

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Apr 2: FSQ Guild Meeting

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Apr 9-10: [Faithful Circle Quilters](#), Columbia MD. Bonnie Hunter

- Thurs, Apr 9: Lecture/Trunkshow (AM)
- Thurs, Apr 9: Love Shack workshop (1 PM-7PM)
- Fri, Apr 10: Talkin' Turkey Workshop

Guild Contact: [Maria O'Haver](#)

Apr 11-12: [Four County Quilt Guild](#), Mt Airy, MD. Bonnie Hunter

- Sat, Apr 11: Crabapples Workshop
- Sun, Apr 12: Midnight Flight Workshop

Guild Contact: [Laura Oneal](#)

Apr 16-18: [Milltown Quilt Show](#) in Columbia. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia MD 21045

Apr 20-22: [Faithful Circle Quilters of Columbia, MD](#) Presents "Pieces of Our Lives" At the 1st Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Presbyterian Circle, Rt. 108 at Rt 29, Columbia MD

Apr 24-25: [Springwater Designs](#) presents Enlightened Quilter with Handi Quilter Educator Susan Jungerheld

Apr 24-26: [Friendship Star Quilt Show](#) in Gaithersburg. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building.

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/>. We will try to put a message on our Website once a decision has been made.

Workshops

Workshops are normally at: Hampton Inn & Suites 960 N Frederick Ave Gaithersburg, MD 20879

To sign up for a workshop, stop by the Program Desk at a Guild meeting. Between meetings call or e-mail the [Programs Chair](#). Registration forms with workshop fees are on the FSQ Website: www.friendshipstar.org

Note that FSQ workshops are opened to non-members two months prior to the workshop. We hope that this will encourage more of our members to sign up early and will defray the costs of workshops and lectures.

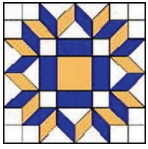
Service Projects

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

Fabric of the Month April

April: Floral patterns to celebrate Spring.

March: Since the March meeting was cancelled, you can also bring your 5" charms of children's patterns—5 charms=1 entry.



President's Message

Dottie Acton

I can't believe that the FSQ Galaxy of Quilts is only a month away. I'm still putting on bindings and labels, but am no longer in panic mode about finishing quilts for the show. As long as my thumb holds out, I should get everything done. I'm sure that the rest of you are putting finishing touches on your quilts too.

The snow in Hampton at the end of February put a big dent in sales of raffle quilt tickets, so I hope that many of you would consider buying a few more tickets for yourself or selling a few more tickets to friends and neighbors to help us make up the difference. I drove down to Hampton on Wednesday to avoid the snow, and attended the show on Thursday and Friday. Thursday was the first time I have ever been to a quilt show that felt deserted – and it was also the first time I ever got stuck in the snow in the hotel and show parking lots. The poor vendors were just sitting there, with maybe one or two people shopping in their booth, but rarely more than that. Friday was better, but still not anywhere near normal attendance. Our raffle quilt is so beautiful that it pretty much sells itself, but even that doesn't help when the show is deserted.

Fortunately the weather was much better for the Lancaster show, at least the day that I went. The

sunset on the way home was absolutely phenomenal. I wish I could capture the sunset in a quilt, but that's way beyond my current (and probably future) quilting capabilities.

I'm almost convinced that spring is here. There are actually a few crocuses blooming in my back yard. I'm sure the deer are embarrassed that they missed something that tastes that good. Fortunately I have a lot of daffodils, which the deer won't eat, so at least I'll have a little color in the yard this spring. I'm glad that we are beginning to see green and yellow rather than just white. It's still too muddy to work in the yard, which is probably a good thing since I still have a lot of sewing to get done in the next few weeks.

The extended show and tell at the April meeting should be a lot of fun. I love hearing the stories behind each quilt – what inspired you to make the quilt, who it was made for, what went well, what lessons you learned, why you picked the colors you did, and even why you didn't give up half way through!

See you all on April 6. Until then, keep on quilting.

