

Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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and Burt White
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National Quilting Association Chapter #MD019

Co-Presidents' Message – Diane Heller and Burt White

We hope your holidays have been filled with good times shared with friends and family. As the New Year rolls around and as you begin putting away all your holiday things, begin thinking of the NF yard sale in March. Gather up those items you haven't used and donate them to NF!

We have some great programs and speakers lined up for 2014. Try something new to spark your creative juices... Why not plan a trip to the Hampton Roads show in February or the AQS show in Lancaster in March to see some great quilts.

Don't forget to sign up for the Spring NF Retreat in May which will be held on a weekend this time. It is a time to relax, sew, eat delicious food, learn new techniques, or just take a walk to enjoy the colors and flowers of spring!

Let's get quilting! Happy 2014!

Programs - Susan Sellers (chair), Jill Ruspi, Julie Taylor, Carol Clanton, Petra Curschmann, Natalie Felsher, Karen Smith

Wednesday, January 8, 2014, will be our first meeting of the year (The date was changed because of the New Year's holiday.) We will have a **Round Robin**, led by our talented guild members showcasing favorite tools and rulers.

Join **Kim Jalette** on **Thursday, January 9**, for another one of her popular **Mystery Quilt** classes. Kim carefully reveals the clues throughout the day with each page of cutting and stitching instructions until the full quilt is revealed. We will have pressing wenchers available so that you can focus on piecing. This class is a special price of \$40 per member and spaces are still available. If you have made an early New Year's resolution to use more of your fabric stash, this project will help you get started!

Our **February 5** meeting features **Diane Herbort** and "**The Romance of the Crazy Quilt.**" Diane will teach a half-day class from 1-4 PM that afternoon on "**Embellishments for Crazy Quilts**" for \$35 per member.

The **Nimble Fingers Yard Sale** on **March 5, 2014** meeting will be coordinated by Francie Parrack and Mary Campbell and is an opportunity to help the guild and clear some of the clutter out of your sewing room. All money from items sold will go to the guild to help keep our programs and charitable efforts running until our next quilt show.

Diane Rusin Doran will be our speaker at our **April 2** meeting and she will discuss "**Machine Work**" in her lecture and teach a full day class on machine quilting entitled "**Feathers, Fronds, and Ferns**" on **Thursday, April 3**. Diane is a regular columnist in the *Machine Quilting Unlimited* magazine.

The **May 7** meeting will be a celebration of **Nimble Fingers Quilters' 40th anniversary**. Entries for the annual guild challenge, "**Crazy about Quilts**", will be due at this meeting.

Our **June 4** meeting will bring **Linda Warren** to talk about "**Successful Fabric Selection for More Dynamic Quilts.**" Linda will teach a full day workshop on **June 5** featuring her "**Pyramid Scheme Quilt.**"

Hospitality – Donna Duce, Sandra Chin

Our December potluck was a big success. The tables were overflowing with all kinds of treats and were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all who have signed up to be a hostess. We still need volunteers for future meetings. Let us know when you can help. If you have any questions or concerns we would be happy to discuss them with you.

Membership – Rainie Broad

Dues are \$25 per year renewable starting in May, 2014.

Current Events – Cathy Berman

Quilt events in the area:

- **December 7 – 29, 2013 - Clustered Spires Guild Quilt Show at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Center in Frederick, MD.** And Susanne Clawson fiber art exhibit. Open Monday through Saturday: 9 am—5 pm, Sunday: 11am—5 pm. Free admission. HOLIDAY HOURS: *CLOSED*: December 25 & 26, *LIMITED HOURS*: December 27 – 29.
- **December 9, 2013 – September 21, 2014 – Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence at the Anacostia Community Museum in DC –** Open Daily 10am-5pm. Believed to have free admission.
- **December 16, 2013 - February 9, 2014 – Quilt / Fabric Art exhibit at Brookside Gardens Visitor Center in Wheaton, MD.** Exhibiting artists: Verena Levine, Janet Wildman, and Diane Garrison. Open daily 9:00am to 5:00pm. Closed selected holidays. Free admission.
- **December 20, 2013 - April 27, 2014 - *Workt by Hand* - an exhibit of historic quilts at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in D.C.** The exhibition examines the historical designation of quilts as crafts rather than art objects, as well as the Modernism-influenced shift during the late 20th century toward an appreciation of quilts as works of abstract art. Spanning two centuries, “*Workt by Hand*” features examples of iconic quilting designs and techniques, including the “Log Cabin” style, “Double Wedding Band” designs, Amish “Sunshine and Shadow” style, album quilts, and “crazy quilts.” Within thematic sections, the exhibition emphasizes the intriguing and ever-changing interpretation of quilts.

