



Nimble News

Don't Forget!

LNT 2nd Annual Retreat Feb. 18-21

How does three days of sewing with a chef preparing your meals, your staff doing your dishes and no chores sound? Oh, and don't forget to add in a sewing room full of smiling faces looking out over a wooded glen next to a scenic lake. Sounds like heaven, right? February 18-22 join LNT as we retreat with the Friends in Stitches group at a beautiful lodge located about 20 minutes north of downtown Louisville. This year all of the reservations are being handled directly by Country Lake Lodge so call and get your spot reserved now! Prices include 3 nights lodging and all of your food.

1 person room :\$291

2 person room: \$255

3 person room: \$231

4 person room: \$216

Call (812) 249-4782 for reservations

Message from our President

A New Year Full of Friends, Stitches and Laughter.

Happy 2010 to you all! I'm looking forward to the new year, and to my first year as your president. We should have some great times together: interesting and fun

programs, good times at the Cuddle Care workshops, plus fellowship and inspiration all around for our quilting and creativity. I REALLY want your feedback about all aspects of the guild, because our first priority is to give the members what they want. Please feel free to email me (jacquelynmcgrail@yahoo.com) or call me (228-5130) to tell me your ideas, your feelings, and your constructive criticism about any aspects of the Guild. I will, OF COURSE, keep all your communications in strictest confidence. I'm so happy



that we are a growing guild, and I particularly want all our newer members to feel welcome and part of 'the crowd,' because we're thrilled to have you!

****If you have not signed up for the Retreat, please consider doing so, it's a nice getaway with only eating, sleeping, and quilting on the schedule, and there's still a room available for you. It's \$255 each, and you can pay in 3 installments if**

you need to (call Barbara Rogers for details). **

Looking forward to seeing you all in January and beyond.

Jacquelyn

(PS, don't forget, our weather policy is that if schools are cancelled or delayed, we will not meet)

...And was that room not BURSTING with fellowship and creativity. I had a great time.

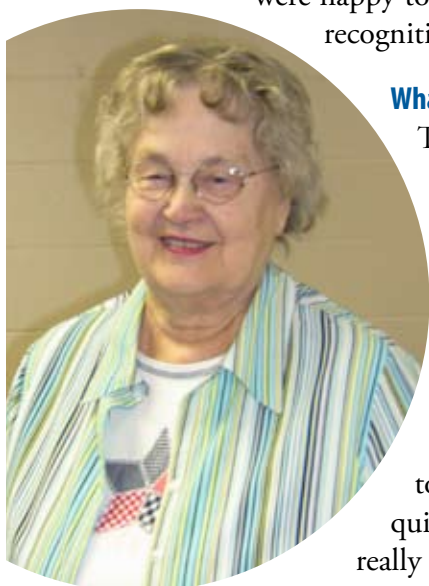
Linda Slye, LNT MyFamily Site 12/4/09

Golden Thimble Award 2009

Aileen Reynolds Wins Golden Thimble Award!

During the December meeting, Barbara Rogers announced the winner of the 2009 Golden Thimble Award. Barbara revealed the winner by saying that this year there was simply no contest. Aileen Reynolds had shown incredible dedication and service to our LNT Cuddle Care Program which was evidenced by the 300+ quilts she made for Kosair Children's Hospital.

Aileen joined LNT in 2009 and has made her mark on our group. She was surprised that she won the award this year and the rest of the LNT members were happy to give her the recognition she deserves.



What is Cuddle Care?

The Cuddle Care Program makes quilts for the patients of Kosair Children's Hospital. Recently Aileen took a tour of the hospital and got to deliver a stack of quilts in person. She really enjoyed herself!

New Cuddle Care Coordinator

This year Barbara Jean Weller and Bettye Smith will be organizing our Cuddle Care program. All levels of sewing experience are welcome at our workshops!

2010 Cuddle Care Workshops

January 21 from 10- 2

March 18 from 10-2

June 17 from 10-2

September 16 from 10-2

“I know you'll want to help us reach our goal for LNT donations for yet another year!”

Barbara Jean Weller, Cuddle Care Co-Coordinator

Have Your Own Cuddle Care Workshop At Home!

