

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Thru June 19, 2016, “New Arrivals: Art Quilts” at the Baltimore Museum of Arts through June 19, located at 10 Art Museum Drive, Baltimore. 443-573-1700. www.artbma.org. free. To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Baltimore Museum of Art

June 3-6 Quilters Unlimited Show, Dulles Expo Center, Information at <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow/>

June 11-12 Quilts by the Bay, Annapolis Quilt Guild, Information at www.annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/

July 15-17 2016 MAQ 2016, Class schedule and registration is available online at www.maqonline.org

July 21-24 2016 Quilt Odyssey 2016, Class schedule and registration is available online at www.quiltodyssey.com

August 12-20 2016 Montgomery County Fair, Information available at <http://mcagfair.com/>

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April Fabric of the Month: Fat quarters of Floral Prints to Celebrate Spring.

Meetings

Next Meeting is April 4th.
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

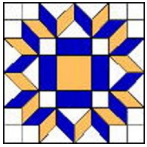
Service Projects are usually held at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects workshops:
Thursday, April 7
Tuesday, April 26

If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward.

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for **April 12th**. The board meeting is open to all guild members. If you have a topic to bring up to the board, please contact any of the officers to add your item to the agenda.



President's Message

Dottie Acton

It's spring! There are flowers in the yard and blossoms on the trees. Our small groups are starting to meet again after being snowed out for months. And I actually finished two quilts that I started over a year ago. What more could anyone ask for?

I'm looking forward to show and tell for our Quilts of Honor at our April guild meeting. Please bring your quilt to share, even if it isn't totally done. Quilts will be turned in at the May meeting.

Also, please sell and turn in more raffle quilt tickets. We still have a long way to go to meet our goal of selling 5000 tickets. I'll update you with current sales numbers at the April meeting. There will be two drawings at the April meeting – one for sales at Hampton, and one for tickets turned in at the March meeting.

I hope that some of you are considering volunteering to serve the guild in the many opportunities that are coming up. If you would like to serve as one of the officers, please contact Nicki Lynch or Liz Lawrence. We are also looking for quilt show co-chairs, and for

volunteers to fill some committee chair vacancies. The best part of being in one of the leadership roles is that you get to know so many members so much better than you do when you just attend the monthly meetings.

I've been going through my fabric and books looking for donations for the June yard sale. My goal is to at least fill one box with donations this month and next. Even if I live for another 20 years I don't think I can use up everything in my stash, and you all know how unlikely it is that my stash won't have just a few additions in that time too.

The next executive board meeting is on April 12, 7PM at my house. Please mark your calendars.

That's about it for now. I hope to see all of you at our guild meeting on Monday, April 4.

Keep on quilting.

Dottie



2017 Raffle Quilt

Judy Walsh

Many thanks to those of you who took one or more kits to make blocks for the 2017 Raffle Quilt!

As previously requested, please complete your blocks and bring them to the **April guild meeting**; that will really help us to stay on schedule.



Guild Minutes: March 2016 FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

The meeting was called to order by our Guild President, Dottie Acton, at 7:32 pm. New members and visitors were welcomed.

Minutes from last month were approved.

Opportunity Quilt -The report for Opportunity Quilt ticket sales at Hampton is that 1020 tickets were sold, for \$891; 13 volunteers gave 80 hours of support. Thanks to everybody who was there; it made it so much easier that members shared the burden. Please remember to sell tickets, and return those you've sold. Let Kathy Brown know if you are available to take our quilt out and about.

Library – if you brought books tonight and would like to return them, please go ahead and do so. Our Librarian will be back next month.

Yard sale – Bring donations to the meeting, or you can make arrangements with JoAnne Duche.

Nominating Committee is needed to find a slate of officers for. Nicki Lynch volunteered as one member; two more are needed.

Volunteers needed for the 2017 Quilt Show. Barbara Kilby sent out an email to previous committee members and has some responses for those who are willing to continue. Volunteering on the Quilt Show committee is a GREAT way to get to know your fellow FSQ members.

2017 Raffle Quilt - Judy Walsh, coordinator of the 2017 Raffle Quilt, announced that blocks are available in the lobby. Colleen Biasco, Joy Dorman, JoAnne DuChez, and Meg Tison are the other members of the team.

Quilt Retreat - Next year's retreat will be held at Bon Secour in January, the weekend after MLK weekend. More information will be forthcoming in April.

