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#### **Guild Activities**

Minutes from the November guild meeting are attached. Please read them for more information about everything discussed at that meeting. Some notable items are highlighted below.

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#### **Next Wednesday, November 16 is our next Sit and Sew**

We will have an in-person Sit and Sew next Wednesday, November 16 from 10am to 3 pm at our Izaak Walton League location, 18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown MD. Look for the Evite this week. Please respond whether you will be attending so we know how many to set up for. This month's focus will be Quilting for Others. Kathy will bring all the quilts collected this year to sort into general sizes, in preparation for distribution, and many hands will make light work! You can also bring your own projects to work on or select something from our Quilting for Others kits to piece, bind or quilt. You can also drop off completed Quilting for Others projects. Holiday pillowcases are especially appreciated. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

Mary Campbell will be there for scrap collection.  
Donations for the Yard Sale and Quilting for Others may also be dropped off.

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#### **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.

**January 4 and February 1** will be Zoom meetings only.

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## 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](mailto:ellenparkinson500@gmail.com) to let her know.

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

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## Membership

Kathy Torg reports 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](mailto:programs@nimblefingers.org) and we can send them an invitation.

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## Raffle Quilt – Millie's Galaxy

Just a reminder that our raffle quilt is our big fundraiser, and we are halfway to our goal of \$4,000. Let's keep pushing for more!

Because we will be meeting virtually in January and February, consider picking up extra tickets at the November Sit & Sew and the December meeting, to sell over the holidays and into next year. Be sure to have enough to stuff in your Holiday cards or tuck in with a gift. You can always contact Kim Jalette at [orangecouchquilts@gmail.com](mailto:orangecouchquilts@gmail.com) to arrange to get more tickets and to drop off your sold tickets. Remember that each ticket has a 15% off coupon to Capital Quilts, good through 12/31/23.

Please contact Kathy Torg, Quilt Mother at [TorgKathryn210@gmail.com](mailto:TorgKathryn210@gmail.com) if you can help sell tickets or have a suggestion for a venue we should visit.

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.

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## Yard Sale

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help – about 20 of you! We still need a member or two to chair this committee – even better, what about your mini group? 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.

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### **Potholder Exchange for our December meeting**

There will be a potholder exchange at the December meeting. Members are asked to make two potholders and include a favorite recipe. Please wrap your items together. 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](mailto:soldbylaura@aol.com)

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### **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.

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**Current Events**

**Montgomery History** will have a Zoom presentation on Tuesday, November 15 at 2pm called “Unstitching the Truth About Crazy Quilts”, given by **Elizabeth Lay**, who was our November speaker. You can sign up here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gzxzJKpUTx-BXutZXTyA8g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gzxzJKpUTx-BXutZXTyA8g)

**Capital Quilts** has a Quilts of Valor exhibit hanging in their Gallery in honor of Veteran’s Day. Read more about the Quilts of Valor program here: <https://www.qovf.org/>

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