



Nimble News

Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild
First Quarter 2022

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

Welcome back.

Well, here we go again. The last time I was President I won the prize for "The President who had the most number of meetings cancelled because of inclement weather." Let's hope that isn't an omen!

I thank everyone for the support and encouragement I've received. I do not take the responsibility of the office lightly. I truly love this guild and want to continue to see it grow. I'm looking forward to working with my new Board and seeing what plans can be developed for the future. We are proof that quilting isn't dead.

In the past two months, we have gotten so many new members. I haven't gotten to really meet all of them. We always say we "Welcome new members." Let's continue to

welcome them by getting to know them. It's not just the new members; a lot of us look across the room and realize we don't know someone. Go talk to them. Let's make it a point to get to know each other.

As we start a new year, I want to remind you that this is YOUR guild. Your participation in our meetings is vital. We pride ourselves on being an active and vibrant group. Let's show that enthusiasm each and every meeting. There are interesting programs planned for 2022 and I hope that we continue to have record breaking attendance.

May you and yours have a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year. See you January 6th (weather permitting).

-- Susan



Upcoming Events

Jan. 4 - Board meeting - 7 p.m. - Zoom

Jan. 6 - Quilting Items at the Hardware Store - 6:30 p.m. - Jeffersonian

Jan. 20 -- Cuddle Care - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tway House - 10235 Timberwood Circle

Feb. 1 - Board meeting - 7 p.m. - Zoom

Feb. 3 - Reverse Applique - 6:30 p.m.
Tway House - 10235 Timberwood Circle

Feb. 17 - KHQS Trunk Show/Fabric Cutting for QDO Boutique to follow
10 a.m. - Jeffersonian

Mar. 1 - Board meeting - 7 p.m. - Zoom

Mar. 3 - Prairie Points - 6:30 p.m.
Jeffersonian

Mar. 9 - QDO Boutique Pricing Day

Mar. 12 - Quilters' Day Out 2022
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 395 Paroquet Springs Dr, Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Mar. 17 - 2.5" Strip Scrap Buster Block
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Jeffersonian

Quilts for Western Kentucky Tornado Victims

The Cuddle Care team donated 10 holiday-themed quilts as gifts for children in Western Kentucky who were affected by the December tornados. Mary paired up a book with each, so they'd have something to read while snuggling in their quilt.



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

The Louisville Nimble Thimbles 1st Quarter Business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 6, 2022. We will discuss and vote on the 2022 Standing Rules and By-Laws.

Membership Report

From Bill Briggs

Hey everyone. It's time once again to renew your membership in LNT. Beginning in January, I or another board member will be at the table by the door ready to take your renewal. Dues are \$25, but what a deal. Each month you get to meet with the most creative and fun people, participate in first-class workshops, get discounts at local shops (Austin's and Sewing and Vacuum Authority), and just be a part of a great organization!

If you are not able to attend the January meetings, don't fret! Just send your check and a completed membership form via USPS to the address below. The renewal period is January through March, so be sure to get your renewal in soon. Looking forward to a fabulous 2022.

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Program and Project Updates

Cuddle Care

From Mary Cleary

This has been an extraordinary year for Cuddle Care. As chair of the Cuddle Care committee, I truly appreciate all of the support the guild has shown toward Norton Children's Hospital. By way of your generous donations, including fabric (yardage, scraps, and crumbs), monetary gifts, and those many hands that assemble tops, quilt and bind them, we were able to deliver 714 quilts to Norton Children's Hospital in 2021. Thanks to one and all!

In the new year, please continue to make and donate 2.5" bindings in all colors, and don't throw away your quilting scraps — even batting! Through the ingenuity of our guild members, we are able to piece together batting scraps to use within our quilts. This saves us money on batting purchases and is a great way to recycle! Keep up all your good work in helping Cuddle Care and our quilting guild be a positive asset to our community.



Program and Project Updates – continued

2021 Patriot Quilt Presentation

From Marilou Jacob and Linda Slye

On November 17, the Louisville Nimble Thimbles had the honor of presenting a Patriot Quilt to each of three recipients. The ceremony was held at the American Legion GI Joe Post 244 in Jeffersontown. The legion members decorated the hall in red/white/blue complete with sparkle centerpieces on each table, and guild members donated drinks and snacks. The emotional ceremony was hosted by Linda Slye.

Marj Graves, United States Army, Army Nurse Corps



Marj Graves joined the Army Nurse Corps during her final year of nursing school in 1967. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, she served as a head nurse on male orthopedic wards at Darnall Army Hospital (Fort Hood, Texas), and then at Ireland Army Hospital (Fort Knox, Kentucky). Following her promotion to Captain, Marj volunteered for Vietnam where she continued to serve as a head orthopedic nurse with the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh. During her tour of duty, she was selected as the nurse for a two-person medical team to accompany both the Bob Hope Christmas Tour in 1971 and the Sammy Davis, Jr. USO Show in 1972.

Her 5 years of military service resulted in numerous post-military honors to include having been selected as Kentucky's Vietnam Veteran for USA Today's 2012 Veterans Day issue, as well as induction in the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame and the Fern Creek High School Hall of Fame.