Dottie



Minutes of the March 2, 2015 FSQ meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

Due to the inclement weather, the March 2 meeting was cancelled. There are no minutes for March. Please refer to our inclement weather policy at <http://friendshipstar.org/inclement-weather/> when weather conditions are questionable.





Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Do you ever wonder what happens to the blocks you donate to the monthly guild fabric raffle that then go to Service Projects? We make them into gorgeous children's quilts!! A recent donation of red/white or blue/white blocks yielded tops that will brighten the day of 5 local children. Thanks so much, FSQ members, for your continued generosity!

Please join us if you can for one or both of the April Service Projects workshops. We will meet from 9:30 until 12:30 on Thursday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 21, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, about a half-mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

If you can't make the workshops, we hope you will stop by our sit & sew area at the quilt show. We will be

there on Saturday, April 25. Stop by, rest a few minutes, and help us tie a quilt! We hope to see you there.



January 2016 Bon Secours Retreat

By Judy Walsh and Teresa Peterson

We are in the planning stages for the 18th FSQ sewing retreat which will take place January 15-17, 2016 at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center.

This year Bon Secours has offered us a one-time discount as a "thank you" for the way we gracefully coped with the broken elevator last year. Consequently the price this year will be just a few dollars more than last year! The cost for the weekend

will be \$306 for Friday and Saturday nights; if you choose to also stay Sunday night, the cost will be \$459.

The Registration Form will be available on the web site in late April, and we'll start collecting completed forms and \$50 deposits at the May 4th Guild meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh.



Programs Update

JoAnne DuChes

April 6, 2015 meeting. We will have an extended Show and Tell as the monthly program. Members are encouraged to bring the quilts they intend to display in the FSQ Quilt Show. You may display your quilts in the pews and walk them across the stage. Also, it's ok if you want to just leave your quilts in the pews for additional examination by your fellow members. Due to the potentially high number of quilts expected, please limit your comments to 1-2 minutes.

There will not be a Guild dinner at Dogfish Head in April since we have no speaker this month.

Yard sale donations will be accepted at the April

meeting. There will be a basket in the atrium for your donations. April and May are the only months left for collecting for the yard sale. We definitely can use more donations to broaden your choices in June. Another option is to contact me (JoAnne DuChes) and arrange a drop off at my house if that is more convenient.

May 4, 2015 meeting. Barbara Dann, *alleycatquiltworks.com*. Lecture: "Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently."

June 1, 2015 meeting. FSQ Officer Election. 2nd Annual FSQ Yard Sale.



Galaxy of Quilts Update—April 2015

Diana Marshall and Barbara Kilby, Co-chairs

MISSION

Our biennial show, Galaxy of Quilts, will be held April 24-26, 2015, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Here's why we are having a quilt show :

- To give Friendship Star Quilters members a place to show and sell their work;
- To entertain and educate the public about quilting;
- To help finance FSQ Service Projects, lectures, and workshops for two years;
- To engage members in quilting challenges that stretch their skills and imagination;
- To raise money for charitable donations;
- To attract new members; AND
- To have fun and build friendships!

2015 QUILT SHOW PINS



Don't forget to see **Suma Glassman** in the lobby to purchase this year's show pin. The pins beautifully reflect the show theme and the Supernova raffle quilt. Be one of the first to wear your pin! We also have a handful of 2012 and 2013 show pins left, so if you missed getting those, now is the time. FSQ membership pins are also available for those who haven't bought theirs yet. All pins are \$5 each.

BOUTIQUE

We are happy to report that members are registering for Boutique, and we are well on our way to having a successful event. There is still room for more merchandise; please sign up ASAP using the forms on the FSQ website. All items must be dropped off **at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, April 23**, between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. If you can't make this time, contact **Mary Moore Payne or Suma Glassman** to make other arrangements.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Be a Demonstrator during the Quilt Show! Any skill that interests you will interest others. You need to present for only 20 minutes. It is a really fun way to give back to the guild and to share your expertise with fellow quilters. Suggested topics are things like back-basted applique, hand quilting, free motion quilting, paper piecing, baby quilting ideas, and scrap quilting. Most of the open times are around mid-day. Please contact **Liz Brodsky** with your topic, preferred day and time, and she will include you on the schedule.

QUILT TURN-IN DAY APRIL 18

Congratulations, FSQ members – you have registered over 200 quilts for the show! Deliver your quilts to Barbara Kilby's house on Saturday, April 18 from **1:00 to 4:00 pm**. Contact **Barbara Kilby or Karen Moss**.

Set up at the Fairgrounds will be on Thursday, April 23. See **Anne Flaggs** to volunteer.

SILENT AUCTION

We need more auction items! You set the price -- 70% of the proceeds will be yours, and the guild receives a 30% commission. Bring your articles on quilt turn-in day, April 18. Registration forms and rules are on the Quilt Show page of the web site. Contact **Alice Washburn or Barbara Skelly**.

2015 FSQ Quilt Show Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

Secretary: Ann Ramey-Smith

Treasurer: Barbara Dryden

Vice President: Linda August

Admissions: Dottie Acton

Advertising: Barb Morten and Dottie Acton

AQS Challenge: Ellen Robinson and Coralyn Colladay

Bloomin' Challenge: Coralyn Colladay and Juanita Canfield

Boutique: Mary Moore Payne and Suma Glassman

Catalog: Meg Tison

Children's Activities: Marie Quattrociocchi

Demonstrations: Liz Brodsky

Door Prizes: Nancy Colladay

Featherweight Raffle: Ellen Robinson and Nadzieja Finkelstein

Flyer Distribution: Rosie Hormuth

Hospitality: Carol Unger and Eleanor Bragin

Photography: Ann Ramey-Smith

Publicity/Media: Susan Entwistle

Quilt Registration & Staging: Karen Moss

Raffle Baskets: Connie Ross

Raffle Quilt Marketing: Karen Moss

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Anne Flaggs

Service Project Challenge: Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Set-Up, lattice & truck: Brenda & Joe Finch and Carol Carrier

Show Pin Sales: Suma Glassman

Signs: Pam Compton

Silent Auction: Alice Washburn and Barbara Skelly

Vendors: Teresa Peterson

Viewers Choice: Coralyn Colladay and Juanita Canfield

Volunteers schedule: Anne Flaggs

Website: Barbara Bean



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Membership Chair Wanted

By Teresa Peterson

If you would like an opportunity to meet, greet and get to know more quilters in our guild, a great first step is to volunteer to be the FSQ Membership Chair. The membership chair is quite often the first person that a potential member meets when they attend a Guild meeting. The Membership Chair also has a

voice and a vote on the FSQ Executive Board.

The primary responsibility is to collect membership dues from new and continuing members. Some knowledge of Excel is helpful for tracking the membership. If you are interested, contact me at teresahpeterson@verizon.net. Thanks



Newsletter Editor Wanted

By Barbara Bean

I have decided to step down as newsletter editor, effective the end of this guild year. The June, 2015 newsletter will be my last.

If anyone is interested in taking over as newsletter editor, please contact me before the end of the guild year.

Each month I do the following:

- Request articles from membership
- Assemble articles in orderly fashion in Publisher
- Convert Publisher file to Adobe PDF file
- Upload Adobe PDF file to website
- Inform membership that newsletter is online



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

No new members to report

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.



April Birthdays

... Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Kay Campbell-Anderson	Apr 4
Anne Flaggs	Apr 28
Suma Glassman	Apr 25
Heather Heller	Apr 22
Phyliss Jaffe	Apr 8
SherriJoyce King	Apr 22
Kimberly Stefan	Apr 11
Gerda Sherwood	Apr 9

Also in April



Passover, April 4



Spring at last!!!



Easter, April 5



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	Ann Ramey-Smith	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	Vacant	Secret Sisters	Laurie Bay and Sharon Vloria
Library	Susan Entwistle	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Teresa Peterson	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Newsletter	Barbara Bean	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Karen Moss	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Anne Flaggs	Webmistress	Barbara Bean



Executive Board Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

All members are invited to attend Executive Board meetings. **Call first to verify the time and location.** If you wish to submit an item for discussion but are unable to attend please e-mail the information to Dottie Acton, or provide it in writing at a guild meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be announced at the March Guild meeting.

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