

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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September/October 2016

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Since 1974 = 42 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

President's Message from Margaret Natof

Welcome back from your summer vacation or break. Nimble Fingers will hit the ground running in preparation for our October Quilt Show. There is still much to be done and we need your help. At our September meeting -

- Bring in your quilt registrations
- Sign up to volunteer at our show
- Bring in your Silent Auction entries
- Bring in your Artisan's Attic donations
- Bring in your raffle tickets sales money and take more to sell
- Bring in your raffle basket donations
- Take bookmarks to distribute

Please volunteer your time in some capacity and support Rainie, Luanne, and Barbara. We need everyone's help to make this terrific show happen.

The Guild also needs help from someone to be the Guild Secretary. I will be happy to discuss the duties with you. The duties do not include secretary to the Quilt Show Committee.

We are also looking for a person or two to serve as a Welcoming Committee. You would be helping visitors and newcomers who could possibly become new members.

See you at the September meeting.

Programs – Chaired by the 3T’s Mini-Group

The 3Ts program committee is pleased to announce the following agenda for our September 7th meeting. Phyllis Hatcher will give a brief talk on quilt appraising and then will appraise quilts until 2:00 pm. After the business meeting, around 10:30 - 11:00, there will be (1) Quilt registration turn in; (2) Boutique - item collection; (3) Artisan Attic - item collection; (4) Quilt Auction – item collection. If you haven't submitted a photo of your quilt electronically, Helen Wasserman's team will photograph your quilt.

Our October 5th meeting will feature the Art Quilt Study Group made up of members from the NF and the Potomac Fabric Arts guilds. They meet monthly, choose an artist, study their work and produce pieces in the artist's style. They will discuss their process and show some of their work.

We will also have a talk by Jeff Dee, Director of Development, Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity will receive a portion of the proceeds from our raffle quilt ticket sales.

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

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on September 7 with the usual \$4 charge that covers your sandwich, salad, drink, and dessert. What a deal! Those who signed up to hostess 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 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.

Directories will be emailed after the September meeting to all who have renewed and the distribution list for weekly blasts will be updated as well. You must be a current member of Nimble Fingers to participate in our quilt show in October.

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

We will need a new Quilting 4 Others chair starting after the Quilt Show in October. If you or your mini-group is interested in taking over this position then please contact Margaret Natof.

Don't forget to bring in any quilts you have completed over the summer for Quilting for Others.

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.

Welcoming – OPEN

Anyone interested in greeting new members, introducing them to the various Nimble Fingers activities, and making them feel welcome to our guild, please contact our president Margaret Natof or any other officer.

Library – Luanne Lindeman

We received a lot of nice donations to the library from a couple of members as well as a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. She said that she saw a flyer to our quilt show, but has known about the guild for a long time (but is not a member). I will bring these books to the Sept. meeting.

(Just to let you know, If I receive a duplicate, then I'm keeping the nicer copy and donating the second to the Quilt Show's Artisan's Attic.)

Thank you to all who donated!

The following books are new donations:

- A Year of Rag Quilts
- America's Quilts: The Democratic Art, 1780-2007
- Beginner's Luck - Over 20 Tried and True Quilts
- Big' n Easy
- Drawing and Painting with Water Soluble Media
- Easy Americana Rag Quilting
- Fat Quarters Are Beautiful
- Four Seasons in Flannel
- Just Can't Cut It!
- Kaffe Quilts Again
- Little Quilts All Through the House
- More Nickel Quilts
- Nickel Quilts
- Quick Colorful Quilts
- Quilting for Baby
- Sensational Sashiko
- Special Delivery Quilt
- Strip-Smart Quilts
- Strips & Strings
- Super Quick Colorful Quilts

Don't forget to check the website often (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

Thanks!

And in other news

Potomac Fiber Arts Guild Fiber Art Show & Sale

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

Annual sale of wearable art and fiber art supplies by twenty-five members of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. You'll find handcrafted, one-of-a-kind scarves, hats, garments, jewelry, yarn, along with all kinds of fabrics, notions and gift items. Bargain tables include gallery-quality items and artists' overstock of equipment, materials and supplies, books, and more.

So many treasures to choose from - for yourself or for those on your gift list!

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

10701 Old Georgetown Road

Rockville, MD 20852

Free admission, plenty of parking.

<http://fiberartsale.wix.com/fallfibersale>

FallFiberArtSale@gmail.com

703.548.0935

If you are a member of IQA, check out the Summer 2016 journal that has a 6-page interview with Bobby Korengold including photos of eight of her quilts.

The Needlechasers of Chevy Chase welcome your attendance at our upcoming biennial Quilt Show and Artisan Boutique. This year's theme is "Quilting Green: Traditions Grow in New Directions!" and we will show an abundance of beautiful and creative quilts. We will also offer lovely fiber art for sale in a silent auction, as well as an Artisan Boutique, raffle baskets, a Calico Elephant, and nearly round-the-clock demonstrations by skilled quilters and sewers. We will also be raffling our opportunity quilt "Community Garden"; tickets are \$5 each.