Can't make it to a Cuddle Care Workshop?



You can make love covers for our Cuddle Care program at home too! They can be any size but the minimum is 36" square, machine or hand quilted or tied. Pick up some batting from LNT once you have your top done at any meeting. Most are finished by turning them inside out like a pillowcase instead of binding. If you can't make it to the workshop, consider donating cash to the kitty to cover supply costs. Of course, we always need materials donated too!

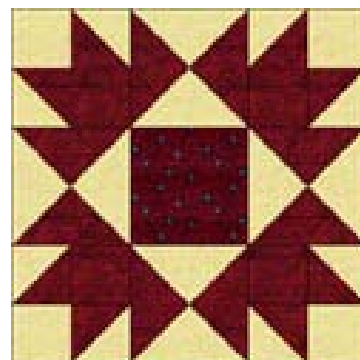
Build Your Skills

Roosting Round Robin

A traditional Round Robin is a variation of a friendship quilt. Traditionally, you would make a center block and pass it various quilters who each put a border on your block in secret.

We are going to put a twist on this idea by doing a Roosting Round Robin where you are responsible for your own quilt. In other words, you don't pass your block around to other quilters. It stays with you. You will be making each border based on the theme or technique that is announced for the next round. This way, if life gets too busy and you get behind you can decide if you want to skip the round or make it up. It is all up to you!

Your center block is due at the first guild meeting in February. You can make it any size you wish but keep the measurement a multiple of two to make the future math easier. i.e., 6", 8", 10" or 12" finished blocks (6.5", 8.5", 10.5", 12.5" inch unfinished). Keep in mind that the first round will be putting your block on point so if you are going to do an applique for the center, plan accordingly. (On point means the block will sit in your quilt on the diagonal.)



This project is perfect for all skill levels!

Scrappy Quilt Class

Diamond Strings Quilt Class February 18



Angela Huffman will teach the Diamond Strings Quilt Class at 10am, February 18. This quilt is made from all your scraps! Start collecting pieces that are between 1-2 inches wide by any length. Strips that are not of uniform size add more interest to this quilt design so break out those wonky scraps. A good mix of light and darks will help the design as well. If you prefer a more controlled scrappy look, bring about a yard of the focus fabric cut into 1.5 inch

or 2 inch strips. This quilt is great for beginners and is mindless, meditative sewing at its best. Retreat participants will leave for Country Lake Lodge after class.

Other sewing supplies needed:

Your machine and basic sewing supplies, "Add a quarter" ruler (if you have one), A Postcard or index card, Rotary cutter, Small cutting mat (if you have one) to keep by your machine. I also like to keep a small iron and small ironing board next to my work area when I'm piecing but it isn't a "must have".

Participate in the challenge quilt contest this year for Quilter's Day Out, the theme is "Stars"!

Karen Pryor, LNT MyFamily Site 12/07/09

Membership

Renew Your Membership for 2010

We had more than 50 members in 2009 which allows us to expand our programs and offer even more classes/workshops! It is time to renew your membership for this year. Dues are \$20. Make your checks payable to Louisville Nimble Thimbles. You can pay at the January meeting or mail it directly to our Membership Chairperson:

Barbara Rogers

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Quilter's Day Out March

LNT Auction Is Now a Boutique!

Each year our members donate unwanted sewing items in good condition to our annual auction. The money raised from the auction benefits our guild.

In 2010 we are going to do something a bit different. This year all of the items you donate will be displayed for sale in the LNT tag sale/boutique booth at the annual Quilters Day Out event on March 13 at InnPlace Hotel and Conference Center in the Bluegrass Industrial Park in J-town from 10am- 3pm.

As you are cleaning out your sewing rooms this winter, set aside your donations for LNT and bring them to our February or March meetings. Jacquelyn McGrail will take your donations and oversee our booth boutique. She would love to have some volunteers to help man the booth during a portion of Quilter's Day Out (hint, hint).

This will be one of our biggest fund raisers of the year! Comb through your sewing room drawers and see what you have to donate! Call Jacquelyn for more information or to volunteer to work the booth (502) 228-5130.