Quilting 4 Others – Barbara Shaffer, Petra Curschmann

Thank you for all the wonderful things you do for Quilting For Others! Show and Tell in December showcased many of the finished quilts from our October quilt-in. They were beautiful. We look forward to seeing your contributions in 2014.

Quilting Bee – Francie Parrack

The Quilting Bee will meet in the conference room at the Habitat Headquarters on Gaither Road on Jan 16th and Feb 20th providing that the weather cooperates. We will meet from 10-12:30. This is a wonderful place to sandwich a quilt, start or finish a project. Hope to see you there.

Mini Groups – Ruth Cohen

Why not start the New Year with some new quilting friends? 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 me your name and contact information and when you would like to meet. I will keep a list of interested quilters and see if we 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.

Sunshine – Laura Markus

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE.....

I am 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 me know, and I will send a card from the guild. Please email Laura.

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 us so we can make sure you have fun and get to know everyone!!

Library – Anne Trudel

The library book catalog will be updated and then be available on our website. To borrow a library book please send an email to Anne. The books that have not been borrowed by members in at least two years will be sold at the spring sale.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR
MARCH/APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER:
March 15, 2014**

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:	Donna Duce, Sandra Chin
Library:	Anne Trudel
Membership:	Rainie Broad
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	Linda August
Nominating:	Ruth Cohen, Laura Markus, Ronnie Sullivan
Programs:	Susan Sellers (chair), Carol Clanton, Petra Curschmann, Jill Ruspi, Julie Taylor, Natalie Felsher, Karen Smith
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Barbara Shaffer, Petra Curschmann
Raffle Quilt Design:	Barbara Kilby, Linda August, Winnie McCarraher, Jane Oden, Nancy Speicher
Retreat:	Barbara Kilby
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website:	open
Welcoming:	Winnie McCarraher, Helen Wasserman

Yard Sale – Francie Parrack, Mary Campbell

More space in your stash! Nimble Fingers is having a yard sale at our March 2014 meeting. Over the next few months as you go through your sewing stuff, set aside things that no longer speak to you. Maybe you're an advanced quilter who still has beginner books; maybe you've realized you will never appliqué despite having bought many appliqué books. Maybe you bought a book because of one attractive picture and then realized that the book was about a seventeen-step process for making half square triangles (If you don't have this book, my copy will be available).

Along with books, we welcome fabric (yardage or scraps), unfinished objects, orphan blocks, patterns, notions, batting, and tools. No magazines, please. See detailed instructions on the next page. Start sorting and stay tuned!

NIMBLE FINGERS YARD SALE MARCH 2014 INFORMATION SHEET

Look through your books, notions, fabric, unwanted blocks or partially finished projects. Nimble Fingers is having a yard sale and can use your rejects. Items are donated to the Guild with proceeds going to the Guild. Any unsold items will be donated to charitable organizations.

There will be a short business meeting before the sale. Plan to arrive at 9:30 and place your items on appropriate tables.

There will be no shopping until after the meeting.

A. Pricing Policy

All prices you set must be in multiples of 25 cents
Guild will set some prices see below

B. Preparing items for sale

ALL ITEMS MUST BE FREE OF SMOKE, MILDEW, MOLD, AND DIRT

1. Place small items such as thread/needles/ribbon/notions in plastic bags with prices clearly marked.
2. Package UFOs and miscellaneous items with price marked and note about contents ("set of 12 blocks with fabric to complete" e.g.).
3. Fabric yardage will be sold for \$2.00 a yard. (\$.50 for each FQ, etc).
Fold and mark all yardage > 1/4 yd with yardage quantity rounding down to nearest quarter yard.
Mark 1/4 yd fabric as FQ fat or SQ for skinny quarter.
If not cotton, please note fabric type. If not know, mark unknown.
Do not put fabric in plastic bags. Please use painter's tape to keep the fabric folded neatly and to write the yardage.
4. Mark plastic bags of fabric scraps as "scraps" and price them to sell.
5. Books: Novels \$1.00 Quilting and Craft Books \$3.00
6. Patterns \$1.00 unless the pattern is a series for a quilt.
7. NO MAGAZINES PLEASE

C. Payment is either cash or checks made out to Nimble Fingers Quilters, Inc.

D. Bring your own bags.

E. Charitable donation receipt forms will be available upon request.

Questions? Contact Mary Campbell or Francie Parrack, Yard Sale Chairs.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR GUILD

NEXT MEETINGS:

Jan 8 – Round Robin with guild members highlighting tools and rulers

Jan 9 - Kim Jalette's Mystery Workshop

Feb 5 – Diane Herbort presenting the Romance of the Crazy Quilt

Feb 5 - Half-day workshop on Embellishments for Crazy Quilts

Mar 5 - Nimble Fingers Yard Sale

10 AM on the first Wednesday of the month (except July and August).
Luncheon follows.

Guild Meeting Location:

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville (UUCR)
100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville MD 20850**

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