

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

**www.nimblefingers.org**  
**November/December 2016**

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Officers 2016-2017:  
President: Margaret Natof  
Vice President: Liz Adams  
Secretary: OPEN  
Treasurer: Susan Sellers

**Since 1974 = 42 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP**

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

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## **President's Message from Margaret Natof**

To all Nimble Fingers Quilt Show Volunteers:

Thank you, thank you! Your time and efforts paid off in a beautiful Quilt Show. I send appreciation to all of you who helped make the Show successful. You are the best!

Now it is time to get back to our usual business - serving others.

***The November Quilt-In is our next "meeting." That means only a minimal bit of business with no Show and Tell and then we can enjoy what we do best - quilting for others. Please plan to participate. Let Ginger Peebles know if you plan to attend in order for her to plan assignments. And we also need a head count for lunch which will be provided by the Guild. See you there. Details follow on the next page.***

A final announcement: The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. at Susan Seller's home.

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## Quilting 4 Others – Ginger Peebles

### Quilting 4 Others QUILT-IN Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nimble Fingers meeting

#### The PLAN

The entire meeting will be spent quilting, piecing, and labeling quilts for charity. We will start sewing early, and can stay until 2:30. (You DO NOT have to stay that long.) Drop in.

*Announcements made between 12:20-12:30*

***Lunch will be provided at 12:30***

#### **STARTING TIME: Building opens for us at 9:30**

**NO ENTRY until 9:30**

Stitchers set up machines, get their sandwiched quilts or quilt top kits and begin sewing. Hand sewers – there are 21 finished quilts requiring labels & final check.

*You must sign up to guarantee a quilt or kit.*

#### **Email Ginger at her address in the directory**

16 Quilts are sandwiched with stitching around perimeter

10 4-Patch top kits are ready to be sewn

(And, there are 20 finished tops available to take home to quilt)

**Quilters/Piecers needed!!!** As of Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> there are:

6 quilting spots open

2 piecing tops spots open

#### **GROUPS**

Hand sewing

Team leader in each groups.

Sew on labels; sew binding. Check quilts for loose threads, etc.

Members please provide their own supplies. Labels are beige.

Ironing/pressing

Press Strip Sets, blocks, rows, & final press.

Quilting

**Quilters must sign up to a guarantee quilt.** Bindings are made.

Piecing tops

**Piecers must sign up to guarantee a kit.** Bindings strips in kit, or in binding box.

Cutters

Precision cutting of strip sets into pieces that are then sewn into 4-patch unit. Square up quilts.

Floaters

Help get sandwiched quilts and kits to members, then where needed. Perhaps walk strip sets to pressers, cutters, and then back to piecers, etc.

#### **NEEDED: QUILTING 4 OTHERS - Chair, "Pair", or Committee.**

Ginger has to step down after the November 2 Quilt-In.

Contact Margaret Natof.

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## **Programs – Chaired by the 3T's Mini-Group**

**December: Mimi Dietrich is our guest speaker** and she says this is her last presentation EVER) with a half-day Appliqué Sampler (basic techniques) workshop following our meeting. Learn the basics of hand appliqué with Mimi's favorite freezer-paper techniques! Stitch a curved stem, leaves, heart, and circle using the traditional appliqué stitch. Learn successful methods and tricks for creating straight edges, curves, points, and circles. This is a great class for beginners as well as experienced quilters who want to brush up on appliqué techniques. Students will finish most of the appliqué in class!

You may sign up for the 1/2 day workshop - \$40 registration fee will confirm your reservation.

**January: Round Robin Demo day** by our members. More information to follow in the weekly blasts.

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

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on November 2 compliments of the guild. What a deal! Those who signed up to hostess will be sent a reminder before the meeting.

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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**

Membership renewal is now. 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](mailto:membership@nimblefingers.org).

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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.

## Library – Luanne Lindeman

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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## And in other news

### **The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery - Annual sale of wearable art and fiber art**

Sat., Nov. 5, 9:30 -4:00

St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 0701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville, MD  
Handcrafted, one-of-a-kind scarves, hats, garments, jewelry and yarn, along with all kinds of fabrics, notions & gift items. Bargains include gallery-quality items and artists' overstock.

Free admission, plenty of parking.

<http://fiberartsale.wix.com/fallfibersale>, [FallFiberArtSale@gmail.com](mailto:FallFiberArtSale@gmail.com) or call 703.548.0935

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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR  
January/February 2017 NEWSLETTER:  
December 23, 2016**

**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:	Cathy Berman
Historian:	Susan Sellers
Hospitality:	Joni Hanley, Mary Campbell
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:	3T's Mini-group
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	OPEN
Retreat:	Rainie Broad
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website, Facebook:	Linda Dixon
Welcoming:	Ivy Barnett

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.