

# Friendship Star Quilters

## August, 2015

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# The Quiltline

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### Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

#### **Ending Aug 1, 2015: Last chance for exhibit that includes fiber / art quilts in Germantown, MD.**

Includes art quilter Karen Schulz. Located at BlackRock Center for the Arts. 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, MD. The galleries are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. From 270, take exit 15 toward Germantown on Germantown Road. Take a right on Crystal Rock Terrace, then left on Century Blvd. Go four blocks and BlackRock will be on your right. Turn right on Town Commons Drive and park in the lot behind the building.

#### **Fri-Sun Aug 7-9, 2015: Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show in Frederick, MD.**

Quilts, vendors, demonstrations, raffle quilt, raffle baskets, silent auction, boutique, country store emporium. Located at 797 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD. Used to be called the Frederick Fairgrounds, now called Event Plex – Null Building. Hours: Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4. Cost: \$10 for all 3 days. Children under 12 free. Free parking.

### 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/>.

### Service Projects

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

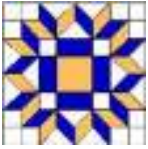
Tuesday, August 11th,  
 Thursday, August 20th  
 Fairhaven United Methodist Church,  
 12801 Darnestown Road.  
 9:30 to 12:15  
 If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward .

### Fabric of the Month

August: No Drawing

### Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th, 7:00 PM  
 Dottie's house.



## President's Message

Dottie Acton

I can't believe that summer is half over, and we're ready to start a new guild year!

One of the first events we need to focus on is getting volunteers to white glove and sell tickets for our 2016 Raffle Quilt at the Pennsylvania National Extravaganza at Oaks, PA on Sept 17-20. We have to provide 32 hours of white glove support in order to be able to display our quilt, so please help in either of the ways below:

**Bus Trip on Saturday:** Karen Moss and Diane Heller are coordinating the bus trip to Oaks and lining up volunteers for ticket sales and white gloving on Saturday, Sept 19. Look for them at the August meeting to reserve space on the bus and to volunteer to work for an hour or two while you're at the show on Saturday. We need to provide 20 hours of white glove support on Saturday and 4 hours on each of the other days.

**Thursday, Friday and Sunday:** If you are going to the show on Thursday, Friday or Sunday, please help out by white gloving or selling tickets on those days too. The Sew Watt Quilters, our new small group, has volunteered for the job of quilt marketing this year, and they will have sign-up sheets for Thursday, Friday and Sunday at the August meeting. Kathy Brown, who recently moved here from California, is the point of contact for Sew Watt Quilters.

White gloving is a great way to see the show up close, and selling raffle quilt tickets is a great way to rest your feet, so please make both of those activities part of your show experience!

Our second major event for selling tickets is during the Quilters Quest, Nov 6-15. Many thanks to Capital Quilts for again offering us space to show our quilt and sell tickets. We'll start looking for volunteers for

that effort once the Oaks show is over, but please pencil in some time on your calendar to help the guild during Quilters Quest.

Our third major ticket sales opportunity is the Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton, VA, at the end of February, so keep that in mind too. The raffle quilt loves to travel and will be happy to go with you to any other event that you would like to take her to. Just contact Kathy Brown to ask for a date with the quilt!

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Aug 11, at 7PM at Dottie Acton's house. If you have topics for the board to consider, please send a note to any of the officers. Watch for a reminder a few days before the meeting with more details.

Speaking of notes, if sometimes I respond to you with a very terse note, please don't take it personally. Some days my thumb really gives me a hard time, and other days it's fine. Obviously today is a good day or I wouldn't be rambling on like this. If my responses are too cryptic, just let me know and I'll either type more or give you a call. Growing old is the pits but it beats the alternative.

I hope that you are all taking advantage of some of our very hot days by staying inside and quilting. I try to work in the yard on those few days when the weather is decent, but the rest of the time I'd rather be quilting. Maybe I'll even get something finished for Show and Tell – if not in August, then definitely in September. Please bring your projects to share with the rest of us too.

Keep cool and quilt.

Dottie



## Minutes of the June 1, 2015 FSQ Meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

The June 1, 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 and visitors.

The minutes of the May 2015 guild meeting were approved.

Dottie Acton announced that a volunteer is needed to coordinate the bus trip to the Oaks quilt show that will be held September 17-20<sup>th</sup> near Valley Forge, PA. The bus trip is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>. The FSQ guild will be allowed to sell tickets for its raffle quilt at the show only if we volunteer at least 32 hours of white gloving. Karen Moss has coordinated the bus trip in the past and has volunteered to provide her expertise to whomever takes on the job this year. The estimated cost per person is \$62 and includes admission to the show. About 32 people are needed to break even with the cost of the bus, so non-members of the FSQ guild will be invited to fill vacancies. Dottie will send an email to FSQ members to solicit a volunteer. (Contact: Dottie Acton)

A volunteer is needed to work with JoAnne DuChez on the Program Committee. (Contact: JoAnne DuChez)

Volunteers are needed to work on the Marketing Committee for the 2015-2016 raffle quilt. (Contact: Dottie Acton)

Liz Brodsky volunteered to be responsible for the monthly production of the FSQ newsletter, *The Quiltline*.

