



Nimble News

Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild
First Quarter 2020

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

Be sure to check your email before heading to a meeting to ensure the location has not changed.

Message from the President



Well, the countdown is done and the ball has dropped so I guess the only thing left to say is "HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!!!" January is the time of the year

when we consider making resolutions for the new year, to do more of this or less of that. This year I want to piece more, quilt more, spend more time with good friends, laugh more often, and create more lasting memories! I also want less clutter in my sewing room! What are your resolutions???

Can you believe it? Another year comes to a festive end and another one begins. Not only is it a new year but a new decade. I hope we are all looking forward to 2020 and all the awe and wonder it is has in store for us. As we head into this new time let us reflect back on 2019 and remember all the good we have done.

2019 was a good year for us here at LNT. Looking back, we had a road trip, we celebrated our 40th year, we were featured on KET and our Cuddle Care committee produced an abundance of quilts for Norton's Children's Hospital. And let's not forget the work that has been done on the Maryhurst bags, all of our fantastic programs and, last but not least, all of the beautiful work we have shared in our show-and-tell throughout the year. We are quite a group, if I do say so myself!

I want to once again thank the members of the 2019 Board and say how much I enjoyed our time together. We said goodbye to Polly Wagner, Barb Rogers and Debbie Bates and welcomed Julie Mackell, Brenda Cook and Sandy Davis. And of course I have to say thanks to Susan Wolfe, Carol Hollon, Pam Soto, Robbie Altman, Kim Wright and Debbie Hampton for sticking with me for another year. It's an honor and a pleasure to serve as president of LNT and I am ready to get busy!

So what's coming up? We will have our first quarter business meeting in January and this will be an important one to attend. We will be approving the proposed By-laws and Standing Rules for 2020. When you receive them, you will notice one big change that we are recommending regarding our annual dues. For many years our dues have remained the same \$20. As time has passed, however, it has become apparent that we need a little more in our bank account to keep things running as we'd like them too. For this reason we are asking that you consider the increase in our dues to \$25 per year. Please take some time to consider this and be ready to discuss and vote in January. After the business meeting, we will get our 2020 programs off to a good start — Angelique Shah will teach us how to put all our selvages (that, if you are like me, get tossed) into something useful and beautiful. It is an evening you will not want to miss!

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 2 - First quarter business meeting and Selvage Coasters - 6:30 p.m.
Tway House - 10235 Timberwood Circle

Jan. 14 - **The Migrant Quilt Project**
Mathers Museum of World Cultures
416 North Indiana Ave, Bloomington, IN
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 16 - Cuddle Care - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tway House - 10235 Timberwood Circle

Feb. 6 - Pillow Topper - 6:30 p.m.
Tway House - 10235 Timberwood Circle

Feb. 15 - **Quilt Art: Examining the Narrative in Kentucky Quilts**, Northside Branch Library, 1733 Russel Cave Rd, Lexington, KY - 2 - 4 p.m.

Feb. 20 - KHQS 2019 President's Challenge Quilts Trunk Show - 10 a.m.
The Jeffersonian - 10617 Taylorsville Rd.

Mar. 5 - T-shirt Quilts - 6:30 p.m.
Tway House - 10235 Timberwood Circle

Mar 5-7 - **Indiana Heritage Quilt Show**
Monroe Convention Center, 302 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN

Mar. 19 - Cuddle Care - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Jeffersonian - 10617 Taylorsville Rd.

"When life gives you scraps, make a quilt."

**Message from the President
continued**

I am truly looking forward to another great year for LNT! I hope that all of you are ready to learn, teach, create and share. We have such an abundance of talent among us so here's to new goals and new adventures.

I'll end with a quote from Henry David Thoreau:

"Wishing you more happiness than all my words can tell, not just for the holidays, but for all the year as well".

Happy quilting!!

Bill



LNT Quarterly Business Meeting - Jan. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The Louisville Nimble Thimbles 1st quarter business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 2, 2020. Agenda items include:

1. 2020 Standing Rules and By-Laws
2. Membership dues



*"I love quilting
and I have plenty of
material witnesses"*

Membership Report

Another new year is ringing in and that means it's time for renewing your LNT membership. For all current members, the LNT membership fee is due by the end of January. Someone will be available at both the day and night meetings in January to collect, so please be ready!

In exchange for the membership fee, we will send you reminders about what is up and coming, class supply lists, road trips, local quilt events, etc. You will have access to the members-only section of our LNT website, which includes photos of meetings and special events, as well as a calendar of all events.

In addition, our quarterly newsletter is emailed to members with email access, and mailed to those who do not.

Our 2020 meetings will include more how-to classes, tips and tricks, quilt

blocks, table runners and much more. All members can attend these great meetings for free!

During the business meeting at our first 2020 meeting on January 2nd, we will have a discussion/vote on changing dues from \$20 to \$25 per year. Dues have not been increased in many years and the increase is necessary to ensure a strong and healthy guild.

Cash or checks are accepted. We would love to see everyone continue their membership for 2020!

If you are unable to attend the January meetings and would like to mail in your payment, please send to:

Louisville Nimble Thimbles
P.O. 119967
Louisville, KY 40299

Program and Project Updates



Cuddle Care

From Debbie Hampton

What a year for Cuddle Care! LNT donated 224 quilts to Norton Children's Hospital during 2019, almost twice our goal! Thanks to every member that made this happen.

Since CC is LNT's chosen charity, the success of this program is dependent on donations in the form of fabric, cash, or your valuable time. Please talk to one of the CC Committee members to find out how you can help.

It appears that the count for 2020 is already taking off! Happy New Year to all!

Quilters' Day Out - LNT Guild Booth

Paroquet Springs Conference Center - 395 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville, KY - February 22nd, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

From Susan Wolfe

LNT will again be sharing at the 2020 QDO. We would like to display projects from classes presented over the past year, so if you have a finished project, please consider allowing us to borrow your work for the day so others can see what we do during our meetings. You can give these items to Susan Wolfe at meetings in January or February. We will also be displaying some of the quilts made during our Cuddle Care sessions.

We also need suggestions for:

1. A gift basket theme for the raffle. We have the basket. \$50 is budgeted for this, but in the past we've been able to have a basket that is valued at much more, thanks to coupons and donations.
2. A demo of a quick quilt technique or idea that can be presented to booth visitors.

Please contact Susan Wolfe with your ideas.

A sign-up sheet for manning the booth will be at meetings beginning in January.

Quilters' Day Out - LNT Boutique

Paroquet Springs Conference Center - 395 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville, KY - February 22nd, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

From Terrie Catron

We are gearing up for the QDO/LNT Boutique, LNT's SOLE fund raiser. For our newer members, Quilter's Day Out (QDO) is an annual gathering of the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society's District 6 guilds to celebrate our love of all things quilting. Our guild rents space in the Vendor Room to hold our annual fundraising event.

The boutique helps provide much needed funding for LNT activities such as our instructional programs, community efforts with Cuddle Care and Maryhurst, hosting the annual Children's Quilt Show, and our birthday and Christmas parties

Our boutique relies on donations of quilting, craft, and needlework-related items from the public and our LNT membership. Just as important is the hard work of our members in sorting, pricing, and setting up for QDO, as well as the subsequent dismantling of the boutique at the end of the day. Several members get together at our storage location throughout the year to presort donations in preparation for



Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Quilters' Day Out on February 22nd.

There will be free presentations, demos and lectures, as well as guild and vendor booths. It's a day of camaraderie, sharing, shopping and just plain fun!

Entry is \$6 and a charitable gift for [Visually Impaired Preschool Services \(VIPS\)](#).

If you're able, please consider volunteering to help in either the LNT boutique or guild booth.

Quilters' Day Out 2020 Challenge Theme - Log Cabin Block

The block must have a perimeter between 50 and 81 inches. Participation is free, and up to two blocks may be entered. A Viewer's Choice winner will be selected in each of three categories - traditional, modern, and art. **The deadline has been extended to January 31, 2020.**

Challenge info and entry forms are available at <http://www.quiltersdayout.com/2020-challenge.html>.

Program and Project Updates – continued



LNT Guild Booth 2019



LNT Guild Boutique 2019

“In the crazy quilt of life, I’m glad you’re in my block of friends.”

Pricing Day on February 18. The Jeffersontown City Hall donates a room at The Jeffersonian so we may further sort, price, and assemble items into display bins to be transported to the venue for set up the day prior to QDO.

The LNT Boutique is a huge effort that nets immeasurable satisfaction and allows us to continue doing what we love for another year!

Many volunteers are needed, so let’s come together and make our boutique the most successful, ever! Sign up sheets will be available at each meeting.

QDO/LNT Boutique Event Days

February 18 – Pricing Day

We need as many volunteers as possible for this day! We have a record number of donations and need to get it all sorted, priced, and organized before the day’s end. There will be jobs for every ability.

Time: 8 a.m. until we finish

Location: The Jeffersonian, in the Jefferson Room (the large room to the side of the building, around the corner from our usual meeting room)

February 21 – Set-Up Day

The more the merrier! The more volunteers we have, the quicker we set up.

Time: 12 noon until 6 p.m.

Location: Paroquet Springs Conference Center, Shepherdsville, KY

February 22 – QDO/LNT Boutique

Our aim is to have at least four members working as cashiers in the booth for two-hour shifts.

Time: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Paroquet Springs Conference Center, Shepherdsville, KY

February 22 – QDO/LNT Boutique Tear Down

Time: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Paroquet Springs Conference Center, Shepherdsville, KY

Online map: <https://www.paroquetsprings.org/location.shtml>



Happy Birthday, Lovely Ladies

January: Brenda Cook (1/8), Beverly Means (1/13), Debbie Hampton (1/13), Kathy Ausmus (1/25), Joyce Boston (1/26), Maureen Lane (1/26)

February: Susan Wolfe (2/20), Mary Cleary (2/21)

March: Catherine (CJ) Joaquin (3/8), Vivian Armstrong (3/8), Jean Weller (3/14), Robbie Altman (3/17), Janet Larmee (3/22), Debbie Bates (3/22)

Sewing machine & basic supplies

Sewing 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.



Upcoming Evening Programs

January 2nd - Selvage Coasters - 6:30 p.m. - Angelique Shaw

Location: Tway House, 10235 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, KY 40223

Angelique will show us some of her completed selvage projects, share selvage "tips and tricks", and instruct us on how to complete a selvage coaster.

This pattern is to make Easy & Quick Selvage Coasters.

- Sewing machine and basic supplies
- Selvage strips, batting, and base fabric will be provided, but feel free to bring any special selvages you may have been saving.

From Angelique: I love saving my selvages for projects. One book I found useful is *Modern Selvage Quilting* by Riel Nason. This book has given me some inspiration for new ideas and different ways to work with selvages. I don't typically follow patterns but looking through the book gave me ideas and different options to try.

Grab your selvages and start looking at all of the cool graphics and color options.

February 6th - Pillow Topper - Brenda Cook - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tway House, 10235 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, Ky 40223

Pillow toppers are a great way to change out your pillows as the seasons change. As an added bonus, when not in use, they store flat! Your pillow topper attaches to the front of an existing pillow with ribbons and buttons. During this class, you will make a 10" x 10" pillow topper that will fit a 12" x 12" pillow.

- Outer border: two (2) 2.5" x 10.5" strips and two (2) 2.5" x 6.5" strips
- Center: One (1) 6.5 square (great place to fussy cut a holiday print, or use an orphan block)
- Backing: One 12" square
- Batting: Optional and will be provided
- Ribbon: Four (4) 12" strips of narrow ribbon, printed on both sides or solid color
- Sewing machine and basic supplies.

You should be able to leave the meeting with one complete (or almost complete) Pillow Topper.

March 5th - T-Shirt Quilts - Barb Rumble - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tway House, 10235 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, KY 40223

This is a demo/lecture class. No supplies or sewing machines needed.

Barb will discuss the easiest and best way to make your own t-shirt quilts and will show some of her completed projects for inspiration. Be sure to bring your t-shirt quilt questions or challenges for Barb's advice. If you have a t-shirt quilt in process or complete, please bring to share with the group.

Upcoming Day Programs

January 16th - Cuddle Care - Sandy Davis - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Tway House, 10235 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, KY 40223

Here come the Minions!

Help to create Cuddle Care quilts featuring Minions! The Cuddle Care team has designed a quilt pattern featuring a focus fabric and several coordinates. During the workshop, we will be making the Minion quilts. Precut kits will be provided at the workshop.

Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing supplies and a brown bag lunch.

February 20th - KHQS 2019 President's Challenge Quilts Trunk Show - Debbie Bates and Polly Wagner - Begins at 10 a.m.

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

Come and enjoy this annual event as Debbie and Polly present a variety of Churn Dash pieces from the Kentucky Heritage Quilting Society's 2019 President's Challenge. Challenge information can be found at www.khqs.org if you are interested in entering the President's Challenge 2020.



March 19th - Cuddle Care - Sandy Davis - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

This Cuddle Care sponsored workshop will focus on using half square triangles to make pinwheels. The pinwheels will be used as part of a pattern designed by the Cuddle Care team. We will work on techniques to make the half square triangles and then assemble them with pieced sashing and cornerstones.

Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing supplies and a brown bag lunch.

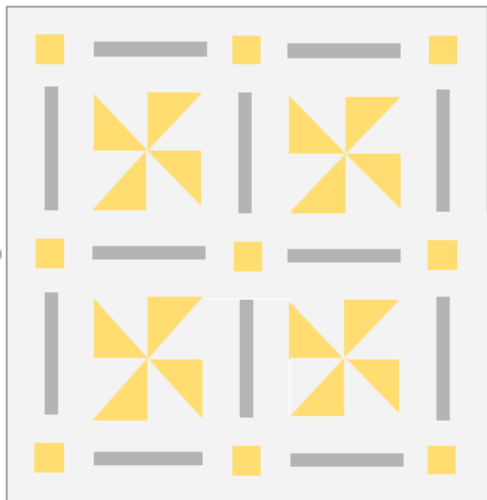
Featured Member: Brenda Cook

Brenda Cook has been a member of Louisville Nimble Thimbles just for a year, and already has volunteered to be co-chair of our programs for this year along with Julie Mackell.

Brenda became interested in sewing in the 7th grade. Her earliest sewing creations were done on her grandmother's treadle machine. She and some of her girlfriends would go to JoAnn's for fabric after school, then go home and make something to wear the next day. Fabric was cheap, and she was smaller then, so she didn't have to buy much. Like many of us, her first quilt was made from cardboard templates cut from cereal boxes. It was made from five inch squares of cut up denim jeans and was very heavy.

Brenda is new to Louisville, having moved here in 2017 to be near her daughter. She absolutely loves living here. Originally she was from Columbus, Ohio, then lived in Las Vegas Nevada for 15 years.

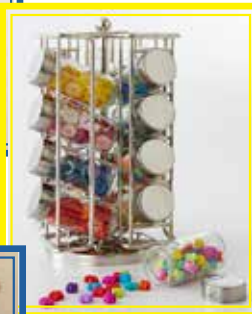
She will be teaching our February evening class, a pillow topper.



"I don't want to brag, but I haven't used the seam ripper in like, two minutes."



Getting Organized in 2020



Clutter and disorganization can make it very difficult, if not impossible, to get things done. This is certainly true for quilters. Whether you have a large sewing room or a small corner, it's hard to be inspired if you can't find your tools or have piles of stuff threatening to topple over. The New Year is a great time to take stock, clean up, organize and get ready for a super productive 2020. To help you on your journey, here are a few tips to consider:

