

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

www.nimblefingers.org

March / April 2019

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Officers 2018-2019:
President: Ann McNulty
Vice President: Margaret Natof
Secretary: Nan Highland
Treasurer: Sheri Thompson

Since 1974 = 45 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP

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

Next meeting is Wednesday March 6

President's Message from Ann McNulty

I am delighted that announce that a Nimble Fingers' mini-group has stepped forward to take the lead on creating a new raffle quilt. This is an important part of putting on a quilt show for next year. It is a key money raiser for the guild, and a way to advertise the guild.

The Razzle-Dazzle Group has a plan, bought fabric and will be handing out blocks for guild members to take at the March meeting. The quilt will be a "one-block-wonder" or a kaleidoscope quilt where fabric is cut into identical triangles that are arranged to form hexagons. Kim Jalette offered to order the raffle tickets

Each person taking fabric will be able to determine which kaleidoscope arrangement of the triangles looks best. The sewing is straightforward, and instructions will be provided. I believe the plan is to ask for the blocks back at the April meeting.

This is but one part of putting on a quilt show, and I will be asking for volunteers to help get the plans for the next quilt show going. We have a contract on a space for the dates Thursday April 30 (setup) through Saturday May 2. This is an important part of funding the guild...think about raising your hand when asked!

How are your panel projects coming? I am so excited about the challenge...and hope you are too. Last year's was a lot of fun, and we will have some WONDERFUL prizes...for everyone who participates and of course for the People's Choice winners. June will be here before you know it!

A Board meeting will take place directly after the meeting. Given that several of the board members are taking the afternoon workshop, I am asking them to get their lunches and work through the lunch time. We want to make this a quick meeting and allow those who are taking the workshop to get there on time.

The April meeting is also our annual business meeting, with a slate of candidates to be elected. The Nominating Committee has been working hard at getting potential candidates together. The slate will be presented at the March meeting with voting in April. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the March and April meetings before the vote.

Quilting 4 Others – Margaret Natof and Sheri Thompson

Q4O is chaired by Sheri Thompson and Margaret Natof. Lisa Hicks contacts agencies and distributes finished quilts. Q4O meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10 a.m. All are welcome, just call Margaret if you plan to attend.

The February Pillowcase Day was a great success. A big thanks to all who participated. We made almost 300 pillowcases. There are approximately 100 pillowcases partially finished and 75 kits unsewn. These will be available at the March meeting for members to take home and complete.

Spring 2019 Retreat – Laura Markus and Kim Jalette

Registration is full for our next retreat, but please do not hesitate to put your name on the wait list. Plans can change in the next six months and most people on the list often get to come. Contact Laura to add your name to the wait list. The dates are April 29 – May 2 with a 3 or 4 day option. The cost for 3 days is \$319 and for 4 days is \$423.

2019 Programs – Laura Markus, Kim Jalette, Linda August

March – Nisha Bouri and Kim Martucci and the now famous Brimfield blocks, Lecture and Workshop

We are excited to have Nisha Bouri and Kim Martucci join us at our March meeting. They have scoured the Brimfield Massachusetts flea markets and created new blocks and patterns from antique blocks they found there. Their work with English paper-piecing (EPP) has caught on with many EPPers who have shown that the possibilities with these blocks are endless. Nisha and Kim will present a trunk show and then conduct a half-day workshop with the Brimfield Meadows block in the afternoon.

Check out their website at <https://brimfielddawakening.com> for more information on their work.

April – Judy Gula of Artistic Artifacts in Alexandria VA will present a lecture based on her latest book, *Colorful Batik Panel Quilts*. She will follow with a one-day workshop on Thursday April 4 on panel quilts. Sign up now. The cost is \$45 for the day. Mail your check to Linda August or sign up at the March or April meetings.

May is our annual yard sale. Bring your donations to March and April meetings.

June – Showcasing the results of our *Panel Challenge* followed by a potluck lunch.

September – Mary Kerr will present a lecture on *Quilting Old into Art*. She will conduct a workshop in the afternoon called *Twist and Shout*.

