

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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Presidents' Message from Diane Heller

Today was the first day of school! Where did the summer go? I hope you are ready to get back to creating and sewing some beautiful things. During the board meeting we planned some great interesting programs for the coming year.

We are looking forward to hearing Diane Herbort speak at the September 3rd meeting and leading an afternoon workshop.

There is no Hospitality Chair so please bring a brown bag lunch and drink so we can all visit and catch up after the meeting. Is there anyone or a group interested in volunteering for this job? Talk to members of the board for more information.

There has been great progress made on the new web site. Thank you Linda Dixon. It should be ready for prime time shortly with a new look!

Quilting for Others will be holding a "sew in" for the October meeting. The committee has been working this summer preparing for a great day. Check with Barbara Shaffer or Ginger Peebles (new co-chair) for more information. They have a group of volunteers to sew, but there are other jobs that make the work easy!

Rainie Broad and Flo Wormack report that the Fall Retreat is a go! Hallwood is such a wonderful place for a retreat.

Looking forward to seeing you all next month!

Programs – Open (chair), Natalie Felsher

Programs is a key part of our guild. Nimble Fingers needs a member or group to step up as Programs Chair. Your board has put together programs for the remainder of the year and a few for next year but the guild needs someone to plan for future speakers and workshops and coordinate them. For more information about the ins and outs of the job, see Susan Sellers or one of the board members at the next meeting. The responsibilities can easily be split among several people.

Our **September 3** meeting features **Diane Herbort** and “**The Romance of the Crazy Quilt.**” Diane will teach a half-day class from 1-4 PM that afternoon on “**Embellishments for Crazy Quilts**” for \$35 per member. There are still openings for the class.

Our president, Diane Heller, will tell you about the remaining 2014 programs. Information will also be provided in weekly blasts.

Hospitality – open

The guild is looking for a new Hospitality Chairperson(s). The job entails coordinating hostesses to bring beverages and desserts, order and collect money for the sandwiches and ensuring supplies of plates, napkins, and tableware. There are members who will pick up the sandwiches. This is the perfect job for a mini-group. Please consider helping out. In the meantime, bring your brown bag lunch in September and stay after the meeting to catch up with other members on summer activities. Our lunches have always been a special time for guild members to socialize with other members.

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 me your name and contact information and when you would like to meet. Ruth 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

Our membership year is from May 1 through April 30. Membership dues are still just \$25 for the year and can be paid at the next Nimble Fingers meeting or you can mail your payment, made payable to Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild, to Rainie Broad. If you have any questions please feel free to email Rainie.

The membership directory will be emailed to all paid-up members after the September meeting.

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

Thank you to Ginger Peebles for volunteering to co-chair with Barbara Shaffer.

Quilting for Others is gearing up for the October Sew-In. The Sew-in will be the same format as last year. If you signed up to be a sewer, please bring your sewing machine, neutral colored thread, scissors or any other sewing tool you use when you sew. Non-sewers please bring

rotary mat, ruler, rotary cutter just incase you need them. Haven't signed up yet? I will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting. We plan on having a fun filled day with lots of door prizes. And thanks to the board, we will be serving free lunch to all workers.

Thank you to Lois Kutun and Carolyn McShane for joining the Q4O committee. You will be a big asset to the committee. We appreciate you volunteering your time. Additional thanks go to Mary Moore Payne, Ginger Peebles, Cindy Gerstl, and Aliceanna Ward for helping us get things together for our Sew-In. You are a great support to us and we appreciate it.

Fall Retreat – Rainie Broad

The retreat is full but Rainie is taking names for a wait list. See her at the membership desk at the meeting if you are interested. Here are details for reference:

Our fall quilting retreat at Hallowood Retreat Center in Comus, Maryland will be October 28, 29 & 30, 2014. That's a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Those of you who have gone before know how much fun it is. So if you haven't been before just imagine..... Your own private room and bathroom.....you don't have to worry about meals (that means you don't have to shop for food, cook it, serve it, or wash the dishes.....are you getting the picture here). Howard, our chef takes real good care of us. You will have time to sew or read or knit or crochet or talk or walk or nap to your heart's content. The cost of this three-day two-night retreat is just \$308.

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 the 3rd Thursday of the month at Habitat Headquarters on Gaither Road, across the street diagonally from Capital Quilts. This is a great place to sandwich a quilt and usually get some help doing it, work on a project, or just sit and enjoy the company. We meet from 10 am till noon. Hope you will be able to join us. The September meeting will be 18th. Quilting for Others will be prepping for their sew-in on the 18th. See their notice for what is needed. However, feel free to bring your own project. In October we will meet on the 16th. Blast emails will be sent to remind you.

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 – open

As noted in a recent blast, the fate of our library was in jeopardy. More information on the status will be available at the meeting in September.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR
NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER:
October 20, 2014**

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:	OPEN
Library:	OPEN
Membership:	Rainie Broad
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	Linda August
Nominating:	OPEN
Programs:	OPEN (chair) , 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.