



Nimble News

Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild
Third Quarter 2019

Meeting at The Jeffersonian, 10617 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40299
First Thursday at 6:30 p.m. • Third Thursday at 10 a.m.

There will be no night meeting July 4th.
Have a safe and happy holiday.

Message from the President



Greetings LNT!!!

June marks the beginning of the summer and those hot humid days. Now- you can always go and sit by the pool or go to the beach, but what better

time is there to sit in the air conditioned comfort of your sewing room and make a quilt. Maybe one that you will use in the not too distant upcoming winter. Since I don't know how to swim, you can bet I am going to be sewing this summer.

As I am writing this article, I am reminded of a song from one of my favorite old musicals, "Carousel." It goes "June is busting out all over." Well, I think for us it would be June, July and August are busting out all over, since we have a lot going on this summer.

So let's see... In June, we got started on our Veteran's Quilt. Robbie Altman picked a beautiful log cabin pattern, and it looks spectacular in red, white and blue. It will be a fitting work of art to honor one of our well deserving veterans.

And, LNT went on a road trip!!

Unfortunately, I was not able to go but I know a good time was had by all (it is SO inconvenient to have to work - LOL). Thanks to Susan W. for organizing this!

July is Cuddle Care month. We will be heading over to Quilted Joy for a day on the

long arm machines. I've heard it's a fun day, so I am looking forward to attending for the first time (yes, I actually got a day off!). Then we will gather at a new location - the Sewing and Vacuum Authority in Okolona - to put the finishing touches on all the quilts we did at Quilted Joy. Wow! A busy month but so worth it to be able to get quilts for the Norton's Children's Hospital.

Now to August - HAPPY BIRTHDAY LNT!!! We are turning 40, and we will celebrate at our August meeting. Now remember - it's a potluck so get out those favorite recipes and bring a fabulous dish to share. With August also comes the Kentucky State Fair. I hope you are all working on your entries for the fair so that we can have a good showing of all the talent we have in LNT - and that is huge! I can't wait to see all those beautiful quilts (and of course have a corn dog...or 2).

For those of us who love quilting, there is no better way to express ourselves or find comfort than making a quilt. Quilts are a wonderful way to show what we are going through at different times of our lives. A marriage of family or friends, we make a quilt; a baby is born, we make a quilt; a child has a birthday or graduates, we make a quilt; a friend or family member is ill or passes away, we make a quilt; a national disaster or fire, we make lots of quilts. We make art and landscape quilts to show our appreciation of nature. We make quilts to honor those that bravely served our

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Upcoming Events

July 18 - Cuddle-Care-a-Thon
Quilted Joy, 10302 Bluegrass Parkway

July 25 - Sit and Sew / CC Binding
Sew and Vac, 8118 Preston Hwy

July 27 - The Amazing Blind Quilter
Tri County Shrine Club, Clarksville, IN

July 28 - Children's Quilt Show
J-town Fire Dept., 4318 Taylorsville Rd

Aug. 1 - LNT 40th Birthday Party
The Jeffersonian

Aug. 2 - History Stitched in Quilts
Filson Historical Society, 1310 S. 3rd St.

Aug. 15 - Art Quilting
The Jeffersonian

Aug. 19 - LNT Day, Kentucky State Fair

Sept. 5 - Reverse Appliqué
The Jeffersonian

Sept. 11-14 - AQS - Fall, Paducah, KY

Sept. 14 - Bainbridge Quilt Festival
Winslow, IN

Sept. 19 - Cuddle Care
The Jeffersonian

Sept. 19-21 - Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Cincinnati, OH

Sept. 20-21 - Harvest of Quilts XII Quilt Show, Evansville, IN

Sept. 27-28 - Heartland of KY Quilt Show
Pritchard Comm. Ctr., E-town, KY

Message from the President
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country. We find a fabric that we just can't live without and we even make a quilt for that. We make modern quilts because we don't like rules and then make rules for the "no rules" quilts so that others can join in. Sometimes we make quilts just because. The quilting community is a wonderful thing – let's not ever stop!

I want to end by reminding everyone that it is time to start thinking of who will be our leaders for the next year. If asked to consider being on the board, please don't just say no. Think about it and take the plunge, so to speak. Get involved. Be a part of the team. It's fun!

Happy quilting,
Bill

40th Birthday Celebration

LNT hits the big 4-0 this year!!
We're having a pot luck meal for our annual Birthday Party - so bring your favorite dish of food and join in the celebration on August 1st at 6:30 p.m.



