



Nimble News

Third Quarter 2017 Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Last fall I was told all kinds of things to encourage me to accept the position of LNT president for 2017. Some of those things I have found to be true; other things I have discovered to have been more like friendly persuasion. However, I've not regretted a moment, and am grateful for this opportunity to spread my wings. The board has been and continues to be an immense support, especially during the times when I am clueless (which some might say is more often than not), and the membership is abundantly cooperative and friendly. There is nothing to not love and enjoy about being a part of this group. Thank you.

Soon the Nominating Committee will begin searching for members to fill board slots for 2018. Marilou Jacob, as previous president, will chair this Committee. Please consider how you may be able to share your knowledge and abilities, or how you would like to learn more about positions in which you may have interest, and let Marilou or the Nominating Committee know.

In addition to serving on the board, there are always other volunteer opportunities throughout the year. I am grateful for these folks who have recently stepped up to assist with some of our upcoming community endeavors. As usual, they will be asking for your assistance, and, as usual, I know the response will be overwhelmingly positive. *We still need a representative to serve with Luann Johnson on the QDO Committee.*

Stay tuned for more opportunities to use your skills and talents to enrich LNT and to help promote LNT throughout the community. To paraphrase the African proverb, "It does take a village..."

Piecefully yours,
Luann Johnson

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

*First Thursday at 6:30 PM,
Third Thursday at 10 AM*

Recent volunteer positions filled:

LNT Boutique at 2018 QDO
Terrie Catron and Debbie Bates

LNT Day at the 2017 Kentucky State Fair
Terrie Catron

LNT Booth at 2018 QDO
Polly Wagner and Angela Bishop

Girl Scout Festival in November
Susan Wolfe

It's a *SIT and SEW!!!*

Our annual retreat is always a well-attended event. This year's retreat will be in *October*, with more information forthcoming. *Thank you, Deanna Schley, for coordinating this!*

There have been suggestions for getting together several times a year for fellowship and sewing, so plans have been made for *our first 12 Hour Sit and Sew!* The **Jeffersontown Community Center** has been reserved from **10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27.**

Rather than schedule two different times – one for during the day and one for the evening for those who work during the day – we just planned one LOOOOONNNGGGG day! This day is for you to enjoy at your convenience, for whatever length of time fits in your schedule.

Food is on your own. Bring something or go out. We want this to be a simple and productive day for everyone.

Please **sign up at a meeting or let Luann Johnson know** if you can attend so we will have an idea of how many to expect.

Get those UFOs ready!

IN ABOUT THE SAME DEGREE AS YOU ARE HELPFUL, YOU WILL BE HAPPY.



LNT members are encouraged to sign up to help at any of these times!

Friday, July 1	Entry is due. (This is for paperwork only – you know, all those projects that we know we can get done.)
Monday, July 10	Late entry date with additional fee.
Sat.-Sun., Aug. 12-13	Items are due at the fairgrounds.
Monday, Aug. 14	Judging Day. Anyone can help with this, unless you have something entered in the textile division.
Tuesday, Aug. 15	Set Up and Quilt Hanging Day
Wednesday, Aug 16	Last minute, finish it up Day.
Monday, Aug. 28	Give it all back and have a beer Day (Ok, maybe not that last part.)

All during the fair we need smiling, or, maybe just a grin, or even just “don’t have a frown” helpers for the information desk. **LNT will also be in the demo space on Monday, August 21.**

I have the Facebook page up and running for the Textile Department – and that way, if you can’t get to the fair, you can see all the quilts in your pajamas while on your couch.

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LNT DAY AT THE FAIR

Monday, Aug. 21 from 10:30am-3:00pm

The Kentucky State Fair is less than two months away. And every year LNT has a demo booth in the Textile section of the fair! Our mission is to promote the art of quilting as well as introduce our guild to fairgoers. These demo sessions are always so much fun! We are asking for volunteers to man the booth during that time for two-hour shifts. We will be stitching up a project for one of our charitable causes. All supplies will be provided. I will be bringing some of my vintage sewing machines or if you feel more comfortable using your own, feel free to bring it. Volunteers will be gifted a free ticket for parking and admission to the fair! If you would like to volunteer, please sign the *sign-up sheet* in the book at one of our regular meetings or *contact Terrie Catron*.

Quilt 'til you wilt!

Upcoming Programs and Events

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

July 6

“Victorian” crazy quilted Christmas stocking (Barbara Rogers)

We are going to make a "Victorian" crazy quilted Christmas stocking. We will not finish this in class, but will get a good start. I am issuing a challenge to have your stocking finished to show at the annual Christmas Party. We will hang them and have a “Viewers’ Choice” award. The winner will receive the stocking I made for the class demonstration.