Marj is a retired Occupational Health Manager from UPS and is devoted to the healing of unseen battle wounds.

Marj's quilt was made by members of the Louisville Nimble Thimbles.

David Kurlowicz, United States Army, 1981 -1993



David served as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle mechanic while assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Operation Desert Storm. A Bradley Fighting Vehicle is what we in an older generation call a tank. David also worked in communications while serving his country and later in that same field as a civilian.

Operation Desert Storm took place over 43 day in January/February 1991 when Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces entered Kuwait over oil. A 40-nation coalition joined forces to win the 100-hour. ground war and David was part of that effort.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Animation, and he was a musician for 35 years, playing guitar and singing in a number of bands.

David's quilt was made by Dolly Clinton who donated it to our guild as a Patriot Quilt.

Program and Project Updates – continued

Billy Pheister, United States Army, 1966 – 1968, Vietnam



Billy is a Louisville native, having grown up in St. Matthews and graduated from Waggener High School in 1966. Billy and his identical twin brother Bobby wanted to enlist and serve together, but in order for that to happen, every member of their immediate family had to sign a waiver giving their consent, and the request was sent high up the Army chain of command to be approved.

Billy and Bobby joined the Army together in September 1966 and were assigned the Aviation branch which earned them a trip to Ft. Rucker, Alabama and an 8-week course in Huey helicopters. Knowing that a transfer to an Infantry outfit was the consequence of failing the course, Billy and Bobby excelled in their studies. Their next stop was Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, where they mastered firing machine guns out of helicopters, and guess where that skill was needed?

In June 1967 Billy and Bobby got their passports stamped in Vietnam. The world fell apart for Billy in 1968 when a rocket mortar attack on their unit killed Bobby and seriously injured Billy's legs. He spent 6-7 months in recovery at Walter Reed Army Hospital and then joined the Army Reserve and National Guard from which he later retired.

Needing a money-making endeavor at the VA Hospital, volunteer Billy Pfister suggested selling popcorn to the employees and patients and guests. Until Covid shut the operation down in 2020, still a volunteer, Billy sold popcorn at the Hospital on Zorn Avenue almost every Wednesday for 32 years, making \$250,000 for the hospital and earning him the nickname "Popcorn Billy". Every bag he sold was in tribute to the brother and soulmate he lost in 1968.

As a veterans' service representative for several veterans' organizations in the area, Billy acts as a liaison between the hospital and the organizations.

Billy was selected to be in Waggener High School's Hall of Fame, but he declined because Bobby was not offered the same recognition.

Billy's quilt was made by Kim Wright



Happy Birthday, Lovely Ladies

January: Beverly Means (1/13), Debbie Hampton (1/13), Barbara Wester (1/22), Kathy Ausmus (1/25), Joyce Boston (1/26), Maureen Lane (1/26)

February: Judy Mobberley (1/2), Susan Wolfe (2/20)

March: Marie Rosenberg (3/4), Catherine (CJ) Joaquin (3/8), Vivian Armstrong (3/8), Robbie Altman (3/17), Janet Larmee (3/22), Debbie Bates (3/22), Mary Cleary (3/23)

Program and Project Updates – continued

Maryhurst Bags

From Bettye Smith

Since 2011, LNT has been making tote bags for the young ladies at Maryhurst to carry their personal items when they travel and go on home visits. Our guild has donated over 700 bags since the project began.

One young lady was recently seen walking down the hall and humming to herself, her bag over her shoulder. She was on her way to their gift shop to buy items for a weekend outing. The bag helped give her a sense of pride and ownership. The tote bags our guild make aid in Maryhurst's goal of empowering the nearly 500 young women they serve each year overcome so many obstacles, including abusive home situations, and restoring hope for a brighter future.

My heartfelt thanks to our LNT members for your generous contributions of tote bags and personal care items for these children. You should be proud of your support in this worthy cause. Tote bag kits and instructions are available for anyone who'd like to help make them. It only takes a few minutes.



2022 Children's Quilt Show and How-To Festival

From Kim Wright

Planning is underway for the 2022 Children's Quilt Show. It will be held on Saturday, July 16, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the South Central Regional Library (across from Jefferson Mall). Registration will be open soon.

To spread the word about the quilt show and the guild in general, we are also planning on participating in the Louisville Free Public Library's How-To Festival in May. We'll have a quick hand sewing project that visitors can make and take with them.

If you're interested in helping on the committee, please contact me.



2021 Holiday Party

From Robbie Altman

Our Holiday Party is in the books!! Bill was an excellent MC in his festive Christmas attire and Linda Slye gave us a report, along with pictures, on our recent Patriot Quilt presentations. After we enjoyed the delicious desserts we played several rounds of Quilt Bingo hosted by our caller extraordinaire, Susan Wolfe! It was a fun night for all!

Quilters' Day Out Boutique

From Terrie Catron

Our guild did fantastic in spite of what 2020/2021 threw at us. Among many others, a successful "Pandemic-style Boutique" is propelling us forward, into 2022.

