

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Sat Sept 12 from 5-8pm: Artists and Makers Studio, Quilts from around the world at 11810 Parklawn Dr, Rockville, MD.

Inspired by the themes of energy, poverty and empowering women tell the story of living in marginalized communities. Sponsored by Quilt for Change, Solar Sister, and the Advocacy Project!

Sept 17-20 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXII

Quilt competition features wonderful entries from throughout the nation including traditional and innovative quilts. To sign up for the bus, notify Karen Moss

Aug 30-Sept 25: Glenview Mansion exhibit includes 4 fiber artists

Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr, Rockville, MD 20851
Art quilters Elizabeth Davison, Barbara Eisenstein, Donna Radner, and Dianne Wolman. Meet the artists at the reception Sunday Aug 30: 1:30 - 3:30. Regular Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Tues., Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Weekends and Official Holidays

May 20, 2015 - October 19, 2015: Radical Elements Art Quilt exhibit

at National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W. (Photo ID required. No charge.) Hours: 9 am - 5 pm on weekdays. By Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc., exhibition features 40 contemporary art quilts inspired by a different element from the Periodic table.

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/>.

Note: Next Meeting is September 14th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Service Projects

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

Service Projects workshops:
Thursday, September 10 and
Tuesday, September 22
9:30 AM until 12:15PM

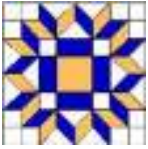
If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward .

Fabric of the Month

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Executive Board Meeting

Next meeting will be in October .
Date is not yet set.



President's Message

Dottie Acton

I can't believe that it's September already. The nice weather we had this past week was such a relief, but I know that the heat is coming back – just in time for the kids to go to school. There are three things I always look forward to in September – the PA National Extravaganza in Oaks, cool weather so I can work in the garden, and homemade apple pies. Of course, I'll keep on quilting too.

If you are going to the Oaks show (Sept 17-20) during the week or on Sunday, please seek Kathy Brown in the lobby at the guild meeting on Monday night, Sept 14 to sign up to sell tickets or white glove for a couple of hours. Karen Moss is coordinating volunteers for those taking the bus on Saturday.

I saw the 2016 raffle quilt at the board meeting earlier in August, and it's absolutely beautiful. I'm sure you will agree with me when you see the quilt at our September meeting. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making such a beautiful quilt, and special thanks to Barbara Kilby, Judy Walsh and Karen Moss. Karen's quilting made a beautiful quilt even

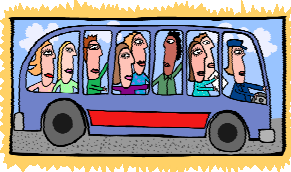
better.

Question of the Month

The September Question of the Month is “What is one thing we could do to make our guild better for you?” Please take some time to think about this so you can give us some suggestions for how to improve the guild. If you would like, feel free to write out your response in advance and drop it in the box at the meeting. Of course, if you have more than one idea, we welcome all of them. I'll summarize the ideas in the October newsletter. Last month's question – should we resume the secret sister program – had only six yes votes, so we won't be doing secret sisters this year unless a lot of you tell us you really want it in your September comments.

Enjoy the Labor Day holiday, and I hope to see all of you at our September meeting the Monday after Labor Day.

Dottie



Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXII Bus Trip

Karen Moss

FSQ is planning a bus trip to the PA quilt show in September. In order to do so, we must have at least 30 people to make it a “go” to cover the cost of the bus.

If you're interested in sitting back and letting someone else do the driving, please let me know as soon as possible. The bus trip is always fun and it's a great opportunity for you to sit back and enjoy the ride to the show, see all the beautiful quilts and shop at Vendor booths to check out all the new quilt items.

When: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Time: Bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. from the I-270/Rt 124 Park and Ride lot-easy access from I-270!

Bus will depart the quilt show at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$53 for bus ride

Show entry: Group discount entry to the show is \$12



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Many of you have asked where FSQ donates the more than 400 quilts we make every year. This month we would like to showcase Fisher House at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Fisher Houses are a public/private partnership founded in 1993 to assist military families beyond what is provided by the Department of Defense and the VA. They provide lodging free of charge when a family member is undergoing treatment at a military medical facility. There are 5 Fisher houses at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, and 60 more all over the US and Germany.

When Karen Slayton recently delivered 17 quilts, she was immediately invited to an open house where she met Fisher House volunteers and supporters. When they discovered she was one of the 'quilting ladies', they couldn't stop oohing and aahing over how beautiful our quilts are. Families who are staying

temporarily at Fisher House are allowed to choose quilts to use while they are there and then can take them home when their family member is released from the hospital. While we certainly don't make these quilts in order to receive recognition, it's always heartwarming to hear how much they are appreciated. Service Projects workshops will be held on September 10 and 22 from 9:30 until noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road. Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver if you have questions. We hope you can join us.



FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

I am the new FSQ Librarian. FSQ has an extensive library of books related to quilting that are available for you to take home and read. They are usually available during the monthly FSQ meetings. Also, 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.

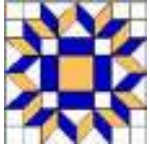
I would like to keep the library as interesting and useful as possible. Therefore, I would like to know if there is a book that you would like to see as part of our library or a certain topic that is not covered by our

current books. Please e-mail me with your suggestions at library@friendshipstar.org.

I want to thank Susan Entwistle for being such a wonderful librarian and for taking such good care of our books.

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.



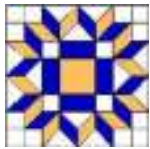
Programs: Debora Konchinsky in September

By JoAnne DuChez

Can you believe that school has begun again and September is here already? The first Monday in September is very late this year – Sep 14. That makes the time seem to go even faster.

On September 14, FSQ will have Deb Kochinsky, (critterpat.com) as our lecturer. Debora Konchinsky is the owner and designer for Critter Pattern Works. In 1978 Debora started her quilting career as a teacher and designer specializing in machine appliqué animal designs. Over the years her style and interests changed from basic cotton appliques to working with wool and felting wool fibers creating critter 3-D appliques. Deb will be discussing “Machine Appliqué of Realistic Animal Designs”. 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.



2015/2016 Programs

By JoAnne DuChez

Sept 14, 2015	Deb Kochinsky , Lecture: Machine Appliqué of Realistic Animal Designs. critterpat.com
Oct 5, 2015	Annette Ornelas , Lecture: Dimensional Curved Piecing or Peeled-Back Patchwork. southwindquilts.com
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	TBD
Feb 1, 2016	FSQ Truck 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
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: August 3, 2015 FSQ Meeting

Connie Ross

August 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Dottie Acton. There were no new members or guests. Many thanks to Connie Ross for taking minutes for the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Aug 11, 7PM at Dottie Acton's house. All committee chairs are especially encouraged to attend. Michele Barnard volunteered to chair the Hospitality committee, and to organize the holiday party.

Susan Spencer volunteered to take over Pin sales. Jennifer Rossmere is replacing Susan Entwistle as librarian.

The 2016 Raffle Quilt will be ready for the county fair, and will be displayed at our September guild meeting. The June Yard Sale netted about \$900.

Karen Moss is organizing the bus trip to Oaks on Sat, Sept 19. Please contact Karen to sign up for the bus trip since we need 30 people to pay for the bus. The cost of the trip is \$65, which includes admission to the show. White glove support is needed for all four days of the show.

The Sew Watt Quilters small group will be doing quilt marketing this year. Kathy Brown is the point of

contact. Please contact Kathy to sell tickets or white glove at Oaks on Thursday, Friday or Sunday.

Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier will be coordinating ticket sales for the raffle quilt at Hampton, VA in February. The guild will also be selling raffle quilt tickets at Capital Quilts during the fall shop hop.

The 2016 Retreat is full. Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh will take names for the wait list.

Barbara Bean is updating the web pages. If you know Word Press, please let Barbara know.

Suma Glassman has service project kits for anyone who wants one. The next service project meeting is on Aug 11.

The question of the month was whether or not, we should resume the secret sister program.

Members voted on charities for portions of the proceeds from the Raffle Quilt sales. Charities selected were Fisher house and A Wider Circle.

The Sew Watt Quilters small group is looking for new members. Contact Kathy Brown for information.

Committee chairs who missed the June meeting were reminded to pick up their gifts.

Members showed many beautiful quilts at Show and Tell.



Sunshine and Shadows

Sunshine

Congratulations to Pat Vassiao and Barbara Bregman whose quilt, Gaia, pattern by Tiffany Hayes, was accepted into at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXII.

Shadows

Sadly, Juanita Canfield passed away on August 19, 2015 Juanita Canfield, long time FSQ member and supporter, died in her home on Wednesday, August 19. Those who knew her well, miss her terribly. Those who did not know her well should know her many contributions she made to the guild:

She sponsored the Bloomin' Challenge several years, made Viewers' Choice ribbons for several years, quilted many Service Project quilts and provided many preemie quilts.

Last, but not least, she buoyed us with her never failing bubbly self, and can-do attitude.

Juanita, may you find a well oiled, fully regulated longarm to enjoy wherever you have gone.

We will miss you.



Membership Renewal

By Barbara Skelly

September: Time to Renew Your FSQ Membership!

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. **PLUS** you can renew your membership if you haven't already done so. Please bring a check or cash as we are unable to process

credit cards. You will be asked to review your membership information when you renew so it will be correct in the online membership directory. See you in September!

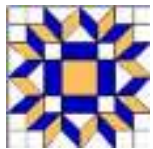
Barbara Skelly



January 2016 Bon Secours Retreat

By Judy Walsh and Teresa Peterson

The retreat is currently filled. To be added to the waiting list or if you have questions E-mail Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh at retreat@friendshipstar.org



Fabric Drawings

By Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

NB: You may contribute as many fat quarters (or other monthly selection) as you wish, but you can only win once per meeting.

August – No drawing.

September – Fat quarters of Conversational/Novelty Prints (Fabrics that have a theme, scene or some special design)

October -- Fat quarters of Seasonal Fall Colors

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/](http://www.quilterscache.com/N/NinePatchBlock.html)

[NinePatchBlock.html](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



September Birthdays

Eleanor	Bragin	29
Phyllis	Eddy	1
Jean	Farrell	1
Josia	Hagner	6
Barbara	Kilby	5
Mitsn	Mitchell	10
Connie	Ross	6
Sharon	Viloria	17
Sharon	AlKassim	6



Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	prez@friendshipstar.org
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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