

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Dec. 2: Holiday Party/Pot Luck — Bring food or a beverage. No workshop in December.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Dec 5: Service Projects Holiday Lunch at Jane Phillips'

Dec 5: "Dyeing with Resists." Nimble Fingers Quilters will be hosting renowned quilter, fabric artist and designer, Malka Dubrawsky, at the Potomac Community Center from 11 to 4:30. Cost is \$60 for non-members. Contact [Susan Sellers](mailto:Susan.Sellers@friendshipstar.org).

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.

Dec 20, 2013—Apr 27, 2014: The [National Museum of Women in the Arts](#) upcoming exhibition "[Workt by Hand](#)": [Hidden Labor and Historical Quilts](#) explores the presentation, contextualization and interpretation of historical quilts, showcasing 35 18th–20th century quilts from the Brooklyn Museum's renowned decorative arts collection.

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.

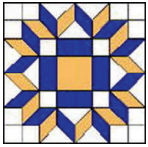
Service Projects

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

Fabric of the Month December

Winter or holiday fabric in blues, whites, and/or silver.





President's Message

Karen Moss

Happy Fall...oh no...I mean Happy Winter, right? What season is this? With these up and down temperatures it's sure hard to tell what time of the year it is! This is an update on my quilt progress I mentioned in the last Newsletter...I've turned in 3 (count 'em, THREE) quilts to the Longarm Quilter. That felt good! To get them off my plate and onto someone else's. But, I did quilt up the next two that are ready for the binding and 2 more ready and waiting to quilt on my own machine. Wow...that felt good to get some of those tops done and to the next step. I must now tackle my quilt fabric to get it back into some form of organization; but that will have to wait until after the first of the year.

I promised my husband that after my quilting rally, I would tackle getting the basement back into some form of neatness. It's not too bad; it's really that huge pile of stuff that I brought home from work when I retired at the end of 2009. OK...it was still in the garage at the end of 2010 and in early 2011 I had to move it from the garage to the basement when my stepdaughter's boyfriend needed a place to park his motorcycle to keep it safe; don't ask...that's another story for another time! So, I willingly (?) moved (piled)

all that IMPORTANT stuff to the freshly organized basement we had just completed along with a professional organizer. OK...fast forward to the end of 2013 and now I've been retired for four years. I could understand a year; I mean what if they NEEDED something from me or had a question about that really important project I worked on a gazillion years ago. Yeah, right! So, I'm finally going to bring down the recycle bin and start a pitching fit. I'm sure I should wear one of those face masks, the dust will be that bad! And, just in case you're worried about any secret Government information getting into the wrong hands at the recycling center...I of course will shred the good stuff!

Are we THAT close to 2014? Well, the good thing is that our annual (soon to be biannual) quilt retreat is right around the corner; definitely looking forward to the time of uninterrupted "quiltitude."

I wish for everyone to have wonderful, happy, memorable holidays over the coming weeks!

Happy Quilting!

Karen



Guild Meeting Minutes—November 4, 2013

Karen Moss

FSQ President, Karen Moss, opened the meeting by welcoming new members and guests.

Karen made the following announcements:

- There were no minutes from the October meeting to approve this month which led her to the announcement that Ellie has had to step down as FSQ Secretary. Therefore, we are in need of an FSQ Secretary. Anyone interested in filling this position, please let me know. The secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of the guild and board meetings and conducts the correspondence of FSQ as directed by the Executive Board. Note: After break it was announced that we did have someone step forward to be nominated as FSQ Secretary; Anne Ramey-Smith volunteered to be nominated for secretary. Any additional members who would like to be included in the nominations, please contact me

ASAP. Voting will be held at our December meeting.

- At the last Executive Board meeting it was moved and approved to begin to place the Newsletter on the website so that the general public can read it. We have taken steps to remove any personal contact information from the newsletter such as addresses, phone numbers and emails.
- The board also decided that FSQ will maintain the member directory on the website under the Members Only area. This is where updates will be posted as changes are made. In addition the Library holdings will be posted to the website soon.
- The 2013/2014 Opportunity quilt has been appraised for \$2,945. Insurance has been retained for the quilt.

