

# Nimble Fingers Newsletter

**www.nimblefingers.org**  
**May / June 2014**

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Officers 2014-2015:  
Co-Presidents: Diane Heller  
and Burt White  
Vice President: Sandy D'Angelo  
Secretary: Karen Smith  
Treasurer: Sandy Koubek

Est. 1974 = 40 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP  
National Quilting Association Chapter #MD019

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

It is with great sorrow that I have to let you all know that Burt White passed away on April 20th while on vacation in St. Thomas. As of this writing there is no more information on the details of any arrangements.

This is the letter that Burt and I composed before she left on vacation. Diane

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Burt and I certainly hope you all have had a chance to see the gorgeous Cherry Blossoms. Seems like they were a long time coming, but they are surely worth it!

We hope everyone is looking forward to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the May meeting. If you know of any former members who should come, please let Francie know. Lunch will be catered so we can all relax and enjoy visiting with friends old and new.

In Susan's program report, she will go into more detail about the activities.

If the wonderful weather has changed your mind, there is still room to come to the Retreat, May 16,17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Let Burt know!

We still have to fill several committee chairs, Hospitality, Programs, Library and someone to help Barbara with Quilting for Others.

In September, we will start our plans for the 2015 show. We are exploring venues for the show. Let us know if you find an interesting place during your summer vacations. Please plan on where you want to volunteer for the show. Mini groups work well together on committees together. We will be around this summer, so if you know where you want to volunteer, please let us know!

Burt and I want to thank you all who have so graciously volunteered your time and efforts this past year.

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

Nimble Fingers Quilters will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the guild at our May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bring your first (or oldest available) quilt and your most recent quilt and be prepared to tell us how many years you have been quilting. Our annual guild challenge on the theme of “**Crazy about Quilts**” will take place, with prizes for the winning entries! A special anniversary lunch will be served.

The June meeting will feature quilter **Linda Warren** discussing “**Successful Fabric Selection for More Dynamic Quilts.**” Linda's full day workshop on **Thursday, June 5**, showcases her “**Pyramid Scheme Quilt.**” Visit her web site at [www.lindawarrendesigns.com](http://www.lindawarrendesigns.com) to see pictures.

Also, at the June meeting we will have a show and tell for our block of the year, the **Modern Plus** block, 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 share.

Susan Sellers is stepping down as chairperson of Programs. Many thanks to Susan for all the work she has done to bring our guild excellent speakers and workshops.

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## **Hospitality – open**

The guild is looking for a new Hospitality Chairperson. Many thanks to Donna Duce for chairing this committee.

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## **May 16 – 18 Retreat – Rainie Broad and Flo Warmack**

We have several openings for the Nimble Fingers Retreat at Hallwood on May 16-18th. The cost is \$308.00 and you can sign up at the May 7 meeting and pay then. For more information, contact Rainie Broad or Flo Warmack.

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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.

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## Current Events – Cathy Berman

- **April 1 – May 9, 2014 – “Radical Elements” – Quilts from Studio Art Quilts Associates** – Pieces are inspired by the elements of the periodic table (think chemistry), and include all sorts of materials far beyond fabric. On the ground floor of the Cafritz Foundation Arts Center on the west side of the Takoma Park /Silver Spring Campus off Georgia Ave at 9:30 King Street. Parking is available in the West Garage. Maps and directions at [www.montgomerycolleg.edu/maps](http://www.montgomerycolleg.edu/maps). Mon-Fri 8-4. Sat 1-4. Sun closed.
- **May 1 - 3, 2014 – Faithful Circle Guild Quilt Show “Birds of a Feather Quilt Together”– Columbia MD** - We anticipate having over 300 quilts on display, demonstrations, raffle quilt, boutique, silent auction, and vendors. Look for the results of our Linus polka-dot challenge. Held at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045. Hours: Thursday May 1: 10 -8, Friday May 2: 10-8, Saturday May 3 : 10-4. Admission of \$7 is good for all 3 days; children 10 and under free.
- **May 3 - 4 - Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival** - Fun-filled weekend of live animals, crafts and supplies, entertainment and more. Not really quilting, but everything you can imagine involving wool. Check out the schedule and events pages including workshops for more details about the Festival. [www.sheepandwool.org](http://www.sheepandwool.org) Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairground Road, West Friendship, MD. Sat 9-6, Sun 9-5
- **June 14 – 15, 2014 –Annapolis Guild Quilt Show “Quilts By the Bay”** – 200 member made quilts, wall hangings, purses, and wearables. Demos, workshops, raffle quilt, raffle baskets, silent auction, vendors, boutique. At Annapolis High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. Admission for both days: General \$10, Senior \$9, Under 12 free. See [www.AnnapolisQuiltGuild.org](http://www.AnnapolisQuiltGuild.org) for more info.

