



# Nimble News

Third Quarter 2018 Newsletter

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**Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild**

*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

The thread that binds us is our passion for quilting. We are so lucky that our guild offers multiple opportunities to come together, share our talents, inspire others, have fun, and contribute to our community. These things don't just happen, and I am ever so grateful for the many volunteers who contribute to the success of LNT.

Most recently we have had volunteers for LNT Day at the Fair (Terrie Catron), LNT Boutique at the 2019 QDO (Terrie Catron and Angelique Shah), and the Girl Scout Festival in November (Susan Wolfe). Thank you!

Since there will possibly be a few vacancies for the LNT Board for 2019, a Nominating Committee has been formed. As previous president, I will chair this committee, per LNT Bylaws, and Pam Soto and Debbie Hofelich have agreed to help search for members to fill the needed slots. Please be open to considering how you can share your interests or abilities, and let one of us know if you would like to serve on the 2019 Board.

I hope you've been able to stay COOL during this HOT summer. You can always chill during our really **cool** regular meetings. And we have even more **cool** events coming up this summer: our visiting teacher, Fran Sargeant, in June, the Children's Quilt Show in July, and the Kentucky State Fair in August.

So get out of the heat and come chill with LNT this summer!

Piecefully yours,  
Luann

I ONLY THINK ABOUT QUILTS ON DAYS THAT END IN "Y."

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Business Meeting

There will be a brief business meeting on Thursday, July 5, at the beginning of the 6:30 program.

## Come and Sew With Us

Our annual All Day Sit 'n' Sew will be at the Jeffersonian on Thursday, July 26, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm.

Just bring anything you want to work on, machine or hand work, and really get something DONE. Or if you would like to take a break from your normal work, you can help put binding on the Cuddle Care quilts which were quilted at Quilted Joy.

Bring your lunch and drink or take a lunch break and go out. You may come when you want to and leave when you need to. We will be here for you.

**Don't Miss It!**

## The Girl Scouts are calling . . .

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, LNT will again be participating in the Greater Louisville Girl Scout Festival of the Arts. This is our fourth year and response in the past has been rewarding to both Scouts and LNT members. It must have been... they keep asking us back, and we keep going!

This is an opportunity to share your talents, skills and knowledge with potential future quilters. There are 3 sessions: 9 am; 11 am; and 1:30 pm, all of which will be held at the Girl Scout Headquarters, 2115 Lexington Rd (close to Grinstead Drive, at the back side of Cave Hill Cemetery).

Please consider signing up for 1, 2 or all 3 sessions. A sign-up sheet is already in the meeting sign-up book.

Come join in the fun. No preparation necessary. *Just show up.*

## Upcoming Programs and Events

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

July 5



#### *State Fair Informational Meeting & Signups*

**NOTE: Venue change!** We will be meeting at the *Jeffersontown Library, 10635 Watterson Trail, Jeffersontown.*

Our good friends and Kentucky State Fair Textile Division Superintendent, Susan Hoferkamp and her assistant Pam Shartzter, will once again host our summer meeting in preparation for the Kentucky State Fair in August. They will let us know what's new in the textile department for 2018, answer questions about your quilt entry, give hints as to what the judges are looking for when they review the entries, and answer any of your questions regarding the Textile Exhibits. There will also be sign-up sheets available to volunteer for the numerous tasks involved in receiving, setup, judging, takedown, etc..

Be sure to attend this important program and *find out* all you need to know about Textiles at the fair and how you may take advantage of some volunteer opportunities! You will be provided a ticket for **free entry and free parking in exchange for volunteering!**

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August 2



#### **LNT 39th Birthday Celebration at The Jeffersonian**



Theme - "Quilting Books: Inspiration to Create!"



You will *not* want to miss this *Birthday Book Bash* with great food, great friends, and great books! Bring a side dish to share, LNT will provide the meat and beverages, then relax and enjoy the party!

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September 2

# To Be Announced

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**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.

BLANKETS WRAP YOU IN WARMTH, QUILTS WRAP YOU IN LOVE.

**DAY PROGRAMS 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**July 19**



The annual **Cuddle Care quilt-a-thon**

Quilted Joy, 10302 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville KY 40299.

As of the June 7 meeting, we had 45 quilt tops ready to be quilted! We are very fortunate to have member and shop owner Angela Huffman volunteer her time, equipment, and the help of her employees to quilt these true expressions of love!

