

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Dec 1: FSQ Guild Meeting — Holiday Party. Bring a food item or beverage to share. For those who wish to exchange gifts, bring a wrapped gift (between \$10-\$15).

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Dec 12-13: The Enlightened Quilter with Handi Quilter Educator, Diane Henry at [Capital Quilts](http://CapitalQuilts.com). Friday 10-1: Fun of Finishing ; Friday 2-5: Sixteen Tips for Sweet Success ; Saturday 10-1: Rule Your Quilt ; Saturday 2-5: Exploding Out of the Block: Extending Designs . Cost is \$30 per session.

Dec 5-7: [Bellwether Dry Goods](http://BellwetherDryGoods.com) Annual Open House and Quilt Sale, 10am-4pm. Located at 137 Bayard Rd., Lothian, MD 20711. Phone: 410-867-0665. www.Facebook.com/BellwetherDryGoods

Guild Members: If you know of any upcoming events that are newsworthy, please let me know. I will be requesting articles for the January, 2015 newsletter around December 20. Thanks.

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

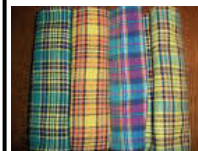
To sign up for a workshop, stop by the Program Desk at a Guild meeting. Between meetings call or e-mail the [Programs Chair](mailto:ProgramsChair@friendshipstar.org). Registration forms with workshop fees are on the FSQ Website: www.friendshipstar.org

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.

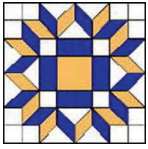
Service Projects

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

Fabric of the Month December



Plaid Fat Quarters



President's Message

Dottie Acton

November has been such a busy and fun-filled month, and I'm sure that December will be even better. I guess that one of the most pleasantly surprising events of November was renewing my driver's license – I got to the Gaithersburg DMV office at 8:30, just as they were opening, and was on my way home before 9:00. It really pays to get up early once in a while.

Last month at the Guild Meeting, I put out the Question Box for the first time and asked how many quilts each of you were planning on making for the show. Twenty eight members responded, with most planning on making 2-4 quilts. Five ambitious members plan on about 10 or more quilts each. In total, the 28 members who responded will provide about 100 quilts, which is half of what we need for a successful show. Since the members who responded represent only a quarter of our guild, we'll have plenty of quilts to display if everyone pitches in. I hope you are all able to take a few hours a week during these busy times to make beautiful quilts for our show.

I started making my Service Project Challenge Quilt two weeks ago. It isn't anything fancy – just some airplanes and clouds – but I hope it will bring joy to some child with a dream of being a pilot. All of our challenges are fun, but the Service Project Challenge is especially important because it lets us help others through our love of quilting.

Instead of going on the Quilter's Quest this year, I spent four shifts at Capital Quilts, selling raffle quilt tickets. My wallet suffered, of course, but probably not as much as it would if I had gone to all ten quilt shops. The best part of selling raffle quilt tickets is hearing all the comments about how beautiful our quilt is, and meeting a lot of friendly quilters. Several of the quilters that I met were local, and did not belong to a guild, so maybe they will consider joining Friendship Star.

I hope to see all of you at the December Guild party. What a great way to start the month!

Dottie



Minutes of the November 3, 2014 FSQ meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

The November 3, 2014, meeting of the Friendship Star Quilters (FSQ) was held at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. Dottie Acton, guild president, called the meeting to order.

- The minutes of the October guild meeting were approved as published in the *Quiltline* newsletter.
- Dottie Acton requested a volunteer to co-chair the library committee with Susan Entwistle. Jennifer Rossmere volunteered.
- Kits were available in the rear of the meeting room for service projects, including quilt tops, pillow cases, and premie kits. (Contact: Suma Glassman)
- Dottie introduced a new activity for guild meetings, Question of the Month. A box will be placed in the front of the meeting room for members to record their answers. No signature is needed. The question posed for the November 3rd meeting was, "How many quilts will you enter in the 2015 FSQ quilt show?" The question

suggested for the December meeting is, "What kind of sewing machine do you own?" (Contact: Dottie Acton)

- Donations are being collected during guild meetings for raffle baskets for the 2015 show. Theme baskets will be constructed from donations or donated by small groups, such as the Wine and chocolate basket. Let Connie Ross know if you would like to coordinate a theme basket -- for example, a golf basket. (Contact: Connie Ross)
- Members are encouraged to sell additional opportunity quilt raffle tickets, perhaps for holiday gifts. (Contact: Anne Flaggs)
- Karen Moss developed a signup sheet for selling tickets at upcoming venues. You are requested to sign up via email. (Contact: Karen Moss)
- Members were asked to support the 2015 FSQ Show by volunteering to serve as chairs of the advertising committee and the silent auction. The silent auction was described as generally including

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small quilted items that are auctioned or sold for a “buy it now” price. There is a 70/30 split of profits for the seller/guild, and members do not need to volunteer at the show to put items up for auction. Barbara Morten and Dottie Acton volunteered to co-chair the advertising committee and Alice Washburn the silent auction. (Contacts: Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall)

- Dottie Acton informed members that the new guild directory will not be printed and distributed. Instead, the directory will be emailed to members along with the new website password. The directory will be sent as a pdf file that can be printed.
- There are two spots available for the January 2015 retreat. See Teresa Peterson if you are interested.
- The next FSQ board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm, November 18th, at Dottie Acton’s house.
- Barbara Bean is organizing the pot-luck holiday party after the guild meeting on December 1st.

Barbara requested and received 2-3 volunteers for set-up at 7:00 pm and 2-3 volunteers for clean-up after the party. Members should bring food to share. For those interested in participating, a gift exchange will be held during the party. See the *Quiltline* newsletter for further details.

- Program committee chair JoAnne Duchez introduced the night’s speaker, Lauren Kingsland, who gave an interesting presentation on the Indian art of “kolam” and her decorative quilts based on kolam.
- After a break, members displayed their latest accomplishments in show and tell. Show and tell will be held during the December meeting.
- The winners of the November fat quarters were Dottie Acton and Liz Lawrence.
- The winners of the door prizes were Dottie Acton, Nancy Zachik, and Freddie Burr.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ann Ramey-Smith



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

This is the season of giving – giving thanks, giving gifts to family and friends, and giving to those less fortunate than we are. We often don’t know the impact of our giving, but we recently received a touching thank you note from a food bank/pantry in rural West Virginia to whom we had given some of the more adult-looking pillowcases made by our wonderful FSQ members. Here’s what it said:

We at the Itmann Food Bank thank you for the recent package of pillowcases! As always, they are beautiful! We will save them for Christmas gifts. How thoughtful of you to think of our needy folks who are often starved for loveliness and beauty. We are grateful for your skill and artistry. God bless.

Please join us for our December Service Projects workshops on Tuesday, December 2, and Thursday, December 18. We meet from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801

Darnestown Road, about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard HS. Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan with questions





Retreat Registration Forms — Click link below

[2015 Retreat Registration Form](#) (doc)

[2015 Retreat Registration Form](#) (pdf)



January 2015 Bon Secours Retreat—Update

By Teresa Peterson

The 2015 FSQ Retreat will be held from Friday, January 16th, until Sunday, January 18th (with an option to stay until Monday, January 19th), at the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours in Marriottsville, MD. There is just 1 space left, so if you're interested, please contact Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh. You'll enjoy a weekend of sewing and socializing with other quilters, having your meals provided just a short walk away from your sewing table and, if you wish, access to an exercise room and a TV room (no TV's or radios in the rooms).

The cost of the Retreat has been revised. The cost of the two night stay (Friday and Saturday) is \$303 per

person, single occupancy, for two nights' lodging, six meals and snacks. The cost of the three night stay is \$455 per person, single occupancy, three nights' lodging, nine meals and snacks. Shared moments, companionship and friendship. . . priceless.

The registration form can be found at the top of this page or on the [FSQ website](#). If you wish to sign up for one of the remaining spaces, payment in full is due at the December meeting. You can give your check and the form to either Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh.



Programs Update

JoAnne DuChes

Burr... Are you all as cold as I am? I can't believe this weather – chilling temps, wind, but at least there is no snow.

FYI, there are no workshops in December or January. However, there will be 2 coming up in February and March. I urge you to sign up for one or both of them at the December meeting. Due to the number of openings for the workshops, I will be sending invites to other guilds by the first week in December.

BTW, if any of you have a suggestion for workshops and/or speakers, please let me know. Also, if you have any ideas for alternative meeting programs—like panel discussions, a sewing bee program such as making ornaments by hand, demos, etc.,—send them on to me. Also, if you are interested in organizing a program for a meeting, the Committee members will provide support.

Upcoming programs include:

Dec. 1, 2014 - Holiday Party Pot Luck—Bring a dish or a beverage to share. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift. Suggested cost for gift is \$10-15.

Jan. 5, 2015 - Janice Pope - Anything But Boring, [janicedpope.com](#). **Lecture** - Trunk show and evolution of a pattern business.

Feb. 1, 2015 - Susan Emory, Swirly Girls Design, [swirlygirlsdesign.com](#). **Workshop**: Cosmos.

Feb. 2, 2015 - Susan Emory, Swirly Girls Design, [swirlygirlsdesign.com](#). **Lecture**: Trunk Show.

Mar. 1, 2015 - Annette Ornelas, Southwind Designs, [southwindquilts.com](#). **Workshop**: Mexican Wedding Stars workshop.

Mar. 2, 2015 - Annette Ornelas, Southwind Designs, [southwindquilts.com](#). **Lecture**: Peeled Back Patchwork.



Bloomin' Challenge Update

Coralyn Colladay

All the kits are out! Can't wait to see how you interpret "the end."

If you need a reminder of the rules, they are on the [website](#) under the Quilt Show tab.

Additional fabric is available—except for the

fuchsia—for purchase at \$1.00 per fat quarter.

See me at a meeting to order more fabric.

Coralyn Colladay, co-chair, Bloomin' Challenge IX—The Finale



There's a Map for That! - FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge—Update

Ellen Robinson

By now you have had a chance to think about ideas for your entry into the FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge. I hope you decided to throw your hat into the ring and join the fun! I have to say that I always look forward to putting my thoughts and hands to making my entry each year. It's so much fun for me to try something new or stretch my imagination.

Recently, I had some thoughts on traditional blocks that would fit the theme along a navigation sense and thought I would share with you: Mariner's Compass, Flying Geese, Drunkard's Path, Road to California, Chisholm Trail, Country Roads, Indian Trails, Santa Fe Trail, and I am sure that there are more. How about combining a traditional pieced navigational block with fused appliqué? And/or including some map fabric?

Also in my internet surfing, I found some cool map ideas. Google some of the following (if you use another search engine I cannot guarantee that you'll see the same as I do). Most of them give a link to some images that are very map-y: "Hexi world map",

"Embroidered world map", "Watercolor style map", "Tokyo subway map quilt", "Underground railroad map quilt". The navigational themes are endless!

So what kind of map quilt do you think you'd like to try? Did this help your creativity and imagination? I hope you will join us in giving this challenge a try. The guidelines are on our guild website at: <http://friendshipstar.org/fsq-guild-challenge/>

Give me a shout if you need more ideas! Join us in this challenge.

And a reminder: the turn-in for this challenge is March 2, 2015 (which is the same day as our FSQ meeting). This is different from the turn-in for all the other quilts in the quilt show. The reason is that we need to judge, photograph and submit our guild's entry to the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge contest before the end of March.

Thanks, Ellen Robinson, co-chair for FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge (co-chairing with Coralyn Colladay)



FSQ Holiday Pot Luck Celebration

Barbara Bean

Celebrate a year of quilting and friendship at a festive potluck supper at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 1, 2014, at Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. We'll have a short business meeting -- then eat, drink and make merry with friends old and new!

Potluck -- Bring a party dish to share (either savory or sweet), plus a serving utensil, or bring something to drink. We do not assign menu items because members always supply a wonderful variety of food and desserts.

Optional Gift Exchange – Bring a gift of quilting treats to swap. Wrap up one or more NEW quilt-related items, suggested total value \$10.00 to \$15.00. Put your name or card inside the package, and bring it to the party to delight a fellow quilter. Fat quarters, small kits, tools, embellishments, patterns, and chocolate are all appreciated. (Brand-new items only; this is not a white elephant exchange.) Tickets will be drawn at random to receive the presents.



Galaxy of Quilts Show — April 24-26, 2015 — Update

GALAXY OF QUILTS Show-- April 24-26, 2015

Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall, Co-Chairs

The next Quilt Show Committee meeting is on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 7:00 pm at Barbara Kilby's house.

The **SuperNova raffle quilt** is our main fundraising activity of the year. Please pick up some extra tickets from **Anne Flaggs** at any meeting; a book of six tickets is only \$5.00 and would make a nice little gift for your sisters and your cousins and your aunts. Remember to invite them to the Show in April! The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Boutique – Mary Moore Payne and Suma Glassman

As you prepare Holiday gifts, make a few extra to sell in the FSQ Show Boutique in April. You can support your quilting habits and your Guild. It is most gratifying to see visitors eagerly buying your creations. The cost is a modest \$5 registration fee plus a 10% commission to the guild. To sign up or for questions see **Mary Moore Payne or Suma Glassman**.

Quilt Show Flyers -- Rosie Hormuth

“Galaxy of Quilts” flyers are available for distribution! Please pick up a packet at the regular FSQ meetings, or contact **Rosie Hormuth** by phone or e-mail. These flyers are a wonderful way to let your friends, neighbors, hairdresser, local grocery or church know about our show. We also need volunteers to deliver and resupply flyers at quilt shops. Your suggestions for distribution are welcome.

Raffle Baskets – Connie Ross

First, a great thank you to all who have generously contributed to the raffle baskets so far. We are collecting a wonderful array of gifts and some specialty baskets as well. We are planning a “Wine and Chocolate” basket and an “Italian” basket, and are

thinking about a few other themes. If you or your small group would like to manage a specialty basket for the quilt show, let me know.

Meanwhile, we appreciate all donations of these items: New (or barely used) notions, rulers, quilting gadgets, threads, scissors, fabric in fat quarters or larger sizes, books, patterns, and anything else that YOU would like to win in a basket.

Look for the large Pink container at each FSQ meeting and place your donations in it or nearby. We also need a few more empty baskets, 14” to 18”size. If you have any questions, call or email **Connie Ross**.

Service Projects Challenge - Nancy Brennan and Anne Weaver

Help support FSQ's service projects outreach by making a quilt that will hang in the 2015 Quilt Show and then will be donated to the Show's two charities, **Fisher House** and the **Betty Ann Krahnke Center**.

The Challenge theme is “THE SKY'S THE LIMIT.” You can make any size quilt from 36” by 36” up to twin size. Just be sure there is a recognizable amount of blue and white on the top. Turn in your quilt on April 18, along with other quilts you want to display. Be sure there is a hanging sleeve and label on the back. You will not receive your quilt back at the end of the show, but you'll have a warm feeling that you helped brighten the day of a child, teen, or parent who needs a boost. For complete details, go to the Quilt Show website, <http://friendshipstar.org/service-project-challenge> or call or email **Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver**.

Also on the FSQ Website: the FSQ Challenge, the Bloomin' Challenge, and more about the quilt show!

2015 FSQ Quilt Show Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

Secretary: Ann Ramey-Smith

Treasurer: Barbara Dryden

Vice President: Linda August

Admissions: Dottie Acton

Advertising: Barb Morten and Dottie Acton

AQS Challenge: Ellen Robinson and Coralyn Colladay

Bloomin' Challenge: Coralyn Colladay and Juanita Canfield

Boutique: Mary Moore Payne and Suma Glassman

Catalog: Meg Tison

Children's Activities: Marie Quattrociocchi

Demonstrations: Liz Brodsky

Door Prizes: Nancy Colladay

Featherweight Raffle: Ellen Robinson and Nadzieja Finkelstein

Flyer Distribution: Rosie Hormuth

Hospitality: Carol Unger and Eleanor Bragin

Photography: Ann Ramey-Smith

Publicity/Media: Susan Entwistle

Quilt Registration & Staging: Karen Moss

Raffle Baskets: Connie Ross

Raffle Quilt Marketing: Karen Moss

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Anne Flaggs

Service Project Challenge: Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Set-Up, lattice & truck: Brenda & Joe Finch and Carol Carrier

Show Pin Sales: Suma Glassman

Signs: Pam Compton

Silent Auction: Alice Washburn and Barbara Skelly

Vendors: Teresa Peterson

Viewers Choice: Coralyn Colladay and Juanita Canfield

Volunteers schedule: Anne Flaggs

Website: Barbara Bean



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

Joy Dorman

Washington, DC

Linda Gordon

Herndon, VA 20170

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.



Membership Raffle Quilt

By Diana Marshall

Anyone who renewed or became a new member from Sept-Dec 2014 will have their name placed in a raffle to be drawn at our December 1 guild party. Members who brought you personally to join are included as well so be sure to mention their name. Contact [Diana Marshall](#) before Dec 1 to be certain your name is included in the drawing of the red and black hunter star twin quilt.



December Birthdays

. . . Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Julie Bradley	Dec 3
Monika Tomlinson	Dec 4
Deborah Chubb	Dec 5
Nicki Lynch	Dec 9
Barbara Morten	Dec 18
Judy Walsh	Dec 23
Billye Roberts	Dec 28

Also in December





Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	prez@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Linda August	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Barbara Dryden Barbara Kilby	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Ann Ramey-Smith	Secy@friendshipstar.org



Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2015	Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall
Guild Pin Sales	Suma Glassman	Retreats	Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh
Hospitality	Vacant	Secret Sisters	Laurie Bay and Sharon Vioria
Library	Susan Entwistle	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Teresa Peterson	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Newsletter	Barbara Bean	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Karen Moss	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Anne Flaggs	Webmistress	Barbara Bean



Executive Board Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

All members are invited to attend Executive Board meetings. **Call first to verify the time and location.** If you wish to submit an item for discussion but are unable to attend please e-mail the information to Dottie Acton, or provide it in writing at a guild meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be announced at the December Guild meeting.

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