Supplies:

- a fat quarter of plain muslin for a foundation
- scraps of ribbon and lace
- various scraps of fancy fabrics, such as small pieces of silk, satin, velvet, brocade, etc., silk tie scraps, old hankies and embroidery pieces

I will be bringing my scrap stash as well and we will all share our scraps. Be sure to bring a sewing machine with decorative stitches as we will be putting them to good use.



August 3



Louisville Nimble Thimbles is celebrating our **38th year** as a guild and **YOU** are invited to participate in the festivities! There will be a birthday cake, great food, door prizes, and lots of fun! We will also have our regular Show ‘n Tell as well as the President’s Challenge Viewers’ Choice Award.

Bring: Any dish for dinner, Show ‘n Tell item, President’s Challenge submission.

September 7

“I know it when I see it!”

Ever feel this way about modern quilting? This trunk show and slide presentation will take you through some of the elements that define modern quilting: fabric selection, contrast, quilting motifs, improvisational piecing, minimalism and use of negative space. At the same time, we’ll explore how traditional quilting has been reinterpreted in modern quilts.

REMEMBERING OUR BEGINNINGS

They chatted as they bent over their work, often looking up to exchange a glance and share a laugh with a friend. But always, their hands were busy with needlework. The Nimble Thimbles and Silver Thimbles of the Louisville Nimble Thimbles were making quilts.

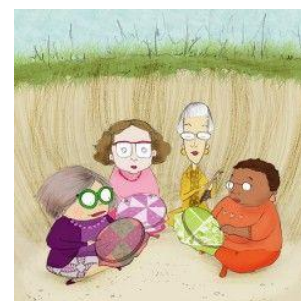
There are about a dozen quilters’ groups in Jefferson County, but the Louisville Nimble Thimbles is the only group that belongs to the National Quilters Association. Members of the national group teach each other and the public about their craft . . . and, in general, spread their “bug”.

They are interested in passing on the tradition because “it’s part of our heritage.”

Several women who took a quilting class together organized the Louisville Nimble Thimbles in 1979. They started meeting at the Highland Presbyterian Church.

Now, they have about 80 members – all women – who live across the county. Members range in age from 14 to 83. “We share the same interest and tend to bridge all areas in age and personalities.”

Taken from the Neighborhoods/East County, July 7/8, 1982 edition of the Courier Journal.



Stitch in the Ditch Club

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

July 20, 10am-4pm

Quilted Joy!

This day will be filled with fun, fellowship, and quilting as we quilt fifty or so Cuddle Care quilts at Quilted Joy, the local APQS show owned by LNT member **Angela Huffman**.

There are **two time slots: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** If you are new to long-arm quilting – no problem! We will buddy you with an experienced long-armer. You may volunteer for one or both sessions by signing the **sign-up sheet** at our meetings **or by calling Vivian Armstrong or Luann Johnson**.

Quilted Joy is located at **10302 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299**.

August 17, 10am-2pm

Lunch Tote (Irene Hafer of Cozy Quilter Quilt Shop)

I'll be teaching a very cute but simple Lunch Tote. The pattern and supplies are available at our shop and the list is short and sweet. The Pattern is by "Scrap Snack" and uses scraps in a crazy quilt fashion.

Supplies:

- Pattern by "Scrap Snack" (available at Cozy Quilter Quilt Shop)
- Foam stabilizer
- Fat quarter for lining
- Fat quarter for straps
- Stash scraps



September 21, 10am-2pm

Thread Painting (Barbara Rogers)

Our own artist in residence, Barbara Rogers, will be teaching *thread painting*! She will bring samples of her work and will demonstrate a few techniques to get us started. **In addition to the supplies listed below** you will need to sketch (or trace) a simple image (butterfly, flower, etc.) onto white cotton fabric that has been stabilized with two layers of fusible stabilizer. Barbara will also have a few images to share if you like.

Supplies:

- Sewing machine set up for free motion stitching
- Topstitch needle
- Bobbin (or two) filled with invisible thread
- Several assorted colored threads to "paint" your image



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2017 Monthly Strip Club Exchange! (every meeting)

Easy Rules:

- ◆ Bring 3-6 jelly roll strips in theme for month.
- ◆ Put your name on each strip and place in box.
- ◆ One strip will be pulled from the box and the winner receives all.

3rd Quarter Themes:

July – “Christmas in July”, Christmas themes
August – “Back to School”, kid themes
September – “Ghost Busters”, Halloween and/or fall fabrics

DONATIONS FOR QDO BOUTIQUE

It may seem a long way off today but it's not too early for our guild to start thinking about Quilter's Day Out. As you may or may *not* know, the LNT Boutique is our only fund raiser. The proceeds from the boutique are important in bringing to the guild all the inspirational, educational, and just plain fun events that our guild enjoys throughout the year.

