



Nimble News

Second Quarter 2016 Newsletter

Meeting twice monthly at the
Jeffersontown Community
Center, 10617 Taylorsville Rd.
First Thursday at 6:30 PM,
Third Thursday at 10 AM



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone, especially those of you who have joined us lately. You are sooo welcome and I hope you'll have a great time.

I would like to remind everyone about the President's Challenge Quilt. I have challenged all of you to make a quilt of any size, any color(s), any pattern that you choose BUT it must be made only with solid color fabrics. No prints, mottles, plaids etc. See what you can create. It must be quilted and bound. (Maybe you could show it in the Fair in August)

The quilts will be hung around the meeting room at the night meeting (yes, you daytimers can participate, too) on June 2. Viewers will vote for their favorite and the first three places will receive a very cool prize.

Please sign up to participate in this challenge so we have some idea about show space. Thanks.

Marilou

Quilters Day Out

Thanks to all the donors and volunteers for a successful boutique at QDO. We fell short of our goal of \$1 per attendee but still had a really good outcome. Attendance at the event was just short of 800. For further information about the event and for photos provided by the Quilters' Day Out Committee go to QuiltersDayOut.com.

LNT membership attendance at QDO was up from last year. The favorite guild booth won with over 60 votes, you know, the *Mt. Washington Bees*. Congratulations to them for their second year winning.

We are so happy to have a home for our QDO items courtesy of *Bill Briggs*. Please remember to thank him for this. Anytime during the year, you may bring your items to a meeting and give them to *Vivian, Marilou, or Terrie* to see that they get to Bill for storage until next QDO. Donating during the year actually helps greatly in anticipation of outcomes and managing the work involved in getting ready for the event.

Again, thanks to all our members for their dedication and support of LNT at QDO. It cannot be done without you!

Sincerely on behalf of the LNT QDO Boutique and Booth Committees: *Vivian Armstrong, Marilou Jacob, Terrie Catron, Susan Hoffer camp, Polly Wagner, Bill Briggs, Linda Sly and the many volunteers* you saw behind the counters and the LNT attendees you got to visit with at the event. We are all very proud to be a member of LNT and to represent you.

Quilters -
Cut with hope.
Stitch with grace.
Quilt with dreams.
Bind with laughter.
Share with love.
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Overheard at Guild:

Member #1: *My needle keeps dropping out of my machine!*
Member #2: *I think you may have a screw loose.*

Upcoming Programs and Events

EVENING PROGRAMS

April 7 – “My quilt just needed something besides binding.” – A Trunk Show

Ever get tired of the same old straight borders and binding on your quilts?

There are many ways to skin a cat, and there are many ways to finish your quilt. How many techniques have you incorporated into your masterpieces? Guest speaker Pam Shartzter, is bringing a selection of her favorite ideas and will share why she selected the finishing techniques she did.



May 5 – Self-Mitered Napkins with Decorative stitches

Adding a decorative finish to a simple piece can certainly dress it up. How many decorative stitches came on your machines? How many have you actually ever used?

Come join us to make a two-sided, self-mitered table napkin and then add the decorative stitch of your choice to finish it off.

Supplies: 1 (one) 18” square of fabric for the back and border
1 (one) 15” square of fabric for the front

Basic sewing supplies and coordinating thread for the decorative stitching.

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.

June 2 – Why didn’t my quilt win a ribbon or what are the judges looking for?

Once again our very own Supervisor of Textiles for the State Fair, *Susan Hoferkamp*, will let us know what’s new in the textile department for 2016, and provide an opportunity to sign-up to help her at the fair. This year she will be joined by her Textiles Assistant, *Pam Shartzter*, who is working on her credentialing to be a quilt judge. She will be able to give some hints at what the judges are looking for when they review the entries.

Tips & Tricks

To keep rulers from slipping while rotary cutting, apply clear plastic medical tape to the back of the ruler. The tape is textured so it grips the fabric and it is clear so it will not interfere with the markings on the ruler. I found two rolls (20 yds!) of 3M Nexcare brand for under \$4 at Meijers.—Shirley Cole

Sometimes I need to change the width of my binding depending on the thickness of the batting and fabric in a quilt. I made sample bindings so I can audition them to find which size I need before cutting binding for the quilt. The widths are marked on the samples.—Fons&Porter

Wear a leather thimble on the index finger of the hand you use to hold fabric while pressing. The leather protects your finger from being burned by the steam. Be sure it’s a leather thimble that does not have the metal disk in the tip!—Fons&Porter

After I purchase fabric for a quilt, I place it on a copier and make a color copy to take along the next time I go shopping. I carry the copies in my purse so I can use them for matching additional fabrics.—Fons&Porter

When I only have a little pressing to do, I use half of a spring-loaded clothespin to press seams while I’m sitting at my sewing machine.—Fons&Porter



That’s right, Ethel! Measure Twice, Cut Once, then FUDGE IT to fit!