1. **Hangers:** Have a little extra closet space? Consider hanging yardage and cutting mats on hangers.
2. **Boards:** Have some extra shelf space? Consider using cardboard (like [magazine boards - 8.5"x11"](#)) to wrap your fabric around. It's like having a mini fabric store right in your sewing room. Just be sure to use acid-free cardboard. The Great Escape, 2433 Bardstown Road, also has boards available in a variety of sizes to meet your needs.
3. **Command Hooks:** Store rulers and other tools on the wall near your workstation. [Command Wire Hooks \(17068-7ES\)](#) will hold up to 3 lbs.
4. **Tool Box:** Use a small hardware storage container with labeled drawers to store embroidery floss, sewing machine needles, hand needles and other small gadgets and tools.
5. **Small Storage Bins:** Need to organize a large drawer? Use small plastic totes to separate tools and gadgets. You can usually find these at the dollar store.
6. **Spice Rack:** Use a kitchen spice rack to store buttons and other small accessories. Salt shakers, candy dishes or other small lidded containers also make great containers for small items and can add a bit of bling to your space.
7. **Sugar dispensers:** Sugar dispensers with a flip latch are also great for ribbon and yarn storage – you can pull out a little a time.
8. **Specialized Ruler Storage:** Use a large D-ring binder with sheet protectors to store specialized rulers you don't use all the time. Keep the instructions with the rulers and you're ready for your next project. This is also a great way to store paper patterns.
9. **Wine Rack:** Use a wine rack to store rolled items like pantographs, fusible interfacing, vinyl, etc.
10. **School Pencil Box:** Keep your most-used tools, like sewing feet, seam ripper, a pack of machine needs, etc in a closeable school pencil box. When you head out to a meeting or retreat, just grab the box and you'll have all your tools with you.
11. **Broken Needle Disposal:** Use an old pill bottle or Tic Tac case to store used needles. Once the container is full, just toss it in the trash.
12. **Save the Scissors:** Can't keep others from using your good scissors on non-fabric items (GASP!)? Consider using a padlock.

If you find you have sewing supplies, material, books, crafting supplies, etc. that you no longer want or need, consider donating them for the QDO boutique. You'll have more space to work and will be helping the guild raise money for its programs.

Happy New Year!

Christmas Squares Competition Winners



Congratulations to Linda, Debbie, Pam and CJ, the winners of our 2019 Christmas Block Challenge!

Cuddle Care Quilt Raffle

The Cuddle Care committee is selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt they created and was shown at the AQS Fall Paducah 2019 quilt show. Proceeds will help provide quilts for Norton Children's Hospital. The winner will be drawn on August 31, 2020. If you'd like to purchase tickets, please contact Debbie at DLH@twc.com.



1 chance - \$1 • 7 chances for \$5 • 15 chances for \$10

Tips & Tricks: Wavy Borders or Fabric Fullness

from Handi Quilter

If you're working on a long arm and have a quilt with wavy borders or a lot of fullness, try this technique. Load the quilt top as you would normally, place a pin in the center, measure out each side to the width the quilt should be and place a pin on each end. Make sure the fabric fullness is evenly distributed between the center pin and each outside pin, then spray with heavy spray starch (the real stuff). As the starch dries it will tighten the fabric weave and draw up most of the extra fabric. Watch the [video on YouTube](#) for more tips on this technique.

Tips & Tricks: Avoid the Fold

To avoid fold lines and creases in your cotton quilts while in storage, consider rolling them up instead.

Tips & Tricks: Stabilizers

Try using tissue paper as a stabilizer instead of the more expensive tear-away stabilizers. It's cheap and easy to remove.



Check out these YouTube Channels with great quilting tutorials.

[Just Get it Done Quilts](#)

Lots of tips & tricks for faster, more accurate quilting.

[Adria Good Long Arm Quilting](#)

Serious eye candy for the long arm quilter in you. It's mesmerizing!

[SewVeryEasy](#)

Quilting and sewing demos and tutorials of all kinds.

[Teresa DownUnder](#)

Lots and lots of quilt block tutorials.

[Amy Johnson](#)

Free-motion quilting tutorials on a domestic sewing machine.

[Helen Godden Quilts](#)

Amazing painted quilts and other quilting tips and advice.

Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2020 Officer Roster

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"I rescue fabric trapped in the quilt shop."