

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Nov. 4: Erin Underwood. Lecture: "From Then to Now—A Trunk Show of my Quilting Life."

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Nov 8-17: Quilters Quest. Visit all ten shops that are participating this year. Find out all about it at www.quiltersquest.org.

[Patches Quilting](#) still has space available on their November 9 & 11 bus.

Nov 22: Anita Goodesign at Capital Quilts. Machine embroidery workshop. Each attendee will receive a kit containing all materials to make a pillow top plus a goody-bag of Anita Goodesign products valued at \$59.95. The class is from 10:30-1:30 and costs \$30.

Dec 6-8: [Bellwether Dry Goods](#) Open House & Quilt Sale, 137 Bayard Rd., Lothian, MD. Quilts on display and for sale.

Dec 7: Handi-Quilter Holiday Open House at [Capital Quilts](#), Gaithersburg, MD. All HQ accessories and machines will be on sale, 20% off MSRP. Demonstrations and mini classes scheduled throughout the day.

Meetings

Guild meetings are normally at 7:30pm on the 1st Monday of the month at: Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8921 Warfield Rd. Gaithersburg, MD

Inclement Weather: If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, the FSQ meeting will also be cancelled. Cancellations of MCPS activities are posted on <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/>. We will try to put a message on our Website once a decision has been made.

Workshops

Workshops are normally at: Hampton Inn & Suites 960 N Frederick Ave Gaithersburg, MD 20879

To sign up for a workshop, stop by the Program Desk at a Guild meeting. Between meetings call or e-mail the Programs Chair. Registration forms with workshop fees are on the FSQ Website: www.friendshipstar.org

Note that FSQ workshops are opened to non-members two months prior to the workshop. We hope that this will encourage more of our members to sign up early and will defray the costs of workshops and lectures.

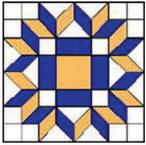
Service Projects

Service Projects are usually held at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD

Fabric of the Month November

12" Nine patch block. Corners and center in shades of blue or purple, the other squares in off-white or beige. See [FSQ website](#) for more information.





President's Message

Karen Moss

The past few months for me have been about getting some of my “stale” projects out of the closet and deciding to either finish them or put them in the bin of items for our yard sale next year. I did find some that I decided to finish, so I've been busily trying to do so. I've completed two projects, but now I have to figure out how to quilt them. Do I attempt to do the larger quilts myself or send them out? I actually have 5 tops waiting to get to the REALLY completed stage.

Which brings me to a discussion we had at a recent mini-group session. Do you feel like it's still your quilt if you send it out to be quilted by a professional long arm quilter? I know I struggle with that every time I send a quilt out and it's returned. I feel like it's still my quilt but we all know that many times it's the quilting that brings it to life. I'm even contemplating the purchase of a long arm quilt machine, which is not a minor purchase and must be thoroughly researched while at the same time figuring out whether it's cost beneficial in the long run. But, then again, I must remember that I spent a lot of time lovingly piecing

those bigger quilts...getting those seams to match and not cutting off those star or geese points. The quilting is always beautiful, but when you show the quilt to someone, isn't it usually the design and artistry that brings the first “oohs” and “awws” reaction...and then they focus on the quilting? I wonder how the rest of you feel about this dilemma. If you have comments, why not post them on the FSQ Facebook page; I'd love to know. In the meantime, I'll still send out those bigger quilts; 'cause there's no way I'm quilting them on my home machine!

I hope you all have a great November with a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah which begins the day BEFORE Thanksgiving this year!

Happy Quilting!

Karen



2014 Ultimate Guild Challenge

Pat Vasaio

2014 Ultimate Guild Challenge - A CABIN IN THE WOODS

The theme for the 2014 AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge for FSQ is "A Cabin in the Woods". Use your imagination to create a quilt that represents a cabin in the woods. You can use blocks that have "cabin", "woods", or "tree" in the name. You can use fabric with wood grain design or leaves. Your cabin can be a traditional log cabin, a chalet, an A-frame, or an imaginary cabin. Your woods can be a rain forest, jungle, petrified forest, or it can be an

imaginary woods, on this planet or on another. The challenge is to add at least one applique element to the front side of your quilt. The applique can be hand or machine applique and can be no smaller than the size of an American dime. Of course, if you wish, your quilt can be completely applique. Follow the rules posted on the [FSQ website](#). Contact the FSQ co-chairs, Linda Duzick or Pat Vasaio at challenge@friendshipstar.org if you have any questions. Quilts are due at the March 2014 Guild Meeting to meet the April AQS deadline.