The show will be held at the Kensington Armory/Town Hall in Kensington, Maryland on Friday, October 7 (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturday, October 8 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Admission is \$5; children under 12 are free. Parking is free. Such a deal!

More information is available at our website: www.needlechasers.org/quilt-show.

LOG CABIN QUILTERS' GUILD QUILT SHOW AND BOUTIQUE

Featured Quilters: Mother & Daughter Duo: Eleanor Coonts & Mary Utt

during the 80th Annual Mountain State Forest Festival "Celebrate"

YMCA Gymnasium, Corner Davis Avenue & 4th Street, Elkins, West Virginia

October 6-8, 2016, Thur. & Fri. 9am-8pm; Sat. 9am-5pm

Free Admission

Starlight Garden Quilt Show 2016 News – Rainie Broad, Barbara Kilby, Luanne Lindeman co-chairs

STARLIGHT GARDEN RAFFLE QUILT - Kim Jalette

To all who sold raffle tickets at any venue - Quilters Quest, Hampton show, local quilt guilds, and all the other more unusual places - thank you for your efforts!! There will be more tickets available for sale at the September and October meetings, so keep it up! The seller of the winning ticket and the seller of the most tickets will receive a prize. Of course, we will be selling tickets during the show, too!

We will be selling raffle tickets at SAM'S Club on September 24 and October 1st. We will be there from 10 to 4 and need 6 to 9 people per day (2 hour shifts - but you can work as long as you like). It will be in a sheltered area and hopefully it will be not too warm or cold. Please respond to Natalie Felsher.

This would be a nice group effort for a mini-group. Thank you in advance.

We have decided not to take our raffle quilt to the Mancuso show at the Oaks PA because we did not have enough volunteers.

All proceeds from raffle tickets provide funding for guild activities, and also benefit our selected charity in Montgomery County, Habitat for Humanity.

RAFFLE BASKETS - Nancy Sharp

LAST CALL -- for Raffle Basket donations:

We can use more fabric -- bright solids, happy children's fabric, cheerful Christmas fabric, sprightly moderns and cool designer fabric. Bring them to any Nimble Fingers meeting and give to Nancy, or contact her by phone or email for other arrangements.

SILENT AUCTION - Ruth Cohen

Do you have a little quilt that you no longer love? Have you made something small to try out or practice a new technique? If not, now is the time to try something. These are just the sort of items we sell at the Silent Auction. You set the initial price. And you can add a "Buy it Now" price to your form. The guild gets 25% of the final bid. A great deal for all. Bring your entries and photographs to the September meeting.

QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE – Carolyn McShane

Theme: My Garden By Night

Size: 16 X 24 inches

Star requirement: A star pattern must be included somewhere in the quilt. To get ideas, Google star quilt patterns.

Sleeve: 3 inch minimum sleeve

Deadline and other requirements are as stated for all quilts submitted to the quilt show.

BOUTIQUE – Mary Ling

The Nimble Fingers Quilt Show Boutique is a great opportunity for members to sell some of the quilted items or crafts they've made. The seller receives 75% of the proceeds on items sold. The guild receives 25%. Participating guild members are only required to volunteer for one shift in the Boutique.

Suggested items for the Nimble Fingers Boutique are: any holiday themed items, especially Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas themes including potholders, coasters, mug rugs, placemats, table runners, etc. Other big sellers include notebook covers, quilted bags of all sizes and items for babies and toddlers.

They can be filled out and returned to Mary Ling, but no later than Oct. 1, 2016.

Merchandise will be accepted for Boutique at the September and October guild meetings.

Merchandise drop-offs to my home in Rockville can also be scheduled at mutually convenient times, beginning in September through October 15, 2016. No merchandise will be accepted after October 15th.

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions.

REGISTRATION – Helen Wasserman

Last call for quilt show entries. Registration forms are due at the September meeting. Bring in your forms if you have not already done so online. If you need a photo of your entry, we will

take one for you if you bring your entry to the September meeting. **Your entry does not have to be complete until quilt take in on October 20! But your registration is due now!**

To submit your item information, simply go the Quilt Show section of the Nimble Fingers web site (www.nimblefingers.org), select Forms, and download the registration form. Read the requirements at the top of the form. Fill in the enterable fields by typing in the Title of Entry, Maker's Name, etc. and clicking on the appropriate check boxes. Save the form. Take a digital photo of your entry and make sure the file name includes your last name and the name of the quilted item. Attach the form and photo to an email and send it to quiltshowregistrator@nimblefingers.org. If you are unable to provide a digital photo, bring your item to the September 7 meeting where we will be taking photos. Remember: You must be a current member of Nimble Fingers to enter items in the show. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Wasserman.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR
November/December NEWSLETTER:
October 17, 2016**

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:	Rainie Broad
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	Linda August
Nominating:	Rainie Broad, Joan Winovich, Flo Warmack, Maryanne Culliton, and Ginger Peebles
Programs:	3T's Mini-group
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Ginger Peebles, Barbara Shaffer thru October 2016
Retreat:	Rainie Broad
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website:	Linda Dixon
Welcoming:	OPEN

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.