With that in mind, we have a cutting date planned for February 17, after the KHQS quilt presentation, and a pricing day scheduled for March 9. There are many opportunities to contribute to our guild! This is but one of them! Happy holidays to you and yours, and my best wishes for the happiest of new years for us all.



Program and Project Updates – continued

Quilters' Day Out Guild Booth

From Pam Soto

Quilters' Day Out (QDO) is scheduled for March 12, 2022 --- a fun day at the Paroquet Springs Conference Center in Shepherdsville! QDO hours are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For those of you who have not attended this event in the past, it has a little bit of everything (quilt show, vendors, guildbooths, door prizes, etc.). It costs \$10 to attend. You can find more specific information at www.quiltersdayout.com/.

LNT sponsors a guild booth, and we are asking that you lend us samples from our classes from this past year to display in the booth – a small show and tell of what we've done in our meetings. If you are willing to lend us a sample, please let me know and we will coordinate a time to get together.

We are also looking for a couple people to help set up the day before, on Friday the 11th from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., as well as a couple people to take down and man the booth the day of at 3 p.m. We also need members to help sit at the booth on the day of. We have set some time slots as guidelines, but these times are certainly flexible. The time slots are 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There are pages in the signup book (brought to guild meetings) for these hours. All assistance is greatly appreciated!!

Basic Sewing 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 Programs

January 6 - Quilting items at the hardware store - 6:30 p.m. - Linda Slye

Location: Kentucky Room, The Jeffersonian

Linda Slye leads a mix and mingle at the Hardware Store. Who knew quilting notion wannabes loitered among the chisels and paint brushes and grass seed?

No pre-planning! No pre-cutting! No toting of sewing machines and basic sewing supplies! Bring only yourself and your nametag! Friends are also worthy bring-alongs.

January 20 - Cuddle Care "Wonky Workshop" - Mary Cleary - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

The January 20 Cuddle Care meeting by Mary Cleary will be a "Wonky Workshop" where participants will create their own quilt tops from provided fabric blocks of different sizes. Members will need to bring their sewing machines, various colored threads, irons & pressing boards, rotary cutters & cutting mats, but most of all their creativity.

February 3 - Reverse Applique Valentine's Mug Rug - Kim Wright - 6:30 p.m.

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

We'll be making a raw-edge, reverse applique Valentine's mug rug at the evening meeting in February. You'll need three squares of fabric (two contrasting for the front and one for the back), batting and basic sewing supplies, including a small pair of scissors.

Valentine's Mug Rug Supplies

- Basic sewing supplies
- Three 9" squares of fabric - two contrasting for front and one for backing
- One 8.5" square of double-sided, ultra-light fusible interfacing
- One 8.5" square of cotton batting
- Small scissors with sharp tip

Upcoming Programs - continued

February 17 - KHQS Road Show/Fabric Cutting 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Kentucky Room, The Jeffersonian

Every year the president of Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society offers a challenge to its members, and the following year those quilts are passed among quilting groups and other organizations for the KYQS Road Show. Since we were not able to have the quilt show in 2020, on February 17 we will have a presentation of the quilts which were part of the 2020 AND the 2021 Road Show. The theme for 2020 was "It's All In the Details" and the theme for 2021 was "Location, Location, Location". These quilts are always quite the inspiration!

After the program, members who wish to stay into the afternoon are invited to cut fabric. There have been so many fabric donations to LNT that it will be helpful to cut as much fabric as possible before pricing day which will be Wednesday, March 9, 2022.



March 3 - Prairie Points - Becky Conkling - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Kentucky Room, The Jeffersonian

The March night meeting will be all about prairie points. They aren't just for fancy edges on your quilts, wall hangings and Christmas tree skirts. At the meeting, we will be sewing a block using prairie points as an embellishment. The design of the block and fabric requirements are still being determined and will be provided before the meeting date. It just might help decrease your scraps! Bring your sewing machines, irons and ironing pads/boards, neutral thread and bobbin, and straight pins.



March 17 - Scrap Buster Block, 2.5" strips - Charlie Smith - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

This block was inspired by Lynne Wilson from Australia. I saw a video on a By Annie Live segment with Lynne Wilson as the speaker. Then, I made up my own rules.....and with my rules, there are no rules!

- We all have leftover 2.5" strips. Let's put them to good use. Bring them ALL to the class, as you won't know which ones you want to use!
- We all have that 'face palm' fabric. That fabric we own that everytime we look at it we think: "What was I thinking?" Bring it too! Let's use it!
- We will also need a center square to build our block around. Bring several blocks with you. Anywhere from 3.5" to 5" squares. I used a 3.5 inch in my sample, Lynne uses a 5" charm square. There are no rules in this block! Do what you want with what you have!
- Bring a marking pencil and a ruler.
- Bring your good humor and let's have fun!!!!
- The strips will be sewn onto the foundation (face palm) fabric and it will never be seen again!
- Cut your awful fabric anywhere from 14"-16" squares. Doesn't matter. Bring several to class in case you want to make several blocks.

Don't cut your strips until we do this together!

Make 1 block, turn it into a pillow. Make several blocks, make a quilt. Do what makes you happy! That is the joy of this simple block!

Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2022 Board of Directors

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