Program and Project Updates



*"Beautiful things
coming together one
stitch at a time."*

LNT Day at the Kentucky State Fair

Maryhurst Totes - August 19th - 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Kentucky State Fair will soon be upon us! Once again, our guild will have a demonstration booth at the fair. We will have kits ready and available to make the Maryhurst tote bags. You may bring your own sewing machine and supplies or you may use one of three vintage machines that will be provided. You are also welcome to bring a small project of your own, if you like. However, due to the confined space, we will not be setting up an ironing station.

The booth will operate on Monday, August 19, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. We would like to have three 2-hour shifts. Volunteers will be provided a fair pass to include admission and parking for the day! Come join the fun and help in promoting our guild and all the wonderful things we do! Sign up at any day or evening meeting or contact Terrie Catron.

Maryhurst Totes: The girls served by Maryhurst deserve the respect and dignity to proudly carry personal belongings to and from weekend visitation in a stylish manner. LNT's donated weekend bags provide colorful, custom bags the girls can be proud to use. Totes are needed year-round and pre-cut kits are available, as well as fabric yardage. Please contact Bettye Smith for kits or instructions.

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*“Adventures begin
when you enter your
sewing room.”*



Cuddle Care

We have donated 60 Cuddle Care quilts to Norton Children's Hospital. Thank you members for all the many different ways you contribute to our chosen charity!

July 18 is Cuddle Care's annual long arm sewing event at Quilted Joy. Owner Angela Huffman is an award winning quilter and international educator. She has graciously offered this opportunity to all LNT members free of charge.

We appreciate Angela beyond words, and we are honored to claim her as a Louisville Nimble Thimble member.

Be sure to check the day class schedule for details.



Textiles at the Kentucky State Fair - Aug 15-25

Hope you're preparing your items for the textiles exhibit. The deadline for entry forms is July 1st, with late entry forms due at the Fair office by July 10th. The entry fee has changed this year. It is now \$15 per exhibitor and allows you to enter multiple divisions for the single fee. The late fee is \$20. You can sign up online or mail in your entry form. See the [Premium Book](#) & [General Rules](#) for more info.

In addition to the LNT demo day, members are encouraged to sign up and help the great team running the textile department at the Fair. To volunteer, contact Susan Hoferkamp at (502)338-0824 or aprisseybunny@aol.com.

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| Aug. 10 & 11 | Articles are due at the fairgrounds. Help is needed to take in items. |
| Aug. 12 | Judging Day. Anyone can help, as long as they've not entered items in the textiles department. |
| Aug. 13 | Set up and quilt hanging day |
| Aug. 14 | Last minute finishes |
| Aug. 15 - 25 | Information desk |
| Aug. 26 | Articles Released |



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Liberty, KY Road Trip,

submitted by Susan Wolfe

Boy did we have a day! I would love to be able to write an article about our road trip experience, but it would take up at least a full page, maybe more, to tell you all the stories. It started out with the organizer forgetting her cell phone.

There were five...., then six cars, and each car will tell you a different story. Fortunately, modern technology saved us and got us where we needed to go and then safely home. (Thank you, Susan Hatton)

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Children's Quilt Show

Jeffersontown Fire Dept. 2, 4318 Taylorsville Road - July 28th, 1 - 4 p.m.

The Children's Quilt Show is alive and well. We are going to show at the same venue as last year, McMahan Fire Department, which is now called Jeffersontown Fire Department 2. The date is Sunday, July 28, from 1 - 4 p.m.

We have reached out to the many quilt guilds in the area, including Elizabethtown, and have, to date, ten entries. We are looking for more than the twenty who participated last year. It is normal for people to wait until the last minute to register to 'be sure she'll finish her quilt'. (At least I hope I'm right about that)

We are excited to have talked to Branden Wickey, the producer of Kentucky Life TV show on KET. He has not confirmed that they will do a segment on our show and guild but we're hopeful.

There will soon be last minute tasks to be done. Everyone, please plan to come to see the show, we need visitors as much as exhibitors.



Happy Birthday Lovely Ladies

July: Barbara Rogers (7/2), Linda Slye (7/15), Brenda Foley (7/20), Nan Lambert (7/28)

August: Susan Churchman (8/1), Angela Bishop (8/1), Cindy Payne (8/7), Luann Johnson (8/18), Donna Risley (8/27), Cheri Merten (8/29), Polly Wagner (8/30)

September: Angela Huffman (9/7), Carol Goossens (9/14), Sylvia Kummer (9/20), Jane Hogan (9/21), Carol Hollon (9/24), Pat Eckles (9/28), Bettye Smith (9/28), Deborah Ahearn (9/30)

Sewing machine & basic supplies

Machine, manual and tools, extra needles, thread, bobbins, pins, scissors, seam ripper, rotary cutter, small cutting board (12x18), rulers, travel iron, ironing mat and extension cords.

“Just because it’s handmade doesn’t mean it was easy.”

