

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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June Fabric of the Month: Fat quarters of Patriotic or Red, White and/or Blue

Meetings

Next Meeting is June 6th.
 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/>.

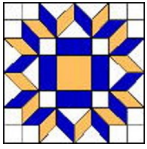
Service Projects

Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
 Thursday, June 9
 Tuesday, June 28
 If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward.

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be announced soon. 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 hard to believe that my two years as guild president are over. It's been such a great two years, primarily because all of our guild members have been so supportive and helpful. If not for that great support, I would definitely have been a one term president, but all of you made the two years fly by. I'm glad our yard is finally drying out – the rain was starting to get to all of us. Of course, warm for a few weeks would be nice rather than record heat, but that's not how the weather goes in this part of the country. I'm so close to done on two of my quilts – binding on one and binding and embellishments on the other. I'm really glad I made my New Year's resolution to finish two quilts for every new one that I start, because I was getting rather overwhelmed with UFOs, but I'm equally glad to get these two out of the way so I can start another. It will be a real challenge to decide which one to start next. At least I'll have something for show and tell in August.

Have any of you become nocturnal as you have grown older? I used to be early to bed, early to rise, but now it seems like I just get started around 10PM. That makes it hard to get to morning classes, but I guess that waking up early once or twice a month is OK if it involves quilting. I must admit that I have started looking for afternoon classes, and I'm getting to like online classes a lot.

Now that summer is here and it's too hot to work in the yard as much, I'm going to try to get at least one service project top done each week. That's a very modest goal given how easy the tops are to make, but during weeding season I didn't even do that much. I hope that this summer all of you will be able to participate with our service project activities by making quilt tops and attending the monthly workshops. It's nice to be able to do what you love to do, spend time with friends, and help others at the same time.

My non-fun project for this weekend is to clean my sewing room well enough that I have space to bring in some yard sale goodies. I already went through everything looking for donations, but now I have to put it all back together neatly enough so that I can sneak in a couple of bags of goodies without anyone noticing. It's amazing how much fabric you can stuff into boxes under a sewing table.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the yard sale in June. Take care and keep on quilting.

Dottie



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

As we reach the end of this quilting year for FSQ, the Service Projects committee is proud to report on numbers of items completed and donated! With the support of many members of the guild, we made **443 quilts (both children's and adult), 443 preemie quilts, 111 preemie hats, and 264 pillowcases.** What a tremendous effort on the part of many to bring warmth and comfort to the area's residents who need a little extra kindness. Your support is truly appreciated.

As you go off on your summer travels, please take a moment to take a (or a couple of) kit/s for quilt tops,

pillowcases or preemie quilts when you come to the guild meeting on June 6. If you'd like to make your own, there are directions and sizes on the Service Projects page of the FSQ website.

If you're available during the day, please come to the June Service Projects workshops on Thursday, June 9, and Tuesday, June 28, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), from 9:30 am until about noon. Questions? Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan.



Guild Minutes: May 2016 FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

President Dottie Acton convened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed new members and guests.

April 2016 Minutes were approved.

2017 Retreat: Sign up in the lobby tonight, or contact Judy Walsh or Joy Dorman.

2017 Raffle Quilt: Rumor has it's beautiful.

Service projects: Suma Glassman reminds everybody to take kits and return the finished tops.

Quilts of Valor: Karen Slayton offered thanks to everybody who made quilts and introduced us to her son Master Sgt. Joe Slayton who thanked members for making the quilts for his colleagues, and is working with his commander to distribute the quilts. Those who made quilts are invited to meet the recipients, but Andrews AFB is a secure base, and arrangements will need to be made. Karen Slayton will communicate further details as she gets them.

Slate of Officers: Liz Lawrence offered a slate of officers for next year. We still have one opening, for President. Members and officers will be sure to help. This is an important position. The other nominees are Connie Ross, VP; secretary, Gail Sunday; and treasurer, Jennifer Rossmere.

By-law Changes: Linda August discussed a proposed update to our bylaws. A couple of years ago Suma Glassman went through the bylaws and recommended changes which were not acted upon at the time. Linda has updated those changes with input from others to address things that need to be updated. One of the proposed changes allows an office to be shared. The list of standing committees that make up the executive board were also updated to reflect those that were essential to running the guild, plus any special

committees. Other language about joining the guild after January paying half dues is also included. In addition, there is nothing in the by-laws that give the board power to make decisions on behalf of the Guild; this has been amended. The duties of the officers should now be documented. A "quorum" is now to include at least two elected officers and whatever quorum requirements exist for the committee members. Updates will also clarify when voting on the bylaws can take place and add a conflict of interest clause. A full draft version of these updates was emailed to guild members by Linda August. Please review the proposed by-law changes before the June meeting.

Nancy Colladay asked that if there were co-officers, who is allowed to sign as one of the required signatures needs to be clarified. Nancy also noted that the board has been given blanket authority to make decisions on behalf of the guild, so decisions such as switching the quilt show to every other year could have been a board decision.

By-Law changes will be discussed and voted on at the June meeting.

Membership: It's time to pay dues - \$35.

NeedleChasers has their raffle quilt in the lobby; please buy a ticket to support our sister guild.

Program: JoAnne Duchez thanked everybody for bringing yard sale donations. JoAnne also requested that others get involved in the yard sale or Programs for future years. She notes that members may wonder when it might be "their turn," when all they really have to do is express an interest. Committee Chairs will be more than happy to mentor you in any of the volunteer opportunities in the guild.

Our speaker for tonight is Karen Lee Carter, an art quilter expert in embellishments.



Guild Minutes: May 2016 FSQ Meeting (continued)

Michele Barnard

Summer Challenge: JoAnne DuChez also offered a little teaser information. The guild is thinking of doing another Services Challenge over the summer. Fabric would be handed out next month and quilts would be due in September. Size requirements (36 by 36 inches, up to twin size or so) would be the same, and all quilts would go to Service Projects for distribution. This is likely to be a black-and-white challenge, since Service Projects has a lot of black-and-white fat quarters. Quilts should be finished and bound.

Thank You: Dottie took an opportunity to help people who have been helpful to her as president this past year. List is in alphabetical order by first name.

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| Anne Weaver | Karen Moss |
| Barbara Bean | Kathy Brown |
| Barbara Dryden | Linda August |
| Barbara Kilby | Liz Brodsky |
| Barbara Skelly | Liz Lawrence |
| Carol Carrier | Liz Plantz |
| Connie Ross | Meg Tison |
| Coralyn Colladay | Michele Barnard |
| Diane Heller | Nancy Brennan |
| Ellen Robinson | Nancy Colladay |
| Gerda Sherwood | Nicki Lynch |
| Harriet Sheinson | Suma Glassman |
| Heather Heller | Susan Spencer |
| Jane Phillips | Teresa Peterson |
| Jennifer Rossmere | Veronica Smith |
| JoAnne DuChez | |
| Joy Dorman | |
| Judy Walsh | |

Show and Tell: Many lovely quilts were shown at show-and-tell.

Ticket Drawing: Won by Dianne Heller.



FSQ Needs You!

Our quilt guild needs a leader, a President, to take over along with other FSQ members who already plan to serve on the Executive Board. Dottie Acton has offered to initially advise the new President-To-Be. By the June 6 meeting we vote on the slate presented, and we all hope to have everyone in place on the new Board. Being President of our quilt guild will be a great experience, and you can add it to your resume or to your memoirs. See you at the meeting.

Nominating Committee

Nicki Lynch, Liz Lawrence, Veronica Smith



2015/2016 Programs

By JoAnne DuChez

Our last Guild meeting of the year is just around the corner. This year has certainly flown by. I hope that you have enjoyed the programs and event throughout the year. As always, if you have any suggestions for speakers, please let me know. The Board and I will try to do what we can to satisfy your suggestions and request.

There will be a lot happening at the June meeting this year. The business meeting will include officer elections, proposed bylaws vote, show & tell and the FQ raffle. At the conclusion of the business activities, we will have our 3th Annual Yard Sale. During the yard sale we will have the drawing for the 2015-2016 Opportunity Quilt. You will also have a final chance to purchase additional chances on the Opportunity Quilt.

I have to say, I'm very impressed with both the quantity and quality of the items you all have donated this year. There is a massive amount of quilt fabric! There will be precuts, panels, kits, UFOs, finished projects, and other miscellaneous fabric items. There are lots of books and patterns. Also, we will have the Bargain Tables again this year. At the Bargain Tables, you may select and 'stuff' provided quart or gallon Ziploc bags with notions, threads, embellishments and many other types treasures. Please 'zip' your bags before getting to the checkout tables – you don't want to accidently lose any special items.

FSQ YARD SALE 2016

All Two-fers are mix and match. Take two!!
If you buy only one, the price is \$1.

FABRIC

Fat quarters	Two for \$1.00 (no singles)
Half yard cuts	\$1.00
1 yard cuts	\$2.00
2 yard cuts	\$4.00
3 yard cuts	\$5.00
4 yards or more	# of Yards + \$2
Panels, UFOs, etc.	As marked

Since we have had a very good track record with the yard sale and due to the great donations the members have contributed this year, the Board decided to invite several other guilds to attend the yard sale this year. I'm hoping that the weather is better this year and we have a better turnout than last year. Remember that the yard sale is our 2nd fundraising method, the 1st is the Opportunity Quilt.

So, bring your shopping bags, cash and checkbooks. Support your guild at this bountiful fund raiser. All proceeds will go to the Guild budget to help provide quality services, programs.

No pre-meeting shopping! Please do not enter the gym (the yard sale location) before the meeting. Please allow the volunteers to set up the sale with no interruptions.

Winners of the Orphan Block Challenge, please remember to bring your Yard Sale Bucks and redeem them at this event. Below is the complete price list for the Yard Sale. Also, please remember not to expect exact cuts of fabric

See you all on Monday, June 6.

JoAnne DuChez & the Program Cmte.

