



Nimble News

Second Quarter 2017 Newsletter

Meeting twice monthly at the
Jeffersontown Community
Center, 10617 Taylorsville Rd.,
Louisville, KY

First Thursday at 6:30 PM,

Third Thursday at 10 AM

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members,



It's hard to believe the first quarter of 2017 is over. We had to cancel our first meeting due to inclement weather, but since then it has been a non-stop whirlwind of activity!

When I am asked what kind of things our guild does, I don't know where to start. Just during the first quarter we:

- ◆ Made lots of Maryhurst bags,
- ◆ Completed over 50 round robin Wonky Log Cabin blocks for Cuddle Care,
- ◆ Hosted the KYQS President's Challenge Trunk Show,
- ◆ Actively participated in the annual Quilters' Day Out,
- ◆ Learned an appliqué technique by creating a cute apple,
- ◆ Accepted and sorted numerous donations, and
- ◆ Cleaned our sewing rooms (at least a little) by making stash busting quilt blocks.

LNT is definitely an active guild! But these things don't just happen; they often require extensive time for planning and strong commitment for implementation and follow-up. I have been greatly impressed with how our members jump in to help with whatever may be needed in order to make our programs and activities successful and to create a positive presence in our community. The old English proverb, "Many hands make light work", is so very true. Thank you.

Piecefully Yours,
Luann Johnson

Donna Duncan KHQS Show

The Donna Duncan traveling quilt exhibit on February 16, 2017, was a real treat. The 47 members and guests in attendance enjoyed Donnas' presentation of the 2016 KHQS Challenge participants, who quilted a creative personal response to the question, "Who Am I?". If you missed it, you can still see the lovely quilts on the blog at the guild website, www.nimblethimbles.com, and on the *Louisville Nimble Thimbles Facebook page*.

Louisville Nimble Thimbles is now on **Facebook!** It's a work in progress, but if you're on Facebook, check it out and **LIKE us!**

February 25, 2017, was an exciting day at the annual Quilters' Day Out event. Special thanks to *Vivian Armstrong* for coordinating the boutique, *Angela Bishop* for coordinating the booth and preparing the door prize, and to *all the members who helped* with preparations and on the day of the event. Whether you helped gather donations, donated or stored or transported items for the booth or boutique, cut fabric into sellable sizes, sorted and priced items, set up booth and boutique on Friday, worked on Saturday, stayed late to clear our areas after the show, supported us through your attendance, or anything else, **THANK YOU!**

All our work was worth it. The many guests who visited our guild booth enjoyed viewing the quilts and other items we made in our classes the last year, and the LNT Boutique was a hopping place, netting an all-time high of over \$1,400!

Two of our members, *Linda Slye* and *Luann Johnson*, took home ribbons for their quilts on this year's theme, "History in Quilts"! They were also winners at LNT's QDO Show Day Challenge at the evening meeting in March. Congratulations to Linda and Luann!

Membership:



March is the last month to renew your membership. Dues are \$20 and can be paid at a meeting or sent to LNT, P. O. Box 119967, Louisville, KY 40299. In April an updated membership roster will be posted in the documents of the Members Only area of our website.

November 12th, 2016, found several of our members channeling their inner scout by participating in the **44th Annual Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Festival of the Arts**. Twenty-nine pleasant and energetic young ladies joined our members at the Girl Scout Headquarters to put needle and thread to fabric and introduce themselves to the quilting arts.

The scouts were presented with a brief history of the yo-yo, then proceeded to create their very own circle puffs. Under the watchful eye and with patient guidance from our LNT volunteers, everyone left with a smile and a completed double bloom pin to remember the day.

Upcoming Programs and Events

EVENING PROGRAMS 6:30pm – until our bobbin thread runs out

April 6

Trapunto Decor for T-shirt, Sweat Shirt or Quilt Top

Barbara Rogers

There will be a demo showing you how to add trapunto shapes to blank areas of your quilt top. Also you will decorate the front of your t-shirt or sweat shirt with a simple trapunto design. A variety of images will be supplied. This technique can be used in many projects.

Supplies:

- Sewing machine & basic supplies (*see note below*)
- t-shirt, turtleneck, or sweat shirt with a *plain* front
- Sewing machine must be capable of free motion sewing
- Darning foot
- Blunt point scissors (child's scissors work well)
- Bobbin thread will show on front of your shirt. So choose a decorative or contrasting thread of your choice. Heavy and metallic threads work well. There will also be a variety of specialty threads for you to wind onto your bobbin so don't sweat it!
- Top thread can be any neutral.
- If you have a free motion grip guide, bring it.

May 4

Bento Box

Luann Johnson

You'll be surprised at how easy these blocks are to make. Determining fabric needed for a quilt is easy math, as each block requires only two jelly roll strips. You'll have time to finish at least one block at the meeting.

Supplies:

- Sewing machine & basic supplies (*see note below*)
- Two strips of 2 ½" by WOF (width of fabric) of two contrasting fabrics (or use what we will have available to make a block for a Cuddle Care quilt).

June 1

"Why didn't my quilt win a ribbon or what are the judges looking for?"

Susan Hoferkamp

Once again our very own Supervisor of Textiles for the State Fair, Susan Hoferkamp, will let us know what's new in the textile department for 2017, and provide an opportunity to sign-up to help her at the fair. This year she will be joined once more by her Textiles Assistant, Pam Shartzter, who is working on her credentialing to be a quilt judge. She will be able to give some hints at what the judges are looking for when they review the entries.

President's Quilt Challenge



Let your imagination grow wild as you create a quilt representing your interpretation of ANYTHING to do with flowers!

The rules couldn't be any easier; there are only TWO!

1. Quilt perimeter must be 18" or larger.
2. You may use ANY technique(s) for the quilt and for finishing the quilt.

Bring the finished quilt to the Birthday Party Dinner on August 3, 2017. There will be prizes for Viewers' Choice for first and second place. HAVE FUN!

Thank you, Donors and Members!

Our guild is fortunate to have many friends in the community who support us and our endeavors in so many ways. Thank you to these people who donated fabric and sewing items to be used in our projects and sold in our annual Quilters' Day Out *Boutique*.

Boone Fabrics
Jane Brown
Virginia Carney
Sarah Frye
Rebecca Gardner
Kris Gnagie
Maria Palmer
JoAnna Waddell

Thanks also to our guild members who give so generously of their time and their knowledge, as well as countless donations throughout the year. The contributions we make to our community would be impossible without the commitment of our members. Thank you!

Note: Sewing machine & basic supplies = Machine, manual and tools, extra needles, thread, bobbins, pins, scissors, seam ripper, rotary cutter, small cutting board (12x18), rulers, ironing mat and extension cords.

DAY PROGRAMS

April 20, 10am-2pm

Cuddle Care Brown Bear Appliqué, Vivian Armstrong

(pictured at right)

Vivian will show us how to appliqué a brown bear on a background fabric, using lighter fabric to highlight where the sun is shining on the bear. In the picture shown, the bear is coming out of his damp, shimmery cave into the sun.

Background fabric, bear parts (ready to iron on), and stabilizer will be provided.

Supplies:

- Sewing machine and basic supplies (see note below)
- A sewing machine (or needle and thread if you prefer to hand appliqué)
- Thread of various shades of brown (dark, light, yellowish, goldish, etc.) and neutrals (sand, beige, cream, coffee, etc.)
- Iron and ironing mat

There will be refreshments and door prizes! *Be sure to sign-up or contact Vivian so kits can be prepared.*



Brown Bear Appliqué

What do they call a bunch of quilters in a fabric store? . . .

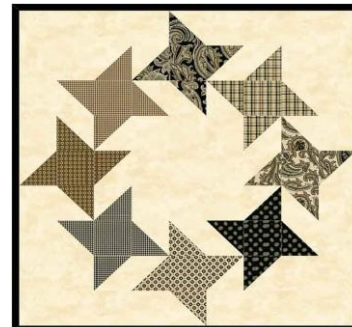
. . . Nuts and Bolts!

May 18, 10am-2pm

Friendship Star Wreath, Susan Wolfe (pictured at right)

Supplies:

- 1 yard background fabric
- Leftovers from another project; or a 15" x 5-1/2" scrap; or an 11" x 10" square.
- 8 accent fabrics, basically enough fabric to make: (2) 5-1/4" squares and (1) 4-1/2" square
- 1/4 to 1/3 yard coordinating fabric for binding
- Sewing machine & basic supplies (see note below)
- 4-1/2 square ruler or similar tool for squaring up blocks



Friendship Star Wreath

Pre-class cutting instructions:

From background fabric cut:

- (2) strips 5-1/4" by WOF, crosscut into 16 5-1/4" squares
- (1) strip 4-1/2" by WOF, crosscut into 8 4-1/2" squares**
- (1) strip 4-1/2" by WOF, crosscut to create (1) 4-1/2"x16-1/2" rectangle and (1) 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangle (bring all extra material to class with you)
- (1) strip 14" x WOF (crosscut instructions will be provided at class)

From each of 8 accent fabrics cut:

- (2) 5-1/4" squares and (1) 4-1/2" square

June 15, 10am-2pm

Quilt of Valor Quilting Bee, Vivian Armstrong

Together we will create a one of a kind patriotic quilt to cover a local service member or veteran touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor. The pattern and fabric will be provided. Bring your basic sewing supplies (see note below) including neutral thread, and a brown bag lunch.

Note: Sewing machine & basic supplies = Machine, manual and tools, extra needles, thread, bobbins, pins, scissors, seam ripper, rotary cutter, small cutting board (12x18), rulers, ironing mat and extension cords.

What I make with my hands, I give of my heart.

2017 Strip Club Exchange!

This is a way to collect lots of fabric strips to use in all those great jelly roll patterns we see in books and on-line.

Rules

- Following the monthly theme, bring 3-6 strips that are 2 ½ wide by width of fabric.
- Write your name on the selvage of each strip.
- One strip will be pulled from the box and the winner receives all!
- If you do not wish to participate any month, just don't bring any strips.
- You do not have to be present to win. Simply send your strips with someone else to place in the box for you.
- The Strip Club Exchange will take place at both evening and day meetings.

April - "A Personal Favorite" Any color batiks

May - "Here Comes the Sun" Orange or yellow prints or solids

June - "Honor Our Troops" Patriotic

Happy Stripping!
Luann



SECOND QUARTER BIRTHDAYS

April: Matsha Bergmann

May: Sangeeta Deshpande, Susan Hoferkamp, Joanie Robertson

June: Terrie Catron, Sarah Lee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOVELY
LADIES!



Here is a call for entries for this year's Kentucky State Fair. Last year there were over 450 quilt entries on display in the East Hall. LNT was well represented at the fair.

Just in case you were not aware, several classes are sponsored by LNT and its members. LNT, Marilou Jacobs (Needle Arts Center), Susan Wolfe and I each sponsor classes at the fair. LNT also provides a great demo during the fair. (More information will be forthcoming so you will have the information you need to participate during this year's "LNT Day at the Fair".)

This year's Featured Category is "How does your quilt tell a story? Quilts as History". This will be a judged exhibit of quilts from our recent past (1960's - 1990's). Any technique, style, size, or fabric will be accepted. A story of how the quilt relates to you must be included and will be displayed with the quilts. The exhibit will show how quilts have influenced our lives and how they have become part of our family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. As of this date, the premium book should be on line by mid-April, and in print around the first of May. I will bring lots of copies to the June 1 meeting. If you want to take a stroll down the quilt rows from last year, just check out the Facebook page for the textile department - Kentucky State Fair - Textiles.

The art of quilting, the fair, and LNT will only grow with everyone's support.

Thanks again,

Susan Hoferkamp
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Cuddle Care at Quilted Joy July 20, 2017

Angela Huffman will be our host at her Quilted Joy studio (10302 Bluegrass Parkway) as we quilt Cuddle Care quilt tops on her long arm machines. There will be two sessions: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Be sure to sign up or contact Vivian if you want to participate. No long arm experience is necessary; newbies will be partnered with a trained guild member.

The July 6 evening meeting will be the last day to turn in Cuddle Care quilt tops to be quilted at Quilted Joy on July 20.

Cuddle Care Block of the Month

We are three months into the six month BOM.

The patterns have been posted on the members' only area of the website so you can print them at your leisure. Copies will also be available at the meetings.

You may finish the completed blocks however you would like. Sashing and borders are optional.

Quilts that are finished and turned in by the July 6 evening meeting can be quilted at Quilted Joy during the day meeting on July 20.

Cuddle Care Workshops

Our quilting group loves to bless the community with the joy only a quilt can bring. Join us as we stitch love covers for the patients of Norton Children's Hospital and other charitable causes. We also make tote bags for the girls at Maryhurst. No sewing experience necessary, just come ready to help and bring a machine if you have one!

LNT has a large stash of assorted 100% cotton fabrics that we can assemble as "kits" for members to use through the year. Cutting and planning not your thing? Bring a cuddle care project that you already have in the works and sew away! Bring a brown bag lunch.

Just a small sampling of the wonderful gifts our members have created for the children of Maryhurst and of Norton Children's Hospital. . .

We would like to send a special THANK YOU to all our members that have been so very generous with their time and materials in creating these items.



Tips & Tricks

Quilter's Moonshine Recipe (pressing spray)

Mix well:

- 1 gallon of distilled water
- 1/2 cup liquid starch (such as Sta-Flo)
- 1 cup vodka (cheap is fine)
- up to 4 teaspoons of your favorite essential oil for scent, optional

Mix ingredients in large container. Pour into spray bottles. Recipe may be cut in half.

When changing sewing machine needles, leave the needle threaded during removal to prevent the needle from dropping into the inner workings of your machine. When replacing the new needle, thread it first. It is easier to thread and will prevent needle from dropping into machine at that point as well.

On the crazy quilt of life, I'm glad you're in my block of friends.



WE CAN DO NO GREAT THINGS, ONLY SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE. - MOTHER TERESA

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