.
- Mini-quilts asking attendees to call on a white glover if they want to view the back will also be needed. If you like this theme better – go for it! Lots of people don't know that backs of quilts can be as interesting as their fronts (just like people – oops! Was that rude? See, we should have run this by a friend!!)

Think how much better our mini-quilt signs will look pinned by our spectacular show quilts instead of a boring old paper sign!

Members will have the opportunity to vote on which mini-quilt they like the best.

\$\$\$ First place will receive \$20 in Nimble Fingers money to spend in the quilt show's Artisan's Attic.

\$\$ Second place will receive \$15 in Nimble Fingers money to spend in the quilt show's Artisan's Attic.

\$ Third place will receive \$10 in Nimble Fingers money to spend in the quilt show's Artisan's Attic.

Oh, and "Please Do Not Touch the Quilts" mini-quilts will become the property of Nimble Fingers and will be saved for future shows. Thanks all for your help!

Questions? Contact Luanne Lindeman, Rainie Broad, Flo Warmack or Joan Winovich

## **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.

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## **Membership – Rainie Broad**

Membership dues are \$25 for the year for renewals. 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](mailto:membership@nimblefingers.org).

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

Thank you to our members who make Quilting 4 Others donations possible. Since our last newsletter we have received finished quilts, pieced tops, and great fabric for our kids quilts. We donated 12 quilts this month!

Our system is in place. We have 4-patch kits, packets of coordinated fabrics, tops with backing and binding to be quilted, other "offerings", and occasionally quilts to be bound. Please check these out at our meeting and see quilts just turned in! Remember you can "piece and quilt as desired".

We will have precut Warm & Natural cotton batting at the Q4O table sized for our 4-patch kits. Email or call Ginger if you need batting for a different size other than precut at 45" x 50".

We truly want you to enjoy whatever part of the process you choose. Piecing our 4-patch kit is fun and fast! If you don't like to bind, return the quilt to Q4O and it will be bound. If you would like to do any part of the process, like binding, please let Ginger know. It is fun to work as a team! There are 18 quilt tops with backing, binding and batting ready to be quilted.

If you have a mid or long arm machine please consider quilting Nimble Fingers tops. We provide top, batting, and backing. You do not have to sew binding.

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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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## **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!!

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## **Library – Luanne Lindeman**

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. In addition, a selection of different titles is brought regularly to guild meetings.

Thanks to Luanne Lindeman for taking over as guild Librarian.

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## Current Events

The **NeedleChasers Quilt Guild of Chevy Chase** will have an exhibit of their 2016 Challenge Quilts “**Quilting Green Traditions Grow in New Directions**” February 28 thru March 19 at Penn Place Gallery, 4600 Waverly Place, Garrett Park (adjacent to the Black Market Bistro). You are welcome to attend an opening reception on Sunday February 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The **York Quilters Guild** invites you to join in our “**Celebration of Quilts 2016**”. Event will take place: 9 am to 4 pm, May 20 & 21, 2016 at York College of Pa., Grumbacher Sport & Fitness Center, 899 S. Richland Ave, York, Pa. 17403. This is a judged show and open to guild members as well as those outside our guild to enter their quilts. For anyone wishing to enter a quilt, registration must be received by April 24, 2016 for acceptance into the 2016 show. To register your quilt for the 2016 Celebration of Quilts, please follow instructions at: [www.celebrationofquilts.com](http://www.celebrationofquilts.com).

Classes include: Fiesta Mexico Block Three taught by Karen K Buckley and the following classes taught by local Guild talent: Clothesline Bowls, Thoroughly Modern Dresden, Beginning Paper Piecing, Machine Quilting, Quilting Unplugged, Circle Play Machine Applique, Jelly Roll Race. For dates, times and registration, please refer to: [www.celebrationofquilts.com](http://www.celebrationofquilts.com) . Cost for advance tickets \$9 for adults and \$8 for seniors, event free for kids 12 years old and younger. Tickets will be \$10 day of the show. We again have two Quilt Raffles, proceeds going to Olivia’s House, a local charity. Admission and raffle tickets can be purchased at: [www.celebrationofquilts.com](http://www.celebrationofquilts.com)

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR  
MAY / JUNE NEWSLETTER:  
April 18, 2016**

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

Current Events:	Cathy Berman
Historian:	Susan Sellers
Hospitality:	Joni Hanley, Vivi Sheff
Library:	Luanne Lindeman
Membership:	<a href="#">Rainie Broad</a>
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	<a href="#">Linda August</a>
Nominating:	Rainie Broad, Joan Winovich, Flo Warmack, Maryanne Culliton, and Ginger Peebles
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 2016 Quilt Show

## Artisan's Attic Donation Guidelines

All donated items must be clean, odor-free, and free of mildew, smoke, mold, water damage, pet hair, and dirt. Items can be donated at Guild meetings or call a Committee member to arrange for your delivery to the "warehouse." Nothing can be accepted after the October 5 meeting or at the Show.

Finished quilts or quilted items should be forwarded to the Boutique or Silent Auction  
Pricing Policies

- 1) The Committee will set prices for some items. Pre-pricings for some items are listed below.
- 2) All prices must be set in multiples of 25 cents.
- 3) Maryland state sales tax will be taken from the gross proceeds in order to make the cashiers' job simpler.
- 4) Fabric will be priced at \$2 per yard. Shorter or smaller pieces will be priced at \$1 per half yard, 50 cents for a fat quarter, etc.
- 5) Books: Quilting novels - \$1, most quilting, sewing and craft books - \$3, selected larger books - up to \$5.
- 6) Patterns: \$1.
- 7) Quilting magazines: 25 cents.

### Preparing your items for the sale

- 1) Place small items such as thread, needles, ribbons, notions, etc. in plastic baggies. Use a marker to note any information about the contents on the bag.
- 2) Package UFO's and sets of related miscellaneous items in larger clear plastic bags (no grocery bags, please) with appropriate note about the contents, i.e., "set of 12 blocks," or "pattern with partially finished quilt top." Items in original packaging are appreciated.
- 3) Fabric yardage. Fabric prices are set as noted above. Measure yardage and round down to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard. Use a dark marker on masking tape to mark the yardage. Also use masking tape or painters tape to keep the fabric folded neatly. Do not put yardage in plastic bags. Non-cotton or fabric of unknown content should be so-labeled.
- 4) Put quarter-yards of fabric, marked as either FQ for fat quarter or SQ for skinny quarter. Must be 100% cotton.

Items left-over after the sale will be recycled or donated to charity.

**Any Questions? Call: Margaret Natof OR Email: Sheri Thompson**