Quilts of Honor - Karen Slayton is coordinating a Quilts of Honor project for soldiers serving with her son in Afghanistan. Please bring quilts in next month so we can have a big snow-and-tell. Please attach a label stating who pieced it and who quilted it. Also attach a sleeve, if possible, one that can be easily taken off. If you have a plastic bag as used for quilt turn-in, please use one. If there are more than 20 quilts, the extra will be sent to the Bagram Hospital. In terms of size, 64 x 88 is ideal (approximately twin-size). Lap size is slightly small.

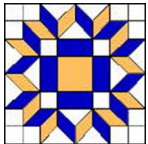
Service Projects - Suma Glassman announced the next Service Projects workshop will be Tuesday the 15th and that pillowcase kits and top kits are available in the back.

FSQ Facebook Page - Suma Glassman also coordinates the FSQ Facebook page and is trying to post interesting things. As an example of something that will be posted the end of the month is at the Arts Barn in the Kentlands doing the show "Quilters." This is a musical about the American West, presented as a series of musical numbers.

Programs - JoAnne DuChez, Programs chair, introduced our speaker, Kathy Lincoln, on taking public domain blocks and making them your own.

Show and Tell – many beautiful quilts were shared.

The Opportunity Quilt ticket sellers drawing was won by Judy Walsh. The Fat Quarter drawing was won by Ellen Robinson and Dottie Acton.



January 2017 Retreat at Bon Secours - Save the date

Joy Dorman

Our 19th annual retreat will be held **January 20-23, 2017** at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriottsville, MD. This is a departure from our usual time; next year we will convene the weekend **after** Martin Luther King's birthday. More information should be available in mid-April.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

There's an old saying, "Many hands make light work." We would like to propose a slight change and say, instead, "Many hands make successful work." Every year more and more FSQ members become involved in the work of our Service Projects committee: attending workshops; donating fabric; making a preemie quilt or pillowcase at home; turning in a quilt top kit; or making and donating a quilt. Without all of this guild support, we would definitely not be able to report numbers that continue to increase. So far, since June 1, 2015, we have, as a guild made and donated

394 preemie quilts and blankets

106 preemie hats

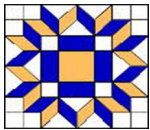
258 pillowcases

267 children's quilts

38 quilts for Fisher House (both children's and adults)

Many thanks to all for your generous support!

Service Projects workshops in April will be held on Thursday, April 7, and Tuesday, April 26. We meet from 9:30 am until about 12:30 pm at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28). Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.



Keep current with Facebook!

Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson

Did you know that FSQ has a Facebook page? If you are on FB, why not like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipStarQuilters/> And if you aren't on Facebook, the page is "public" so you can still view it just by going to the link. We will be

posting meeting reminders and other items deemed of interest to you. If there is something you think might be good information to others, quilt related of course, contact us, the page administrators, and we will get it posted.

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.



2015/2016 Programs

By JoAnne DuChez

Hi All,

Program: Barbara Dann, alleycatquiltworks.co, spends a lot of her time at quilt shows, teaching at guilds and shops, and sometimes in my studio. Her studio work includes longarm quilting, making custom quilts and T-shirt quilts. Barbara is a Certified Instructor for Studio 180 Design - tools and techniques to make piecing precise, easy and fun! Using Deb Tucker's tools you can easily enjoying piecing and making blocks you would never have tried before! Barbara will be presenting her lecture "Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently?"

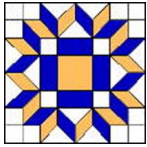
The Guild will host a dinner for the lecturer on Monday evening at 5:30 before the meeting. The Guild dinners are held at DogFish Head Alehouse, 800 West Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, 20878, phone: 301-963-4847.

Yard Sale Donations:

Please donate quilt quality fabric. Experience shows that the non-cottons do not sell well. Also donate books (no magazines), notions, rulers, patterns, UFOs, panels, and other quilting related items.

Drop your yard sale donations at the meeting. If you would rather drop you items off at my house, just let me know and we can set a time. I'm home most of the time except when I'm doing taxi service for my grand-kids.

April 4, 2016	Barbara Dann. Lecture: "Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently?"
May 2, 2016	Karen Lee Carter , Original Art Quilts, karenleecarter.com
June 6, 2016	Election of Officers for 2016-17; 3rd Annual Yard Sale



Fabric Drawings

Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

April – Fat quarters of Floral Prints to Celebrate Spring.

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

June – Fat quarters of Patriotic or Red, White and/or Blue



Ultimate Guild Challenge—Quilts Submitted to AQS

Karen Moss and Nancy Colladay

Thank you to everyone who participated in the challenge. Also a big thank you to the staff at Capital Quilts who selected the eight quilts representing FSQ in our AQS 2016 Ultimate Guild Challenge submission. We hope to hear back by June 10 as to whether or not we are accepted.

Congratulations to: Laurie Bay, Nancy Colladay, JoAnne DuChez, Barbara Kilby, Karen Moss, Ellen Robinson, Susan Spencer and Pat Vasaio (quilted by

Barbara Bregman). We have a fine group of quilts again this year, fingers crossed that we get accepted.

Challenge Co-Chairs Karen Moss and Nancy Colladay.



Membership By Barbara Skelly

Please check in at the membership table before the meeting or at break. We would like you to sign in so

we know you were there.



Sunshine and Shadows

Coralyn Colladay

Congratulations to Jane Campos!

Jane's needlepoint was juried into the 53rd Annual Needlework Exhibit at Woodlawn Plantation. Woodlawn Plantation was the first family home of Eleanor Parke Custis Lewis, the step-granddaughter and ward of Martha and George Washington. The tradition of needlework crafts has always played a prominent part at Woodlawn. The submissions are judged by experts certified by the American Needlepoint Guild, the Embroiderers' Guild of America and the National Academy of Needlearts. The exhibition continues through March 31 at the Plantation in Alexandria.



FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

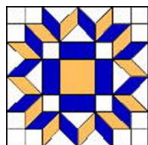
For the spring, you may want to make yourself a new bag or tote. If so, check out “Quilted Bags and Totes” by Denise Clason which includes 15 stylish and versatile bag designs. Or maybe you would rather make a box with “Fast, Fun & Easy Fabric Boxes” by Linda Johansen. The library has so many books that may pique your interest in something new. Please come and browse.

The FSQ website has a list of all the books in our library. If you would like me to find a particular book for you, please send me an e-mail and I will have it

ready for you at the next meeting.

Also, I welcome your ideas for new books. Let me know if there is a book that you would like to see as part of our library or a certain topic that is not covered by our current books. Please e-mail me with your suggestions at library@friendshipstar.org.

Jennifer Rossmere



Circle of Friends Quilt Show Information

Alice Washburn

You are cordially invited to the

16th Annual PIW Quilt Show
of the

Circle of Friends Quilters

at the

Patuxent Institute for Women
Rt. 175, East of Rt. 1
Jessup, Maryland

on

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For information or to register, please call:

Sandy McDonald - 410-461-4337
Inge Stocklin - 301-490-3544

You must register by April 30, 2016. In compliance with Maryland law, you must provide Sandy McDonald your full name, home address, date of birth, social security number, and driver's license number in order to enter the facility and attend the show. Information provided will be securely protected.

Directions:

The Patuxent Institution is on Rt. 175, about 1 mile East of Rt. 1 in Jessup, MD (on the left just after the 4 lanes merge into 2). The phone number is 410-799-3400. In order to enter the prison, you must enter at the main entrance (door marked "Employee"). Your name will appear on a list provided to the prison by Sandy McDonald. You will walk through an electronic scanner and be patted down by a female officer. (DO NOT wear an underwire bra. The scanner doesn't like it! Also, please do not wear any sheer or translucent tops.) Purses, money, and cameras will NOT be allowed into the prison, so lock them in your trunk. You may bring in your car keys and you must have a photo ID. After being checked in, we will be escorted in a group to the quilt show by an officer. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy McDonald. Please plan to arrive at the prison by 12:30 p.m. The Circle of Friends Quilters at PIW and the volunteers are looking forward to welcoming you to the 16th Annual PIW Quilt Show. Please RSVP no later than April 30, 2016.



Birthdays

April Birthdays

Cynthia	Boddie-Willis	Apr	17
Kay	Campbell Anderson	Apr	4
Anne	Flaggs	Apr	28
Suma	Glassman	Apr	25
SherriJoyce	King	Apr	22
Kim	Jallette	Apr	22
Kimberly	Stefan	Apr	11
Gayle	Sunde	Apr	28
Gerda	Sherwood	Apr	9



Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Barbara Dryden Barbara Kilby	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Michele Barnard	Secy@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs

Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Ducheze
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2017	TBD
Pins	Susan Spencer	Retreats	Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh
Hospitality	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Jennifer Rossmere	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Membership	Barbara Skelly	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters	Webmistress	Barbara Bean
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters		