

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Feb 1: Workshop: "Cosmos" — Susan Emory, [Swirly Girls Design](#).

Feb 2: FSQ Guild Meeting — Susan Emory of [Swirly Girls Design](#) — Trunk Show

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Feb 1: [Patches Quilt Shop](#). Kicking off their 12th anniversary event on Super Bowl Sunday.

Feb 6-8: [Birds of a Feather](#)—Mid-Atlantic long arm quilting extravaganza, Virginia Beach, VA. Sponsored by [Virginia Longarm Network](#). Network, learn, create, and celebrate with fellow longarm quilt enthusiasts from across the country.

Feb 26-March 1: Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival xxvi. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Thursday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-4

Guild Members: If you know of any upcoming events in March that are newsworthy, please let me know. I will be requesting articles for the March, 2015 newsletter around February 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](#). 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.

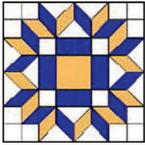
Service Projects

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

Fabric of the Month February



2 1/2" strips by WOF—5 strips = 1 entry



President's Message

Dottie Acton

Welcome to winter everyone! At least we got to have our January quilt show committee meeting, even if it was a week late. The February quilt show committee meeting will be held at my house on Feb 10, weather permitting, of course. The quilt show committee meeting starts at 7, and the Executive Board meeting will be right before that at 6. We'll send out reminder notices closer to the date.

I hope all of you are busy getting your quilts done for the show. Today I went to the last class for one of the quilts I'm working on for the show, and now my embroidery machine is busy sewing the border blocks. My goal is to make at least four blocks a day so I'll have enough time to finish sewing everything together before the show. Ellen finally convinced me to do a guild challenge quilt, so I'll work on that between embroidered blocks. I'm using a ruler that I haven't used before, and didn't need to buy any new fabric for the challenge, so I'm having fun with it. I hope that many of you will make time to do the challenge quilts. They're always a lot of fun, and definitely a challenge to creativity. We have three great challenges this year, so at least one of them should appeal to you.

I finally went to my first guild retreat last weekend,

and had a great time. The food was terrific, the rooms comfortable, and the opportunity to quilt without interruption – priceless. I'd definitely do it again. I especially enjoyed getting to know some of the guild members better. Now I'm looking forward to the upcoming workshop with our February speaker, Susan Emory. It gives me another opportunity to use up some of my stash.

Other than quilting, how do you cope with winter? My son, who lives near Syracuse, looks at seed catalogs. I look for summer quilt shows. I just discovered that there will be an AQS show in Syracuse at the end of July. How perfect! I can visit my son, raid his garden, visit old friends from school and go to a quilt show too. What more could you ask for? While I'm waiting for that, I'll make do with a few days in Hampton at the end of February. I hope to see many of you there, white gloving and selling tickets for our beautiful quilt. Karen will be looking for volunteers at the February guild meeting.

Keep warm, stay dry and keep on quilting!

Dottie



Minutes of the January 5, 2015 FSQ meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

The January 5, 2015 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 and welcomed new members.

- The minutes of the December 2014 guild meeting were approved as published in the *Quiltline* newsletter.
- Dottie Acton reminded members to sign up for the February and March workshops at the display in the lobby. Details are available in January's *Quiltline* newsletter. (Contact: Joanne Duchez)
- Attendees were reminded that kits were available in the rear of the meeting room for service projects, including quilt tops, pillow cases, and premie kits.
- Members were reminded that FSQ activities and meetings follow the Montgomery County Public School with regard to delays and cancellations due

to snow.

- Although the upcoming retreat is full, members were invited to put their names on the waiting list. More information about the retreat is available in the *Quiltline* newsletter. (Contact: Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh)
- Free quilting books, fabric, and other items were available for the taking in the meeting lobby.
- Karen Moss, chair of quilt marketing, solicited volunteers to take the raffle quilt to the Olney Market every Sunday to sell tickets. (Contact: Karen Moss)
- During the February FSQ guild meeting, members will be asked to volunteer to white glove at upcoming shows. Please plan to volunteer so that raffle tickets may be sold at the shows. (Contact: Karen Moss)
- Diana Marshall, co-chair of the 2015 Quilt Show,

Guild Meeting Minutes From January 5, 2015

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- encouraged all members to both volunteer and participate in the FSQ show by attending and submitting quilts to display and other items to sell.
- FSQ quilt show flyers were given to guild members to place at quilt shops, bulletin boards, and other places where potential quilt show attendees can see them. (Contact: Rosie Hormuth)
 - The co-chairs of the boutique committee encouraged members to make items to sell in the boutique at the 2015 FSQ show and announced that they had the registration forms available in the lobby. To participate you must pay \$5, fill out a form (also available on the FSQ website) and return it to Mary or Suma, and sign-up to work two to four hours in the boutique. The \$5 registration fee and 10% of sale proceeds benefit the FSQ guild. (Contacts: [Mary Moore Payne](#) and [Suma Glassman](#))
 - It was announced that the next quilt show meeting would be held on January 6th at 7:00 pm. NOTE: Due to snow, the meeting was subsequently rescheduled to January 13th at Dottie Acton's home. (Contact: Diana Marshall and Barbara Kilby)
 - The Milltown Quilters sold raffle tickets for their quilt in the lobby before and during the meeting.
 - Members were invited to sign up for sit-and-sew sessions scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, and Sunday, May 17th, at the Hampton Inn & Suites from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each session can accommodate 12 people and costs \$20. (Contact: Pat Vasiao)
 - JoAnne Duchez, Programs chair, presented the results of December's question-of-the-month pertaining to guild-sponsored workshops. (Details are available in January's *Quiltline* newsletter.) JoAnne discussed the issue of weak attendance at workshops and said she would recommend to the FSQ board that only one workshop, featuring a well-known presenter, be held each year.
 - Dottie Acton said she would send out an email announcement of the date, time, and place of the next board meeting. Any member is welcome to attend board meetings.
 - Joanne Duchez announced that this year's yard sale is scheduled to be held after the June guild meeting. The yard sale makes money for the guild by reselling donated quilting and sewing items. Donations for the yard sale will start being collected at the February 2015 guild meeting. Members are reminded to place their donations in the correct collection box, i.e., don't confuse the yard sale donation box with the quilt show raffle basket donation box! (Contact: Joanne Duchez)
 - Janice Pope of "Anything But Boring" in Raleigh, NC, gave a presentation of bags and quilts she has designed. Patterns and tools were available for sale in the lobby. (Contact: www.anythingbutboring.com)
 - After a break, a drawing was held for the fat quarter of the month. Information on the fat-quarter-of-the-month fabrics is provided in the *Quiltline* newsletter. Members who donate fat quarters before guild meetings may enter the drawing. January's winners were Susan Schwarz and Cathy Berman.
 - Members displayed their latest quilting accomplishments in show and tell.
 - Meeting attendees may enter their names in a box at the front of the meeting room to win door prizes. Entries are drawn at the end of the meeting and you must be present to win. Winners of January's door prizes were Cathie Shelton, Danee Wilson, Susan Schwarz, Connie Ross, Carole Weichert, and Susan Spencer.
 - Members were reminded to check the *Quiltline* newsletter for upcoming quilt shows. A free show featuring 100 hand-quilted quilts will be held at the Cumberland Valley Relief Center, 4225 Molly Pitcher Highway, near Marion, PA, on January 24th 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, January 25th 8:30 am - 7:00 pm, and January 26th 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.
 - The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ann Ramey-Smith



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

During the recent FSQ Annual Retreat at Bon Secours, 19 preemie quilts were made and 8 of the children's quilt top kits were also completed. New this year, new member Joy Dorman introduced a project to make joey bags from cotton and flannel for the baby kangaroos orphaned in the recent fires in Australia and 9 of them were finished. All of these projects were done with donated fabric! Thanks to everyone who helped with these service projects. We could not do all that we do without your generosity and support.

The **February Service Projects Workshops** will be held at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, from 9:30 a.m. until noon:

- Tuesday, February 3
- Thursday, February 19

For more information, please contact [Anne Weaver](#) or [Nancy Brennan](#)



Retreat Registration Forms for 2016 Coming Soon



January 2015 Bon Secours Retreat—Update

By Judy Walsh

Thirty-one enthusiastic ladies gathered on Friday, January 16th at the Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD for the 17th annual “Quilters Unsupervised” weekend of sewing, sharing ideas and enjoying each other’s company. Naturally chocolate and wine were involved, and so were at least half a dozen fabulous homemade liqueurs that were generously shared with the group.

It was exciting to see the eclectic array of projects as they progressed over the weekend. There were so many wonderful designs and colors; some photos from the weekend can be found on our [website](#).

In addition to their own projects, many women worked on Service Projects to benefit others: 19 “preemie” quilts and 8 children’s quilt tops were completed, as well as 9 “Joey Bags” for the baby kangaroos orphaned during the recent fires in Australia.

Despite the fact that the elevators were out of

service, no one seemed to mind taking the stairs for the delicious meals that were served. Breakfast seemed to be almost everyone’s favorite meal. What’s not to like about these choices: eggs Benedict or made-to-order omelets, bacon and/or sausage, blueberry pancakes or waffles, oatmeal, yogurt, 3 kinds of juice, scones and fresh fruit?

Most of the women left on Sunday afternoon, but 10 intrepid souls stayed for yet another night and day of quilting and fun. Thanks to Pat Vasaio for agreeing to be the “take charge” person for that extra day.

If this sounds like a weekend you’d enjoy, mark your calendars for January 15-18, 2016 (MLK weekend) so you can join in the fun! It’s a great chance to relax, sew, make new friends and spend more time with your quilting buddies.



Programs Update

JoAnne DuChez

February's guild speaker is Susan Emory, the sole owner of [Swirly Girls Design](#). Susan has been featured in several magazines and her patterns are sold worldwide. She designs fabric for Michael Miller Fabrics and created the Clubhouse Quilt Club, a progressive quilt program. Susan is actively involved in the quilting industry, a member of the International Association of Creative Arts Professionals, a founding

member of Richmond Modern Quilt Guild and an Aurifil Thread Specialist.

FYI, there are still slots open for Susan's workshop on Sunday Feb 1. She will focus on her pattern *Cosmos* a beautiful quilt featuring half square triangles. [Contact me](#) if you are interested.



Quilt Show News

Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

Mission

Our biennial show, Galaxy of Quilts, will be held April 24-26, 2015, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Here's why we are having a quilt show :

- To give Friendship Star Quilters members a place to show and sell their work;
- To entertain and educate the public about quilting;
- To help finance FSQ Service Projects, lectures, and workshops for two years;
- To engage members in quilting challenges that stretch their skills and imagination;
- To raise money for charitable donations;
- To attract new members; AND
- To have fun and build friendships!

VOLUNTEERS – Anne Flaggs

It takes many hands to put on a quilt show. WE NEED YOU! The jobs include quilt take in, show setup, admissions, white gloving, service projects, silent auction, raffle ticket sales, fabric giveaway, and show take-down. You can also provide security, or sign up your spouse or high school student for this job. Most jobs are in 2 hour increments, so you can find something that fits your schedule. If you sign up by the April FSQ meeting for at least 4 hours of service (not necessarily in one sitting) and fulfill that commitment, you'll be entered in the drawing for the coveted Volunteers Bonus Basket, and you will get free admission for the entire show. Contact **Anne Flaggs** in the lobby to sign up.

QUILT REGISTRATION – Karen Moss

Your top priorities from now until March 2 are to finish your show quilts and send your quilt registration

forms and photos to **Karen Moss**. Send them electronically if possible, or turn them in to Karen at the March 2 FSQ meeting. If you're not finished with your quilt by March 2, but expect to finish it by April 18, you may submit a picture of the pattern or the quilt in progress, along with a completed registration form. Rules and forms are available on the Quilt Show page at friendshipstar.org.

THE FSQ ULTIMATE GUILD CHALLENGE – Ellen Robinson

“Getting From Point A to Point B” – This is all about maps, but it is YOUR interpretation of a map. It can be based upon a traditional navigation block, such as a Mariner's Compass, or a free form art quilt, or anything in between, so long as it represents a map. Rules are on the FSQ website and the deadline to turn in your quilt is **Monday, March 2, 2015**. Eight quilts will be selected to compete in the national AQS contest.



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BOUTIQUE – Suma Glassman and Mary Moore Payne

Think about selling those cute things you make at the Boutique! I have been producing catnip toys for years now and they are fun to make. I have regular customers and it's great to get a little cash back – I get to buy more quilting things! The registration fee is a modest \$5, plus a 10% commission to the guild – you keep 90%. You will also need to help staff the boutique during the show. The form is available on the [website](#). See **Mary Moore Payne or Suma Glassman**.

HOSPITALITY – Carol Unger and Eleanor Bragin

We will serve breakfast, lunch, and snacks to the vendors and volunteers at the quilt show, and FSQ members are asked to donate food and paper goods. **Cash donations are also welcome.**

We will have a sign-up sheet at FSQ meetings and at Service Project Workshops, and are already collecting paper goods and other non-perishable donations. See **Carol Unger and Eleanor Bragin** for a list of menu items and other goods you can contribute.

SERVICE PROJECTS – Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects will host a **Sit & Sew** at the quilt show from 11am to 4pm on Saturday, April 25, 2015. We will invite Quilt Show guests to help tie charity quilts, and we will provide instruction for those who are new at this. We'll display photos of our workshops and distribute printed information about the charities we support.

We also invite FSQ members to enter the **Service Project Challenge, “The Sky’s the Limit.”** Quilts can range from baby size (36” x 36”) up to twin size. The quilt top must include some recognizable blue and white. Challenge quilts will be donated to Fisher House or the Betty Ann Krahnke Center. More details are available on the FSQ quilt show website. Use the FSQ Registration form and enter by March 2 to participate.

SILENT AUCTION – Alice Washburn and Barbara Skelly

Do you have any UFOs that you can finish and place in our quilt show's Silent Auction? Small quilts or quilt-related items that you'd like to sell? Set your own price. You keep 70%; FSQ keeps 30%. A photograph (4x6) must accompany each item. Complete guidelines can be found on the FSQ website, and items will be collected on April 18 when Show quilts are turned in.

RAFFLES

- **Anne Flaggs** will collect your SuperNova Raffle Quilt ticket stubs and money in the lobby. Please take an extra book of 12 tickets to sell, or use them as Valentine's day presents to your friends. This is our major fund raiser for the year, so please help us reach for the stars!
- **Karen Moss** needs a few volunteers to take the SuperNova raffle quilt to several local guilds, and to do white glove duty at the Hampton VA quilt show in February. This is fun to do and the quilt practically sells itself.
- **Ellen Robinson** has Featherweight tickets for you to buy – the machine is a little beauty!
- **Connie Ross** will collect donations of new and like-new articles for Raffle baskets. Look for the large pink bin in the Church lobby at every FSQ meeting.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Quilt Show Committee meeting is on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Dottie Acton's house.

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

Jenae Redmond
Adamstown, MD

Kimberly Stefan
Germantown, MD

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.



February Birthdays

... Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Brenda Peters	Feb 2
Jo Anna Kruse	Feb 8
Barbara Skelly	Feb 8
Ginger Peebles	Feb 10
Brenda Finch	Feb 15
Susan Sandler	Feb 19
Patricia McAuliffe	Feb 23
Mary Moore Payne	Feb 24

Also in February



Super Bowl 2015—Feb 1



Ground Hog Day—Feb 2



Valentine's Day—Feb 14



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 February Guild meeting.

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