

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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National Quilting Association Chapter #MD019

Presidents' Message from Margaret Natof

The summer will soon be over and it's back to school/work/getting serious about finishing those quilting projects. The coming year will bring new opportunities and challenges for Nimble Fingers:

- 1) I hope everyone is re-energized and ready to start plans for our next Quilt Show tentatively set for October 2016.
- 2) We need a Quilt Show chair or chairs. A reward/incentive is being offered.
- 3) We need to grow our membership. Please contact any member of the Executive Committee with your suggestions.
- 4) Lois Smith will present us with a new quilting Challenge at our next meeting.
- 5) We all need to sell tickets for our beautiful new Raffle Quilt. This is a major fund-raiser for the Guild.
- 6) The Program Committee will be finishing their term as of June 2016. We need a new chair or small group to take over programs - a vital part of our Guild activities.
- 7) The next executive board meeting is at Susan Seller's home on Thursday September 10 at 10 am. Officers, committee chairs, and interested members are urged to attend.

And then there are challenges for me.

- 1) Remember to turn off my cell phone before each meeting.
- 2) Organize, organize, organize.
- 3) Respect, courtesy, and only constructive criticism and only when asked.

I'm looking forward to the coming year. See you at the September 2 meeting.

Late breaking news from Barbara Kilby:

We are proud to announce that the Nimble Fingers raffle quilt, "Starlight Garden," won a First Place blue ribbon and a big purple Champion rosette at last week's Montgomery County Fair. The judges rated it Excellent in all categories of design and workmanship. Tomorrow the quilt will be entered in the Maryland State Fair, where it will hang from August 28 to September 7 in competition with entries from Maryland, DC and Virginia.

Congratulations to all of you who helped make this prize-winning raffle quilt!

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

SEPTEMBER 2 – KAREN SCHULZ, artiste-extraordinaire and winner of “Best of Show” at Quilt National (June 2015, Athens, Ohio) will present her exemplary trunk show while sharing the design processes she goes through whether creating a show-stopping series of quilts or one special art quilt. See examples of her work at:

www.karen-schulz.com

OCTOBER 7 – QUILTING FOR OTHERS. Co-leaders Ginger Peebles and Barbara Shaffer. Information for Nimble Fingers’ members’ participation will follow from Ginger and Barbara.

NOVEMBER 4 – EVELYN FLITTNER. As a long time Nimble Fingers member, Evelyn, will present her quilting journey via her specially collated trunk show. She will share what she has learned throughout the years from the time she was a beginning quilter to now as an experienced quilter. She will show examples of her large bed quilts to her smaller art quilt wall hangings.

DECEMBER 2 – LIZ BRIGHAM, AND THE SEW NICE MINI-GROUP. Liz will demonstrate creating a super delightful and adorable pincushion fashioned as a little purse. This is just in time for you to make several for your holiday gift giving. Nimble Fingers members will participate in a show-me, teach-me, sew-me exercise in a very efficient production line of little pin cushions (*FYI -- The pattern for the Demo is sold at Capital Quilts: “Pincushion Panache” by Oceanlake Designs # 2010*)

SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS – Always welcome !!

The Sew Nice mini-group, acting as Interim Program Committee, is soliciting speakers for Spring 2016, Fall 2016, and Spring 2017. As you attend other guild meetings or national quilt seminars, be on the lookout for exceptional speakers that would be a good fit for Nimble Fingers. **THEN -- email and/or call** Nancy Sharp with names and contact information.

SEPTEMBER SHOW & TELL: What I did on my summer vacation !!

It’s time to show off what you did on your summer vacation ! Did you make a new king-size quilt for yourself ? Or, a gorgeous new 3’ by 6’ wall hanging to fit over your couch ? Or ... Did you just relax and complete a couple of mug rugs, or maybe just one holiday ornament ? Whatever you made (finished, or not) please bring it to the September 2, 2015 Nimble Fingers meeting to show us what you did on your summer vacation.

QUILTING IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL

Have you ever wondered if Nimble Fingers could invite one of the “Rock Stars” of the quilting world – like ***Kaffe Fassett*** -- to meet with quilters here in the nation’s capital ? Have you ever wondered if Nimble Fingers could do more to engage young people in quilting ?

Have you ever thought about submitting your quilt to a juried quilt show ?

Have you ever created a special quilt for a neighborhood community center, a library, or a health care clinic ? If not, would you like to do it this year ?

In a moment of quiet contemplation, have you ever thought.....”why doesn’t Nimble Fingers do such-and-such” ? So – tell somebody about your vision, and let’s work on it. Think – yes, we can !!

SO, THINKING AHEAD Let’s plan to create some innovative and imaginative projects for the Nimble Fingers quilters to work on this year. Make it fun ! Make it festive ! Make it celebratory !

HERE ARE THE MOTIVATIONS FOR THE SEW NICE MINI-GROUP MEETINGS:

1. Learn Something New
2. Meet Someone New
3. Listen, Learn, Do It, Make It
4. Activate Your Inner Artist
5. Your Art & Your Quilt – Take Center Stage
6. Let Your Talent Soar
7. Quilt It Like You Mean It

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)

Quilting For Others is gearing up for the October Sew-In. This year the Sew-In will be a little different than in past years. We have many quilts in various stages of completion — ranging from finished tops to completed quilts needing labels. We’ve decided to finish

them up. You will choose what you want to do at the Sew-In from (1) tops available for quilting, (2) quilts that need binding, (3) quilts that need labels, and (4) kits available for those who want to piece a quilt top, We will have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting so you can sign up for whatever you are interested in.

For those who prefer to quilt at home we have kits with finished tops, batting, and backing. We need quilters and this is such a good way to practice your quilting.

Thank you for all you do for those in need. We wouldn't be so successful without your support. Your support means so much and we appreciate it!

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 third Thursday of the month at Habitat Headquarters on Gaither Road (just across the street and down from Capital Quilts). We are there from 10-12. There are tables that are a good height for sandwiching quilts, decent lighting for hand or machine work, and a high counter that is a great height for cutting fabric. Bring your own projects of any kind and join us. In September we will meet on September 17th and in October on the 15th. If you don't have a project, please feel free to come and chat. You can also shop in the Restore and may find a treasure! 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!!

Current Events – Cathy Berman

Aug 30-Sept 25: Glenview Mansion exhibit includes 4 fiber artists:

Art quilters Elizabeth Davison, Barbara Eisenstein, Donna Radner, and Dianne Wolman. Meet the artists at the reception Sunday Aug 30 from 1:30 - 3:30.

Gallery Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Tues., Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Weekends and Official Holidays

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is located in the Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Dr, Rockville, MD 20851

Library – Susan Sellers

The Nimble Fingers Library is one of the perks for guild members and consists of 200 books about quilting. Lists of the library collection sorted by author and title are posted on the web site at www.nimblefingers.org. A selection of books will be available to check out at each meeting. In addition, you can request a book by e-mailing the librarian. Please return books that are currently checked out to the September meeting so that they can circulate to other members.

We are searching for someone to take over the role of librarian because I am now serving as Treasurer. Please contact Susan Sellers to volunteer or for more information.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:

October 23, 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
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.