

Nifty Needles Quilt Guild Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 20 & 21—Retreat at Extension Office
October 31—Monthly Meeting
November 17 & 18 – Retreat at Extension Office
November 28—Monthly Meeting
December 1—Retreat
December 2—Annual Christmas Party

October Program

The agenda for the October meeting includes the Warm Winter Welcome Quilt Show, downtown Paris, and we will discuss the Christmas party!
Show and Tell: Following up on the fabric selections program, please bring your Underground Railroad quilt or Spring Brook Blossom quilt, so we can compare individual interpretations.
It's Halloween! It's Halloween!
Allow your inner ghoul to express itself!
Festive attire welcome and encouraged.

October Refreshment Hostesses:

Julie Gilchrist
Katy Taylor
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No tricks, only treats!

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Nifty Needles Quilt Guild Meeting, September 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order by our President, Shirley Gentry.

There were 26 members and guests present.

Treasurer's report by Cheryl Royalty:

Bank balance as of 09/25/2023 \$1608.34

Door Prize balance as of 09/25/2023 \$88.00

The door prize was won by Mary Pochodzay!

Our next retreat weekend is October 20 and 21st. Our next meeting is on October 31, 2023. We look forward to some Halloween tricks and treats.

September's minutes and notes from the President were posted on our Facebook site. We may make this permanent if we are able to.

Ellyse Poole gave us a wonderful presentation on fabric choices and color strategies when creating pathways for our quilts. Great job Ellyse!

Emily Haeflic from ECU is making a documentary on quilting, she was here for our August meeting. Please consider helping her with her project by sharing your journey in quilting. We have many ladies who could help make a tremendous impact on her research.

New Business:

It is time to renew your membership. The cost remains \$15.00. If you know of someone who would like to join, please bring them to our next meeting or retreat.

Our guest speaker for November will be Mary Beth Dunn. She will have a truck show. She is also willing to come back and teach a class at one of our retreats on how to select a pattern and colors to make a panel quilt. Right up my alley! I met her at a Festival in Marion County and her work is outstanding.

Warm Winter Welcome will be in Paris, KY, in January 2024. Can we get some ladies to display their quilts in some of the storefronts downtown. If you will, I will! Please help us to show the people of Paris who we are and the talents we have, and hopefully draw new members to our guild.

Sherry Schneider left some leaflets to order new Nifty Needle shirts. Hopefully she will be taking orders at our next meeting.

All of our officers' terms are up at the end of this year. Please consider taking the time to be a new officer for the next 2-year term, 2024-2025.

Old Business:

Thank you to members that have dropped off 2 ½" strips for our quilts of comfort. They can be found in a box in our cabinet. You can drop off or pick up fabric.

Our Log Cabin Raffle quilt is making progress, all kits have been taken. Please return them as soon as possible. We plan to join the blocks in January 2024. Get it to a long arm lady in February and complete it by the first of April.

Our annual Christmas party will be December 2, 2023.

December 1st will be a retreat day. More information to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Crump,

Secretary, Nifty Needles Quilt Guild



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Quilting Friends,

One of the many things I love about quilting and quilters is that each of us put our individual stamp on our projects. Give ten quilters the same pattern, and you will end up with ten different approaches to the quilt. Consider the options-- fabric: colors, hue, print, including scale, or solids. How the quilt will be finished: binding, quilting pattern, and more. Some personalize their quilts with embellishments, decorative labels, and more. Do you have a signature style? Recently I watched a video of a gallery exhibit of antique and vintage quilt. The curator bemoaned the lack of labels which would have given today's audience a better understanding of these works.

At last month's meeting, Ellyse Poole spoke about selecting fabric for our quilts. Most people either love or hate making these decisions. Two quilt patterns that many of us have made were Underground Railroad, and Spring Brook Blossoms. There are others, of course, but both of those show a lot of variety and individual interpretation. Would you please bring yours to Show and Tell this month? It would be fun to compare the different approaches.

This is your Guild. What would you like to do in the coming year?

Regards,
Shirley

RAFFLE QUILT

The Log Cabin Guild raffle quilt is shaping up! Kits have been assembled, making it easy to make a block to contribute. We plan to join the blocks at the January retreat. Hopefully, we will take the top quilt to be quilted in February. Please come to help out. This will be a stunning quilt, and a prize worth winning.

TIME TO RE-UP!

It's time to renew your dues for Nifty Needles, which include membership in the Bourbon County Extension Homemakers Association. Dues remain \$15 per year, and should be in by November 1. We will be taking up dues at the October meeting. Please join us again for the coming year, and thank you for the members which have already submitted their dues.

Four Different Approaches to the Underground Railroad Quilt