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## Membership – Rainie Broad

Our membership year is from May 1 through April 30. If you did not pay your dues at the April meeting then your membership will expire on April 30, 2014. Membership dues are still just \$25 for the year and can be paid at the May Nimble Fingers meeting or you can mail your payment, made payable to Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild, to Rainie Broad. If you have any questions please feel free to email or call me.

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## Quilting 4 Others – Barbara Shaffer, Petra Curschmann

Thanks to our wonderful guild members we were able to give 12 quilts to Shady Grove Hospital, 2 quilts to Habitat for Humanity, and 1 to the woman's shelter in Rockville. A lot of people are happy and warm due to your dedication of helping others. Thank you for all you did to make this possible!

Quilting for Others is busy working on the October Sew-in. Petra has come up with a really great quilt layout that involves novelty fabrics. I think you will like it. What we need is 5 inch novelty square fabric. We need two squares from each novelty print. If you can't cut the fabric

bring in the novelty print and we will cut it. At the May meeting we will have a sign up sheet so you can sign up for the sew-in. Start thinking if you want to be a sewer or to be the helper of the sewer. It will be the same format as last year.

On a sad note, Petra Curschmann is leaving this summer. We all are so sad to see her go. She has done so much to enrich our guild. I personally have enjoyed the time I have spent working with Petra, first on Artisans Attic and then on Quilting for Others. Her energy is endless and her heart is huge. She will be deeply missed. Thank you Petra for all you have done!

We are looking for somebody to help Co-Chair Quilting for Others. If interested please let Barbara Shaffer know.

A special thank you goes out to Ginger Peebles for helping Petra make some new kits for us.

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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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## **Quilting Bee – Francie Parrack**

The Quilting Bee will meet at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Gaither Road on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Bee is from 10-12:30 pm. Bring a project and join us.

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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 – open**

The library book catalog has been updated and is available on our website. The guild is looking for a new Library Chairperson. Many thanks to Anne Trudel who is stepping down.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR  
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER:  
August 15, 2014**

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## **Committee Chairs – contact these people to volunteer or get information:**

Current Events:	Cathy Berman
Historian:	Susan Sellers
Hospitality:	open
Library:	open
Membership:	Rainie Broad
Mini Groups:	Ruth Cohen
Newsletter:	Linda August
Nominating:	open
Programs:	open(chair), Susan Sellers, Carol Clanton, Petra Curschmann, Jill Ruspi, Julie Taylor, Natalie Felsher, Karen Smith
Quilting Bee:	Francie Parrack
Quilting for Others:	Barbara Shaffer (co-chair), open (co-chair), Petra Curschmann
Raffle Quilt Design:	Barbara Kilby, Linda August, Winnie McCarraher, Jane Oden, Nancy Speicher
May 2014 Retreat:	Rainie Broad and Flo Warmack
Sunshine:	Laura Markus
Website:	Linda Dixon
Welcoming:	Winnie McCarraher, Helen Wasserman

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## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

**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**

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.

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