

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Jan 5: FSQ Guild Meeting — **Janice Pope** – “Anything But Boring”, janicedpope.com **Lecture:** Trunk show and evolution of a pattern business.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Jan 7-31: “A Reverence for Cloth” fiber art exhibit – Lorie McCown and Karen Schulz – Winners of the 2014 Tribute to Fiber Art.

[Blackrock Center for the Arts](http://BlackrockCenterfortheArts.com), Germantown, MD. **Saturday Jan 10**, Meet the Artist Reception. Please Join Us ... **3:00 – 5:00 PM FREE**. Please call **301-528-2260** to confirm gallery open hours before you visit.

Jan 18: Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor Andrea Schnur will be at [Capital Quilts](http://CapitalQuilts.com) to teach their first Judy Niemeyer class! “Prairie Star” beginning on Sunday, January 18.

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

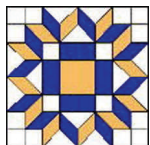
Service Projects are usually held at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD

Fabric of the Month

January



Circles, Stripes, Polka dot Fat Quarters



President's Message

Dottie Acton

2014 was a great year, and I'm sure that 2015 will be even better – especially since we have our guild quilt show in April. Now that the holidays are over, I hope that you are all making good progress on your challenge quilts and other quilts for the show.

There are so many local opportunities for quilting fun coming up this year – our show, speaker workshops and service projects, just to name a few. I've started my resolutions for 2015, with the serious intention of following through with them. So far I've resolved to 1) take more quilting classes, 2) go to more quilt shows, 3) go on monthly Fabric Acquisition Road Trips to new quilt shops. (If anyone is interested in joining me on a road trip, let me know.) I've even tempered my resolution to exercise more often with the promise of a good book that I will only read when on the treadmill. Who ever said that resolutions had to be painful?

One of the things I like best about the holiday season is hearing from old friends. A note from my college roommate reminded me that I graduated from college 50 years ago in January. I guess I'll go to my class reunion this year for the first time in many years. Hopefully there will be some good quilt shops along the way to help me keep my New Year's resolutions.

For the next three weeks, my focus is on sewing together the first 80 blocks for the Jacobean

embroidery project that I have been working on since August. (Work on the next 88 blocks for the border starts in mid-January.) The blocks have to be carefully aligned, so I'm getting really good at unsewing. If you notice that I have some bald spots, it may be from where I have pulled my hair out in frustration. I'm glad our show is this year, because otherwise this might become a UFO. However, I'm determined to get it done in time for the show, so I'll do a little every day from now until then. After all, no matter how frustrating a quilting project is, it still beats housework. If I had any doubts about how well I'd like the finished quilt, I might consider abandoning the project (I've been known to put multiple blocks in the trash bin), but I love the sample in the shop and the pictures online, so I'm going to finish it. Please help me keep focused by occasionally asking how many blocks I have completed. You probably noticed that I don't have a resolution to finish everything, so I'll need support from all of you to get this done in time for the show.

I hope to see everyone at the January meeting. Until then, happy quilting.

Dottie



Minutes of the December 1, 2014 FSQ meeting

Connie Ross

Friendship Star Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2014

Submitted by Connie Ross, Ad Hoc Secretary

- 7:30 PM Call to Order by President Dottie Acton
- Introduction of new members or guests, one in attendance.
- Diana Marshall: Made a beautiful "Hunter's Star" quilt in black and red as an incentive to bring in new membership. A drawing will be held later at this meeting and all who sponsored a new member or became a new member this fall are eligible to win. A call for all eligible entries was made.
- Billye Roberts' Quilt Day Project was introduced.

Billye has set up a Quilt Day at Capital Quilts on December 4, 2014 from 10-6 and invited all to join her to sew quilts for the Wilkens Avenue Homeless Shelter for Women. The environment, while safe and clean, is somewhat sterile and in need of color and warmth. The quilt project will help to fill that need.

- Barbara Bean would like to have a volunteer to take over the newsletter as soon as possible.
- Quilt Show Notes:
- Sales to date of Raffle Quilt tickets are at \$1,760.00, Sales to date of Featherweight Tickets are at \$255.00. These figures represent about 1/3 of our goal.

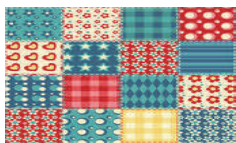
Guild Meeting Minutes From October 6, 2014

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- Raffle Baskets: Please continue to donate items to the “pink box” for use in the raffle baskets. We have a few specialty baskets in the works, “Bread and Chocolate” and “Italian” and we have the beginnings of a “Yarn” basket. The yarn basket could use knitting or crochet accessories such as needles, books, etc.
- Holiday Party: Thanks to Barbara Bean for organizing the party and to her helpers. For the gift exchange tonight it’s on the honor system, if you brought a gift take a gift, if you didn’t bring a gift, please don’t take one.
- This Month’s Questionnaire: Related to workshops, please fill out honestly and place in box. One note for consideration is that the workshops are not paying for themselves and this questionnaire will help to determine if they continue.
- Karen Moss: The Raffle Quilt will be at the

“Olney Winter Market” at the Sandy Spring Museum in Olney every Sunday in January from 10 -2. Karen is looking for volunteers to attend and sell tickets. She will also have an event in March that will need volunteers as well.

- Nancy Brennan: Service Projects workshop dates for December are Tuesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 18.
- Rosie Hormuth: Has flyers for the Quilt Show in packages of 25, 50 and 100, please take some. Use the 25 batch for personal distribution and the larger batches for shops.
- Membership Quilt Raffle Winner was drawn and the winner was Nancy Colladay!!
- Fat Quarter Drawing Winners: Barb Morten and Judy Newton
- Show and Tell
- Minutes from last meeting approved.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We all know that quilters are a generous bunch! Here’s a great way you can use your time and talents to benefit those who would truly appreciate some extra warmth and comfort. Take part in the Service Projects Challenge for the 2015 FSQ Quilt Show! Make a quilt that will hang in the show but will then be donated either to Fisher House at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda **OR** to the Betty Ann Krahnke Center in Montgomery County, our two charities this year for the show.

Our theme is “The Sky’s the Limit” so all we’re requiring is that your quilt have some recognizable piece of blue and white incorporated somewhere in the top. The size can be anywhere from 36” x 36” inches for a baby up to twin-size, since both of these charities serve all age ranges. Register your quilt and drop it off on the regular quilt drop-off day and we will take it from there. You won’t receive your quilt back at the end of the show; we will gather them all up and take care of delivering them. For more information, go to

www.friendshipstar.org/service-project-challenge. We look forward to seeing lots of beautiful quilts at the show!! Questions? Contact [Anne Weaver](#) or [Nancy Brennan](#).

January Service Projects workshops will be held on Tuesday, January 6, and Thursday, January 22. 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 High School. Everyone is welcome!





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 are 2 spaces 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 January meeting. You can give your check and the form to either Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh.



Programs Update

JoAnne DuChez

I don't believe it, this the first time I've written 2015! This year - 2014 - has gone by way too fast. Not enough time, not enough sewing. I'll have to plan better for 2015 in order to get more done. Or maybe, I'll just start to relax a bit more and not stress so much about doing more. That sounds like a better plan to me.

We also have a great plan for the January meeting. Please come and join us for Janice Pope (Anything But Boring, [janicedpope.com](#)) lecture and trunk show covering the evolution of a pattern business.

Upcoming FSQ programs for 2015.

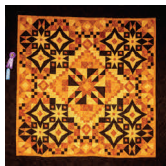
Feb. 1, 2015 - Susan Emory, Swirly Girls Design,

[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.



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 Dottie Acton's house.

The **SuperNova raffle quilt** is our main fundraising activity of the year. Please pick up some extra tickets from **Anne Flagg**s at any meeting; a book of six tickets is only \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Boutique – Mary Moore Payne and Suma Glassman

Now that the New Year is beginning, don't forget to sign up to sell all those goodies you have been making at the FSQ Show Boutique. 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. You will also need to donate some time to staff the boutique during the show. See or contact [Mary Moore Payne](#) or [Suma Glassman](#), Boutique Co-Chairs, for registration forms or if you have any questions.

Quilt Show Flyers -- Rosie Hormuth

"Galaxy of Quilts" flyers are still 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**.

Silent Auction—Alice Washburn

Do you have any UFOs that you can finish and place in our quilt show's Silent Auction? Time to start thinking about setting aside one or two quilted items or creating something special for the auction. Think about a price...you keep 70%; Guild keeps 30%. Items will be collected at same time quilts are turned in. A photograph (4x6) must accompany each item. Complete guidelines can be found on the FSG website.

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

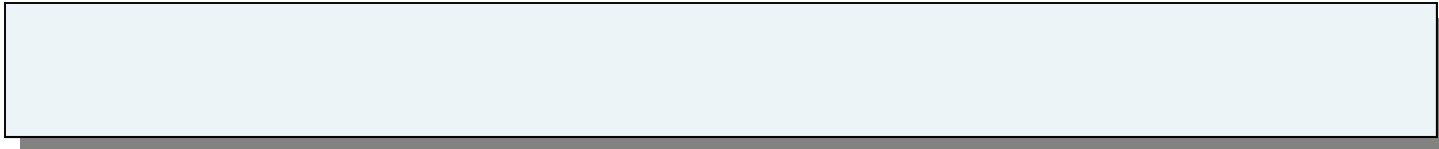


Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

No new members to report for this month



January Birthdays

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Teresa Peterson

Rosemary Hormuth	Jan 1
Pam Compton	Jan 3
Colleen Biasco	Jan 4
Diana Marshall	Jan 4
Holly Trotter	Jan 7
Linda Gordon	Jan 11
Elizabeth Brodsky	Jan 26
Barbara Bean	Jan 27
Roma Knee	Jan 29

Also in January





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 Vloria
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 January Guild meeting.

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