

# Friendship Star Quilters

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# The Quiltline

## Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

The Cumberland Valley Relief Center will be hosting a Quilt Show on January 19, 20, 21, 2017. Over 100 hand quilted pieces will be displayed. This collection of applique' and pieced quilts will be sold at the MCC PA Relief Sale March 31 and April 1, 2017. This show is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Cumberland Valley Relief Center in Chambersburg, PA. For more information go to [info@cumberlandvalleyrelief.org](mailto:info@cumberlandvalleyrelief.org).

February 23-26, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival <http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>

March 2– 5, The Quilt & Sewing Fest of New Jersey <http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/the-quilt-fest-of-new-jersey/>

March 29-April 1, AQS Show in Lancaster [http://www.americanquilter.com/shows\\_contests/upcoming.php](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/upcoming.php)

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**January – Fat quarters of Geometric prints: circles, squares, dots, stripes, etc. Note:** You may contribute as many blocks as you wish, but you can only win once per meeting.

### Meetings

Next Meeting is January 9th  
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

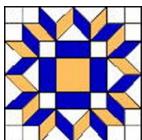
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:  
Fairhaven United Methodist Church  
12801 Darnestown Rd.  
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:  
Tuesday, January 3  
Thursday, January 19

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

Nicki Lynch

Happy New Year – 2017! I don't know about you, but I'm glad to see the year over. I'm also looking forward to our show at the end of April. Our show always showcases the wonderful work the Guild members have done over the past two years. I plan to go through my quilts and pull out those I feel are my best. I hope everyone will put at least one quilt or quilted item in the show. You are part of the Guild and the show is to celebrate EVERYONE in the Guild.

On that note I also encourage everyone to volunteer to do something for the show, either before, during, or after it. I've gotten to know many of the members when I was volunteering. Our biennial show should be a group effort, not just the work of a small group.

In the week after Christmas, my husband and I visited a place I'd heard about all my life, but didn't realize it was so close. We took the George Washington Parkway to Mount Vernon, a very pleasant drive to a very pleasant place.

Being off-season, as well as an overcast day, the crowd was not as large as I imagine it is in the summer months. The welcoming video had a good crowd and we weren't alone as we walked to the mansion overlooking the Potomac river.

The tour of the main house was a slow walk through the various rooms with a docent giving a speech in each which was very informative. We then walked the spacious grounds and down to Washington's tomb. Little did I know the best was yet to come.

After talking with the various docents and taking a spin through one (of many) gift shops, I noticed a small sign that indicated one could converse with Lady Washington. We entered a well appointed room with chairs on one end

and a Martha Washington re-enactor on a small stage on the other.

She had a wonderful brocade dress and the hairstyle and cap of the period. She was reminiscing about life with "the General". I had a question, based on what I knew about the female role in that society. I said I did needlework and I asked about hers.

It may have been my imagination, but she seemed to light up and talked at length. She learned needlework from her mother, but said she wasn't as good as others and her eyesight was failing, but she still did some. She talked about the needlework and asked the women to do needlework to support our troops during the Revolutionary War. She also had several pieces to show us. She showed a dress for her granddaughter and a bell pull she was making for her daughter's new house. The bell pull had her mother's favorite saying in symbolic form – Always be as busy as a bee, happy as a cricket, and steady as a clock. Despite the centuries between us, I felt as if I was in one of my small quilt groups, listening to one of the members talk about her work. It was a time binding experience.

As we went through the museum part of Mount Vernon, I reflected on who George and Martha Washington were. They were real people who lived in extraordinary times and rose to the challenge with solid work ethics and humility. They set examples for a new country with no past to draw from. I wonder what they would think of our country today?

The program this month is on the small quilt groups in the Guild. I've asked several people to talk, but I'm hoping others will volunteer to tell us their experiences as well. I hope to see YOU there.



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We all know that quilters are a generous bunch! Here's a great way you can use your time and talents to benefit those who would truly appreciate some extra warmth and comfort. Take part in the Service Projects Challenge for the 2017 FSQ Quilt Show. Make a quilt that will hang in the show and will then be donated to Fisher House at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, one of the guild charities for the show.

Our theme is "Anything Under the Sun...or Moon" so all we're requiring is that your quilt include, on the front of the quilt, one of the following:

some recognizable piece of fabric that evokes a "sky". It can be a sunny sky, a stormy sky, a snowy sky, a sky at night. This doesn't need to be a pictorial quilt, just one that contains a "sky"-colored fabric; or

any "star" pattern, using any fabric.

In your artist statement, include information about either the type of sky your fabric evokes OR what star pattern you used

The minimum size for the quilt is 36" x 36" and the maximum is twin-size, since Fisher House welcomes family members from babies to adults.

