

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

www.nimblefingers.org
May/June 2019

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Officers 2019-2020:
President: Margaret Natof
Vice President: Rainie Broad
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 May 1

President's Message from Margaret Natof

Welcome Spring! The blooms are spectacular this year and it is wonderful to see color everywhere.

I want to thank Ann McNulty for her work as president and look forward to continue working with Sheri Thompson and Nan Highland and welcome Rainie Broad as our new vice president.

We have a few changes to committee chairs. Tisha Fass and George Anna Lunking have taken over Membership and Gray Miller is our new Small Group Coordinator.

Our next meeting is the annual yard sale. It will include fabric only and we have something for everyone.

June will be our 45th anniversary celebration. Lots of reminiscing for many long time members. I hope you are working on your panel challenge quilts, also due in June.

We are still looking for quilt show chairs for our 2020 show. Please consider volunteering. As previously announced we will not have vendors at this show.

Finally, I would like to include a few words about our dear friend, Pat Lefevre who passed away March 16. Pat generously donated of her time and talent to Nimble Fingers for many years. She was known for her keen wit and love of travel. With the generous donation of her stash, her generosity to the guild continues.

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.

We continue our pillowcase-making efforts. A special thanks to George Anna Lunking for her work kitting and making pillowcases.

2019 Programs – Laura Markus, Kim Jalette, Linda August

May is our annual yard sale. Fabric only. Contact Margaret Natof to arrange to shop for books, notions and patterns at her house.

June –Showcasing the results of our *Panel Challenge* followed by a potluck lunch and a 45th anniversary celebration.

September – Mary Kerr will present a lecture on *Quilting Old into Art*. She will conduct a one-day workshop Thursday September 5 called *Twist and Shout*.

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

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on May 1 for \$5. Those who signed up to hostess will be sent a reminder before the meeting.

Starting in September, Barbara Skelly, Sandra Chin, and Ginger Peebles will assume the duties of Hospitality chairs.

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 – Gray Miller

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 Gray 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: Gray by phone or email.

Membership – Tisha Fass, George Anna Lunking

Nimble Fingers membership runs each year from May 1st through April 30th. Our dues remain at \$25 per year. You can either pay by check (payable to - Nimble Fingers) or cash. If you would like to mail your dues please mail check to Tisha Fass. 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>

Quilters Unlimited show May 31-June 2 at the Dulles Expo Center. See <https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show/> for more information.

Annapolis Quilt Show June 8-9 at the Annapolis High School on Riva Road. See <http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/> for more information.

Announcing a **bus trip to Hershey Quilt Odyssey 2019** - Saturday, July 27, 2019
Cost is \$57

Departure: 8:00 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Pick-Up: 8:30 Deereco Road and Greenspring, Timonium

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately.

Includes transportation, driver gratuity, show admission

Dinner stop at Cracker Barrel (on your own) en route home.

Checks made payable to: Village Quilters

Send checks to Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759

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 www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org.

Library – Luanne Lindeman

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will not be at the May meeting due to having the yard sale. It will return for the June meeting so you may keep any books you checked out until then.

We continue to add books to the library through purchases and donations. Please give Liz Brigham a special thank you next time you see her as she has been donating a lot of books lately.

Two recent purchases for the library are:

“*Charm School – 18 quilts from 5” Squares*” by Vanessa Goertzen

“*Colorful Batik Panel Quilts*” by Judith Vincentz Gula (Judy spoke at our April meeting)

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 are 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

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR September/October 2019 NEWSLETTER: August 19, 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	Tisha Fass, George Anna Lunking
Mini Groups	Gray Miller
Newsletter/Blasts	Linda August
Programs	Kim Jalette, Laura Markus, Linda August
Quilting for Others	Margaret Natof, Sheri Thompson
Quilt Show 2020	Open
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.