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-In person Sit & Sew on March 15 from 10a-4p  
-Upcoming Programs  
-Thank you to Nominating Committee and all volunteers  
-Still need help for Yard Sale  
-March Birthdays  
-Retreat info – NEW INFO  
-Raffle Quilt – Millie's Galaxy  
-Current Events

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### March 15 in person Sit and Sew at Izaak Walton League

Our previous Sit and Sews have been great - everyone really enjoyed the opportunities to gather. We will do it again March 15 from 10a-4p. An eVite will go out this weekend – please RSVP so we know how many to plan for. Shared cutting and pressing stations will be provided. Bring your own projects or work on one for Quilting for Others. You can also just come to socialize! Don't forget your lunch.

### Program Schedule

**April 5:** Rescheduled from January will be our **Jelly Roll Race workshop with our own SherriJoyce King**. Supply list and other info will be available after the March meeting. The workshop is open to all members and is free! Also this month will be the annual election of officers. Show and Tell will be virtual. **NOTE: This will be a Zoom only meeting.**

**May 3: Melinda Lowy - Evolution of an Art Quilter.** The journey of an art quilter is rarely a straight line. Melinda's journey has followed four main paths aligned with her series: Decisions, Constructions, Fragments and 3-dimensional pieces. Her work makes use of very different types of fabrics from silks and cottons to polyesters and upholstery fabrics, as well as many surface design techniques. This will be a hybrid meeting – in person and on Zoom.

**June 7: End of Year Celebration – thank you to everyone!** We will have a business meeting and show & tell. Lunch will be provided by the guild as a thank you and celebration of a successful year. We have been able to add new members – so nice to meet new friends! Our raffle quilt, "Millie's Galaxy", has been shared with the community and raised a significant amount of money which will benefit all members. Look for information about our winning raffle ticket drawing, also on June 7. This will be an in person meeting only.

Also, our speaker in March, **Susanne Miller Jones**, offered free shipping on any of her books to Nimble Fingers members. Contact Kim at [orangecouchquilts@gmail.com](mailto:orangecouchquilts@gmail.com) to order. Visit Susanne's website to see the books. <https://susannemjones.com/>

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### Nominating Committee

A big thanks to your Nominating Committee: Peggy Poole, Edie Siron, and Jenny Chua. Peggy presented the slate of Officers at the March meeting:

President – Laura Markus

Vice President – Liz Brodsky  
Treasurer – Betsy Kulamer  
Secretary – Katie Goldfarb

Thank you to those returning and new candidates for volunteering for these important roles. Nominations will still be taken at the April meeting before the election for anyone who might wish to serve in any of these roles.

Peggy was also pleased to report that three members have volunteered for Programs – Faith Kusterer, Janice Wheeler and Alison Zacharkiw, in addition to Laura Markus who is continuing. Anne Flaggs will move from Secretary to Membership, and Kathy Torg from Membership to Quilting for Others. At the March meeting, Karen Lefkowitz and Karen Somers volunteered to be Zoom co-managers, so we will be able to continue our hybrid meetings.

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### **Yard Sale Prep is ongoing – please come help!**

Our Yard Sale will be held from noon to 4 pm on Sunday April 16 at the Izaak Walton League. Set up will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

So far, volunteers have sorted and measured almost all the fabric donations. Next task will be sorting and pricing notions and other items, of which there are A LOT!! We need your help to have everything done on time. We are accepting quilting fabric (including usable scraps, please separate batiks and quilting cottons), notions and tools, kits, patterns, UFOs. Deadline for donations is Monday, April 10. We are not accepting books.

**PLEASE HELP!** Thanks to all who have come to Kathy Torg's house for sorting and measuring and marking. Kathy is hosting sessions at her house twice a week in March:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-noon

Upcoming dates: March 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

Address: 119 Little Quarry Road, Gaithersburg MD (in Kentlands)

Park on Little Quarry or at the church parking lot two doors down

Donations can still be dropped off at her house or at the March sit & sew. Contact Kathy for questions at 203-257-3777 or [torgkathryn210@gmail.com](mailto:torgkathryn210@gmail.com).

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### **March Birthdays**

Laura Markus - March 3rd

Liz Brigham and Lori Parr - March 8th

Carolyn McShane - March 10<sup>th</sup>

Joyce Buttrey - March 13th

Ellen Parkinson and Kathy Torg - March 15th

Linda August - March 18th

Grey Miller and Alison Zacharkiw - March 23rd

Liz Jordan - March 26th

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### **Retreat Information**

The Spring retreat is full but we do have a wait list and often people's plans change. Send your name to Kim at [orangecouchquilts@gmail.com](mailto:orangecouchquilts@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

Enough people expressed interest in a summer retreat and we were able to book that for July 17-19 at Hallowood at a discounted price of \$267. This is a 3 day only retreat. Signups will begin on Friday, April 28 at 9pm by email only to Laura at [soldbylaura@aol.com](mailto:soldbylaura@aol.com). We do require all attendees to be covid vaccinated.

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### **Raffle Quilt – Millie's Galaxy**

Only about three more months for ticket sales remain for our beautiful raffle quilt! We just got to \$4,100 in sales – thank you to everyone who has participated by buying and/or selling tickets. Kathy Torg will have opportunities for

you to help with the quilt at different events, contact her if you are interested in helping. We will have tickets at the March Sit & Sew or contact Kim at [orangecouchquilts@gmail.com](mailto:orangecouchquilts@gmail.com) if you need more tickets any time.

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**Current Events**

The Renwick Gallery in DC has an exhibit which includes a Bisa Butler quilt, among other art work.  
<https://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/this-present-moment>

The US Courthouse in Greenbelt currently has an exhibit of quilts by the Annapolis Quilt Guild.  
<https://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/art-exhibits>

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In person meeting location:  
Izaak Walton League  
18301 Waring Station Rd.  
Germantown MD 20874  
(please use this address in your navigation system)

Nimble Fingers Quilters Inc.  
PO Box 8101  
Gaithersburg MD 20898-8101

Officers for 2022-2023:  
President: [Laura Markus](#)  
Vice President: [Liz Adams](#)  
Secretary: [Anne Flaggs](#)  
Treasurer: [Betsy Kulamer](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Facebook	Laura Markus
Historian	Sheila Berman
Hospitality	Ellen Parkinson, Adrienne Zago, Faith Kusterer
Library	<a href="#">Luanne Lindeman</a>
Membership	<a href="#">Kathy Torg</a>
Mini Groups	<a href="#">Gray Miller</a>
Weekly News	<a href="#">Linda August</a>
Programs	<a href="#">Kim Jalette</a> , <a href="#">Laura Markus</a> , <a href="#">Linda August</a>
Quilting for Others	OPEN
Raffle Quilt	Kathy Torg, Kim Jalette
Retreat	Kim Jalette, Laura Markus
Sunshine	Liz Adams
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Welcoming	Nan Highland