

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

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March / April 2015

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Secretary: Karen Smith  
Treasurer: Sandy Koubek

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National Quilting Association Chapter #MD019

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## Presidents' Message from Diane Heller

As I sit and write this, it is extremely cold outside. The wind is howling! I do hope you all are keeping warm and sewing up some great new quilts! It is hard to believe that this is my last newsletter article as President. The past two years have gone by very quickly!

The members of the **Sew Nice** mini group (Cathie Berman, Liz Brigham, June Hubley and Nancy Walsh) have worked diligently and put together a list of speakers that fill the program calendar through December of this year! Big Thanks to each and every one of you for stepping up to do this for the membership.

**Judy Walsh** reports that the **Nominating Committee** has not been able to fill the President, Vice President and Treasurer positions. Goodness!!! We have many capable people who can step up and co-chair the job with a friend so no one has to feel overloaded. Let Judy hear from you!

**Julie Booth** will be speaking in **March** on Surface Design. This should be an interesting and informative program. If it is something you have wanted to try, come hear Julie explain the process!

**April** is our **Yard Sale**, so be gathering up the things that you want to donate to Nimble Fingers. Last year's yard sale was a nice fundraiser for the group. Burt White designated her quilting supplies be donated to the yard sale! You might just find something that is just what you need.

Hope to see you all in March!

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## **Programs – Sew Nice Quilt Group (interim chairs), Natalie Felsher**

Programs are a key part of our guild. Nimble Fingers needs a member or group to step up as Programs Chair. The Sew Nice mini group has put together programs for the remainder of the year but the guild needs someone to plan for future speakers and workshops and coordinate them. For more information about the ins and outs of the job, see Susan Sellers or one of the board members at the next meeting. The responsibilities can easily be split among several people.

The March meeting will feature Julie Booth talking about Surface Design.

April is our annual Yard Sale co-chaired by Mary Campbell and Francie Parrack. See below for details.

May will feature a lecture and workshop by Judy Shapiro. Our June speaker is Kristen Schenning talking about the flag project of the Maryland Historical Society.

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## **Hospitality – Joni Hanley and Vivi Sheff (co-chairs)**

Six hostesses are needed at each meeting to set up and take down the paper products and food. Hostesses will also need to bring a two-liter bottle of a drink and dessert. One person will bring ice instead of dessert. \$4.00 covers your sandwich, salad, drink, and dessert. What a deal! Those who signed up as hostesses 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 at [quiltc@hotmail.com](mailto:quiltc@hotmail.com).

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## **Membership – Rainie Broad**

Membership dues are \$25 for the year. For more information, send an email to [membership@nimblefingers.org](mailto:membership@nimblefingers.org).

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## **Quilting 4 Others – Barbara Shaffer and Ginger Peebles (co-chairs)**

Thanks to your hard work and dedication we are off to a good start in 2015. We have received many quilts that will go to children in need. Thank you! Thank you!

We are continuing to offer kits that are a bundle of coordinating fabrics so you can design the quilt yourself. Secondly we now have precut kits to make a small simple quilt with four patch blocks 6 inches finished in kids fabric. In addition to all this there will be an occasional one of a kind kits utilizing donated fabrics.

Come by our table and take a look at what we have to offer.

Thanking all of you for what you do to help those children in need!

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## **Nominating Committee – Al Feldman, Cathy Berman, Judy Walsh**

Despite many calls made by the NF nominating committee, we still need persons to accept a nomination for the following offices:

President (2 people could co-chair)

Vice President

Treasurer

More information about the duties can be found on our website:

<http://www.nimblefingers.org/About/ByLaws/bylaws.html>

If you are willing to accept one of these positions for the coming year, please contact Judy Walsh (jjaw@verizon.net) before our next meeting.

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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 at [soldbylaura@aol.com](mailto:soldbylaura@aol.com).

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## **Quilting Bee – Francie Parrack**

Need to sandwich a quilt, work on kitting, bind a quilt or start a new project? This is a great place to do these and other projects. Join us at Habitat Headquarters, Gaither Rd. 10-12 Thursday, March 19 and Thursday, April 16. If you don't have a project, come and visit. Hope to see you there.

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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 them so they can make sure you have fun and get to know everyone!!

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## **Library – Susan Sellers**

The Nimble Fingers library is a resource available to members of our guild. Our collection of quilting books and DVDs is available for checkout. A list is posted on the web site and specific items can be requested by an e-mail to Susan Sellers, librarian, at [sjsellers@aol.com](mailto:sjsellers@aol.com).

Thanks to the interest of members in using the library, we requested a small amount of funds to purchase new books for the collection on quilting topics that are not currently represented in the library. If members have books that they no longer use, they can also be donated to the library. We are hoping to maintain a library of about 200 items (for storage reasons), with an emphasis on providing representation of the broad spectrum of quilting interests of our members.

## NIMBLE FINGERS YARD SALE APRIL 2015 INFORMATION SHEET

Look through your books, notions, fabric, unwanted blocks or partially finished projects. Nimble Fingers is having a yard sale and items you don't want may thrill another member. 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, DIRT, and PET HAIR**

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 \$2.00
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.

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

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR  
MAY / JUNE NEWSLETTER:  
April 17, 2015**

***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:	Joni Hanley, Vivi Sheff
Library:	Susan Sellers
Membership:	<a href="#">Rainie Broad</a>
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	<a href="#">Linda August</a>
Nominating:	Al Feldman, Cathy Berman, Judy Walsh
Programs:	<b>OPEN (chair)</b> , Natalie Felsher
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Barbara Shaffer, Ginger Peebles
Retreat:	Rainie Broad
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website:	Linda Dixon
Welcoming:	Winnie McCarraher, Helen Wasserman

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Nimble Fingers Quilters, Inc. meet 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.