Upcoming Evening Programs

July 4th - No evening meeting

August 1 - Louisville Nimble Thimbles Birthday Party - 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Jeffersonian, 10617 Taylorsville Rd, Louisville, KY 40299

Join us for a potluck to celebrate our guilds 40th birthday.

September 5 - Reverse Appliqué - 6:30 p.m. - Tamila Johnson-White

Location: The Jeffersonian, 10617 Taylorsville Rd, Louisville, KY 40299

This will be a demo/lecture program. No need to bring any sewing supplies.

Tamila will discuss the steps involved in the reverse appliqué process, including:

- providing examples of when reverse appliqué is a good option and why
- providing examples of needle turned and raw edge reverse appliqué technique and when each is better
- showing a piece, with lessons learned
- discussing and demonstrating different products used for reverse appliqué, including starch, fusible and glue.

Finally, she will provide a pattern we can use to try reverse appliqué at home.

Upcoming Day Programs

July 18 - Cuddle-Care-a-Thon 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Quilted Joy, 10302 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299

Come for a day of fun, fellowship and QUILTING. We will meet at Quilted Joy, the local APQS shop owned by LNT member, Angela Huffman, who has a contagious quilting habit. We will receive a “quick lesson” on how to use the long arm machines and then quilt away on the guild’s charitable quilts for the Children’s Hospital. Wear comfortable shoes!

Non-long arm participants please bring a sewing machine to apply binding. Pre-made bindings will be provided.

Bring a brown bag lunch. A refrigerator is available for use.

July 25 - Sit and Sew / Cuddle Care Quilt Binding 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Sew and Vac, 8118 Preston Hwy, Louisville, KY 40219

Plenty of Cuddle Care quilts and binding will be on hand. Bring your sewing machine. Josh is providing lunch, please notify Debbie Hampton (502-435-9526) prior to 10:30 am if you would like to be fed.

The store currently sells Janome and Brother sewing machines. Josh says he may have Berninas by July 25. He is ready to work a “special deal” for any machine purchase. All other store items will be 20% off for our group.

Come eat lunch with Josh and join the party!



Upcoming Day Programs

August 15 - Photo to Art Quilting - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Barbara Rogers

Location: The Jeffersonian, 10617 Taylorsville Rd, Louisville, KY 40299

You will need a color photo printed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. If your photo is small, find a scanner/printer and enlarge it to fit the full page. It can be any photo, hopefully not too complicated, such as a flower, a bird, your house, your cat, or even a page from a magazine or catalog that you like.

- A fine point sharpie, a pencil, chalk, or frixon marker to mark your fabric
- Freezer paper
- Scraps of fabric, batiks, solid or nearly solid of colors in your photo. (We can share.)
- A piece of batting and a piece of background approx. 12x14 inches. We are making a small piece, so you don't need much.
- A bobbin filled with clear mono-filament thread
- Several thread spools in colors to match your photo
- Your sewing machine with a free motion foot, usual sewing supplies. You will need small sharp scissors. A cutting mat and rotary cutter will not be needed.
- A glue stick or glue basting, or liquid fuse (my preference)
- Iron, pressing sheet, small ironing pad. (We can share this, too).

September 19 - Cuddle Care - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Debbie Hampton

Location: The Jeffersonian, 10617 Taylorsville Rd, Louisville, KY 40299

Cuddle Care workshop will complete previously made squares utilizing the Quilt-As-You-Go technique. Bring your machine, basic sewing supplies, neutral thread and a brown bag lunch.

Membership Report

We are very excited to have 63 members in LNT this year! There are quite a few new members so welcome to you all and we hope you are able to find a fun way to get involved in this active guild! Don't forget, your membership includes access to our members-only section of the website. Contact Susan Hatton if you need assistance logging in.

Deborah Ahearn
Linda Bartlett
Sheila Chapman
Mary Cleary
Brenda Cook
Sandy Davis

Arline Hawkins
Jane Hogan
Sylvia Kumer
Maureen Lane
Julie Mackell
Yvonne Merideth

Linda Pennuto
Donna Risley
Ruthann Rosch
Debbie Watts



Not a member yet but interested in joining us? Membership dues are half priced for new members who join after June 30 (only \$10).



Quilting Events

History Stitched in Quilts

Filson Historical Society, 1310 S. 3rd St. - Aug. 2nd, Noon - 1 p.m.

This program will feature the quilts in the Filson's collection, representing nearly 200 years of history. Each quilt has a story to tell. By looking at the patterns, materials, methods and technologies used to make the quilts, we can uncover personal narratives of the women and men who made them, as well as discover broader social, economic and cultural histories of the Ohio River Valley. Several quilts will be brought out from storage for visitors to examine in person.