Skill School and Quick Tips

Our guild is growing so much right now and it is so exciting to see all of the new members and new quilters get involved! This year, we will have a quick Skill School session before our regular evening meetings to help newbies and experienced quilters alike to brush up

on their basic piecing/quilting skills. Doors will open at 6pm on the first Thursday of each month to allow those who wish to attend the Skill School get some quick tips before our regular meeting starts at 6:30pm. Here are the topics:



February- Reading Rulers with Jacquelyn McGrail. There are so many varieties of rulers! What are the secrets of quilting rulers and how do you use them to square up a block? Come and find out!

March-Bindings with Barb Rogers and Angela Huffman. See how easy it is to deal with mitered corners on your bindings. Learn how to connect the head and the tail on a mitre and have it fit perfectly every time!

April- Using Focus Fabrics with Bettye Smith. Remember that fabric that seemed to leap off the shelf and into your arms but you have no idea what to do with it? Well, build a quilt around the fabric you adore!

Celebrate

Happy Birthday!

January 15

Susan Poppe

January 19

Jacquelyn McGrail

January 26

Joyce Boston

March 14

Barbara Jean Weller



Explore

Field Trip on the Web

Take a look at these sites for inspiration and information: Click on 'em!

Quiltville.com

QuiltersCache.com

FreeQuiltpatterns.info

ModaBakeShop.com

CraftStylish.com

FilmInTheFridge.com

QuiltStudy.org

Future Programs

Coming Soon:

April

Trunk Show!

June

Sock Monkeys & Elephants

August

Guild Birthday Party

May

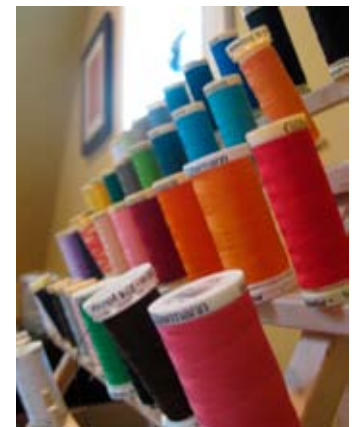
One Block Wonder Quilt

July

Log Cabin Quilt

September

Fire Escape Quilt Class



Monthly Fat Quarter Fabric Drawing

During the evening meeting on the first Thursday of the month we will have a fat quarter drawing. Bring a FQ of the fabric mentioned in the calendar below. The winner will take home ALL of the fabric!

Calendar of Events

- January 7, 6:30pm.** Business meeting- budget vote. Plus, Marilou Jacob will show us how to install zippers into pillows and quilted projects. This month's Fat Quarter Drawing: white on white or snowflake design.
- January 21, 10am-2pm** Cuddle Care Workshop. Bring your machine, thread, needles, scissors & rotary cutter. Fabric and material will be provided. Bring something for Potluck (or you can brown bag it).
- February 4, 6:30pm** Roosting Round Robin Kickoff. Bring your RRR center block and find out what the first round will be. (See page 2 for more info.) Also, Lecture/Demo of Texture Magic. Come see this amazing new product that can add realistic touches to your floral appliques and fun embellishment to fun kiddo quilts. FQ drawing: valentine or red/white fabric. 6pm Skill School: Reading Rulers
- February 18, Diamond Strings Class 10am** Supply list and photo on page 3. Retreat participants will leave after class.
- February 18-21, LNT 2nd Annual Retreat at Country Lake Lodge.** Rooms are still available. Call (812) 249-4782 to make a reservation. More info on page 1.
- March 4, Hand Quilting Technique 6:30pm.** Pam Neal will demonstrate hand quilting techniques in this hands on class. FQ drawing: whimsical/novelty fabric. 6pm Skill School: Binding Tips
- March 13, Quilter's Day Out at InnPlace Hotel and Conference Center in the Bluegrass Industrial Park in J-town 10am-3pm.** Admission: \$3 + canned good.
- March 18, Cuddle Care Workshop 10am-2pm** Bring something for Potluck (or you can brown bag it).

2010 Board

Your 2010 Board Members are here to help!

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