Nicki Lynch and Michele Barker announced that Barbara Skelly volunteered to fill the vacancy for FSQ Membership. The following ladies were elected to serve for the 2015/2016 year: Dottie Acton, president; Linda August, vice-president; Barbara Dryden and Barbara Kilby, co-treasurers; and Billye Roberts, secretary.

Dottie Acton extended her thanks to all guild volunteers over the past year and gave each one a token gift. She also treated the attendees to her delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Feedback is being solicited on what kind of fabrics to include in the monthly fabric raffle.

Suggestions will be requested at the next guild meeting.

Liz Plantz announced the top ticket sellers for this past year's raffle quilt. They are Suma Glassman, Carol Carrier, and Gerda Sherwood. Coralyn Colladay sold the winning ticket.

A new mini-group is meeting at the home of Kathy Brown. Contact Dottie Acton for more information. (Contact: Dottie Acton)

On July 6-11<sup>th</sup> Wilson's quilt shop in Hagerstown is holding its open house. Dottie Acton is looking for a carpool partner. Let her know if you are interested.

Members displayed their latest quilting accomplishments in show and tell.

The fabric raffle winners were Liz Lawrence and Sharon Waggoner.

The meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the meeting, a yard sale was held to raise funds for the guild.

Submitted by Ann Ramey-Smith



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Thanks to your generosity, Service Projects is off to a great start this year. Since June 1st, we have made and donated 75 quilts to Warm Up America, Fisher House and Healthy Families Montgomery; 45 pillowcases; and 40 premie quilts and 17 premie hats to the Holy Cross NICU. Thank you all so very much for your continued support over the summer months. You are appreciated!

The Service Project Workshops for August will be held from 9:30 until 12:15 on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road. If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward in the

Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch (a refrigerator and microwave are available) or plan to go out and pick something up and come back and join us. We'd love to have you join us!

For questions or more information contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan.



## Retreat Registration Forms — Click link below

[2016 Retreat Registration Form](#) (doc)

[2016 Retreat Registration Form](#) (pdf)



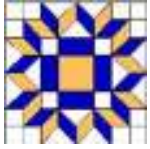
## January 2016 Bon Secours Retreat

By Judy Walsh and Teresa Peterson

We are pleased to announce **FSQ's 18th annual sewing retreat, a fun gathering of Quilters Unsupervised**. We will be returning to the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours (RCCBS) in Marriottsville, MD, which has beautiful facilities including a conference room (our sewing space) with natural light coming from a wall of windows. Treat yourself to a long weekend without the distractions of home. Bring your sewing machine and projects you want to work on and Sew! Sew! Sew! If you so choose, you may also sign up for a chair massage or full body massage with one of the massage therapists who will be on hand much of the weekend. Enjoy the company of other quilters and receive inspiration and guidance from fellow FSQ members.

Questions? E-mail Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh at [retreat@friendshipstar.org](mailto:retreat@friendshipstar.org)

To register, please completely fill out the registration form (above and on our website) and send it along with a deposit of \$50 by check made payable to FSQ. You may turn in the form and deposit to Teresa or Judy at the FSQ meetings or mail it to Teresa Peterson. The deposit and final payment are nonrefundable unless you can find an FSQ guild member to replace you. We can take a maximum of 34 and we will maintain a wait list. The balance must be paid no later than the October guild meeting (Oct. 5, 2015) due to our contractual obligations with Bon Secours. Additional details about the weekend - including directions to RCCBS - will be provided after January 1st, 2016.



## QUILTO in August

By JoAnne DuChez

Can you believe it is almost August already? The time just goes by too fast. Hopefully, everyone has had a great summer full of family, friends and quilting. I've had a very busy summer with family and travel -and the beach is yet to come. Best of all, I've moved my sewing room to a larger room! Now I have room to move around and store yet more fabric and UFOs.

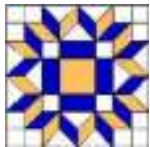
This FSQ year will be full of programs and speakers. On August 3, we'll start the year with QUILTO! This is a great way to ease back into our monthly meetings and to socialize with friends we haven't see in a

while. QUILTO is like BINGO with fabric prizes.

Everyone starts with 2 QUILTO card (at a cost of 2 fat quarters and \$2)

Each additional card may be purchased for 1FQ and \$1.

