



# Nimble News

Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild  
Fourth 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.

Meetings for the remainder  
of 2020 will be held on Zoom.

## Message from the President



Hi Everybody,

Well, what to say? It's such a weird time that we are experiencing now; it's difficult to know just what to say. I know we are

all struggling with viruses, quarantining, distancing, masks and other things, but I just keep thinking of what Governor Andy says every day — "We will get through this together." Sometimes, I have to admit, I'm not sure about that. But then I think that I have to just keep cool and keep moving forward so that when we do get back to "normal" we can look back and say, "We did it!!"

So, I am thankful that we are able to use our technology and have our Zoom meetings. Yes, it's not the same, but it's so great to be able to see each other and continue sharing our passion for quilting. I want to say thanks to Susan Wolfe for organizing the meetings and to Angelique Shah for allowing us to continue using her Zoom account. The Zoom meetings will continue at least for the rest of the year. When 2021 arrives, I am hopeful that things will be such that we may be able to get together in person, but our top priority, of course, is to make sure we all remain safe and healthy, so we will have to wait and see.

A the October business meeting, we will ask you to approve the 2021 Board. You should have received an email with the proposed new Board. We also have to review our Standing Rules and By-laws and plan the budget for the new year. For these activities we need to have help from the membership so I will be asking for volunteers. Be ready!!

So, forgive the ramblings of an "old man" here – yes, I am soon to turn 65 and just received my Medicare card (LOL). But some 25 odd years ago when I worked up the courage to go into a little quilt shop in Pasadena, California, and ask them if they could teach me to sew, I never realized what a journey that would take me on. Even though my teacher discouraged me from getting into quilting – she said that a ¼ inch seam is just too annoying – I took the plunge and learned just how to get that perfect ¼ inch seam. It opened up a whole new world and has allowed me to go places, meet very cool people and create things that I never dreamed I could. In this tumultuous time, I am so thankful to have an activity that I can go to and at least for a while forget about what is happening in the world around me. Let's all take a moment and just think of each other and wish each other good health and happiness and know that we will be together again.

Bill

## Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings for the remainder of the year have been cancelled.

We will have virtual meetings via Zoom at the regularly scheduled meeting days/times. Invitations for Zoom will be sent via email a day or two prior to the event.

### LNT Pick Up/Drop Off

Oct. 22 - 7-8 p.m. - Rain or Shine  
Jeffersonian - side parking lot

### Drop off any of these

- Stuff for QDO
- Plastic bottle tops for Mary
- Plastic Kroger type bags for Luann
- Maryhurst Bags
- Cuddle Care quilts
- Cuddle Care tops needing to be quilted
- Solid colored binding for Cuddle Care (2 1/2 inch pre-made binding strips measuring 160 inches in length)
- Small fabric scraps for Mary to use in crumb quilts and scrap quilts for Cuddle Care.

### Pick up any of these

- Maryhurst Bag kits
- Cuddle Care quilts for binding

Committee representatives (Cuddle Care, Maryhurst, Quilters' Day Out Boutique) and the LNT Board will be there.

We will practice social distancing and welcome face masks. Please note that this is NOT intended as a gathering, just an exchange/swap opportunity.

## Program and Project Updates

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2 1/2 inch pre-made binding strips measuring 160 inches in length are needed for Cuddle Care quilts.

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“When life gives you scrapes make a quilt!”



Thank  
you

### Cuddle Care

From Debbie Hampton

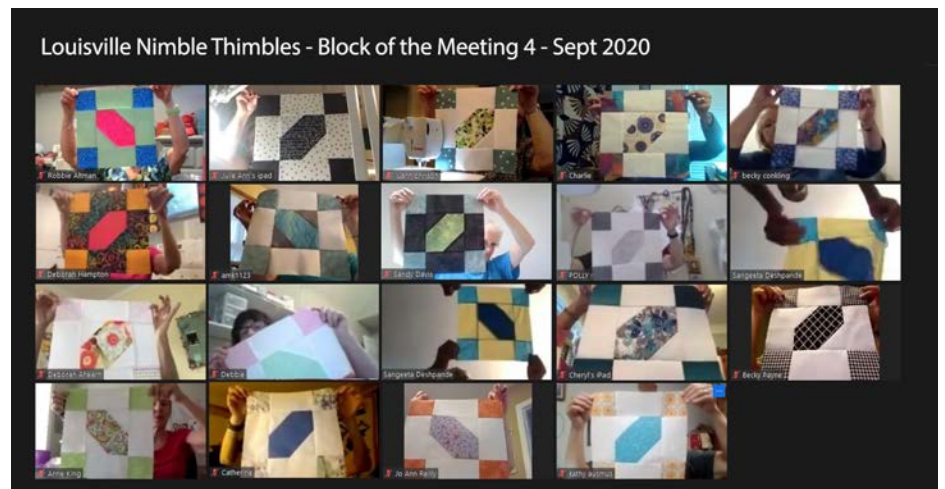
The Cuddle Care Committee is very happy to report that 234 quilts have been curbside delivered to Norton Children’s Hospital this year. It also appears that these quilts were happily received.