Service Projects Update

Nancy Brennan & Anne Weaver

We've just received word that our Montgomery County chapter of Project Linus will be switching national affiliations and will most likely become a chapter of Warm Up America. They made this decision because of a requirement on the part of Project Linus they raise funds, in addition to all the in-kind work they are doing as volunteers. They will continue to donate our quilts to the same hospitals and other organizations as in the past. As their local coordinator explained it to us, "Only our name will change." We thank them for the work they are doing

to spread warmth and comfort across the county.

November's Service Projects workshops will be on Thursday, 11/14, and Tuesday, 11/19. We meet from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road. Bring your sewing machine or just bring yourself. There's always plenty to do!

Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.

E-mail to ServProj@friendshipstar.org



FSQ 2014 January Retreat

Nancy Brennan and Teresa Peterson

The January 2014 FSQ Retreat Weekend is fast approaching. Are you thinking about the projects that you will bring?

The Retreat is full but we are taking names for the waiting list. Quilters on the waiting list often get to attend the retreat because someone who signed up early is unable to attend. Please get in touch with

either Nancy Brennan or Teresa Peterson if you have questions or would like to be put on the waiting list.

E-mail to Retreats@friendshipstar.org



FSQ 2014 June Retreat

Nancy Brennan and Teresa Peterson

We will begin collecting a **non-refundable** \$50 deposit for the FSQ Retreat at [Rhodes Grove Camp and Conference Center](#) in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania from Friday, June 6th through Sunday, June 8th, 2014. The cost for the weekend is \$209 per person, double occupancy in a hotel-style room and includes Friday dinner, three meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

The remaining balance (\$159) will be due at the February 3rd, 2014 Guild meeting. You can also send your checks to Nancy Brennan, (address is in the Friendship Star 2014 Yearbook)

The deposit and the balance are **non-refundable** because we must guarantee a minimum number of 36 attendees or the Guild will incur a significant financial penalty. If the minimum number of guild members does not sign up for the retreat by the February deadline, we will open up retreat attendance to non-FSQ members. We hope you can join us.

For questions or additional information, contact Teresa Peterson or Nancy Brennan.

E-mail to Retreats@friendshipstar.org



14th Annual Patuxent Institute for Women Quilt Show

Alice Washburn

Members of FSQ service projects have generously shared fabrics...especially welcome are pre-printed panels...with the women at the Patuxent Institute for

Women in Jessup, MD. In appreciation for these and other quilting supplies, an invitation has been extended to their annual quilt show on Wednesday, November 13th. Quilts made by the "Circle of Friends" quilters

will be displayed and refreshments served. Details are in the flyer below. It is an eye-opening experience to walk within a prison, and to see what these women have accomplished, mostly by hand-sewing in their own rooms at the prison.

Any FSQ member who would like to attend needs to register by November 6th as stated in the flyer. I'll be glad to take two or three in my car...just contact me.

Thanks,

Alice

You are cordially invited to the
14th Annual PIW Quilt Show

of the

Circle of Friends Quilters

at the

Patuxent Institute for Women

Rt. 175, East of Rt. 1

Jessup, Maryland

on

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For information or to register, please call:

Sandy McDonald - 410-461-4337

Inge Stocklin - 301-490-3544

You must register by November 6, 2013, in order to attend the show.

Directions:

The Patuxent Institution is on Rt. 175, about 1 mile East of Rt. 1 in Jessup, MD (on the left just after the 4 lanes merge into 2). The phone number is 410-799-3400. In order to enter the prison, you must enter at the main entrance (door marked "Employee"). Your name will appear on a list provided to the prison by Sandy McDonald. You will walk through an electronic scanner and be patted down by a female officer. (DO NOT wear an underwire bra. The scanner doesn't like it! Also, please do not wear any sheer or translucent tops.) Purses, money, and cameras will NOT be allowed into the prison, so lock them in your trunk. You may bring in your car keys and you must have a photo ID. After being checked in, we will be escorted in a group to the quilt show by an officer. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy McDonald. Please plan to arrive at the prison by 12:30 p.m. The Circle of Friends Quilters at PIW and the volunteers are looking forward to welcoming you to the 14th Annual PIW Quilt Show. Please RSVP no later than November 6, 2013.



FSQ 2014 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales and Marketing

Anne Flagg and Harriet Sheinson

We just wanted to keep you posted on what is happening with our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. September was a wonderful month with lots of activity and a very successful PA Oaks Extravaganza where we earned \$ 936 and we sold 1,052 tickets. Our total income from ticket sales this year is \$1,526 and the total of tickets sold is 1,752.

October has been slow, but with the government shut down and people's low spirits, no wonder...so now that that is all over, we look forward to Quilters' Quest coming and with it FSQ has a great chance to sell even more tickets at Capital Quilts from Nov. 8-17. If you have time and would like to go to Capital Quilts and volunteer, please contact Harriet via e-mail Raffle_Quilt_Marketing@friendshipstar.org. There are still many slots open, so figure out what your

schedule is and write.

Don't forget that at the November meeting, Anne will be sitting in the lobby before the meeting and during the break ready to give out your envelopes containing raffles to sell (and a beautiful picture of the quilt's front and back) and/or take your money and stubs.

FSQ needs your help to sell tickets so that we can fund our program expense and help the charities help others. That's what friendship is all about. Thanks in advance for your help.

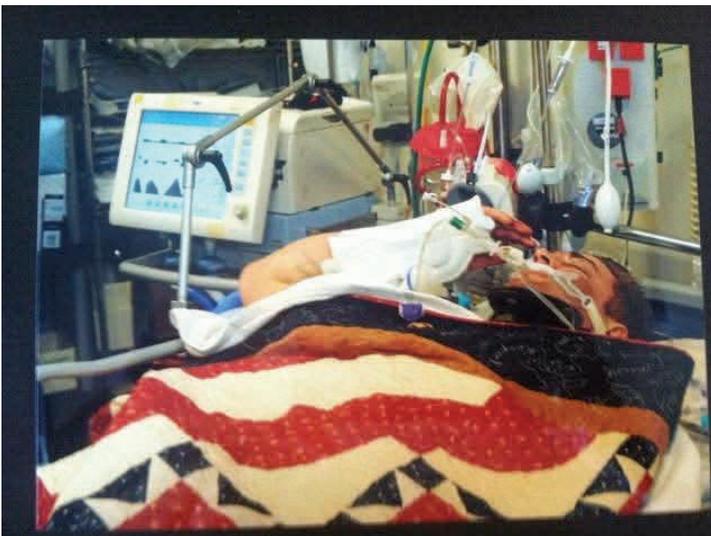
For more information on Raffle Quilt Marketing (Harriet Sheinson) or Ticket Sales (Anne Flagg), please e-mail to:

Raffle_Quilt_Marketing@friendshipstar.org

Raffle_Quilt_Tickets@friendshipstar.org

The Salute Seen Around the World

Barbara Bean



I'm sure you all have heard by now of the brave soldier who recently received the Purple Heart medal from his commanding officer while recovering in the hospital from a suicide bomber in Afghanistan.

Everyone in the hospital room thought he was unconscious, yet he bravely managed to salute his CO.

While reading the posts on my Yahoo Groups, I came across one that pointed out that the quilt covering the soldier was a Quilt of Valor quilt. I thought you all would be interested in reading the soldier's story.

[Click here](#) to see a short video of this amazing story of bravery and honor.

For more on Quilts of Valor, check out this [YouTube video](#).



FSQ Programs Updates

Joanne Duchez

PROGRAMS UPDATES

Monday, November 4, 2013 Guild Meeting
Speaker is Erin Underwood.