The boutique is also one of the big draws for QDO. We've been told that people head to our boutique before any other booth because they know we have a *huge* variety of items at great prices and they never know what they might find!

Now is the time to start setting aside all those items you run across in your sewing/quilting room that you no longer have use for or never really needed in the first place! It is the perfect time to clean and organize your sewing space and gain a fresh start! Anything sewing or quilt related may be donated to the boutique. If you don't have room to store it, *contact me*, *Terrie Catron*, and I will be glad to solve the storage issue until the boutique rolls around!

Help your guild provide another year of great programs, events, and fellowship with your donation to the boutique!

President's Quilt Challenge



You've still got time to create an entry! 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 can be *your choice*.
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 Viewers' Choice prizes for first and second place. **HAVE FUN!**

"You wanna go where everybody knows your name..."

To help all our members, new and old, better learn names of other members, directions for adding your photo to the "Members Only" area of our LNT website are posted in the member area under "Documents". Your picture will only be seen by members who are signed in to the area.

Let *Susan Hatton* or *Sarah Lee* know if you have difficulty. Either will be glad to help.

Membership Update

Current membership is 46. Renewing members may still pay the \$20 dues to continue membership. New members may join at the discounted rate of \$10, which is less than \$1.00 per meeting/class! This would be a good time to encourage friends and fellow quilters who have been on the fence about whether or not to join.

Maryhurst Tote Bags

The girls served by Maryhurst deserve the respect and dignity to proudly carry her personal belongings to and from weekend visitation in a stylish manner. LNT's donated Weekend Bag provides colorful, custom bags the girls can be proud to use. Please, sew a bag or two! Pre-cut kits will be available at evening meetings. If you are a "Day Only" meeting person, please send me, *Terrie Catron*, an email and I will arrange to get a kit (or three) to you! There is no limit on the number of kits you are permitted to make! I thank you and the girls of Maryhurst thank you!

A day PATCHED WITH QUILTING SELDOM UNRAVELS.



“Road Trip Thursday” by Susan Wolfe

On April 13th, several of our members celebrated Easter a little early with a road trip to Liberty, KY. Although Kings Department Store has closed, we uncovered an alternate fabric goldmine.

Eleven of us gathered at the community center at 9am and headed out. Making good time we arrived at The Bread of Life Restaurant just in time for lunch. Following lunch, my sister-in-law Anne King treated us to a Show and Tell of some of the projects she was working on including a Grand Canyon salute, an award winning Frank Lloyd Wright panel pair and a group project of a Norway Town landscape quilt.

Sated and inspired we proceeded to The Quilter’s Trunk, a delightful, bright and pleasantly staffed fabric shop well off the beaten path. Most fabrics were priced between \$4.49 and \$6.00 per yard; 108” wide backing was available as low as \$8.49 and oodles of batiks were priced between \$7.00 and \$9.50.

Two plus hours, and quite a few dollars later, we departed The Quilter’s Trunk. Steadfast Linda Slye actually refrained from spending any money, but Jean Weller made up for her.

We made one more stop at the Sunny Valley Country Store, an Amish grocery store that gladly accepted any money we didn’t drop at the fabric store.

All in all, I think we had a wonderful time. We missed all of you that were unable to join us, and hope you will be able to participate in a future road trip.

Tips & Tricks

- Chalk markers are fantastic for marking a measurement you will use repeatedly on your quilt ruler. Mark on the top of the ruler to prevent the marker from transferring to the fabric. The markings are easily removed by wiping the ruler with a damp cloth.
- Keep a cheap plastic type letter opener handy to snip chain pieced pieces
- Pipe cleaners are a great tool for cleaning lint from the nooks and crannies of your sewing machine.

Cuddle Care Block of the Month

We hope you have enjoyed quilting the six blocks (January – June) for the Cuddle Care quilt. In case you’re missing a month’s pattern, they are posted on the members only area of the website under documents (Programs, Patterns, Techniques), or you may ask *Vivian Armstrong* or *Luann Johnson* to make a copy for you.

The blocks may be completed however you would like. Sashing and borders are optional.

Quilt tops 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.

THIRD QUARTER BIRTHDAYS

July: *Stephannie Block, Sandy Broell, Nan Lambert, Barbara Rogers, Linda Slye*

August: *Angela Bishop, Luann Johnson, Polly Wagner*

September: *Carol Goossens, Jo Morgan, Bettye Smith*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOVELY LADIES!

Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2017 Officer Roster

President: Luann Johnson

Vice President, Programs: Debbie Bates, Barbara Rogers

Vice President, Membership: Sarah Lee

Recording Secretary: Linda Slye

Treasurer: Polly Wagner

Hospitality:

Cuddle Care: Vivian Armstrong, Luann Johnson

Newsletter: Terrie Catron

Website: Susan Hatton

FRIENDS ARE THREADS of gold in the quilt of life.