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DAY PROGRAMS

April 21 – 10 am to 2 pm

Cuddle Care Quilts

De Stijl: a quilt inspired by Piet Mondrian's art (illustration at right). This quilt features a stunning visual composition and uses only primary colors along with black and white.

Fabric requirements:

Do not use prints or batiks but pure primary colors in 100% cotton. For variation you may switch the red, yellow and blue squares sizes based on what your fabric stash contains (or what might be on sale).

BLACK: (7) 2.5 in x WOF strips sub cut into:

- 1 strip 2.5 in x 14.5 in
- 2 strips 2.5 in x 12.5 in
- 1 strip 2.5 in x 22.5 in

WHITE: 3 rectangles,

- 12.5 in x 14.5 in
- 12.5 in x 12.5 in
- 12.5 in x 16.5 in

RED (or yellow or blue): 1 large square, 22.5 in x 24.5 in

YELLOW (or red or blue) : 12.5 in x 8.5 in

BLUE (or red or yellow) : 8.5 in x 14.5 in

Supplies: Sewing Machine and Basic Supplies

May 19 – 10 am to 2 pm

'Quilt of Valor'

Come bring your machine and supplies and be a part of making LNT's third Quilt of Valor.

Each of us will be making 1-3 of the easy strip blocks which will then become part of a lovely red-white-blue Rail Fence quilt.

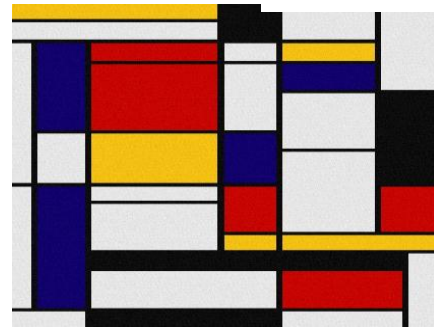
Fabric is to be furnished.

Don't forget to bring a bagged lunch.

June 16 – 10 am to 2 pm

To Be Announced. Watch for updates on our calendar.

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.



De Stijl, Piet Mondrian - Cuddle Care Quilt inspiration

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

APRIL: Easter - Pastels

MAY: Memorial Day - Black or Grey

JUNE: Vacation - Greens

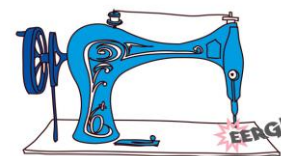
SECOND QUARTER BIRTHDAYS

April: Marsha Bergmann

May: Susan Hoferkamp, Joanie Robertson

June: Debbie Gray, Deborah Hofelich, Sarah Lee, Terrie Catron

CHANGE THE NEEDLE
CHANGE THE THREAD
ADJUST THE TENSION



AND TRY AGAIN!

(Take a Deep Breath)

Sewing Parts Online

Cuddle Care Workshops

Our quilting group loves to bless the community with joy only a quilt can bring. Join us as we stitch love covers for the patients of Kosair Children's Hospital and other charitable causes. We also make tote bags for the girls at Maryhurst. No sewing experience necessary, just come ready to help and bring a machine if you have one!

****We currently have 15 Cuddle Care quilts completed and 2 Maryhurst bags completed.****

LNT has a large stash of assorted 100% cotton fabrics that we can assemble as "kits" for members to use through the year. Cutting and planning not your thing? Bring a cuddle care project that you already have in the works and sew away! Soft drinks will be available, so bring your brown bag lunch.

April 21 – 10 am to 2 pm

De Stijl: a quilt inspired by Piet Mondrian's art.

This quilt features a stunning visual composition and uses only primary colors along with black and white. Inspiration on page 3 of this newsletter.

Fabric requirements: as stated in Day Programs.

July 21 – 10 am to 2 pm

Cuddle-Care-A-Thon at Quilted Joy

Come enjoy a day of fun and long arm quilting to benefit Cuddle Care. *Quilted Joy* is owned by guild member, Angela Huffman and is located at 10302 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, Ky 40299. Bring your brown bag lunch.

October 20 – 10 am to 2 pm

Gator Quilt

Bold black and white stripes and a colorful appliquéd green gator. Inspired by the Alligator Madras Nursery collection by Pottery Barn Kids, this quilt will help brighten the day for a sick Kosair kid. Bring your brown bag lunch. Supply list to be made available soon.



March evening meeting: Round Robin Log Cabin blocks for Cuddle Care quilts! What a blast!



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