Erin's lecture "From Then to Now – A Trunk Show of My Quilting Life" covers the ups and downs of beginning a journey into the professional quilting arena! Join Erin as she talks about her decision to forgo a regular paycheck and follow her passion. Why she strove to share and sell her work? How does she do it? See what worked well and what didn't. And most importantly, find out if a professional quilter can make a living wage – or if she even wants to...

FYI. No Workshop in November.

First annual FSQ Yard Sale Moves to June 2014

The yard sale originally set for April 2014 is moving to the June 2, 2014 meeting. We'll have the yard sale after the business meeting and throughout the June party. Just think, you can shop and eat at the same event! All proceeds of the yard sale go to FSQ to help defray costs for lecturers and workshops.

Donate fabric, tools, and books to the FSQ yard sale. Bring your donations to any Guild

Meeting. There will be a basket in the atrium marked for the Yard Sale. Please donate quilt-quality fabric only, yardage or fat squares. We only want to include the quality of fabric you would want to purchase for quilt making. Do not donate dress or home decorating fabric for this event.

Questions or large donations? Contact programs@friendshipstar.org

SHOW AND TELL DISPLAY

Some members have asked if there is a way to get a better view of the Show & Tell items. So, starting with the November meeting, we will try out a new display approach to provide an up close and personal look. Show & Tell quilts and other products will be displayed on the pews in the far left side of the sanctuary before the business meeting and during the break. Don't worry; we will still have the Show & Tell presentations during the second half of the meeting. This preview display of your projects is completely voluntary, so, if you would rather wait to present your project on stage, that is perfectly fine.



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

Patricia McAuliffe
Montgomery Village, MD 20886
B'day: 23 Feb

Jennifer Rossmere
Rockville, MD 20853
B'day: 13 May

Maryjean Spencer
Gaithersburg, MD 20882
B'day: 10 Aug

Bonnie Van Veldhuizen
Montgomery Village, MD 20886
B'day: 13 June

Because we are publishing our newsletters on our Web Site, we will no longer publish personal information such as addresses, phone numbers and personal e-mail addresses. All of the e-mail links for officers and committee chairs/members in the newsletter are directed to an FSQ e-mail address.



November Birthdays—Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

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| Susan Holman | Nov 5 |
| Patricia Lefevre | Nov 5 |
| Karen Slayton | Nov 5 |
| Laurie Bay | Nov 11 |
| Cheryl Vanvliet | Nov 11 |
| Sandra Chin | Nov 15 |
| Mary Lou Dungan | Nov 15 |
| Mary Brantley | Nov 16 |
| Ann Ramey-Smith | Nov 17 |
| Marie Quattrociocchi | Nov 18 |
| Nancy Brennan | Nov 24 |
| Barbara Dryden | Nov 26 |
| Dorothy Acton | Nov 27 |
| Jane Phillips | Nov 27 |
| Elizabeth Plantz | Nov 28 |

Aloha



It is with mixed feelings that I bid you all "aloha." I've met so many wonderful quilters and friends through FSQ, and I will miss you. My husband and I look forward to being reunited with our family and friends in Hawaii. We will be flying the friendly skies on November 9. Happy Quilting! Estelle Inn

Thank you, Estelle



Elected Officers		
President	Karen Moss	prez@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Nancy Colladay	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer	Pam Compton	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Ellie Madjedi	Secy@friendshipstar.org



Committee Chairs

AQS Book Sales	Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Anne Flaggs
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2014	No Quilt Show for 2014
Guild Pin Sales	Suma Glassman	Retreats	Nancy Brennan and Teresa Peterson
Hospitality	Barbara Kilby	Secret Sisters	Laurie Bay and Sharon Vilorio
Library	Susan Entwistle	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Teresa Peterson	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Newsletter	Barbara Bean	Small Group Coordinator	Vacant
Newsletter Production	Sandra Chin	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Harriet Sheinson	Webmistress	Barbara Bean



Executive Board Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

All members are invited to attend Executive Board meetings held at Karen Moss' home at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to submit an item for discussion but are unable to attend please e-mail the information to [Karen Moss](#), or provide it in writing at a guild meeting.

August 27, 2013
 October 22, 2013
 January 21, 2014
 March 25, 2014
 May 20, 2014

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