



Nimble News

Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild
Fourth Quarter 2021

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

Details on the holiday party on Dec. 2 will follow.
We will not have a day meeting in December.

Message from the President



Hello Friends,

This last newsletter of 2021 brings to a close another interesting year for us, but I think we are ending on a very good note now that

we are gathering in-person for our monthly meetings and getting back to enjoying the kinship of our fellow members. Zoom is nice, but seeing each other in-person is the best! We had very good attendance at both the August and September meetings, and I want to thank everyone for being respectful of CDC precautions to ensure everyone felt safe and comfortable.

Sadly, this will be my last newsletter article as President of Louisville Nimble Thimbles. Yes, after 3 years, it's time for me to step aside and turn the gavel over to someone else. When Vivian Armstrong approached me 3 years ago and encouraged me to become president, I thought "no way." I was still relatively new to the guild and didn't think I was really qualified to assume that position. Fortunately, Susan Wolfe sat with me that night and said if I would do it, she would be there to guide me, and so the deal was sealed. It's been a wonderful journey, and I have had the time of my life getting to learn about this outstanding organization and getting to know all of you!!

Now, as they say, a president is only as good as the people he or she serves with, and never was a statement more true. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with so many outstanding Board members, including Susan Wolfe, Sandy Davis, Polly Wagner, Carol Hollon, Pam Soto, Luann Johnson, Robbie Altman, Kim Wright, Susan Hatton, Mary Cleary, Debbie Hampton, Debbie Bates, Terri Catron, Barb Rogers, and Julie Mackell. These are the fine ladies who have served on the Board during the past three years — and let me just say, WOW!! From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!!

It was great to get back to the fairgrounds in August for the Kentucky State Fair. The quilt display was, as always, superb. If you have not heard yet, LNT was well represented this year! The nine LNT members who entered brought home a total of 22 ribbons. Congratulations to all!

We still have great things to come this year, including more workshops and demos, and, of course, our holiday celebration in December, which will probably be a little different but wonderful just the same.

It's always exciting to start a new year and see what adventures it will bring. I'm certain 2022 is going to be great!!! In closing, I want to borrow a phrase from one of our beloved TV quilters and say "Bye for now."

Bill

Upcoming Events

Oct 5 - Board meeting - Zoom - 7 p.m.

Oct 7 - Business meeting and Methods for joining quilting by sections and adding wavy borders - Barb Rogers
Jeffersonian - Kentucky Room - 6:30 p.m.

Oct 15/16 - Bluegrass One Stop Shop Hop
Paroquet Springs Conference Center
Shepherdsville, KY - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Oct 21 - Chenille / Chenillit
Linda Slye and Julie Mackell
Jeffersonian - Kentucky Room - 10 a.m.

Nov 2 - Board meeting - Zoom - 7 p.m.

Nov 4 - Maryhurst Bags - Bettye Smith
Jeffersonian - Kentucky Room - 6:30 p.m.

Nov 18 - Carpenter's Wheel - Pam Soto
Jeffersontown Fire Dept #2 - meeting room
4318 Taylorsville RD - 10 a.m.
(note location change)

Nov 30 - Board meeting - Zoom - 7 p.m.

Dec 2 - LNT Christmas party
Jeffersonian - Kentucky Room - 6:30 p.m.

The monthly guild board meeting will be held the Tuesday before the evening guild meeting. All members are welcome to attend via a Zoom link that will be emailed out prior to the meeting date.

Q4 Programs



Methods for joining quilts by sections and how to add wavy borders - Barb Rogers

Thursday, October 7, 2021 - The Jeffersonian - Kentucky Room - 6:30 p.m.

This will be a demo class, so no supplies are needed. Barbara tells us, "I have always quilted my own quilts with one exception. It was just too big, and I didn't own a long arm machine, so I had a king size quilted by a long armer. It was beautiful, but it cost a lot. Ever since then, I have used different ways to quilt a bed size quilt on my domestic machine. I will be showing you three of these methods and an easy no-math way of making a wavy border."

Chenille / Chenillit - Linda Slye and Julie Mackell

Thursday, October 21, 2021 - Zoom - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn how to make chenille two different ways. Linda and Julie will show us how to make a chenille potholder and a "surprise" way to make the binding. The second method will use a product called "chenillit," which opens up all kinds of opportunities for creativity but in a "surprising" way!

Supplies:

1. Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing supplies, and various colored threads (neutral and bright).
2. Cut four (4) – 8" squares from same fabric for potholder. If you own a chenille cutter and/or chenille brush, please bring that, as well.



Maryhurst bags - Bettye Smith

Thursday, November 4, 2021 - The Jeffersonian - Kentucky Room - 6:30 p.m.

Pre-made kits will be provided for you to stitch together. These bags mean so much to the girls at Maryhurst as they are so needed and helpful in carrying their personal belongings when they go on home visitations. You will play an important role in getting them ready to deliver to Maryhurst. Fabric, kits and patterns are also available to anyone interested in making these simple bags on your own.

Supplies: Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies.