May Yard Sale donations now bring accepted

Bring smaller items to the March and April meetings. Larger items or large volume of items should be delivered directly to Margaret Natof's home. Contact Margaret to schedule a drop off day and time.

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

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on March 6 for \$5. Those who signed up to hostess will be sent a reminder before the meeting.

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.

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

Nimble Fingers membership runs each year from May 1st through April 30th. Our dues are \$25 per year. You can either pay by check (payable to - Nimble Fingers) or cash. For more information, send an email to membership@nimblefingers.org.

Current Events – Linda Dixon

Check out upcoming quilt-related events in the Events section of the Calendar tab on the Nimble Fingers web site. See <http://www.nimblefingers.org/events.html>

Announcing *Hometown Girl Contemporary quilts of Mimi Dietrich*, a yearlong exhibit at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore opening Saturday March 23, 2019. It will also feature historic quilts from the Maryland Historical Society collection. See <https://www.mdhs.org> for museum information.

Friendship Star Quilters would like to invite you to our 2019 Quilt Show, "Oh My Stars!". We are excited to present this show filled with beautiful quilts to view, wonderful vendors, demonstrations, a Featherweight Raffle, Raffle Baskets, Member's Boutique, Silent Auction and an UNBELIEVEABLE Raffle Quilt for you to win! Please join us on these dates and bring a canned good to receive \$1 off the price of admission.

Friday April 26- Noon until 6:00PM

Saturday April 27- 10:00 AM until 6:00PM

Sunday April 28- 10:00AM until 4:00PM

Location: Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building

GPS: 16 Chestnut St, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

www.friendshipstar.org

The Four County Quilters Guild will be having its 2019 Quilt Show "Connecting the World With Thread" on August 2 & 3 at St. Michael Church, 1125 St. Michael's Rd., Mt. Airy, Maryland. The times are Friday 10:00-5:00 and Saturday 9:00-4:00. On display will be over 200 member-made quilts, the 2019 Opportunity Quilt, an Emporium of items \$20 and under, Demonstrations, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction and Vendors.

Admission is \$10/day (unlimited re-entry with wrist band intact) and parking is free.

There are a variety of restaurants nearby in historic Mt. Airy. For details, visit our guild's website www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org.

Library – Luanne Lindeman

LIBRARY FAQ's

Can I check out more than one book at a time?

Yes!

How long can I keep a book checked out?

The guild prefers that books be checked out for one month at a time so that more people have access to each title. Check it out at one meeting and return it at the next whenever possible.

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

Job Opening at Blank Quilting – notice by Cliff Garfinkel

Blank Quilting is part of the JafTex group of companies which also owns Studioe, Henry Glass, Fabric Editions, AE Nathan and most recently Free Spirit fabrics.

The territory would be as follows:

- 1.MD-all
- 2 PA-Northeast
- 3.NJ-SW New Jersey
- 4.VA-All Of VA East of interstate 81 and North of interstate 64.

Our reps carry the following lines:

1. Blank Quilting

2. Studioe Fabrics
3. Fabric Editions-3 Wishes Line
4. Stof Of Denmark
5. Oasis
6. Sykel
7. AE Nathan
8. Airlite Batting

We were the first company to hire people who quilt as sales reps. It is a commission based job as is customary in our industry. The company has been in business for 87 years and is currently run by Scott and Greg Fortunoff. They are eager to keep the family tradition going and have continued its growth.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail
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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR
May / June 2019 NEWSLETTER:
April 17, 2019**

Please send corrections to newsletter@nimblefingers.org

Committee Chairs – contact these people to volunteer or get information:

Current Events	Linda Dixon
Historian	Susan Sellers
Hospitality	Joni Hanley, Mary Campbell
Library	Luanne Lindeman
Membership	Rainie Broad , Flo Warmack
Mini Groups	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter/Blasts	Linda August
Programs	Kim Jalette, Laura Markus, Linda August
Quilting for Others	Margaret Natof, Sheri Thompson
Quilt Show	Barbara Kilby
Retreat	Kim Jalette, Laura Markus
Sunshine	Laura Markus
Website, Facebook	Linda Dixon
Welcoming	Nan Highland

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.