Register your quilt and drop it off on the regular quilt drop-off day and we will take it from there. You won't receive

your quilt back at the end of the show. We will gather them all up and take care of delivering them. For more information, visit [www.friendshipstar.org/service-projects-challenge](http://www.friendshipstar.org/service-projects-challenge). We look forward to seeing lots of beautiful quilts at the show! Questions? Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan.

January Service Projects workshops will be held on Tuesday, January 3, and Thursday, January 19. We meet from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. In case of bad weather, we follow the Montgomery County Public Schools policy. If schools open two hours late, we will still have the workshop. If schools are closed, the workshop will be cancelled. We hope to see you there!



## Guild Minutes: December 2016 FSQ Meeting

Gayle Sunde

Friendship Star Quilt Guild  
monthly meeting  
December 5, 2016

Call to Order  
At 7:30 p.m. by President Nicki Lynch.

Newsletter minutes of the previous meeting  
were accepted.

Call for visitors and new members  
New member Kathy Miller was introduced and welcomed.

Announcements  
Service project gatherings will be held December 8th and 22nd. December 8th gathering will also be a potluck.

2017 FSQ Quilt show information  
Next meeting will be 12/17 at Connie Rossâ office.  
Registration form will be updated soon.  
Boutique items are needed, please see Suma Glassman. Botique registration form is on-line.  
Rosie Hormuth has brochures for the show. Let her know where they are placed.  
Volunteers are needed!

Karen Slayton spoke about the Quilts of Valor that guild members prepared for her son and his unit. Then MasterSargents Slayton and Kimbrough thanked the guild and presented certificates to all the participating quilters. Dottie Acton, Diane Aten, Linda August, Nancy Brennan, Jackie Brown, Jane Campos, Coralyn Colladay, Nancy Colladay, Joy Dorman, Barbara Dryden, JoAnn Duchez, Phyllis Eddy, Kate Foley, Leigh Galloway, Vinette Holmes, Lynn Leigh, Barbara Morten, Karen Moss, Virginia

Pebbles, Theresa Peterson, Marie Quattrociocci, Sue Sandler, Harriet Sheinson, Barbara Skelly, Karen Slayton, Susan Spencer, Sarah Spencer, Meg Tison, Monica Thomlinson, Alice Washburn, Judy Walsh, Pat Vassaio, Ann Weaver, and Danee Wilson

Show and Tell  
Included quilts from Dottie Acton, Linda August, JoAnn Duchez, Margaret Natof, Alice Washburn, and Liz Brodsky

Block Giveaway  
50-60 blocks were donated to service projects.  
Next month will be geometrics. Please watch for emails.

Next Meeting will be held January 9th, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Sunde



## FSQ January Retreat

Joy Dorman and Judy Walsh

It's just a few weeks until our retreat! For many of us this is a bright spot in an often cold and cloudy month. Additional details will be emailed to registrants in early January, but you may find this general checklist helpful as you begin packing located in the Events Tab, 2017 Retreat on the FSQ site in <http://friendshipstar.org/2017-retreat/>

Please contact Judy Walsh or Joy Dorman at [retreats@friendshipstar.org](mailto:retreats@friendshipstar.org) if you have any questions.



## Quilt Show Update

### Dottie Acton and Connie Ross

Now that the Holiday Season is winding down, it's time to focus on our 2017 Quilt Show. Here are some of the items that need attention in January.

The next show committee meeting is on Jan 17, 7PM, at Connie Ross's office. Contact Connie if you need directions. Let's hope for NO SNOW.

For the next FSQ Guild meeting on January 9, there are a lot of things that need to be done.

- Please turn in ticket stubs (and payment) for any tickets that you have sold. If you need more tickets, Karen Moss will be happy to supply them.
- If you will be at the Mancuso Show in Hampton (Feb 23-26) please volunteer to sell tickets or white glove for a few hours. See Gerda Sherwood or Carol Carrier to volunteer.
- Start thinking about what volunteer jobs you would like to do at the show in April. Anne Flagg is leading the effort to coordinate the many volunteer efforts that are needed for the show.
- Bring in any notions, books, fabric, patterns, etc. for the raffle baskets. We have plenty of baskets, and now we need to fill them.
- Don't forget to sign up to sell all those goodies you have been making at the FSQ Show Boutique. The cost is a modest \$5 registration fee plus a 10% commission to the guild. You will

also need to donate some time to staff the boutique during the show. See or contact Suma Glassman, Boutique Chair, for registration forms or if you have any questions.

- Do you have any UFOs that you can finish for our quilt show's Silent Auction? It's time to start working on one or two quilted items or creating something special for the Silent Auction. Think about a price...you keep 70%; Guild keeps 30%. Items will be collected at the same time quilts are turned in. A photograph (4x6) must accompany each item. Complete guidelines can be found on the FSQ website.

Now is the time to work on quilts for the show – challenge quilts, big quilts, little quilts, and everything in between! April seems so far away, but quilt registration is right around the corner.

A big thank you to everyone who has been working behind the scenes to keep everything moving through December.



## Bloomin' Challenge X – Continuing the Tradition

### Karen Moss

The Bloomin' Challenge started with FSQ's 2005 Quilt Show. It was the brainchild of Coralyn Colladay and Karen Walker, members of FSQ. Through the generosity of Karen's business, *Quilter's Confectionery*, she donated the fabric for this challenge. The fabric always had a floral aspect in the design, hence the name, **Bloomin' Challenge**. Karen donated the fabric for the annual show challenges through the 2012 quilt show after which, she retired. For the next two quilt shows, 2013 and 2015, Juanita Canfield, an FSQ member and owner of *Juanita Canfield Enterprises*, sponsored the challenge with donations of fabric from her stash.

The last challenge, "**Bloomin Challenge IX – the Finale**" was called so because there were no new sponsors available to continue into the next quilt show. Hating to see the end of this guild challenge, Karen Moss, an FSQ member, has volunteered to chair and donate the necessary fabric from her stash to continue the challenge tradition. So, for the 2017 show we will have the "**Bloomin' Challenge X – Continuing the Tradition – Spinning Flowers**."

Karen will have fabric packs available beginning with the November 1, 2016 guild meeting. Please see her if you would like to participate in the 2017 challenge.



## Moon Glow Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales Karen Moss

Thanks to all the members who contributed to making the 2016 Raffle Quilt Moon Glow, we have another award winning quilt to raffle in April 2017. The raffle drawing will take place at the 2017 Quilt Show, "Sunshine and Moon Glow" on Sunday, April 30th. A portion of the proceeds will go to the *Fisher House Foundation at Walter Reed NMMC* and *A Wider Circle*. The remainder goes to the general treasury where it is used to support guild activities throughout the year.

**We NEED your HELP.** The money raised is a **major** source of funding for the Guild and we **really need and appreciate your support!** As in the past, guild members are asked to help sell or buy tickets. The prices haven't changed: 6 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$1. We are providing you with 30 tickets. If you are buying all 30, your cost is \$25.

Please make checks out to FSQ (Friendship Star Quilters).

And remember, the top three guild members selling the most tickets will receive a prize as well as the member whose name is on the back of the winning ticket!

Our guild members have always supported us by selling/buying tickets for the annual raffle quilt and we count on your continued support.

Thanks, Karen Moss



## 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.



## 2016/2017 Programs

JoAnne DuChez

Wow, this is the first time I've written '2017'. I can't believe it. I better get busy sewing because time is flying by. I want to use my stash while I can. My new motto is the smaller amount of fabric you have, the more fun you are having!

For the January 9th meeting, Nicki Lynch will monitor a discussion on small groups. Several members of assorted groups will present how they are organized and how they plan activities. This is not a recruitment for existing groups, as many have closed membership. However, you will get enough

information on how to start a group of your own, determine your mission, pick group projects, etc. If you are a member of a small group, contact Nicki if you would like to participate in the presentations. There won't be a Guild dinner for January.

### Programs scheduled for the remainder of the 2016-2017 year.

2017	
Jan. 9, 2017	<b>Mini Group Presentations</b> , organized by Nicki Lynch
Feb. 6, 2017	<b>Andrea Schnur</b> , Lecture: Trunk Show. quiltworx.com
Mar. 6, 2017	<b>Melinda Lowy</b> , Lecture: Spice Up Your Quilts with Unusual Fabrics
April 3, 2017	<b>Phyllis Twigg Hatcher</b> , Lecture, Ultimate Applique: Fabrics and Design in the San Blas Islands
May 1, 2017	<b>Donna Radner</b> , Lecture: Trunk Show & Lecture
June 5, 2017	Election; 4th Annual Yard Sale

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.



## Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

Don't forget to drop by the Library table on your way into the Guild meeting. Our books are in good condition, organized logically, and easy to locate by category. Lots of inspiration between the covers. Also we welcome ideas for new books. Let us know if there is a title that you would like to see as part of our library or a particular topic that is not covered adequately in our current collection. My email is [jahrah@verizon.net](mailto:jahrah@verizon.net).



## Membership

Barbara Skelly

Remember to sign in each meeting.



## Birthdays

Rosemary	Hormuth	January	1
Pam	Compton	January	3
Colleen	Biasco	January	4
Holly	Trotter	January	7
Linda	Gordon	January	11
Elizabeth	Brodsky	January	26
Barbara	Bean	January	27
Colleen	Davis	January	



Elected Officers		
President	<b>Nicki Lynch</b>	<a href="mailto: prez@friendshipstar.org">prez@friendshipstar.org</a>
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Secretary	<b>Gayle Sunde</b>	<a href="mailto: Secy@friendshipstar.org">Secy@friendshipstar.org</a>

### Committee Chairs

Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2017	Connie Ross and Dottie Acton
Pins	Susan Spencer	Retreats	Judy Walsh and Joy Dorman
Hospitality	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Rosie Hormuth	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