This will be a unique *hands-on opportunity* to experience long arm quilting. Those that prefer to sit and sew will have fabric provided to construct quilt binding. Don't forget your brown bag lunch and water bottle.

**Thank you, Angela Huffman,** for your very generous support of LNT and our Cuddle Care Program!

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**August 16**

***"Gift Box" Quilt (Robbie Altman)***

The 'Gift Boxes' quilt pattern is a charming quilt for Christmas or even a birthday theme. Each block looks like a box tied with a bow.

Bring scraps for the 'box' and coordinating scraps for the 'ribbon'. The finished block is about 12" square. Oh, and don't forget to bring matching thread as well as your sewing machine and basic supplies!

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**September 20**

***Cuddle Care***

We will be working on Cuddle Care Christmas quilts. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. Thread options include gray, red or green. All fabrics will be provided.

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QUILTERS AREN'T GREEDY, THEY'RE JUST MATERIALISTIC.



Hope you're preparing your items for the Textile Exhibit! The **deadline** for entries is *Monday, July 2*. **Late entries** must arrive at the Fair office, along with a *\$20 entry fee*, by *Tuesday, July 10*. See the *Premium List & General Rules* book for more information.

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

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| <b>Sat.-Sun., Aug. 11-12</b>               | <i>Articles are due at the fairgrounds. Help is needed to take in items.</i>                                     |
| <b>Monday, Aug. 13</b>                     | Judging Day. <i>Anyone</i> can help with this, <i>unless</i> you have something entered in the textile division. |
| <b>Tuesday, Aug. 14</b>                    | Set Up and Quilt Hanging Day   |
| <b>Wednesday, Aug 15</b>                   | Last minute, finish it up Day.   |
| <b>Thursday, Aug. 16 – Sunday, Aug. 26</b> | Information desk.  |
| <b>Monday, Aug. 27</b>                     | Articles released.   |

You may *sign up* at the July 5 meeting or contact Susan Hoferkamp at (502) 338-0824 or [apriszybunny@aol.com](mailto:apriszybunny@aol.com)

## LNT DAY AT THE FAIR

**Monday, Aug. 20 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 are going to change things up a bit this year. I will still be bringing some of my vintage sewing machines or if you feel more comfortable using your own, feel free to bring it. There will be Maryhurst tote kits and Cuddle Care kits on hand but you are welcome to bring a project of your own to demonstrate to fairgoers what quilting is and what we do in our guild.

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 book* at one of our regular meetings or contact *Terrie Catron*.



## QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION

LNT members joined Marilou Jacob as she presented her son, Navy Seabee Don Jacob, with the Quilt of Valor (QOV) she made to honor his service to our country. The presentation took place on April 26th at Amvets Post 9 on Shelby Street.

QOV groupies and LNT supporters included (l. to r.) Vivian Armstrong, Marilou, Don, Luann Johnson, Debbie Hofelich, Sandy Shawhan and Linda Slye.

## 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 are available as well as fabric yardage.

This year, we will again have kits available for stitching at LNT Day at the Fair Demo Booth. If you choose to volunteer for the booth, you will be gifted a ticket for free entry and parking for the day. We will have many kits made up so feel free to take one home to work on as well.

Sign up for the LNT Day at the Fair Demo Booth on any regular meeting day in the sign-up book at the room entrance.

Please contact Bettye Smith for fabric or kits as well as instructions. The girls of Maryhurst thank you!



## CUDDLECARE

### Just a quick note from our Cuddle Care Coordinator:

We are in need of pre-washed 4-1/2" red fabric strips for our Christmas Cuddle Care quilts. Please, prewash all Cuddle Care fabrics! If we do the washing prior to donating, we are not overwhelming the coordinator who would have to wash it all! Please, be mindful of our coordinator

If I STITCH FAST ENOUGH, DOES IT COUNT AS AEROBIC EXERCISE?



**New Feature:** At our last board meeting, Deb Hampton made the suggestion to feature a specific member and their quilt in each quarterly newsletter. The board agreed that it was a wonderful idea so here we go! Take it away, Deborah!



LNT has been waiting 8 long years and Terrie has finally produced a quilt!! Such lovely work, especially for a first quilt. We cannot wait to see her next quilt!

