

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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President: Margaret Natof
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National Quilting Association Chapter #MD019

Presidents' Message from Margaret Natof

Many thanks to Diane Heller for her service as President of Nimble Fingers. She had a challenging term, which she served steadfastly and with grace. Thank you to the other officers - Sandy Koubek, Karen Smith, and Sandy D'Angelo - as well as all of the committee chairs and volunteers who served the membership so well. Nimble Fingers Quilters appreciates your contributions. Special thanks to the Sew Nice mini-group for stepping up to create programs for 2015. I have asked them to consider continuing for another year. Please!

We go into the next term with new officers, new ideas, and new challenges. Please consider how **you** might be of service to the Guild. The Executive Committee needs your help as we focus on budget review and projections as soon as possible.

On another note, I will miss the May meeting due to prior travel plans. I will return for the June meeting ready to get down to work.

Programs – Sew Nice Quilt Group (interim chairs), Natalie Felsher

May 6: MARINER'S COMPASS LECTURE & WORKSHOP

Judy Shapiro, quilter extraordinaire, will give presentation on her quilting and beading projects over the years on Wednesday, May 6 at the Nimble Fingers general meeting.

Judy will teach the Mariner's Compass class on Thursday, May 7, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm -- at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville, MD.

Cost of the workshop is \$50.00. Bring your own lunch and/or snacks for a lunch break. Judy will bring a paper-piecing pattern for each of the workshop participants. We still have a few openings; so let Nancy Sharp know if you would like to attend. [Mail registration check of \\$50.00 to Nancy Sharp.](#)

June 3: STITCHING HISTORY: STORY OF RECREATING THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG

Kristin Schenning from the Maryland Historical Society will make a presentation to the Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild on Wednesday, June 3 general meeting. Kristin recruited experienced stitchers -- including several Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild members -- to recreate the 30 x 42 foot Star Spangled Banner flag. The flag was flown over Fort McHenry during the Defenders Day celebration. Come to hear Kristin's story of this extraordinary venture, which took place originally in Baltimore, and was then recreated in Baltimore. The flag is spectacular !!!

September 2 -- Karen Schulz presentation "Working in a Series." Karen is a fiber artist who has lived in the Metropolitan DC area for many years. She has used a sewing machine since the age of 9 and created original, one of a kind quilts for the last 35 years. Karen came to artistic expression later in life and has pursued her art seriously and full time for the last 8 years studying extensively with Nancy Crow and many notable artists in the field. See website: www.karen-schulz.com

October 7 -- Quilting for Others Day

November 4 -- Dot Hartley will make a presentation on how and why she loves to work with "challenges." Never one to strictly follow a pattern, Dot makes changes to a pattern, and creates her one of a kind quilts and art work. Hear how she makes these decisions and comes up with new creative works every time.

December 2 -- Liz Brigham will guide us in a demonstration / teach-in as we construct the mini-pin-cushion purse. This is something that everyone who receives it as a gift immediately falls in love with it because it is "so cute." Join us all as we work on this together and make it as a holiday gift.

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.

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 – Barbara Shaffer and Ginger Peebles (co-chairs)

We encourage members to tell us what they would enjoy doing in our Quilting 4 Others efforts. We have several forms of kits now, quilt tops to be quilted, quilts to bind, or sew on labels. Donations of fabric are gratefully accepted. A full 19-1/2" of juvenile fabric can be used to make the 6-1/2" theme block on our kid-size 4-Patch quilts (3 rows of 6-1/2" fabric needed = 19.5 plus several extra inches to cut on straight of grain, etc.) Any juvenile /baby fabric over 5" strips will be used on other projects.

Also, if you would like to make a quilt on your own that is fine to do too. Any efforts are greatly appreciated!

Thank you for all that you do for those in need!

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 Quilting Bee meets at Habitat Headquarters on the 3rd Thursday of the month. This is a great place to sandwich quilts or to work on other projects. We will meet on May 21st, and June 16th from 10-12. We WILL meet in the summer. Those dates are July 16th and Aug 20th. Hope to see you there.

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

The library has benefited greatly from the generosity of Nimble Fingers members who donated books at the yard sale and from new purchases made from guild funds. We have added several titles on free motion quilting, and on other topics not previously well

covered by our collection. Check out the list of library books on the web site and e-mail me to request a book.

I have stepped up to serve as guild treasurer and am searching for someone to replace me as librarian. The qualifications are simple. You must love books and be willing to house the library collection, which currently fits into 6 cartons. You must also attend meetings regularly and have books available for guild members to check out. Please contact me if interested.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:
August 15, 2015**

Please, let's make Nimble Fingers a fragrance-free zone, both at meetings and in workshops!

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, Natalie Felsher
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Barbara Shaffer, Ginger Peebles
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.