

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

www.nimblefingers.org
September/October 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 September 4

President's Message from Margaret Natof

Welcome back to Nimble Fingers! After a hot, hot summer, we are starting our fall programs with ... wait for it ... Quilting!!!

Our September 4 meeting will be a Quilting for Others Day. Sheri Thompson has shown us a new, easy, and scrappy pattern for making child-sized quilts. We think you will have fun!

Please contact Margaret or Sheri if you can help. We need stitchers, quilters, sandwichers, ironers, rippers, and others. We need your sign-up in order to provide lunch for everyone.

Thanks in advance to everyone who helps out!

There will be an Executive Committee meeting following the Q4O session. All members are welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item that you wish to be discussed, please contact Margaret prior to September 4.

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.

2019 Programs – Laura Markus, Kim Jalette, Linda August

September – Quilting for Others Day – details in president’s letter

October – Raffle Quilt Reveal Event –details below

If you have any suggestions for future speakers/workshops, please contact one of the Program Committee members at programs@nimblefingers.org.

Raffle Quilt Reveal Program at October 2 Meeting

The Razzle Dazzle mini-group of Nimble Fingers Quilters will reveal the guild’s 2019-2020 raffle quilt at the October 2, 2019 meeting. The quilt began its journey in March 2019 with Nimble Fingers members taking fabrics cut for one-block-wonder hexagons to sew at home.

Titled “Blooming Kaleidoscopes,” the queen/king quilt measures 80” x 110”, and has two matching pillow shams. The one-block-wonder blocks in coordinating red, yellow, orange, green, grey and cream make several long gentle swooshes across the top of the quilt.

We will celebrate the reveal and launch of our raffle quilt and raffle ticket-selling efforts at the October 2 meeting. Come prepared to celebrate !! (PS: We will provide early morning refreshments for this celebration.) Bring your joyful spirit and willingness to share your ideas on best ways to meet our guild’s fundraising goals this year.

We especially invite new members of Nimble Fingers to join either our Razzle Dazzle mini-group, or any other mini-group to provide further support to this overall guild effort. As in previous years, we donate a portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser to local charities.

After we reveal the quilt you are invited to step up close to the quilt to see if you can find the blocks you took home to sew way back in March. Happy Hunting !!

Hospitality – Sandra Chin, Ginger Peebles, Barbara Skelly (co-chairs)

We will have subs and salad for lunch after our meeting on September 4 for \$5. Those who signed up to hostess will be sent a reminder before the meeting.

Many thanks to Barbara Skelly, Sandra Chin, and Ginger Peebles, our new Hospitality co-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 at soldbylaura@aol.com.

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>

Library – Luanne Lindeman

LIBRARY NEWS

We continue to add books to the library through purchases and donations. Thank you to all who have donated!

Below are just a few of titles we've recently received:

- Fat Quarter Friendly from Fons and Porter's magazine
- One-Block Wonders by Maxine Rosenthal
- Folded Flowers by Kumiko Sudo
- Two quilt pattern books from the Elm Creek series

- Baltimore Elegance by Elly Sienkiewicz

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

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR November/December 2019 NEWSLETTER: October 7, 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	Sandra Chin, Ginger Peebles, Barbara Skelly
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.