

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

Fiber Artists of the Nation's Capital

**www.nimblefingers.org**  
**January/February 2017**

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President: Margaret Natof  
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Treasurer: Susan Sellers

**Since 1974 = 43 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP**

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

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## **President's Message from Margaret Natof**

The Officers and I wish each and every one of you a healthy and happy Holiday Season and New Year. We appreciate all of your contributions to the Guild and the Quilt Show in particular. The Guild and the Show could not have been successful without your attendance and participation.

For the New Year, let's keep up the good work. Respect and appreciate each other and the works of our members. Please respect the speakers' contributions by not interrupting with your cell phones and talking. Support your fellow members with welcome words and compliments. Volunteer: Your contributions are appreciated.

We depend on you to make the Guild successful.

Thank You and Happy New Year.

### **Free to Nimble Fingers members:**

Wooden slats suitable for hanging small or medium quilts on the wall. They are about 3/4 in thick and are cut to various lengths, typically 40 to 60 inches long. It's easy to cut them shorter with a hand saw. Some already are fitted with eyelets.

You can take as many as you need. See Kim Jalette or Barbara Kilby at the January 4 meeting.

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## Quilting 4 Others – Margaret Natof

Please continue to bring in your donations. More information to follow.

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## Programs – Chaired by the 3T's Mini-Group

Our January 4 meeting will feature demonstrations by guild members. There will be six concurrent demonstrations repeated four times. Therefore, members will be able to attend four demonstrations.

Tube piecing - Mary Ling  
Mesh bag - June Hubley  
English paper piecing - Laura Markus  
Pocketed Towel - Linda Dixon  
Appliqué - Bobbie Korengold  
Hand quilting – Chris Giannascoli

Upcoming programs include:

February 1: Kat Martinez from Capital Quilts presents *Improv quilting*  
March 1: Cindy Grisdela presents *Playing with Color*. There will be a full day workshop on Thursday March 2 called *Playing with Crayons*. See <https://cindygrisdela.com/lecturesworkshops/> for more information. The cost is \$65. Sign up now.  
April 5: Linda Syverson Guild will present a lecture and trunk show called *Architectural Influence*. See <http://www.lindasyversonguild.com>.  
May 3: Carly Mul from Webfabrics in Purcellville VA will present *Collage:Fun with Scraps* followed by an afternoon workshop called *Scissor collage*.  
June 7 and 8 feature Gyleen Fitzgerald. Lecture and full day workshop details will follow in a blast.

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

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

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## 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.

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## **Membership – Rainie Broad**

Membership renewal is past due. 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](mailto:membership@nimblefingers.org).

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## **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.

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## **Library – Luanne Lindeman**

I forgot to mention at the November meeting that we acquired the following new titles for the library at the bargain price of \$1 each. I was at the right place at the right time!

- Simple Shapes Spectacular Quilts by Kaffe Fassett
- Modern Patchwork by Elizabeth Hartman
- Quilts with a Spin – 7 Projects from Piece O'Cake Designs (since our viewers choice winner was from a Piece O'Cake design)
- Patchwork Sassaman Style by Jane Sassaman
- New English Paper Piecing – A Faster Approach to a Traditional Favourite by Sue Daley
- ColorPlay by Joen Wolfrom
- Quilts en Provence by Kaffe Fassett
- Fabric Embellishing – The Basics and Beyond by Chandler, Kettle, Thomas and Vlcek
- Colorific by Pam Dinndorf
- Transparency Quilts by Ringle and Kerr
- Piecing Workshop b Ruth McDowell

Don't forget to check the website often ( [www.nimblefingers.org/library](http://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](mailto:librarian@nimblefingers.org)

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## Tagline contest results from Nancy Sharp

Shirley Malia, long time Nimble Fingers Quilters member, wrote the winning caption for the Nimble Fingers tagline. The tagline will be used under the Nimble Fingers Quilter's headings on both the Newsletter and the website. A tagline adds to our description of who we are as a guild. In addition, our tagline further embraces our connections to the larger community of the nation's capital.

Shirley described her thinking about this winning tagline by saying that she sees the multifaceted world of quilters evolving and advancing further into the depth, the texture, and the complexity of quilting. Shirley sees all quilters as artists and wishes that all quilters would think of themselves more as artists. She explains that the art quilt movement has made a difference in the evolution of the work of traditional quilters. Quilters themselves are moving from thinking only about how to make a quilt from a pattern to being recognized more as a creative, free-style, artistic person.

We congratulate Shirley on her winning entry, and look forward to members of Nimble Fingers Quilters guild to continuing making their well-designed, forward-thinking quilts.

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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR  
March/April 2017 NEWSLETTER:  
February 20, 2017**

**Please send corrections to [newsletter@nimblefingers.org](mailto:newsletter@nimblefingers.org)**

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## 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:	<a href="#">Rainie Broad</a>
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	<a href="#">Linda August</a>
Nominating:	
Programs:	3T's Mini-group thru June 2017
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Margaret Natof
Retreat:	Rainie Broad
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website, Facebook:	Linda Dixon
Welcoming:	Ivy Barnett

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.