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- Harriet Sheinson, our Quilt Marketer, is looking for members to take the opportunity quilt out to venues to display and sell tickets. Please contact her to let her know where and when you can take the quilt. We have a list of other guilds that we can take and display/sell tickets and when she has firm dates she will email and announce those days to get volunteers to help take the quilt to those meetings.
- Reminder that Quilters Quest starts on November 7 and continues through November 18. And...once again Capital Quilts has generously agreed to let us display and sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt during the Quest.
- The Board is pleased to announce that a decision on the date for the 2015 Quilt Show has been made and we have secured the MC Fairgrounds for April 24-26, 2015; with show set up to begin on the 23rd.
- The Board is also pleased to announce that the mini-group, The Sophisticated Ladies, will be coordinating the 2014-2015 Opportunity Quilt. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming months.
- And now that we have a date for the next quilt show, we are now soliciting a Quilt Show Chair and Co-Chair. Please let me know if you're interested in these positions.
- Barbara Kilby couldn't be with us tonight, but she wanted me to remind everyone that next month is our holiday party and asks that members bring food to share. She'll email during the month to remind everyone.

Additional Announcements:

- Pat Vasaio updated everyone with details for the upcoming Sit-n-Sew sessions and the new location



Circle of Friends Quilters at PIW

Anne Weaver

Last month several members attended the 14th Annual Quilt Show of the Circle of Friends Quilters at the Patuxent Institute for Women. This was a special show in many ways.

which will be at the Hampton Inn on Rt. 355 near COSTCO. She will email reminders and directions.

- JoAnne Duchez talked about the upcoming programs schedule. She reminded everyone that February's workshop with Victoria Findlay Wolfe; Intuition Quilts still had openings and that after the December meeting, she would be opening up the class to other guilds. Victoria is one of the leading figures in the new Modern Quilting movement. Don't miss your opportunity to attend the workshop.
- JoAnne also announced a trial run of displaying our show and tell quilts and projects out on the pews prior to having them on stage. This is voluntary only. The thought is that this will give everyone a chance to see the projects up close before they're whisked across the stage.
- Laurie Bay introduced our guest speaker, Erin Underwood. Her lecture was fun and informative as she talked about her quilting journey.
- After a short break, members displayed their latest accomplishments in show and tell.
- Winners of the 9-Patch Block Raffle were: Anne Trudel, Sandra Chin, Dottie Acton and Service Projects
- Winners of the door prizes were: Veronica Smith, Nancy Zachik, Nicki Lynch, Anne Trudel, Rosie Hormuth, Karen Slayton, Cathy Berman and Sandra Chin

Congratulations all !

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Karen Moss

Eleven residents made 124 quilts this past year. Residents cannot keep these quilts and at the end of the show, all were donated to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Hyattsville and to the

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children in residence at Villa Maria in Timonium. The charities were chosen by the women and the quilts are their way of giving back to the community.

These quilters only have access to a sewing machine on Friday afternoons when volunteers visit to provide quilting supplies and assistance. The majority of the quilts are pieced and quilted by hand in the residents' rooms where only one needle and thread are allowed.

The women design their own quilts or choose to

quilt a panel. The hand piecing, applique and hand quilting on the quilts was exceptional. Two of the quilts won ribbons at the Howard County Fair this year.

The residents asked for donations of orphan blocks for next year's quilts. If you have an extra block or two from a completed project or an odd block from a class that you would like to donate to the Circle of Friends Quilters, please contact Alice Washburn.



FSQ 2014 January Retreat

Teresa Peterson

The January 2014 FSQ Retreat Weekend is just two months away. We hope you have started thinking about what projects you will bring to work on.

Even though the Retreat is full, we are still taking names for the waiting list. Many times an original

registrant is unable to attend and someone on the waiting list is able to attend the weekend. There is no cost to be on the waiting list. Please contact Nancy Brennan or Teresa Peterson if you have questions or would like to be added to the waiting list.



FSQ 2014 June Retreat

Nancy Brennan and Teresa Peterson

We will again be collecting a **non-refundable** \$50 deposit for the FSQ Retreat at Rhodes Grove Camp and Conference Center in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The dates are 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 deposit to Nancy Brennan.

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 are not signed 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. We hope to see you there.



Service Projects

Anne Weaver, Nancy Brennan

Comfort Cases for Foster Children

We wanted to share this amazing photo of the **61 fleece blankets** finished at the Service Projects workshop on November 19. They are for a project started by a member of Fairhaven United Methodist Church, which has generously provided storage and work space for us to meet. Rob Chasteen, himself a former foster child, has fostered and then adopted 4 children, 2 sets of siblings. He remembers arriving at his first foster home carrying all his belongings in a garbage bag, as did his own children when they arrived at his home.

Rob has enlisted the church's help to create "comfort cases" to give to each new foster child entering the system through the National Center for Families and Children in Bethesda. They would consist of a backpack/duffel bag/small suitcase packed with a fleece blanket, new PJs, a small stuffed animal, toiletries, etc. Jane Phillips, who is a member of both FSQ and the church, reached out to us to help with the project, and got us so well organized that day that we were able not only to complete these 61 fleece blankets, but also continue our regular work tying and binding quilts.

We will continue to work on this project every couple of months since foster children continue to enter the system and need the warmth and comfort these blankets provide.

If you'd like to help with this project we'd love to have donations of fleece appropriate for infants through teens, as well as ribbon (at least 1/2" wide) to tie up the blankets.

If you'd like to make blankets yourself and donate them, these are the sizes we made. They are approximations, so feel free to vary them.

- infant sized, 26 x 30
- small, 30 x 40
- medium 40 x 50, or full width of fleece (58) large 50 x 60, or full width of fleece (58)

You can finish the edge by folding and then using a decorative stitch, or you can just cut the edge with a decorative rotary cutter. We found the folded and sewn edge was a bit less stretchy, but the important point is that the children have something warm, cuddly and new to take with them.

If you have questions or would like to donate fleece, ribbon or finished blankets, please contact Anne Weaver, Nancy Brennan or Jane Phillips. Thank you!

December Service Project Workshop dates:
Thursday, December 5th and Tuesday December 17th



Services Projects—Holiday Lunch

Nancy Brennan and Anne Weaver

Jane Phillips has invited us once again to her home for our potluck holiday lunch after our next service projects workshop on Thursday, December 5. Nancy and Anne will make soup, Jane will provide paper products and utensils and, if you'd like to bring a dish to share, we could use drinks, salads, veggies, dips, cheese/crackers, and, of course, dessert.

Please let us know if you plan to be there and, if

you'd like to bring something.

Jane lives only about a mile west of the church. If your dish needs refrigeration, we will be able to use the refrigerator at the church in the morning.

We hope to see as many of you as possible. We love the chance to relax and visit with each other.

See you then!

Nancy and Anne



FSQ Program Reminders for December

Joanne Duchez

Holiday Party in December

December is party time! Join us for feasting and friendship. Bring a dish to share. No sign-up for food is required, but it always works out and we have plenty of all types of food.

February Workshop—Victoria Findlay

Be sure to sign up for the Victoria Findlay Wolfe workshop scheduled for February 2. Bring your checkbook to the guild meeting or send your registration form and money to JoAnne DuChez. See the website for registration form. Make the check (\$50)

out to FSQ. Please see the guild membership list for JoAnne's address. Remember that after the December meeting the workshop will be open to other Guilds.

Yard Sale in June

Donations for the June 2014 Yard Sale will be collected in the atrium at all guild meetings. Please consider contributing quilt quality fabric, book, notions (no magazines) and drop them in the Yard Sale container.



Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

Barbara Kilby

FSQ Hollywood (Holiday) Party

Put on some glitter and celebrate at our annual "Hollywood"/Holiday Party at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 2, 2013. Bring a beverage or a party dish to share – something festive, glamorous, or holiday dessert-ish would be appropriate. (Include a serving utensil, please.) We provide the plates, forks and napkins, and all your quilting friends will be there.

Holiday Gift exchange (optional) -- pack up a little gift bag of NEW quilt-related items, suggested total value \$15.00. Put your name on a card inside the package so the recipient will know whom to thank. Bring your gift to the party to delight a fellow quilter. Fat quarters, tools, small kits, embellishments, and

chocolate are all appreciated. Tickets will be drawn at random to receive the presents. P.S. Brand-new items only; save your white elephants for the yard sale.

Help Wanted: One person to bring ice;

Two to help with food setup at 7:00; and

Three to help straighten up after the festivities.

Please call 301-208-0726 to volunteer.

See you at the party!

Barbara Kilby





Directory Updates: New Member

Teresa Peterson

Sandy Davis
Frederick, MD
B'day: May 28

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.



December Birthdays—Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Monika Tomlinson	Dec 4
Deborah Chubb	Dec 5
Nicki Lynch	Dec 9
Barbara Morten	Dec 18
Judy Walsh	Dec 23
Jeanne Burke	Dec 31



Happy Holidays



Elected Officers		
President	Karen Moss	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Treasurer	Pam Compton	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Vacant	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
 November 26, 2013 (6:30 pm)
 January 21, 2014
 March 25, 2014
 May 20, 2014

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