Maureen Lane is the Filson's Museum Registrar and Exhibits Coordinator and a newer member of LNT. Register for the event at https://filson.simplertix.com/EventDetails/45174/Time/109866/#.XQ6dU_ZFzop or at (502) 635-5083. Guild members are invited to use the discount code KYQUILT for a free ticket to the lecture.

Heartland of Kentucky Quilt Show - 20th Year

Pritchard Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry St, Elizabethtown, KY

Friday, Sept. 27th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Saturday, Sept. 28th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Approximately 400 quilts made by local artists will be on display, including Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society (KHQS) quilts and Hoffman Challenge Quilts. There will also be how-to demos throughout both days, vendors, prize drawings and more.

Quilt displays, with narration, will be shown both days during the bed turning.

Featured Member: Linda Bartlett



I joined LNT in March of this year and I am so glad I did! I wasn't quite sure what I was getting into, but I am so glad I joined. I love seeing other people's quilts, learning new techniques and helping others through quilting. I felt right at home at LNT the first day I joined.

I started quilting about 25 years ago when one of my co-workers wanted to test out her teaching skills and was looking for a volunteer. It was such a fun experience. She showed me how to put together a single block and then how to make a table runner. I've been working on quilts ever since and have never tired of it.

Most of the quilts I make are given to family members. Even now, my grandkids ask me "who's getting that quilt" with that look in their eye, as I work on putting a new quilt together! No two quilts are the same. I like going from one pattern to another for each quilt. All my quilts are machine pieced and hand quilted. I think scrap quilts have become my favorites. I commandeered a corner of my basement for my "happy place" (sewing room). It's nothing fancy but it's somewhere I can spread out all my stuff and sew.

Looking forward, I want to see how long arm quilting is done and learn how to free motion quilt. And I think my next new endeavor is making a crazy quilt with embellishments! Or, maybe paper piecing, or maybe QAYG, or..... so many things, so little time!

Tips & Tricks: Ironing Boards

Whether using a traditional ironing board or portable pressing surface, here are a few tips you should consider.

1. Make sure the ironing board is positioned so that you don't have to hunch over. If standing, it should be at belly-button height.
2. Need more ironing surface for quilt tops/back? Consider building or buying a rectangular cover for you ironing board or table.
3. Avoid using a silver-color, Teflon-coated cover, as this reflects the heat rather than allowing steam to pass completely through your fabric pieces.
4. Avoid lots of batting/padding. Quilt blocks will press better on a firm surface.
5. For crisp seams, consider using a tailor clapper to wick out moisture.

Tips & Tricks: Scaling Paper-Pieced Templates

submitted by Terrie Catron

If you have a paper-piecing template, but it's not the exact size you need, try this:

1. First, there is a **Proportional Scale**. This scale is simple to use and with the desired finished block size and the actual finished block size, you can easily find the percentage needed to enlarge or reduce the pattern or template on your printer. Be sure to adjust your seam allowance to a scant 1/4" after you've scaled the block size, as it will also scale with your adjustment.
2. Or, for those that are not afraid of a little math, there is a simple equation:

$$\frac{\text{desired finished block size (inches or centimeters)}}{\text{actual finished block size (inches or centimeters)}} \times 100 = \text{resizing percentage}$$

Tips & Tricks: Snowball Corners

from Angela Huffman, as seen on "Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting" show.

If you are snowballing the corners of a block, only trim the back of the snowball piece - don't trim the original block. That way, if your snowball isn't quite square, you can still use the original block as a guide when you sew the rest of your pieces together. It really doesn't add that much bulk to the quilt top.



Check out these YouTube Channels with great quilting tutorials.

[Jordan Fabrics](#)

Lots and lots of quilting tutorials and some free patterns, too.

[Missouri Star Quilt Company](#)

A new tutorial every Friday, as well as live feeds during the week.

[Quilted Joy Clubhouse](#)

Monthly live quilting tutorials, interviews and other great tips.

[Natalia Bonner](#)

Natalia is running a 365-day program showing how to machine quilt a block a day using rulers.

[Sugaridoo](#)

From The Netherlands, Irene covers a wide variety of quilting projects and tools... and, yes, it's in English.

[Midnight Quilt Show](#)

Features a quilt project each week showing different piecing and machine quilting techniques.

[Shabby Fabrics](#)

Lots of piecing and appliqué how-to videos and free patterns.

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Liberty, KY Road Trip *continued...*

And don't forget the flat tire. (ask: Beverly Means, Debbie Hofelich, Sylvia Kummer, Arline Hawkins, or Robbie Altman for details)

I sincerely request you not miss our next road trip.

If you're interested in joining LNT's Bizarre Road Trip Experience (LBRE) , we'll be heading to the Elizabethtown Quilt Show in September. Details to follow.

Susan Wolfe