The fabric everyone brings becomes the prizes; the \$ go towards the yummy markers used for marking the QUILTO cards. Lots of chances to win! Please don't purchase more cards than you can review quickly during the calling of the game.



## 2015/2016 Programs

By JoAnne DuChez

August 3, 2015	QUILTO
Sept 14, 2015	Deb Kochinsky, Lecture: Machine Appliqué of Realistic Animal Designs. <a href="http://critterpat.com">critterpat.com</a>
Oct 5, 2015	Annette Ornelas, Lecture: Dimensional Curved Piecing or Peeled-Back Patchwork. <a href="http://southwindquilts.com">southwindquilts.com</a>
Nov 2, 2015	Mary Kerr, AQS certified appraiser quilt history and the preservation of antique textiles. <a href="http://marywkerr.com">marywkerr.com</a>
Dec 7, 2015	Holiday Party
Jan 4, 2016	TBD
Feb 1, 2016	FSQ Truck Show - organized by Linda August, FSQ Vice President
Mar 7, 2016	Kathy Lincoln, passion for simplifying techniques; teaches at Quilt Patch. Lecture: Design Your Own: Pieced Blocks. <a href="http://kathylincoln.com">kathylincoln.com</a>
April 4, 2016	Barbara Dann
May 2, 2016	Karen Lee Carter, Original Art Quilts, <a href="http://karenleecarter.com">karenleecarter.com</a>
June 6, 2016	Election of Officers for 2016-17; 3rd Annual Yard Sale

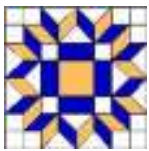


## Membership Renewal

By Barbara Skelly

The membership drive for 2015-2016 continues. Almost 80% of the membership has already renewed. Are you one of them? If not, please bring your check or cash (\$35.00) - no credit cards - to the August 3 meeting. You will also have the opportunity to review and update your info so it will be correct in the online directory.

As the new membership chair, I am learning the membership computer files (Thank you, Teresa Peterson!). What better way for me to learn than by inputting your membership renewal?!



## Charity Nominees for 2016

By Barbara Kilby

### CHARITY NOMINEES FOR 2016

**Each year FSQ donates 20-25% of the net proceeds from our raffle quilt to selected charities. We will take a vote on our choices at the August 3 business meeting. For 2016 there are three nominees:**

**Fisher House Foundation, [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org),** is a public/private partnership founded in 1993 to assist military families beyond what is provided by the Department of Defense and the VA. They provide lodging free of charge when a family member is undergoing treatment at a military medical facility. There are five Fisher houses at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, and 60 more all over the US and Germany. In total, since 1990, they have provided 25,000 families with 6 million days of lodging.

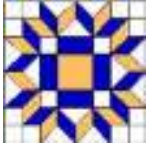
Total revenue in 2013 for all Fisher Houses was \$60 million. Sources included \$8 million (13%) from government grants, \$2 million from federated campaigns, \$2.2 million from fundraising events, and \$48 million (80%) from other contributions, gifts and grants. Total expenses were \$46.3 million in 2013; program services accounted for 94.7% of expenses, administration for 3.3%, and fundraising for 2%. Excess revenues were \$13.6 million in 2013 and \$14.4 million in 2012.

Volunteer opportunities at Fisher Houses may include helping with fundraising events, meal preparation, babysitting, donating articles on their wish list, helping with landscaping, and toy drives. FSQ has contributed a total of \$4,236.63 to Fisher Houses since 2009.

**Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org)** operates medical centers in Silver Spring and five other locations in DC and Prince George's County. Mary's Center was established in 1988 to provide health care, education, and social services to uninsured and under-insured clients. It also provides child development services, home visits for pregnant women and infants, teen pregnancy prevention programs, and school dropout prevention programs. In 2014 they served 35,000 clients.

FSQ has not made cash donations to Mary's Center, but our Service Project provides baby quilts for their quarterly educational baby showers. Pregnant women due that quarter are invited to a shower to hear from a guest speaker, receive baby supplies, choose a quilt, and have refreshments.

Annual revenue totaled \$34.9 million in 2013. This includes \$15 million from patient fees for services, \$13 million from government grants and contracts, \$3.5 million from contributions and fundraising events, and \$3.4 million from other sources.



## Charity Nominees for 2016—Continued

By Barbara Kilby

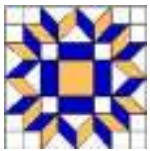
Expenses were \$37.3 million in 2013. Of that, 82% was spent for program services, 16% for administrative expense and leased employees, and 2% for fundraising expenses.

**A Wider Circle** ([www.awidercircle.org](http://www.awidercircle.org)) was founded in 2001 to help children and adults lift themselves out of poverty, with programs that tend to people's tangible needs and also to their inner needs through education. Its Community Service Center and Center for Professional Development in Silver Spring serve 15,000 children and adults each year. Educational programs include job readiness, stress management, and general wellness workshops.

Relying primarily on in-kind donations, A Wider Circle provides people in need, especially those transitioning out of shelters, with furniture, clothing, professional attire, housewares, bedding, baby items, non-

perishable foods - whatever is needed. FSQ contributed \$648.94 to A Wider Circle in 2013.

Total revenue in 2014 was \$10.5 million, which includes \$7.9 million in donated articles valued at thrift shop prices. Cash revenues were only \$2.7 million. Expenses were \$10.3 million, including \$7.8 million in-kind furniture and household items distributed. Program services were 98% of expenses, administration 1%, and fundraising 1%.



## Fabric Drawings

By Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

**NB:** You may contribute as many fat quarters (or other monthly selection) as you wish, but you can only win once per meeting.

**August** – No drawing.

**September** – Fat quarters of Conversational/Novelty Prints (Fabrics that have a theme, scene or some special design)

**October** -- Fat quarters of Seasonal Fall Colors

**November** – Fat quarters of Winter or Holiday Fabric in Blues, Whites, and/or Silver.

**December** -- Service Project Special. 12" Nine Patch Block. Corners and center in shades of blue or purple, the other squares in white, off-white or beige. For every block you make for the raffle, please make a second block to be given to Service Projects.

If you need a pattern to follow see: [http://www.quilterscache.com/N/](http://www.quilterscache.com/N/NinePatchBlock.html)

[NinePatchBlock.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/N/NinePatchBlock.html). Note: The pattern gives you a block that measures 12 ½ inches, resulting in a 12 inch finished block when sewn into a quilt.

**January** – Fat quarters of Geometric prints: circles, squares, dots, stripes, etc.

**February** – Pre-cut Batik strips 2 ½ inches by width of fabric (4 strips equal one entry in the raffle).

**March** – Fat quarters of Green and/or Yellow

**April** – Fat quarters of Floral Prints to Celebrate Spring.

**May** – Fat quarters of Black and/or White -- Coffee and/or Cream

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.



## July and August Birthdays ... Happy Birthday To You !

Barbara Skelly

Julie Arnsberger	Jul 11
Ann Brakob	Jul 31
Linda Belecki	Jul 7
CatherineButler	Jul 23
Jo Anne Duchez	Jul 26
Ihsia Hu	Jul 23
Robin Rothstein	Jul 17
Carole S Weikert	Jul 15
Nancy Zachik	Jul 21

Cathy Berman	Aug 14
Jane Campos	Aug 8
Jean Crabtree	Aug 18
Linda Duzick	Aug 14
Brenda Grey	Aug 21
Lizabeth Lawrence	Aug 24
Jenae Redmond	Aug 6
Maryjean Spencer	Aug 10
Sheri Thompson	Aug 25
Carol Unger	Aug 29
Alice Ward	Aug 5
Anne Weaver	Aug 21

## Also in August



Lefthanders Day  
August 13th





Elected Officers		
President	<b>Dottie Acton</b>	<a href="mailto:prez@friendshipstar.org">prez@friendshipstar.org</a>
Vice-President	<b>Linda August</b>	<a href="mailto:VP@friendshipstar.org">VP@friendshipstar.org</a>
Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	<b>Barbara Dryden Barbara Kilby</b>	<a href="mailto:Treas@friendshipstar.org">Treas@friendshipstar.org</a>
Secretary	<b>Billye Roberts</b>	<a href="mailto:Secy@friendshipstar.org">Secy@friendshipstar.org</a>



### Committee Chairs

Fabric of the Month	<a href="#">Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson</a>	Programs	<a href="#">Jo Anne Duchez</a>
Field Trips	<a href="#">Jean Farrell</a>	Quilt Show 2015	<a href="#">Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall</a>
Guild Pin Sales	<a href="#">Suma Glassman</a>	Retreats	<a href="#">Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh</a>
Hospitality	Vacant	Service Projects	<a href="#">Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan</a>
Library	<a href="#">Jennifer Rossmere</a>	Sit and Sew	<a href="#">Pat Vasaio</a>
Membership	<a href="#">Barbara Skelly</a>	Small Groups Coordinator	<a href="#">Nicki Lynch</a>
Newsletter	<a href="#">Liz Brodsky</a>	Sunshine & Shadow	<a href="#">Coralyn Colladay</a>
Raffle Quilt Marketing	<a href="#">Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters</a>	Webmistress	<a href="#">Barbara Bean</a>
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	<a href="#">Anne Flaggs</a>		