



Nimble News

First Quarter 2018 Newsletter

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

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



Message from the President

Most importantly, thank you to everyone for all your support and encouragement as I stumbled through my first year as president. With your help, we made it through 2017. And I feel it was a very successful year! YIPPEE! I look forward to your continued assistance as we tackle more exciting endeavors in 2018.

The backbone of LNT is our board. Last year's board was simply amazing, and made my job so much easier. And next year's board is just as fantastic! Countless hours have already been devoted to making 2018 the best possible. Thank you to all who serve. The things we accomplish in LNT would not be possible without your commitments.

My wish for you in 2018:

*May your treasured fat quarters be
colorful, plentiful, and ever flowing;*

*May your stitches in the ditch be even
and straight;*

*May all your ups and downs be with a
needle and thread.*

*May you always be comforted by the
warmth and joy of a handmade quilt.*

*And may you have a new year full of
love, peace, joy, and fabric!*

Piecefully Yours,
Luann

1st Quarter Business Meeting January 4, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

There will be a business meeting prior to the evening program. The primary business will be to vote on revisions to the By Laws, revisions to the Standing Rules, and the Proposed Budget for 2018.

REMEMBER: *If Jefferson County Schools are closed or if they close early because of inclement weather on our meeting day, our meeting will be cancelled.*

Membership

Another new year ringing in, and that means it's time for renewing your LNT membership!!! For new members and those renewing, the \$20 LNT membership fee is due the month of January. There will be someone at both meetings during the month to collect, so please be ready! ☺ Payment may be made by cash or check. We would love to see everyone continue their membership for 2018!!!!



Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SET ANOTHER GOAL OR TO
DREAM A NEW DREAM.

Upcoming Programs and Events

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

January 4 6:30-8:30

Marie Webster Presentation, Marilou Jacobs

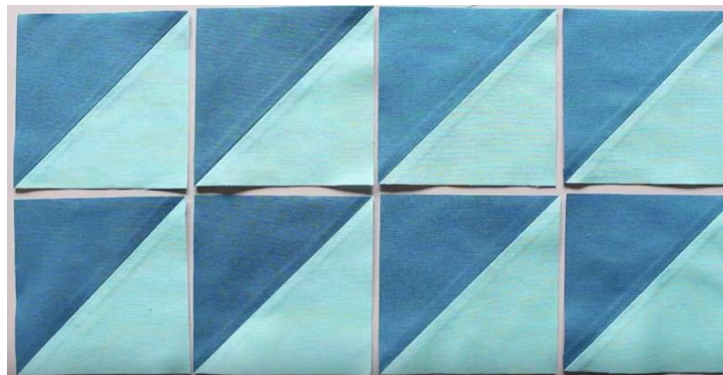
Marilou Jacob will introduce you to her fabulous friend, Marie Webster. Marie was the first ever to write a book about quilting; the first ever to publish quilt patterns in magazines and newspapers; was the most modern quilter of her day, changing from designs like Crazy Quilts with lots of Victorian frou-frous to clean, bright colors and beautiful appliquéd flowers and shapes. The ladies loved every one and she was in business. We will have a power point presentation showing her lovely quilts and her home.



February 1 6:30-8:30

Lightening Quick Half-Square Triangles, Pam Soto

Pam will guide us through a quickie technique to make 8, count 'em 8, half-square triangles out of two pieces of fabric. After you learn this lightening trick, we will put them together to make a small top. Supply list will be provided at a later date.



March 1 6:30-8:30

New Product Review, Barbara Hutchinson

Our own Barbara Hutchinson, owner of the Cozy Quilter Quilt Shop in Middletown, will share the useful, quirky, amazing and necessary new products on the market and how to use them. She will share the details about how to use invisible thread and give us the lowdown on all those handy pre-cut fabrics, like jelly rolls. Also, Marilou Jacob will review the various kinds of batting and how to use them. Bring your questions.

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.

A QUILT IS A TREASURE WHICH FOLLOWS ITS OWNER EVERYWHERE.

DAY PROGRAMS

January 18 10:00-2:00

Cuddle Care

Happy New Year to All!

We have planned a *round robin* assembly of nine-patch quilt tops. The fabric will be pre-cut, so this is going to be a stress-free, social event. ***The only thing you need to bring is your sewing machine, white thread and basic sewing supplies (see note at bottom of page).***

Not in the mood to load your machine? No problem, come anyway.

We need pinners, cutters, gophers, and someone to iron. The completed tops will be stockpiled to be longarm quilted at Quilted Joy in July.

If you would like to complete a quilt to display in the LNT booth at QDO, select the top of your choice and we will assemble a quilt sandwich for you to take home.

