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- Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!
- November Sit and Sew a great success
- Raffle Quilt News – Millie’s Galaxy
- Potluck Brunch / Kat and Marianne from Capital Quilts at our Dec 7 meeting
- Membership – invite your friends
- Yard Sale
- FSQ invites Nimble Fingers members to a workshop with Eleanor Levie

Quilting for Others/November Sit & Sew

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have 195 quilts ready to be donated to local organizations! At our November sit & sew, 19 members helped sort, count and bag the quilts into sizes easily identifiable for donation. A big thank you to everyone who helped make quilts and helped sort them 🤍

Now we need to get these quilts out into the community. Kathy is looking for volunteers for teams to take them to local groups. If you are interested in being involved in this activity, please email her at torgkathyrn210@gmail.com.

See attached for photos from this event.

Raffle Quilt – Millie’s Galaxy

We have a group of members who are residents of Leisure World. Some of them arranged for us to take Millie to their annual Arts & Crafts show last Saturday. A lot of raffle tickets were sold! We’d like to specially thank Lois Kutun, Nancy Sharp, Carolyn McShane, Christine Petersen and Nan Highland for volunteering their time at the event

At noon, at the December meeting, we will announce the member who has sold the most tickets as of that time. A \$15 gift card to Capital Quilts will be awarded.

Upcoming Programs

December 7 will be a hybrid meeting: in-person and on Zoom. We’ll have a Potluck Brunch, Potholder Exchange and award the current top seller of Raffle Quilt tickets. Marianne and Kat from Capital Quilts will join us. Marianne will talk about what’s new and upcoming at the shop. Kat will talk about English Paper

Piecing and do a demo of this technique, which was used to make our Millie's Galaxy raffle quilt.

For those members attending on Zoom, we will keep the meeting open so you can socialize with each other before and after the meeting.

With so much going on at this meeting, we won't have show and tell. Please bring your donations for the Yard Sale and Quilting for Others. Mary Campbell will also be collecting scraps. See her article below for more information on the scrap collection, which many of you have asked for.

Potholder Exchange details: Members are asked to make two potholders and include a favorite recipe. All participants will get to pick another participant's gift. Here are the guidelines:

Make two potholders using a layer of Insul-Bright, sandwiched between two layers of batting, then fabrics / blocks of your choice on the outside. They may be bound, or pillow cased. They should be quilted so the contents stay in place. A hanging loop is optional.

- You can use your own pattern and make whatever size/style you like.
- Please include a copy of a favorite recipe. Savory or sweet!
- Wrap both potholders and recipe so the contents are not visible.
- Questions? Contact Laura Markus, soldbylaura@aol.com

January 4 and February 1 will be Zoom meetings only.

Hospitality

As mentioned above, in December, we are having a Potluck Brunch! To ensure that we can eat while everything is warm, the morning's schedule is being adjusted:

10-11am Eat / Socialize / cleanup- starting about 10:45
11 am Short business meeting
Program with Marianne and Kat from Capital Quilts
Dessert & Potholder Exchange
Announce winner of the top Raffle Quilt ticket seller (as of noon that day)

If you would like to bring a dish to share but did not sign up at the Nov. meeting, please contact Ellen Parkinson at ellenparkinson500@gmail.com to let her know.

We now have coffee/tea/hot chocolate service available at our meetings.

Membership

Kathy Torg reported that as of the November meeting, we have 90 members, including our friend Rainie Broad, who just rejoined!

During 2022, we gained 10 new members and hope to continue this trend. If you know someone who might be interested in our guild, ask them to join you at a meeting and/or a Sit & Sew. Have them send an email to programs@nimblefingers.org and we can send them an invitation.

Yard Sale

Many members have offered to help but we still need someone to chair this committee. Please contact Laura Markus to volunteer. We are in the process of securing a date for the Yard Sale, which will probably

be in April or May of 2023.

Scrap Collection – from Mary Campbell

Many of you have asked what happens to the car full of scraps and used textiles you gift me at most meetings. I screen donations and set aside the good sewing fabric for the refugee projects I supply. The junky fabric, used clothing, and sewing scraps go to a huge bin at Forest Knolls Elementary School. I found out about their project when I delivered fabric to a sewing project at St. Camillus Catholic Church and met the mother of one of the Forest Knolls teachers. She assured me that no fabric is too small, too dirty, or too trashy to be useful.

The fabric goes to Capitol Clothing Recyclers, LLC, a textile collection company that collects for, buys from, and helps transport clothing and household items for many different charitable non-profit organizations, and some for-profit entities. They offer their "Clothing to Cash®" recycling program to schools and organizations to raise needed funds. They accept any, and all textiles of whatever size, i.e., scraps are welcome!

The company believes that the collection of used textiles serves two very important purposes. The first is to provide sustainable fund-raising capabilities by providing an outlet to sell used and unwanted clothing, clothing accessories, and household items. For many charities—including Forest Knolls-- these funds are life sustaining to their programs.

The second purpose is protecting the environment. This recycling program keeps millions of pounds of unwanted items out of landfills. Quilters notice a third purpose—helping us keep our quilting areas clear enough to work in.

<https://www.clothingtocash.com/funfacts.html>

At Forest Knolls elementary school, a high proportion of students' families are living below the poverty line. The teachers use the funds to benefit their whole school. They have used the money from Clothing to Cash to purchase recess equipment, the license for a reading website, clothing for the nurse so she can help when children have accidents, materials for the Pen Pal program, and materials for the Bookshop (free books for all students).

I have been amazed at the generosity of Nimble Fingers members. Every month I think that maybe now all our studios are clean and there will be no more donations—only to be amazed again.

Nimble Fingers members invited to join an FSQ workshop with Eleanor Levie

7 FSQ members have confirmed a spot in the Saturday 1/28/23 Zoom workshop with Eleanor Levie from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Eleanor will be sharing "Weave a Quilt with Me" - and no sewing machine is needed!

You can learn more about it here: <https://www.eleanorlevie.com/workshops-details.php?ID=28>. Scroll past the testimonials and check out the pictures to get some ideas of all the possibilities!

We'd love to add 3 more people to our group, which will bring the price down to \$35.00 each.

If you'd like to commit to joining this workshop, please contact Judy Walsh at programs@friendshipstar.org ASAP, so we can get this firmed up before the holidays.

You'll be accepted in the order in which your email is received (first come, first served).

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