One of our many beautiful CC quilts, this one made by Janet L.

### Mystery Block of the Meeting

We’ve completed four of the nine blocks for the Mystery Block of the Meeting “Happiness Is Quilting Together” quilt. We’ve had a great time and encourage everyone to join us next time. If you miss a meeting, the patterns will be emailed to members a day or two after the meeting.



A special thank you to Angelique Shah for allowing us to use her Zoom account for our meetings. It has been a blessing to see each other and interact even if only virtually.



*“When I make with my hands, I give of my heart.”*

## Our Favorite Online Resources

A new quilting technique, a new pattern or answers to “How did they do that?” are just a click away nowadays. The internet provides quilters with unlimited access to online classes, videos, blogs and so much more, providing an unprecedented opportunity to learn new skills and improve old ones. Here are a few of our favorites.

### Fat Quarter Shop – Deborah Ahern

In addition to being an online store, the [Fat Quarter Shop](#) posts frequent videos demonstrating techniques, patterns, quilt alongs and new tools. They also often have quilting celebrity guests drop by. The videos are available on [YouTube](#). Check out their blog [The Jolly Jabber](#), too.

### One Block Wonder Design Helper – Becky Payne

Interested in making a One Block Wonder quilt, but need help visualizing what your fabric will look like? Check out this tool at [OneBlockWonder.com](#). Design Helper lets you take a picture of fabric and turns it into hexies to show how your fabric will work in One Block Wonder quilts. Design Helper is fabulous to have on your phone and use at the fabric store!!

### Quilted Joy Clubhouse – Kim Wright

Angela Huffman hosts the [Quilted Joy Clubhouse](#) the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. While it does focus on quilting with a long arm, you can pick up wonderful tips on how to quilt designs and how to put patterns together for a stunning quilt.

### Diary of a Quilter – Luann Johnson

Amy Smart is the author of [Diary of a Quilter](#). She is a mom, wife, and a quilter. She is also a fabric designer for Riley Blake Designs and has been blogging since 2008. On her website you can see pictures of all her quilts, read and watch over 100 of her tutorials, read her blog, and SIGN UP FOR HER NEWSLETTER! Her newsletter is awesome. It’s full of tips, ideas and patterns, with links to other sites with even more tips, ideas and patterns.

### iQuilt – Debbie Hampton

Debbie’s “go to” online site for learning a new sewing technique is [iquilt.com](#). This site is sponsored by the American Quilter’s Society, so only quality material is presented. Each teacher is established in their area of expertise. Each unlimited viewing class must be purchased, and AQS members receive a 20% discount. They do offer additional discounts randomly throughout the year.

### Craftsy – Kim Wright

It’s back!... sort of. While the original Craftsy/Blueprint is no more, a marketing company picked up all the classes that used to be available on [Craftsy](#). You’re able to buy classes a la cart or through a subscription.



## Our Favorite Online Resources – continued

### Free Quilt Block Pattern Library – Becky Payne

[Generations Quilt Patterns](#) offers a free quilt block library that includes step-by-step illustrated cutting and piecing directions for your favorite patchwork block.

### Alison Glass – Deborah Ahern

Check out [Alison Glass](#). She designs fabric for Andover and works with other companies in the sewing industry. In addition to designing fabric, Alison produces a line of sewing patterns as well as a growing range of other products.

### Gudrun Elra – Carol Hollon

This is [Gudrun Elra](#) website. She does a Topsy Tuesday Show most Tuesdays when she isn't traveling to teach. The shows on Tuesday have an educational theme. She does promote her products at the end of the showing. Shows are on facebook or YouTube. She does a Happy Friday show that is more chatting. On her website under videos are links to all the shows. She has done three quilt alongs since March and teaches how to put the quilt together. Lots of good info.

### Bonnie Hunter – Carol Hollon

[Bonnie Hunter](#) does a mystery quilt every year starting on the day after Thanksgiving. During that time she gives multiple ways of making certain things... like flying geese, half square triangles, etc. She also did a free quilt along in the spring. Lots of info on her blogsite.