Pamphlets	Two for \$1.00 (no singles)
Patterns	\$1.00 or as marked
Books and CDs	\$2.00 or 3 for \$5
Bargain tables:	Fill a bag with mixed items:
	Small bag - Quart \$1.00
	Large bag - Gallon \$3.00
All other items	As marked

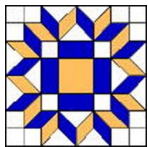


FSQ Summer Black and White Challenge

By JoAnne DuChez

At the last Guild meeting the Programs Committee announce the FSQ Summer Black & White Challenge. If you'd like to be part of the fun, come to the June 6 meeting and pick up a pack which includes 6 selections of black and white fat quarters (give or take a bit of fabric). Your task is to use that fabric and a splash of color from your stash to create a B&W marvel. Use as much of the B&W fabrics that you can and supplement from your own B&Ws if you like. If you need additional B&W fabrics, you may come to one of the June Services workshops and we will provide you with more fabric. You may use one or many colors for the "splash", no maximum or minimum. However, remember that the final quilt should be recognized as a black and white quilt.

The quilt size should be a minimum of 36" square, up to a twin size quilt. The completed quilt (quilted & bound) is due at the September 2016 meeting. The members will vote at the break, deciding which quilt makes best use of the B&W and color. Winners receive Yard Sale bucks, and all quilts will be donated to Service Projects. It's a win-win proposition!



January 2017 Retreat at Bon Secours

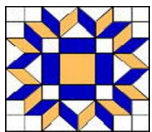
Joy Dorman

Retreat Web Page – Click link: [2017 Retreat Web Page](#)

Retreat registration forms will be available at the June guild meeting for anyone who wishes to secure a place by making a \$50 deposit. If paying by check, please make it payable to FSQ.

Please note that in 2017 the retreat will be Jan 20 – 23. This is the weekend **after** Martin Luther King's weekend.

Questions? E-mail Judy Walsh or Joy Dorman at retreats@friendshipstar.org



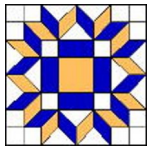
Keep current with Facebook!

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.



Fabric Drawings

Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

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



Membership

By Barbara Skelly

New Members:

Cathy Cottom, Montgomery Village, MD

Brenda Maas, Silver Spring, MD

Welcome!!!

Membership Renewal for 2016-2017:

Membership renewals for the coming year (2016-2017) will be accepted at the June 6 Guild meeting at the membership table. Annual membership dues are \$35.00. Please pay in cash (exact change appreciated!) or by check. We can't take credit cards.

When you renew, you will be asked to update your membership information so our directory will be current. The most current directory will be emailed to you in the fall.



Quilts of Honor Update

By Karen Slayton

Just an update to those members who made and/or donated a quilt to my sons unit. I have been informed that the quilts will be given out on either August 6th or 7th at Andrews Air Force Base. I may have more information by the June guild meeting but I can't guarantee it. Will keep you posted.



FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

I want to let you know that there will be lots of books in the FSQ Yard Sale from our library. These are books that have been removed from the library. They may be duplicates, out of date, or there was no interest in them. There are some wonderful books that might fit your needs exactly so I hope you will check them out at the June FSQ Yard Sale.

Just a heads up, I will be going through all the cards of books that have been taken out this year and if it has been over six months since you took out the book, I will e-mail or call to remind you. I will be accepting returned books at the June meeting. Thanks for your help.

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



Birthdays

June Birthdays

Kathy	Brown	Jun	12
Susan	Entwistle	Jun	1
Jane	Nugent	Jun	7
Danee	Wilson	Jun	13

July Birthdays

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



By-Law Updates

Linda August

We will vote on the updated version at the June meeting.

Please review the proposed changes in (<http://friendshipstar.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Bylaws-2016Proposed-ChangesMay17.pdf>). The current bylaws are on the website (<http://friendshipstar.org/by-laws/>) with a link there as well. The following is a summary of the changes:

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- Recognize and allow for the sharing of an elected office or committee chair.
- Change the standing committees from Newsletter, Educational Program Council, Hospitality, Membership, Librarian, Quilt Show, and Raffle Quilt to Membership, Newsletter, Programs, Facebook, Website. The intent is that these committees are essential to the guild. The board will also include "special committees" that are not ongoing such as Quilt Show.
- Clarify payment of dues by new members joining in the second half of the fiscal year
- Add a statement giving the executive board the authority to conduct and act on guild business. There was nothing in the bylaws stating this leaving every board action subject to a guild vote.
- Add a statement specifying the president as responsible for determining the time and location of executive board meetings.
- Make officers and committee chairpersons responsible for documenting their responsibilities and recording their activities throughout their tenure and transferring their records to their successors.
- Require that at least two elected officers be present at executive board meetings for a vote to be taken on a motion.
- Clarify when voting on bylaws changes may take place. Changed from two different conditions (at the annual June meeting and at any other meeting) to one condition - at any meeting with 30 days notice and 2/3 vote of those present.



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	Michele Barnard	Secy@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2017	TBD
Pins	Susan Spencer	Retreats	Judy Walsh and Joy Dorman
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	Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson