

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

November 6-15, 2015

Quilter's Quest Shop Hop - MD & northern VA
www.quiltersquest.org

June 3, 2015 — November 29, 2015

Baltimore Museum of Art, American Crazy Quilts,
<https://artbma.org/exhibitions/crazy-quilts>

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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/>.

Next Meeting is December 7th.

Service Projects

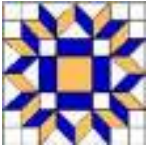
Service Projects are usually held at:
 Fairhaven United Methodist Church
 12801 Darnestown Rd.
 Darnestown, MD

Service Projects workshops:
 Thursday, November 5, and
 Tuesday, November 17.

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be at Dottie's house on December 15, at 7PM. . 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

I love fall – even if my hands are sore from cleaning up the garden and digging in bulbs for next year! I feel like I'm racing the calendar to get things done before it gets too cold. Of course, once it gets cold I can quilt more, so that's OK too. If I don't get the garden done this fall, it will still be there waiting for me in the spring.

Have any of you found a good place to get fabric that matches our challenging color? If so, please share your information with the rest of us.

I've made good progress on my orphan block challenge. Or at least that's what I keep telling myself. The top is done and now I'm pondering how to quilt it. If I don't have an inspirational breakthrough, I'll just stitch in the ditch. I can't believe how close it is to December.

At the November meeting, our question of the month will be: "What speakers or topics would you like to see for future meetings?" For cost reasons, it is best if

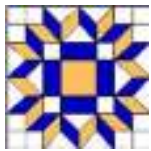
the speaker lives within a 300 mile radius from here. Please give some thought to this so we can bring in the best possible speakers within our budget constraints.

November is going to be busy with Quilters Quest. Please volunteer to help us sell tickets on the days that you won't be going on the quest. We'll have signup sheets at the November meeting. All of the individuals selling tickets during Quilters Quest will have their names in the drawing for the December prize.

This note is shorter than usual because my hands hurt, and the notes from the FSQ Executive Board Meeting (see below) cover a lot of what I usually put in the note. I'm heading for some Tylenol right now because I have some more quilting to get done before bed time.

Keep on quilting!

Dottie



Orphan Block Challenge

JoAnne DuChes

Are you up for a challenge? Would you like to rid yourself of UFOs without guilt? Participate in the FSQ Orphan Block Challenge! At the September Guild meeting, the Programs Committee announced the Orphan Block Challenge.

If you'd like to be part of the fun, there are several ways to participate. Bring some of your orphan blocks to the November meeting; Select an orphan block of your choice from our stockpile of orphan blocks; or use your own orphan block(s).

Your task is to build a quilt around your orphan block(s). The quilt size should be at least 36" square, or up to a twin size quilt.

The completed quilt is due for the December meeting. The guild will vote at the holiday party, deciding which quilt makes best use of the orphan blocks.

Winners receive Yard Sale bucks, and all quilts will be donated to Service Projects. It's a win-win proposition!



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Many of you ask, “Where does Service Projects donate quilts?” In the September newsletter, we highlighted Fisher House. This month we will profile **Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care**, www.maryscenter.org. This non-profit organization 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.

Service Projects 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. The new moms are excited to be able to pick out a beautiful new quilt for their baby!

In November Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, November 5, and Tuesday, November 17. Please join us! Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver for more information.



FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

Please come and browse your FSQ Library at our next monthly FSQ meeting. FSQ has an extensive library of books related to quilting that are available for you to take home and read. Are you planning on a new project and would like some ideas or help? Would you like to read about some historical aspect of quilting to give you inspiration? The library has it all.

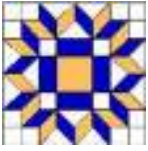
The FSQ website has a list of all the books in our library. If you would like me to find a particular book for you, please send me an e-mail and I will have it

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

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.



Executive Board Meeting

Dottie Acton

These are the topics discussed at the October FSQ Executive Board Meeting. As you can see, we have a lot of interesting topics and discussions.

Avoiding Dark and Winding Roads: Several of our members have said that they would prefer to avoid dark and winding roads to get to our meeting site. One way to do that is to use Montgomery Village Avenue instead of some of the alternatives. Just take Montgomery Village Avenue to its end at Wightman Road. Turn right on Wightman, and at the next light, turn left onto Goshen Road. Warfield Road is just 0.3 miles further. This eliminates the long drive on Goshen, which can be no fun at night!

Suggestions for Improving FSQ: We had six individuals respond to the September question of the month regarding what they would like to have changed to improve our guild. Here are the suggestions and the response from the board.

Get a wireless microphone for the speakers. We contacted the church and they will be providing a wireless microphone for future meetings.

Have more mini groups. We have added three groups this year. Contact Nicki Lynch to join the miniature quilts group, Susan Entwistle to join the wool applique group or Kathy Brown to join the new group with a focus on fun and friendship. If anyone would like to form an additional group, please contact Nicki Lynch. Also, if you are in a group and your group has openings, please let Nicki know so she can help find new members for your group.

Have an annual quilt show. We brought this question up for a vote in 2013, and a clear majority voted for shows every other year. Our membership is too low to support an annual show. However, you could consider joining a second group that has a show on the even number years.

Have national teacher workshops. Our budget limitations make it difficult to bring in a nationally known speaker on our own. In addition, we have had problems filling workshops for the past few years. We will look at coordinating with other local guilds to share the cost of bringing in nationally known speakers.

Block of the month with show and tell every month. If anyone would like to volunteer to do this, please contact Dottie Acton. Otherwise it probably won't happen.

Bring a friend. Good idea! Please bring a friend to the January meeting. There will be no guest fee and we have an interesting speaker that evening.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: We sold 728 tickets at Oaks and 78 additional tickets have been turned in by members. Sixty three of our members have sold tickets or picked up their packets. We will be having a drawing every month for the tickets turned in to date, so turn in your tickets soon to win a small prize. We have another good opportunity to sell tickets at Capital Quilts during Quilt Quest. At the November meeting, we will be asking for additional volunteers to staff our sales table at CQ. We have about half of the available hours covered so far.

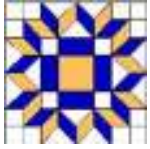
Guild Secretary Position: Billye Roberts has had to resign as guild secretary, so we are looking for a volunteer for this position. If you are interested in serving as secretary, please contact Dottie Acton before or at the November meeting.

FSQ Publicity: We are working on improving our Facebook and Website presence. Watch for more information in the next few months. If you have suggestions on other ways to share information about our guild, please contact Dottie Acton.

Treasurers' Report: Barbara Kilby and Barbara Dryden presented the treasurers report to the board, and are preparing a user friendly budget report for our members, along with figures for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2015.

Quilt Insurance: We currently have our raffle quilt insurance through the National Quilters Association, but that organization is dissolving at the end of the year. Therefore we are investigating other alternatives. Our liability insurance policy is not affected.

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Programs, Mary Kerr, Quilt Appraiser and Restorer

By JoAnne DuChez

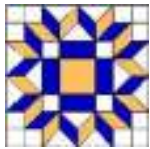
OMG, it's almost Halloween! Soon the time will change. Fall is a nice time of year, but I do not like it getting dark so early. Drive carefully!

I'm happy to announce that our speaker for the November 2 guild meeting will be **Mary Kerr**, marywkerr.com. The lecture is Hexies in History.

Mary Kerr is an American Quilt Society certified appraiser and an award winning quilter. She is an experience in quilt history and the preservation of antique textiles She grew up in a family of quilters and has been teaching since 1987. Mary's lectures and workshops focus on quilt history and the preservation of antique textiles. Additionally, Mary is the owner of Pieced of Olde, a small business that specializes in restoration and repair of antique textiles.

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.

Below is a list of programs scheduled for the rest of the months for our 2015-16.



2015/2016 Programs

By JoAnne DuChez

Nov 2, 2015	Mary Kerr , AQS certified appraiser quilt history and the preservation of antique textiles. marywkerr.com
Dec 7, 2015	Holiday Party
Jan 4, 2016	Andrea Schnur Trunk Show
Feb 1, 2016	FSQ Trunk 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. kathylincoln.com
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



Guild Minutes: November 2015 FSQ Meeting

Linda August

The meeting was called to order by FSQ president, Dottie Acton. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published.

Announcements:

The next board meeting is October 13 at 7 pm at Dottie Acton's home. All are welcome to attend. Please let Dottie know if you plan to attend or have an item for discussion.

The Clustered Spires Quilt Guild is selling tickets for their raffle quilt in the lobby.

Service Projects meets this Thursday. There are premie kits and kids' quilt tops ready to be quilted in the back of sanctuary.

Envelopes of raffle tickets for the FSQ raffle quilt are available for pickup in the lobby. Members are asked to sell at least one envelope's worth of 30 tickets or \$25. The amount was increased from last year due to the decrease in membership. There is a photo of the quilt on the web site currently in the photo gallery but it will be placed in a more prominent location soon. Kathy Brown will be providing monthly prizes for raffle ticket sellers.

Members are asked to sign up to sell raffle tickets at Capital Quilts during Quilters Quest.

Payments for the 2016 retreat are due tonight. See Judy Walsh or Teresa Peterson.

Dottie Acton's small group has openings. Nicki Lynch is starting a small group for making mini-quilts and has openings. Contact them if you are interested. Susan Entwistle would like to start a small group for wool appliqué. A sign-up sheet is at the library table. Susan will then contact interested parties to determine the best time to meet.

Karen Moss described the AQS Guild Challenge called "What Does Modern Mean to You"? It is based on the 2015 Pantone color of the year called Marsala. A minimum of ten square inches of fabric in the color must be used. She had packets with information available at the meeting.

Jane Phillips talked about her ongoing project to make no-sew fleece blankets for kids. There is a packing party on November 21. Contact Jane if you want to attend. There is a workshop on October 14 at Fairhaven church to make blankets from the remaining 80 bolts of fleece. They will meet from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm on the 14th and the next day from 9:30 to 12:30.

Programs:

Joanne DuChez announced the orphan block challenge. You may select one of your own of the program committee had some available at the programs table. You are to build a quilt around it. Size is from 36" square up to twin size. They are due at the December meeting. Prizes are FSQ cash for the 2016 yard sale. Quilts will be donated to service projects.

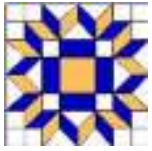
JoAnne then announced our guest speaker Annette Ornelas who gave a trunk show highlighting her dimensional curves technique.

Show and Tell followed a break.

Fabric drawing winners were JoAnne DuChez, Robin Rothstein, and Sharon Waggoner.

Door prize winners were Susan Schwarz, Barb Morten, and Pat Current.

The meeting was adjourned.



Fabric Drawings

By Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

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/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.

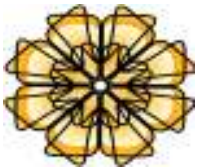
February – Pre-cut Batik strips 2 ½ inches by width of fabric (4 strips equal one entry in the raffle).

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

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



FSQ/AQS 2016 Ultimate Guild Challenge – What “Modern” Means to Me

Karen Moss and Nancy Colladay

The FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge goes “Modern” with a theme that is wide open for interpretation. What does that word mean to you? We provide several examples in the full rules and description located on the FSQ website.

There are size requirements, a color requirement, and a deadline. We hope we’ve piqued your interest. Our goal is to have at least 8 quilts to submit to AQS.

If you don’t have a chance to visit the website, we will have rules and color chips available at the November guild meeting.

Hope to see you then -
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.



Birthdays

Birthdays will return next month with a November/December list



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	Billye Roberts	Secy@friendshipstar.org



Committee Chairs

Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2015	Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall
Guild Pin Sales	Suma Glassman	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	Anne Flaggs	Pins	Susan Spencer