

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Mar 1: Workshop: "Mexican Wedding Stars" — Annette Ornelas, southwindquilts.com.

Mar 2: FSQ Guild Meeting — Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs — Lecture: Peeled Back Patchwork

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Mar 11-12: Southern Comforters Quilt Guild, Annual Quilt Show.

Where: C.Elizabeth Rieg Special Center, 15542 Peach Walker Dr., Bowie, MD 20720. **When:** Saturday 10-5; Sunday 11-4

Mar 14-15: Baltimore Heritage Quilt Guild Show. Goucher College Sports & Rec. Center, 1021 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson, 21204. Hours: Sat & Sun 10 -5 Admission: \$7

Mar 19: Baltimore Appliqué Society presents **A Celebration of Quilts!** Location: MD State Fairgrounds. **Contact:** Illona Hull at 1078 Sullivan Rd., Westminster MD 21157 or at illonah@carr.org for more information. **Donations \$18 (purchased ahead, none sold at the door)**

Guild Members: If you know of any **upcoming quilting events** in April that are newsworthy, please let me know. I will be requesting articles for the April, 2015 newsletter around March 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.

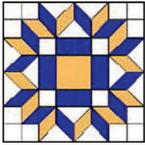
Service Projects

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

Fabric of the Month March



5" charms of children's patterns—5 charms=1 entry. Bring some to share with Service Projects



President's Message

Dottie Acton

The verdict is in. For our February question of the month, chocolate chip cookies beat and oatmeal raisin cookies by one vote! A lot of other cookies got a couple of votes each, but nothing came close to the top two. Those are the two favorites for my grandkids too – one likes chocolate chip and the other likes oatmeal raisin.

I hope you are all busy getting ready for our FSQ Quilt Show in April. I'm focusing on finishing my Jacobean quilt in March so I can bring it in for Show and Tell in April. I finished embroidering all the blocks and now have to sew them together. I still have a little work to go on the Bloomin' Challenge, and need sleeves and labels for almost everything. (Yes, I hate doing sleeves, so they always get left until the end.) I actually think I'll get everything done before quilt turn in day without having to stay up all night. Of course, my house may be somewhat messy by then – if anyone is bothered by a little dirt, I'll be glad to let them help with cleaning.

Even my grandkids have had enough of winter. They're old enough to help with shoveling now, so winter isn't half as much fun as it was when all they had to do was throw snowballs, make snow men and slide down the hill. I've been debating what to do with my front garden, and yesterday the deer helped make my decision. The snow knocked down the fencing that kept the plants safe, so the deer came in and ate most of the buds off the rhododendron. The azaleas have been eaten too. I'm taking that as a sign that I need to trim all of the bushes this spring. I wish that the deer and I didn't like the same flowers and shrubbery.

I am so looking forward to spring and lots of quilt shows – especially ours. I'll see you all on Monday at the guild meeting, and maybe I'll see you in Hampton if any of you are going to the Mancuso show this weekend.

Dottie



Minutes of the February 2, 2015 FSQ meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

The February 2, 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 January 2015 guild meeting were approved as published in the *Quiltline* newsletter.
- Dottie announced the question of the month: What is your favorite kind of cookie? The answers will influence the cookies Dottie will provide at the next quilt show meeting!
- Dottie Acton reminded members to sign up for the March workshop at the display in the lobby. (Contact: JoAnne DuChes)
- The Southern Comfort guild 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 Vasaio)

- Attendees were reminded that kits were available in the rear of the meeting room for service projects. Service project volunteers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on February 3rd to work on projects.
- Eight guild members have indicated that they are interested in joining a small group within the guild. A representative from existing small groups is asked to contact Nicky Lynch and let her know if there are any openings. If not, a new small group will be formed. (Contact: Nicky Lynch)
- The next FSQ board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 10th at the home of Dottie Acton. Any member is welcome to attend board meetings. (Contact: Dottie Acton)
- The next quilt show meeting would be held on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Dottie Acton's home. (Contact: Diana Marshall and Barbara Kilby)
- Volunteers for April's quilt show are needed at the

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- fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Volunteers are also needed the weekend before. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby. Those members who volunteer for two or more shifts during the show will earn free admission. (Contact: Anne Flaggs)
- Karen Moss, chair of quilt marketing, solicited volunteers to take the raffle quilt to the Olney Market and to the March 11th or 25th meeting of the Southern Comfort guild to sell tickets. Volunteers are also needed to white glove at the Hampton show so that raffle tickets can be sold there. (Contact: Karen Moss)
 - Members who will be displaying quilts at the FSQ quilt show should turn in their quilt forms (available on the FSQ website) by the March guild meeting. Please provide your information, especially the quilt description, via email to reduce the typing burden. (Contact: Karen Moss)
 - The hospitality committee encouraged members to volunteer to support the hospitality effort at the FSQ quilt show. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby to provide food, paper goods, and serving. Please bring non-perishable contributions to the March guild meeting. (Contact: Carol Unger and Eleanor Bragin)
 - Liz Brodsky announced that demonstrations are planned during the quilt show. Each session will be about 30 minutes, and demonstrations of basic quilting techniques are welcome. Please volunteer. (Contact: Liz Brodsky)
 - Alice Washburn, chair of the silent auction committee, encouraged members to volunteer to help her set up the silent auction display and take in items during the morning of the quilt show. She also reminded participants to turn in their forms with a 4x6 photo of the item that can be attached to the bid sheet. Auctioned items do not need to be a quilt but must be handmade. Submissions are due on April 18th. (Contact: Alice Washburn)
 - The boutique at the quilt show sells items from FSQ members only. A few of the many items that have been sold at previous boutiques include jewelry, ceramics, pottery, scarves, postcards, knitted socks, seasonal items including Halloween, Hanukah, and Christmas, and of course quilted items. Members who wish to participate should fill out the boutique registration form (available in the lobby and on the FSQ website) and give it to Mary Moore with a \$5 fee. The fee and a 10% commission benefit the FSQ guild. Participants must work at least two hours in the boutique. (Contact: Mary Moore Payne and Suma Glassman)
 - FSQ quilt show flyers continued to be distributed to guild members to place at quilt shops, bulletin boards, and other places where potential quilt show attendees can see them. (Contact: Rosie Hormuth)
 - Submittals for the Ultimate Guild Challenge are due by March 2nd so meet the deadline for the AQS show in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (Contact: Ellen Robinson)
 - Members were encouraged to provide new items to include in baskets which will be raffled at the show. A marked donation box is available in the lobby. Suggested items include fat quarters, precuts such as jelly rolls and charm packs, quilting rulers, and specialty items for theme baskets. No more patterns or books are being accepted. Besides contributing items, volunteers are also needed to assemble the baskets before the show (time and place TBD). (Contact: Connie Ross)
 - The night's speaker was Susan Emery of Swirly Girls Design. Susan Emery is a fabric designer, an instructor, and a founding member of Richmond's modern quilt guild. Further information is available online at www.susanemory.com and www.facebook.com/swirlygirls.
 - After a break, members displayed their latest quilting accomplishments in show and tell.
 - A drawing was held for February's fabric strip raffle. Information on the fabric-of-the-month raffle is provided in the *Quiltline* newsletter. Members who donate fabric before guild meetings may enter the drawing. February's winners were Judy Newton and Judy Walsh.
 - 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 February's door prizes were JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison, Barbara Kilby, Connie Ross, and Linda Belicki.
 - The meeting was adjourned.
- Submitted by Ann Ramey-Smith



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

FSQ's Service Projects have gone international! Through an Australian friend, FSQ member Joy Dorman learned of the need for soft, warm bags for baby kangaroos, or joeys, who had been orphaned in wildfires. Baby joeys use these bags as a substitute for their mothers' pouches, for comfort and protection. At the recent guild retreat, Joy mobilized FSQ members to make the bags, which she then shipped to her friend for donation. The photo shows a joey in one of the FSQ joey bags. Kudos to Joy and the FSQ members who stepped up to help!

March FSQ Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 17. We meet from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road. Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver with questions.



Retreat Registration Forms for 2016 Coming Soon



January 2016 Bon Secours Retreat

By Judy Walsh and Teresa Peterson

We've secured the dates of January 15 – 17/18, 2016 for the 18th "Quilters Unsupervised" retreat at Bon Secours. More details will be available in early May, but mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on the fun.

We'll announce when the registration forms are available on the web site, and we'll start accepting reservations at the May 4th guild meeting.

Judy Walsh and Teresa Peterson



Programs Update

JoAnne DuChes

Sunday, March 1, 2015 Annette Ornelas, Southwind Designs, southwindquilts.com **Workshop:** "Mexican Wedding Stars"

Monday, March 2, 2015 Lecture: "Peeled Back Patchwork."





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!

GALAXY OF QUILTS

This is your opportunity to shine! Show your quilts, wearable art, and other works at our biennial quilt show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 24-26, 2015. Invite your friends and family to come see a great exhibit and shop with our vendors, or buy articles made by FSQ members!

You can visit the quilt show page on our website for all the details.

Quilt Show Co-Chairs,

Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

QUILT REGISTRATION

A few early birds have already registered – please send your quilt registration forms and photos to **Karen Moss** by **March 2** or turn them in to Karen at the March FSQ meeting. If your quilt is unfinished but you expect to complete 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.

BOUTIQUE

Calling crafters and quilters -- the FSQ Boutique offers you a chance to display and sell your creations! All participants in the Boutique must be FSQ members, and all items must be crafted by you. The \$5.00 registration fee and 10% commission help support your Guild; the rest is yours. Working in the Boutique for a few hours is a fun chance to see your items being admired. The registration form is on the web site, and forms will be available at the March meeting. You will turn in your products the day before the show opens, along with an inventory sheet. For questions or to sign up, contact **Suma Glassman** or **Mary Moore Payne**.

CATALOG ADVERTISING

We are halfway to having enough ads to cover the cost of printing the Quilt Show Catalog, and really need your help to reach our goal. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad in the catalog, please contact **Dottie Acton** or **Barb Morten** for additional information. Your mini-group, for example, could sponsor an ad!

Rates are shown below.

FULL PAGE-----\$ 100.00

HALF PAGE-----\$ 55.00

ONE-THIRD PAGE----\$ 40.00

ONE-SIXTH PAGE-- --\$ 20.00

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone who has already donated or signed up to donate provisions for the Quilt Show. This enables us to serve meals and snacks to the vendors -- and to you, when you are on volunteer duty at the show!



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Carol Unger will be at the March and April FSQ meetings to accept donations and sign-ups. Cash donations are always welcome.

Nonperishables needed are paper towels, napkins, peanut butter, squeezable jelly, pretzels, cans of coffee, and soda.

Or sign up to bring food and beverages: orange juice, baked goods, veggies, egg or tuna salad, and slow cooker entrees of chicken or chili.

SILENT AUCTION

We do hope members are working on items for the Silent Auction. Please let us know what you plan to sell, even if your items aren't quite finished! Submit your entry form by March 21 along with a 4 x 6 photo to be attached to the bid sheet. You keep 70% of the proceeds, and the rest goes to support the activities of the guild. Turn-in day for the Silent Auction is April 18, the same day as quilt entries. Check the FSQ website for complete guidelines and registration forms, or contact **Alice Washburn**.

“THERE’S A MAP FOR THAT!” -- FSQ Guild Challenge entries due March 2, 2015

Yes, it's true. The turn-in for the FSQ Guild Challenge is at the March 2 guild meeting, in order to meet the AQS deadline. This gives us enough time to coordinate the selections and enter your quilts in the Ultimate Guild Challenge at the AQS Show in Grand Rapids.

Visit our page at <http://friendshipstar.org/fsq-guild-challenge/>. On March 2, along with your quilt, we need three things:

1. Your FSQ registration form (found here: <http://friendshipstar.org/quilt-registration/>).
2. If your quilt was designed by someone else, a copy of a 'release', such as an email or letter from the designer giving you permission to display the quilt at the AQS Grand Rapids show. For a quilt based on a traditional block (such as mariner's compass, flying geese, etc.), you do not need a release.
3. Please bring your quilt in a *Ziplock Big Bag* (blue bag) or other reclosable plastic bag with a handle. (Bags are available on Amazon, http://www.amazon.com/Ziploc-Double-Zipper-Jumbo-Bags/dp/B003U6FMOK/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1424539937&sr=8-3&keywords=ziplock+blue+bags or Walmart: <http://www.walmart.com/ip/Ziploc-Heavy-Duty-XL-Big-Bags-4-ct/14089250>)

Ellen Robinson will be in the lobby before the March meeting and at the break to receive your challenge quilt. We are so excited to be chairing this category for our quilt show and are looking forward to seeing your creations! **Ellen Robinson and Coralyn Colladay**.

Note: Turn-in for all other quilts, including the Service Project and Bloomin' Challenges, will be on April 18.

VOLUNTEERS

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. See **Anne Flaggs** or **Holly Trotter** in the lobby to sign up.

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

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 presents to your friends. This is our major fund raiser for the year, so please help us reach for the stars!

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



Membership Chair Wanted

By Teresa Peterson

If you would like an opportunity to meet, greet and get to know more quilters in our guild, a great first step is to volunteer to be the FSQ Membership Chair. The membership chair is quite often the first person that a potential member meets when they attend a Guild meeting. The Membership Chair also has a

voice and a vote on the FSQ Executive Board.

The primary responsibility is to collect membership dues from new and continuing members. Some knowledge of Excel is helpful for tracking the membership. If you are interested, contact me at teresahpeterson@verizon.net. Thanks



Newsletter Editor Wanted

By Barbara Bean

I have decided to step down as newsletter editor, effective the end of this guild year. The June, 2015 newsletter will be my last.

If anyone is interested in taking over as newsletter editor, please contact me before the end of the guild year.

Each month I do the following:

- Request articles from membership
- Assemble articles in orderly fashion in Publisher
- Convert Publisher file to Adobe PDF file
- Upload Adobe PDF file to website
- Inform membership that newsletter is online



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

No new members to report

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.



March Birthdays

... Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Susan Spencer	Mar 1
Laura Markus	Mar 3
Cathie Shelton	Mar 3
Nadzieja Finkelstein	Mar 8
Kate Foley	Mar 10
Carol Carrier	Mar 12
Diane Heller	Mar 15
Linda August	Mar 18
JoAnn Aulick	Mar 19
Barbara Bregman	Mar 19
Carol Millman	Mar 21
Pat Vasaio	Mar 29
Juanita Canfield	Mar 31

Also in March



Daylight Savings—March 8



St. Patrick's Day—March 17



1st Day of Spring—March 21



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 March Guild meeting.

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