

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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**March/ April 2014**

Officers 2013-2014:  
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and Burt White  
Vice President: Sandy D'Angelo  
Secretary: Mary Ling  
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National Quilting Association Chapter #MD019

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## Co-Presidents' Message – Diane Heller and Burt White

As Burt and I compose this letter, the temperature is rising! Can you believe this siege of winter weather we have had? We hope that you have been getting ready for the NF yard sale, as you have been snowed in.

How many of you noticed the varied uses of patchwork on the Sochi Olympic signs, flags and team uniforms? Such fun!

Our newsletter will be a bit longer this month. We have a list of things we want you all to ponder before the meeting.

The Nominating Committee has begun calling to fill the officer positions. We need to fill the Secretary and Treasurer positions. We are also looking for members to chair these committees: Hospitality, Membership, Program and the May Retreat. Finally, we need volunteers to form a committee to research possible sites for our 2015 Quilt Show.

Another important need is for someone to take over updating the website. If no one comes forward, we will have to hire someone to update the site regularly. We need this desperately to keep the membership and the public informed of our NF upcoming events.

See you all at the meeting!  
Burt and Diane

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

**Nimble Fingers Yard Sale:** Bring your unwanted sewing and quilting items to the **March 5, 2014** for our Annual Yard Sale, with all proceeds from items sold, going to the guild to help keep our programs and charitable efforts running. See below for details.

Are you ready to take your machine quilting up a notch? Register for our **April 3** workshop with **Diane Rusin Doran** and learn how to make her “**Feathers, Fronds, and Ferns**” in this full day class. This class is suitable for quilting on a domestic sewing machine, but can also be applied to a long arm or hand quilting. Visit her website at [www.dianedoran.com](http://www.dianedoran.com) or check out some of her columns for the magazine, *Machine Quilting Unlimited*. Diane will also present a lecture on “**Machine Work**” at our meeting on April 2.

Join the celebration of Nimble Fingers Quilters’ 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will take a look back at the guild’s history as well as our own quilting experiences. Don’t forget to bring your entry in our annual guild challenge on the theme of “**Crazy about Quilts.**” There will be prizes for the winning entries!

We will end our year with **Linda Warren** at our **June 4** meeting talking about “**Successful Fabric Selection for More Dynamic Quilts.**” Linda will present a full day workshop on **Thursday, June 5**, using her “**Pyramid Scheme Quilt.**” Visit her web site at [www.lindawarrendesigns.com](http://www.lindawarrendesigns.com) to see pictures of this gorgeous quilt.

Our block of the year, the **Modern Plus** quilt show and tell will be held at the June meeting, as well as a special show and tell of the Mystery quilt class. Whether you have made one plus block, a dozen, one quilt or twenty, bring them in June to show us all what you have created.

Our February program and half-day workshop on the theme of **Crazy Quilting**, which was cancelled due to snow, has been rescheduled for our **September** meeting. Thanks to **Diane Herbort** for being so flexible.

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## **Hospitality – Donna Duce, Sandra Chin**

The hostesses for March will be Mary Jo Haczewski, Carolyn McShane, Lois Kutun, Nancy Sharp and Donna Duce. Salad and sandwiches will be available for \$4. Many thanks.

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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 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.

## **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – Francie Parrack**

**A special interactive program is being planned for the Nimble Fingers 40th anniversary. Everyone gets to participate. We need everyone to:**

- 1, Figure out what year you started quilting
2. For show and tell bring your first quilt or project, or something that was made early in your career, or a picture of the item.
3. Last quilt or project that you have done.
4. Search your memories about NF. Do you have a memory to share or story about a member who is no longer with us.

Those of you who in the past received blocks when you were facing a serious illness or when your presidency was over please bring the quilt or item you sewed from those blocks.

If you are in contact with a former member, please let them know about the celebration and invite them to attend.

There will be a special lunch. Details to follow. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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## **Membership – Rainie Broad**

Dues are \$25 per year. The new membership year begins May 2014. We will start to collect dues for the 2014/2015 year at the March meeting.

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## **Quilting 4 Others – Barbara Shaffer, Petra Curschmann**

Thanks to your hard work and dedication to helping others we were able to give 20 quilts to Warm up America at Shady Grove Hospital in February. What a great start to the new year! We will not have a table set up at the March meeting due to the yard sale that will be going on.

You can always call or email Petra Curschmann or Barbara Shaffer to get a quilt kit. We will have our table set up at the April meeting. Come by and check to see what we have. We have a little something for everyone.

Many thanks and appreciation for all that you do for Quilting for Others.

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## **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.

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## **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!!

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## **Library – Anne Trudel**

The library book catalog has been updated and is 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 MAY/JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER: April 15, 2014**

***Please, let's make Nimble Fingers a fragrance-free zone, both at meetings and in workshops!***

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## **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

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## Yard Sale – Francie Parrack, Mary Campbell

Reminder: Yard sale at our March 2014 meeting.

Thank you to all who are participating in the Yard Sale by donating items or by buying items. In a non-quilt show year this is an important source of revenue.

Along with books, we welcome fabric (yardage or scraps), unfinished objects, orphan blocks, patterns, notions, batting, and tools. No magazines, please.

### 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:**

**Mar 5 - Nimble Fingers Yard Sale**

**Apr 2 – Diane Rusin Doran lecture on Machine Work**

**Apr 3 – Workshop: Feathers, Fronds, and Ferns with Diane Rusin Doran**

**May 7 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration plus annual guild challenge**

**June 4 – Linda Warren lecture on Fabric Selection for More Dynamic Quilts plus NF Block of the Year show and tell**

**June 5 – Workshop: Pyramid Scheme Quilt with Linda Warren**

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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