Carpenter's Wheel quilt - Pam Soto

Thursday, November 18, 2021 - *Jeffersonstown Fire Department #2 meeting room*
4318 Taylorsville Rd - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Does this quilt pattern have any significance to slavery? Join us on Nov. 18 as Pam shows us how to make the Carpenter's Wheel and shares more about the history of the quilt design. Supply list will be posted in upcoming Reminders.

LNT Christmas party

Thursday, December 2, 2021 - The Jeffersonian - Kentucky Room - 6:30 p.m.

Details to follow.



Image: Jordan Fabrics

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.



Fourth Quarter Business Meeting - Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

In accordance with our By-laws, the Nominating committee would like to present the following slate for the 2022 Louisville Nimble Thimbles Board for your consideration and approval at the fourth quarter business meeting on Oct. 7, 2021.

President: Susan Wolfe

Vice President: Pam Soto

Secretary: Becky Conklin

Treasurer: Sandy Davis

Membership: Bill Briggs

Programs: Luann Johnson and Debbie Bates

Cuddle Care: Mary Cleary

Newsletter: Kim Wright

Hospitality: Susan Churchman (assisted by Polly Wagner)

Website: Susan Hatton

Also, the following description of our 2022 State Fair Class is submitted for your consideration and approval:

"Hand or machine pieced, stationary machine quilted (where the quilt is moved), minimum perimeter 100 inches.

It's also that time of year when we will be asking for volunteers to review the By-laws and Standing Rules, which will be submitted for approval at the January meeting. Please consider participating in this very important activity for LNT.

Holiday Party - Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to our Holiday Celebration on December 2nd as we close out 2021 and anticipate a bright New Year. In an effort to be sensitive to current concerns, details have not yet been finalized. More updates to come in emails and announcements at meetings.

Cuddle Care Workshop - September Day Meeting

Our September Cuddle Care workshop was a huge success! We had a great time keeping our sewing machines humming and spending time with fellow LNT friends! A wide variety of quilt tops were created, and our members' creativity was clearly visible in each and every one. A special thank you to all who attended and also to those who took kits to work on at home! Don't fret if you weren't able to attend; we'll have more workshops in 2022.

Program and Project Update



Cuddle Care

From Mary Cleary

Through the many contributions from our LNT members, Cuddle Care continues to be a great success, both for our guild and for Norton's Children's Hospital. To date, we have donated 605 quilts of all colors and sizes. The Norton staff recently told me that they will take as many beautiful quilts as we can sew — they are favorites of their patients. A hearty thank you to all of our thoughtful and caring guild members for your varied donations of talent, time, fabric and support.

Note: Cuddle Care quilts should be bound with traditional double-fold binding, to ensure durability. Binding made by folding the backing over and sewing it down should not be used for CC quilts, as it wears out more quickly.

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



Membership Report

From Pam Soto

We had three new members join us in September! We'd like to extend a big welcome to Laura Lally, Paula Ice and Judy Mobberley. Paula just moved back to Kentucky from Washington state, and her daughter, Laura, is fairly new to quilting. Judy has been a member of LNT in the past, and we are glad to have her back. We currently have 59 members, which is pretty awesome considering the events of the past year and a half.

All members (except those that joined in September) should have a name badge. If you do not, please email me. If you need a replacement name badge, please let me know and I'll get one ordered. Replacement badges are \$8 and need to be paid in advance of the order. They do not take long to have made.

The membership roster should be up-to-date with the new member information, as well as any updates that had been submitted. A copy of the list was recently emailed to everyone. Please take a moment to review your information and let me know if you see anything that needs to be changed. We want everyone to be able to communicate with each other! :) Be safe, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!



Startch vs. Sizing

From Susan Wolfe

During the state fair one of the discussions we had at the information booth was the use of starch and sizing. Then we wondered what exactly is sizing? So we had to find out more. Here's what we found.

“Beautiful things
come together one
stitch at a time”

Starch is used to stiffen fabrics such as shirt collars and cuffs, while **sizing** is used to add body, “crispness” and “hand” to garments. When **starch** is applied in place of **sizing**, the garment can become overly stiff, crease easily and wrinkle before and during wearing.

What is fabric sizing?

Sizing (noun) is a resinous solution that adds body to fabric, creates soil resistance when the garment is worn, ease of soil removal when the fabric is washed, and makes ironing easier. The sizing solution can be vegetable or petroleum based. It can be used with the lower ironing temperatures recommended for some fabrics.

Sizing (verb) is a process that is used during textile manufacturing to protect the warp from the rigors of weaving. Size forms a coating on warp yards to help them to withstand tension during weaving and reduce breakage. Fabrics containing water-soluble sizes can be desized by washing using hot water and a mild detergent. (Guess that's what we wash out when we pre-wash.)

Just thought I'd share. Hope you find it as interesting as we did.

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Happy Birthday!

October:

Marilou Jacob (10/2), Candy Fryrear (10/13), Shirley Cole (10/14), Susan Hatton (10/14), Bill Briggs (10/17), Becky Conkling (10/27)

November:

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

December:

Janet Metry (12/2), Marilyn Koehler (12/6), Sandy Shawhan (12/29)