**Edited to add:** *I have to say, as pointed out by another member, this is not actually my first quilt. My actual "first" quilt (and I use the term loosely) was made "improvisationally", using flannel rather than batting, stitching the dickens out of it (as opposed to quilting with any kind of plan) and attaching a rather lumpy binding. I was clueless but adventurous. This was all in response to a Viewer's Choice, President's Guild Challenge. Most self-respecting quilters would never have entered such a monstrosity into a competition consisting of seasoned, award-winning quilters. I was just naïve enough to do it anyway! And, I might add, comfortable enough with my quilting friends to know they wouldn't hurt my feelings over it. I made fourth place out of five quilts, and I'm certain it was a couple sympathy votes (you know who you are!) that boosted my quilt to that position! I immediately gave the quilt to my little grandson, knowing that he wouldn't mind how amateur the construction. Out of sight, out of mind.*

*So, this quilt is my first to use traditional cutting and piecing, real batting, planned and properly executed quilting and a proper binding. With this one, I learned how to cut and piece accurately, how to square up, how to match my points, how to properly attach a binding and how to actually quilt the thing. So, although this is technically my second quilt EVER, it will always be my FIRST ACTUAL QUILT of many already in the pipeline. And yes, EIGHT YEARS IN and I'm loving every minute of it!!!*



Just a friendly reminder from LNT Vice-President of Membership. We would like for you to continue to be a part of LNT activities! Membership includes receiving our quarterly newsletter that shares our upcoming activities, access to our LNT website, and notices about our monthly guild meetings where we can share our ideas with one another. If you haven't already done so, please send your annual membership dues of \$20 to Louisville Nimble Thimbles, P. O. Box 119967, Louisville, KY 40299. New members may join at the discounted rate of \$10 beginning July 1.

#### Sewing Advice

| THEN   | NOW   |
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| Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.  | Wake up.  |
| Think about what you are going to do.  | Always keep a good stash of fabrics, patterns and notions ready so you can sew whatever you want, whenever the mood strikes.                                |
| Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically.  | Save that attitude for housework.   |
| Good results are difficult when indifference predominates.   | Indifference is great when mending, repairing zippers, or shortening pants. If the results aren't good, people will stop asking.                            |
| Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.  | This is good advice only if you sew with your machine in the sink or on the bed.  |
| When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing.   | There are no urgent housekeeping chores. Just enjoy your sewing.  |
| When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible.   | Never buy a sewing machine with a mirror in it.   |
| Put on a clean dress.  | You may sew in your jammies, but wear slippers. Otherwise, your feet will get dusty.  |
| Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals.   | What?   |
| Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on.   | Brush your teeth, if time permits and you remember.   |
| If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing. | Lock the door and don't answer the phone. If your husband comes home, you really can't refuse to let him in, but leave a number where he can order takeout. |



## TIPS & TRICKS

- I like to label quilt books with my mail labels, so my books will come back home to me from folks who borrow them. They look neat, too!
- A good way to keep patterns and templates together is to use a manila folder to hold the papers and to use double-sided tape to attach the template pieces to the inside of the folder.
- A fondant smoothing tool is a great tool to smooth the quilt sandwich for quilting.

## Great links harvested from the wonderful WWW:

### Save My Bleeding Quilt

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TrtQ0WCQxo4WXDdXfnjGcDuiKbEdcvvkAtV1jvZ5zM0/edit>

For those of you that struggle with binding, this is a comprehensive tutorial heavy with photos at each critical step.

<https://sew4home.com/tips-resources/sewing-tips-tricks/complete-step-step-binding-quilts-throws>

“Using Orvus Quilt Soap to Wash Your Quilts” – Why this soap is a must for washing quilts and a primer for quilt washing.

<https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/orvus.html>

## THIRD QUARTER BIRTHDAYS

**July:** Nan Lambert, Barbara Rogers, Linda Slye,

**August:** Luann Johnson, Polly Wagner

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOVELY LADIES**

CREATIVE CLUTTER IS BETTER THAN IDLE NEATNESS.

## Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2018 Officer Roster

**President:** Luann Johnson

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Susan Wolfe

**Vice-President of Programs:** Marilou Jacob

**Vice-President of Membership:** Pam Soto

**Secretary:** Linda Slye

**Treasurer:** Polly Wagner

**Hospitality:** Angelique Shah

**Cuddle Care:** Deb Hampton

**Newsletter:** Terrie Catron

**Website:** Susan Hatton