Reminder: Prewash all Cuddle Care fabric if possible.

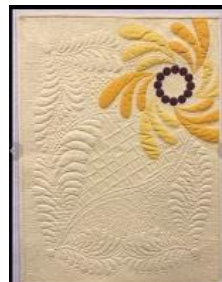
Questions? Call Debbie Hampton, Cuddle Care Committee at (502) 435-9526.



February 15 10:00-2:00

Donna Duncan Trunk Show

We all look forward to this program! Donna Duncan will show the traveling quilts created by *KHQS members* in response to their *president's challenge* to make a quilt inspired by colors in a photo or picture, using only solid colors. Donna will tell funny stories about the children who see the quilts, what the quilts represent, and how she loves doing the shows every year. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



March 15 10:00-2:00

The Zipper Tablerunner, Marilou Jacobs

This is the first project class of the year. We will make an awesome table runner called The Zipper. No, it doesn't have a zipper in it; the pattern just resembles a zipper and is EASY. You can make this pattern to fit into any décor; Christmas, July 4 picnic, spring or just the best colors to go with your kitchen or dining room. Of course, it makes a great gift. Marilou will provide a supply list at a later date.



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GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE QUILTS. THEY AGE WITH YOU, YET NEVER LOSE THEIR WARMTH.

LNT Helps Girl Scouts Bloom



Once again LNT members shared their love of quilting by participating in the 45th Annual Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Festival of the Arts on November 11th. As always, we invited the leaders to join their scouts in the project. We had two takers this year. And yes, they were the neediest students of all and the last ones to finish their yo-yo's. Fortunately we had plenty of patient LNT volunteers to assist and guide them along the way.

Although there was only one session of scouts, we managed to spark their interest in possibly inviting LNT to assist the leaders in developing more quilting activities for their troop.

--submitted by Susan Wolfe

CUDDLE CARE 2018

There will not be a strip club exchange in 2018. Instead, members are asked to donate 4.5" x width of fabric strips to be used for Cuddle Care. A basket for collection will be at the front table at each meeting.

Meet Our Quilt of Valor Recipient

Linda Bashears, a Seneca High School graduate, joined the Army in 1974 and served three years active duty as a medic. She ended her active status, returned to Louisville and enlisted in the Kentucky Army National Guard, again as a medic, until 1988.

Linda moved to Illinois to raise a son but considered re-enlisting after 9/11 and then again in 2003 after she had moved back to Louisville and was working at the Robley Rex VA Medical Center. Linda was one of the first contacts for many servicemen and women returning from Iraq, and she felt she could be of more service if she re-enlisted. And so she did -- joining the Army Reserves on her 50th birthday, June 11, 2004.

Linda was deployed to Iraq in December 2005 after having been trained as a Postal Supervisor. Her unit was assigned to a post office on a Forward Operating Base whose Ammo Holding Area was hit by a mortar resulting in loud explosions for several hours. Linda was close to the center of the blast and suffered a Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury resulting in balance, hearing, skeletal and PTSD issues.

Linda has had several shoulder and back surgeries and continues to be challenged by PTSD. She received a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in a combat situation.

Linda enjoyed being a liaison between troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky before returning to Illinois to fill her new role as grandmother.

--submitted by Linda Slye



Word of the Day: *Proquiltinating* – Working on quilts when you should be doing laundry, or dishes, or vacuuming.

QUILTERS' DAY OUT - 2018

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 24th

9am – 3pm

Paroquet Springs
Conference Centre

Shepherdsville, KY

2018 Theme – Back To

The Basics – 9 Patch

Admission - \$6 plus

Charitable Donation

Contact Your Guild for More
Information or Visit:

www.QuiltersDayOut.com

or Call: Vivian Armstrong at
(502) 439-2830 or Connie
Newton at (502) 558-6836

QDO LNT Boutique Work Day!

**Monday February 19 from 9-4 at the
Jeffersonian (aka Jeffersontown
Community Center)**

Come out to lend a hand and enjoy the fun and fellowship while sorting and pricing items donated to our guild fundraiser, the LNT Boutique. We always have loads of fun! Bring a brown bag lunch and help make our boutique a sweet success!

There will be a sign-up sheet located at the front desk at every meeting.

DONATIONS FOR QDO LNT BOUTIQUE

It's almost here . . .

Quilter's Day Out is an event that we all look forward to and one that holds special meaning for our Louisville Nimble Thimble members. As you may or may not know, *the LNT Boutique during QDO is our only fund raiser each year*. The proceeds from the boutique are essential in providing all the inspirational, educational, charitable, and just plain fun events that our guild is able to enjoy.

The proceeds from the boutique help us:

- *enjoy our annual Sit & Sew retreat,*
- *procure professional quilting instructors and guest speakers,*
- *host the annual Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society presentations,*
- *promote our guild through the Kentucky State Fair, as well as sponsor a category in the Textile Division,*
- *make and donate a Quilt of Valor to a deserving service member,*
- *purchase batting and backing for our Cuddle Care quilts,*
- *provide overnight bags for the girls at Maryhurst,*
- *pay for our Birthday and Christmas parties, complete with decorations and door prizes, and*
- *cover expenses for regular meeting presenters and supplies and rent on our meeting facility when necessary.*

The boutique is one of the most popular booths at QDO. We have been told on numerous occasions that visitors really look forward to the deals they may find and that many times we are the first booth they will visit.

Now is a great time to clean and organize your sewing space and gain a fresh start! Anything sewing or quilt related may be donated to the boutique. You may bring your donation to the day or evening meetings and if I am not present, someone will see that I get it. We also accept donations from non-members as well; last year dozens of bags and boxes of donations came from friends of guild members.

Help your guild fund another year of great programs, events, and fellowship with your donation to the boutique! You may want to check with your tax preparer as donations may be tax deductible.

Contact: Terrie Catron by email at topcat0181@att.net.

Please sign up to volunteer for QDO boutique work day, the LNT booth, or the LNT Boutique. Sign-up sheets are in the sign-up binder at the front door at every meeting.

Ideas for donations: scrap fabric (bring loose scraps for the scrap bin at our meetings), books, magazines, fat quarters, yardage, or any cut of any type of fabric, UFO's, quilt tops and orphan blocks, threads, yarn, any type of needlework pattern including quilt, crochet, knit, cross stitch, or needlepoint, crochet hooks and knitting needles, embroidery hoops and supplies, notions of all sorts, . . . *any sewing related items you would like to donate!* If in doubt whether or not your item is suitable, bring it and we will decide on workday!

EVERY QUILTER HAS A MASTERPIECE WITHIN.

It Happened at Guild . . .

In October of last year Susan Hoferkamp presented a program on discharge dyeing. She provided samples for us to play with. She invited us to bring our various art supplies to paint and color the fabric samples provided.

I was really looking forward to this program. I had spread out all my paints, crayons, brushes, etc. and a couple old containers of water in which to wash paint brushes. Several members were standing around watching Mom and I try different art mediums on the bleached cloth. The room was filled with excitement at the possibilities.

As I was working, I accidentally splashed a drop of paint water into my cup of lemonade. "Oh my, I got paint water in my lemonade" I exclaimed. Mom looked at me, startled and said "Is that your lemonade???! I've been rinsing my fingers in it!!!" Still laughing at that one!

--submitted by Terrie Catron

FIRST QUARTER BIRTHDAYS

January: Kathy Ausmus, Joyce Boston, Claudette Hahn, Deb Hampton

March: Robbie Altman, Vivian Armstrong, Debbie Bates, Janet Larnee, Deanna Schley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOVELY LADIES



HAPPY NEW YEAR
FELLOW
THIMBLES!

TIPS & TRICKS

- I read an article about a lady who made a **memory quilt** for herself after saving a 2-1/2" (or pick-a-size) square from each fabric she had used in making a quilt. The lady would sit under her memory quilt and remember the quilts and the reasons and the recipients as she pondered each fabric.

--submitted by Linda Slye

- If you are having trouble remembering how to **join binding**, make a sample of binding join technique so you will have reference.
- Use the thin plastic cutting boards (mats) to cut **templates**. They are durable and have a non-slip side.

Great links harvested from the wonderful WWW:

- This website shows you how to use an easy to find and economical "**snow carpet**" for creating a large, slick surface **for use in quilting** on a domestic or sit down machine. <http://quiltingdigest.com/create-a-smooth-surface-for-quilting-with-this-tip/>

And let's not forget the girls at Maryhurst . . .

Easy tote bag tutorials:

- **Three methods** for making simple totes: Lined, boxed bottom w/pocket; unlined, boxed bottom; simple and flat.
<https://www.purlsoho.com/create/2015/06/01/easy-easier-and-easiest-totes/>
- This is actually my **favorite**. One large piece of fabric, folded and stitched using *French seams* with easy handle placement. <http://www.linda-matthews.com/super-simple-thirty-minute-tote-bag-tutorial/>

PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN AND QUILT!

Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2018 Officer Roster

President: Luann Johnson
President Elect: Susan Wolfe
Vice-President of Programs: Marilou Jacob
Vice-President of Membership: Pam Soto
Secretary: Linda Slye
Treasurer: Polly Wagner
Hospitality: Angelique Shah
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