### Edyta Sitar – Carol Hollon

[Edyta Sitar](#) shows viewers how to put blocks together for some of her patterns...no measurements, but is a lot of help if you are having trouble with one of her patterns. You can also [visit her site](#) for a blog, newsletters and lots more happenings.

For the Q1 2021 newsletter, we'll be featuring Our Favorite Online Shops. So please email your favorite online places to shop for quilting supplies to Kim Wright. If there's a topic you'd like to see included in future newsletters, send that along as well.



provided by Bill

“Everyone should be taught to sew, not merely for the sake of making something, but as an accomplishment which may prove a stabilizer in time of perplexity or distress.

Many a time when I need to hold myself firmly, I have taken up a needle – a sewing needle, some knitting needles, or a crochet hook. Whatever it's form or purpose, it often proved to be as the needle of a compass, keeping me to the course.

-First Lady Grace Coolidge

## 2020 Cuddle Care Quilt Raffle

*“Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time.”*

*From Luann Johnson*

This stunning quilt was created by the 2018 members of the

Cuddle Care Committee, (Debbie Hampton (chair), Debbie Hofelich, Janet Larmee, and Bettye Smith) for the 2018 Quilters’ Day Out “Two Color Quilt” Challenge. The original design by the committee members is aptly named “Empyrean”, which means “relating to heaven or the sky”.

The background, over a thousand two inch squares of varying shades of purple, was strategically arranged to give the impression of an impending sunrise. The paper-pieced larger stars were sewn into the top; the smaller stars, made of silk, were appliqued.

Two layers of batting were used, with the top layer being wool in order to add loft and enhance the quilting. All the

quilting, which is free motion, was done by Debbie Hampton. After the quilting, Swarovski beads were sewn throughout the quilt.

“Empyrean” won the blue ribbon for a Two-Color Quilt at the 2018 Quilters’ Day Out. It then won 4th place in the 2018 Kentucky State Fair in the class for “Quilts made by a Group of 3 or more”, and was juried in the Fall 2019 Paducah Quilt Show.

It was after the quilt shows that the Cuddle Care Committee decided to raffle the quilt with proceeds going to the Cuddle Care Committee to help cover expenses involved with LNT’s contributions of quilts to the children at Norton’s Children’s Hospital.

The 2020 Cuddle Care Quilt Raffle was held on August 31, 2020. In attendance were three of the creators,





## 2020 Cuddle Care Quilt Raffle - continued



Debbie Hampton, Debbie Hofelich, and Bettye Smith. The third creator, Janet Larmee, was physically absent, but was spiritually present. Sylvia Kummer, who helped immensely with the quilt raffle, was also in attendance.

After all the tickets were shaken up in a large container, Debbie Hofelich drew the winning ticket.

The winner of the 2020 Cuddle Care Quilt Raffle was Michelle Wolfe.

The quilt was delivered to an ecstatic Michelle that same evening.

Thanks to everyone who assisted the Cuddle Care Committee by encouraging them throughout the process and for purchasing tickets.

From Susan Wolfe

I want to let everyone know that my daughter, Michelle, is delighted to be the winner of the LNT Raffle Quilt. She doesn't usually attend QDO, but since it was my birthday weekend, not only she, but my eldest daughter Sharin attended.

The raffle result has created real turmoil in the family. You see, Michelle filled out the form, but Sharin paid for the tickets. Who really won??? They are going to have to work out some sort of custody agreement between themselves.

What ever they work out, we are proud to have it stay in the LNT family.

### Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2021 Proposed Officer Roster

<b>President:</b>	Bill Briggs
<b>Vice President:</b>	Susan Wolfe
<b>Programs:</b>	Brenda Cook Julie Mackell
<b>Membership:</b>	Pam Soto
<b>Secretary:</b>	Luann Johnson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Sandy Davis
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Robbie Altman
<b>Cuddle Care:</b>	Mary Cleary
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Kim Wright
<b>Website:</b>	Susan Hatton



### Happy Birthday!

**October:** Marilou Jacob (10/2), Susan Hatton (10/14), Shirley Cole (10/14), Bill Briggs (10/17), Becky Conkling (10/27)

**November:** Sarah Jane Lynch (11/2), Charlie Smith (11/4), Ann Marie Kenney (11/4), Julie Mackell (11/17), Pam Soto (11/22), Sherryl Metzmeier (11/26)

**December:** Janet Metry (12/2), Marilyn Koehler (12/6), Barbara Simms (12/8), Sandy Shawhan (12/29)

*“Quilters... cut with hope; stitch with grace;  
quilt with dreams; bind with laughter; share with love.”*