

Friendship Star Quilters

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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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Meetings

Next Meeting is May 2nd.
 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

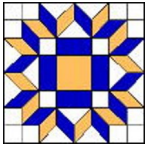
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
 Fairhaven United Methodist Church
 12801 Darnestown Rd.
 Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
 Thursday, May 12
 Tuesday, May 24

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

My body is so confused with the past month's weather changes! First it's hot, then cold, then hot again. I guess that's spring in the WMA. My poor plants are not only confused, but thirsty too. I hope it rains a little soon, at least enough to soften the soil so I can get some more planting done before the weeds take over.

Since I finished two quilt tops that had been sitting around for over a year, I finally got to start a new quilt. It's sitting on my design wall, calling to me every time I walk by. I guess I'll work on it tomorrow – it's supposed to rain – because I need the design wall to finish my homework for a class that I'm taking. And I have to get that homework done because the next class I'm taking starts in less than a week. Maybe I should resolve not to take so many classes rather than to finish two quilts for every new one I start. I love learning new things, but am starting to feel overwhelmed.

I did manage to find time to go through a lot of my quilt books and fabric, and donated enough to the yard sale that I won't feel guilty if I bring a few

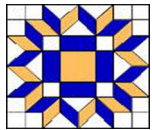
treasures home with me in June. I hope the rest of you are getting a chance to find things to donate too.

If I've been slow in responding to email the past few weeks, please forgive me. We have been having intermittent problems with our internet, which hopefully will be resolved now that we have a new router. I actually think that the root of the problem is two young adults with Netflix, but my husband thinks it's the router. We'll see.

Do you realize that our next quilt show is just a year away? I hope that many of you will be volunteering to help us get ready for the show, and that all of you are making quilts for the show. A year sounds like a long time, but I know how fast it will pass.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting on Monday, May 2. Until then, keep on quilting.

Dottie



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.



Guild Minutes: April 2016 FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

President Dottie Acton called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. No new members or guests were present. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Nominating committee: Nicki Lynch, Veronica Smith, and Liz Lawrence will be talking to people about serving as officers for the Guild. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact them.

Service Projects: The next meeting is this Thursday. Suma Glassman would (always) be happy for you to take a kit from the back of the room.

Challenge Quilts: The makers of the eight quilts that will go to the Ultimate Guild Challenge were announced.

Retreat: Information about the 2017 retreat will be posted on the website about the end of April.

Raffle quilt sales: Please turn in your money from sales. So far, we have sold 4045 tickets. Many more need to be sold!

Raffle quilt for next year: Thanks to everybody for returning their blocks. Members may now submit proposals for quilting the quilt to Judy Walsh.

Executive board meeting: The next meeting is April 12 at Dottie Acton's house.

The Nimble Fingers raffle quilt was in the lobby; members are encouraged to buy a raffle ticket for their beautiful quilt.

Membership: Next month we will start collecting next year's membership dues payment. Please plan to bring your checkbook!

Other News:

Our Facebook page is now up to 200 likes!

The musical "Quilters" will be at the Arts Barn in the Kentlands for two more weekends.

JoAnne Duchez of Programs reminded us that donations for the Yard Sale are encouraged.

Tonight's presentation: Barbara Dann of Alleycat Quiltworks gave a presentation on designing beautiful quilts with Studio 180 design tools.

Many beautiful quilts were shown at show-and-tell.

Drawings for selling tickets: won by Carol Carrier and Gerda Sherwood.

Drawings for fat quarters: Won by Dottie Acton and Cathy Berman.

Door prize drawings: Won by Rosie Hormuth,

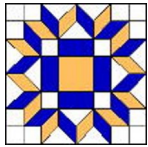


Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Many thanks to all the FSQ members who have supported our service projects this year by attending the twice-monthly workshops; donating fabric, batting and crochet cotton; making completed quilts; finishing quilts; making pillowcases for children receiving chemotherapy; and making premie quilts and hats. We couldn't do it without you and are so grateful for your support!

May's Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 24, from 9:30 am until noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28). Please contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan for questions.



January 2017 Retreat at Bon Secours

Joy Dorman

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

We are pleased to announce **FSQ's 19th 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.

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

The retreat cost this year will be the same as last year because we have received a discount from Bon Secours. Click on the Retreat Page link above for the price options.

To register, please completely fill out the registration form (at the link above) and send it along with a deposit of \$50 by check made payable to FSQ. You may turn in the form and deposit to Judy or Joy at the FSQ meetings or mail it to Judy Walsh, 16005 Seneca Road, Poolsville, MD 20837. 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. 3, 2016) due to our contractual obligations with Bon Secours. Additional details about the weekend - including directions to RCCBS - will be provided after January 1st, 2017.

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

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,

Can you believe this weather? It is soooo nice to have spring finally arrive. The only problem with spring is deciding whether to sew or work outside in the garden. Maybe I need a long extension cord so I can sew in the garden. That would be heaven!

For the May lecture, we have Karen Lee Carter of Original Art Quilts (karenleecarter.com). Karen will present “The Ecstasy of Embellishing”, a lecture/media presentation and trunk show. Embellishments can transform an ordinary quilt to unique and make a simple quilt stunning. Karen will provide an overview of embellishments and embellishing techniques, and shares tips and tricks, too. Her trunk show illustrates many of the possibilities and options for adding depth, texture, sparkle and a personal touch to your quilts.

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.

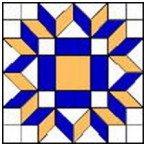
For the drop off this month, I’m going to leave my Honda Pilot parked at the doorway of the Church. You may leave your donations in the back of the SUV. That makes it easier for you and for me.

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 grandkids.

Program for June 6, 2016

Election of Officers for 2016-17; 3rd Annual Yard Sale; Opportunity Quilt drawing.

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

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

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



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.



A Thank You from the Slayton Family

At this time my family would like to thank the Guild and especially those members who have made quilts for my son's Unit who served in Afghanistan. We are touched by the generosity and enthusiasm you have shown for this project. Every time Joe (my son) calls he always asks "how are the quilts coming along." He was also quite surprised by the huge hello he got when he called during the Retreat in January. In fact it made him home sick. Joe has also told me that the men and women he is serving with are really looking forward to receiving their quilts and they keep asking his sewing questions that he most of the time has answers for. Again, we want you all to know how much we appreciate what you have done for making the Quilts of Honor a reality.

Karen, Paul, Angelia and MSgt. Joseph W Slayton



FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

We have two new books in the library. In response to several requests, we now have the “Trash to Treasure Pineapple Quilts” by Gyleen Fitzgerald. It has basic instructions for turning your scraps into dynamic and unique pineapple quilts. The instructions seem clear and well explained and the book is beautiful. Together with the book is the Pineapple Tool so that you can follow the instructions in the book and make a beautiful pineapple quilt.

We also now have “Little Gems” by Connie Kauffman which gives instructions for 15 paper pieced miniature quilts. This may interest those of you in the new mini-quilt group.

As a suggestion, if you have never done a log cabin quilt and are thinking of doing one, I used the “Log Cabins – New Techniques for Traditional Quilts” book by Janet Kime which I thought was very helpful. It includes lots of good tips and many different designs depending upon how you put the log cabins together. I highly recommend it.

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

May Birthdays

Wendy	Bauman	May	23
Freddie	Berg	May	13
Jennifer	Rossmere	May	13
Sue E	Thornton	May	31



Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	prez@friendshipstar.org
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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	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
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Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters		