

Friendship Star Quilters

December 2017

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Bellwether Dry Goods 7th Annual Open House and Quilt Sale (Lothian)
<http://www.bellwetherdrygoods.com/>
 Dec 1-2, 2017

Birds of a Feather (Herndon, VA)
 Feb 8-11, 2018
<https://thelongarmnetwork.com/be-birds-of-a-feather>

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, VA
 Feb 22-25, 2018
<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>

Best Little Quilt Show in MD (Southern Comforters)
 Mar ??-??, 2018, Bowie, MD
<http://www.southerncomforters.org/>

Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc.
 Registration opens in March, Information about classes posted in the Winter.
 MAQ happens July 13-15, 2018..
<http://www.maqonline.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/MAQ-Mid-Appalachian-Quilters-159952331027/>

Quilts Around the Bay Shop Hop
 Mar 2-11, 2018
<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltsAroundTheBay/>

Cabin Branch & Stone House Quilters Annual quilt show
 Mar 10-11, Manassas, VA
<https://www.cabinbranchquilters.org/quilt-show.htm>

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December -- Service Projects Special. 12 ½ inch Nine Patch Block

Meetings

Next Meeting is December 4th.
 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

September is the exception since the 1st Monday is Labor Day

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

Service Projects

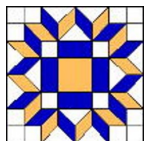
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
 Fairhaven United Methodist Church
 12801 Darnestown Rd.
 Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
 Thursday, December 14th
 Tuesday, December 19th

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will take place on December 12, February 13, April 10, and June 12. The December Board meeting will take place at Margaret Natof's home at 7:00 PM. 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

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

Henry Van Dyke

I hope everyone had a grateful Thanksgiving and is ready for December. Every December seems so packed with parties and shopping and travel that we rush right by Thanksgiving to get it all going. I know that Thanksgiving evolved out of the harvest celebration of most cultures. Those celebrations acknowledged the hard work of the summer, gratitude for the bountiful harvest, and the rest before the work of storing the bounty for the long winter. So as we enter December, let's take time to be thankful for the positive, hard as that may be to find, that happened in the past year.

First and foremost, I'm thankful to the many quilters who have participated in our service projects. Locally, I also know that quilters participate in Comfort Cases and Quilts of Valor, helping foster children and service veterans. Quilters are most generous with their time and skills.

I am thankful for all the speakers we've had this year. Each

one showed us different techniques as well as sharing with us their journey as an artist.

I am thankful for all the small quilt groups. We all need groups we can feel part of to show our work to for constructive criticism.

I am thankful for quilt guilds that gather people with different skill levels together to exchange ideas and fellowship. This tradition of people gathering to show their work and learn new skills is in every culture and I hope this will continue in the age of social media.

Speaking of guilds, our next meeting is our annual holiday party. Please bring a dish to share.

Our January meeting will be on the second Monday, January 8th, as the first Monday is New Years Day. Also make note that there will be a Board meeting on December 12th at 7 PM, hosted by Margaret Natof. Unlike our guild meetings, Board meetings start earlier at 7 PM.

Happy holiday, everyone!



October Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

President Nicki Lynch called the meeting to order. She welcomed new members and visitors. After approval of the minutes of the October 2 meeting and a discussion of the availability of the minutes, Liz Brodsky stated that the minutes will be available in the newsletter approximately 5 days prior to the upcoming meeting.

Announcement and Committee Reports

Service Projects workshops will be held on November 7 and November 30.

Michelle Barnard announced that the December 4 Holiday Party needs paper goods including napkins and plastic utensils. She asked members to provide recipes for special homemade "goodies."

Nicki Lynch announced that raffle tickets for the newest opportunity quilt are available.

Nicki also announced that the December 12 Executive Committee meeting will be held at Margaret Natof's house.

Lorie Coston discussed FSQ library displays.

Margaret Natof will be acting as Secretary until the end of the current year (June).

Joanne Duchez is resigning as Program Chair as of the upcoming June meeting.

Connie Ross will provide (lend) a projector for programs as necessary. Advance notice is necessary.

Program

Joanne Duchez introduced Lauren Kingsland who presented an inspiring talk on her development as a quilter. Lauren highlighted influences and challenges.

After Program

Show and Tell was followed by the fabric raffle and door prizes.

Fabric Raffle winners were Ellen Robinson and Dottie Acton.

Door Prize winners were Cathy Miller, Cathie Shelton, Barbara Skelly, Suma Glassman, and Barb Morton.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Natof



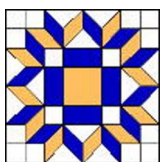
Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We recently discovered that a new Project Linus chapter has formed in Montgomery County, so we contacted them and made a delivery. We received a lovely thank you note from the coordinator and want to share it with you.

Thank you all so much for the beautiful baby/ toddler quilts you donated to Project Linus! Most of the other blankets we receive are made from fleece or knitted/ crocheted, so your quilts are a real treat. I'm sure the children who receive them will cherish them forever. We are currently giving blankets to two family shelters and Montgomery County's Child Welfare Services Program, but the chapter will include additional organizations as we have more blankets to donate.

Please join us for our December Service Projects workshops on Thursday, December 14 (when we will have our annual holiday pot luck luncheon), and Tuesday, December 19. Hope to see you there!



Programs

JoAnne DuChez

Hi, All. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day holiday. It's always nice to get together with family and friends. The Program update for December is that there is no program. Instead we will be enjoying good conversation and food at our annual holiday feast. I know that with all this eating between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the gyms will be full come January. Enjoy now while you can.

Below is the schedule for the 2018 speakers. Please note that Kimberly Einmo was originally scheduled for February. However, Kimberly has recently moved to California, consequently, that program has been cancelled. Luckily, our own [Lorie Coston](#) has volunteered to prepare an informative presentation on how FSQ benefits from the internet and social media. .

Below is a list of the remaining FSQ 2017-18 Programs and Events

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| Dec 4, 2017 | Holiday Party |
| Jan 8, 2018 | Ricki Selva |
| Feb 5, 2018 | Lorie Coston |
| Mar 5, 2018 | Lesley Riley |
| Apr 2, 2018 | Jean Ann Wright |
| May 7, 2018 | Cheryl Lynch |
| June 4, 2018 | Election; 5th Annual Yard Sale |



Need Speaker Suggestions

JoAnne DuChez

I'm still asking for speaker suggestions for 2018-19. Please email any names or topics to me, and I'll follow up soon. Remember that because of our budget, we are still looking for local speakers, however we may be able to select 1 or 2 out of area speakers from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Also, I want to remind you that this will be my last year of soliciting speakers for the Guild. I would love to mentor someone through the process for the 2018-19. I begin the contact process in January so it effort does not conflict with the holidays. Please let me know if are interested.

I usually handle the contacting and contracting process through January – March, however, this process could be done earlier in the year, if desired. For the rest of the year only 1-2 days' worth of effort a month are required for tasks include Newsletter articles, speaker dinner and Guild meeting arrangements, speaker payments and assorted email contacts. Attendance at Board meetings is also expected. I've really learned a lot about the workings of the Guild by attending these meetings.



Gem of an Idea

Lorie Coston and Margaret Natoff

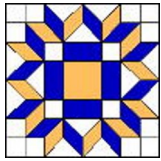
Margaret Natof called me the other day with this terrific idea. She was thinking of an economical and ecologically responsible way to get the word out about quilting guilds in our area. Barbara suggested that we donate to the guild those quilting magazines that we no longer want. Then we replace the mailing address label on each magazine with an invitation to visit online or in person either our guild or Nimble Fingers Quilters.

For the price of a package of adhesive labels and ink we've got terrific, professional marketing material! And, Nimble Fingers Quilters will share the cost of the labels and ink! All we have to do after labeling is take then leave a couple magazines at our doctor's offices, dentist's offices, and other places where magazines are shared.

If you have magazines that are 100% intact, that means no pages torn out or marked up with your notes, think about clearing them out of your house and bring them to a guild meeting, even the December meeting! Magazines will be ready for you to pick up at the January guild meeting and take with you to the places mentioned.

Don't you agree that Margaret has a diamond gem of an idea?

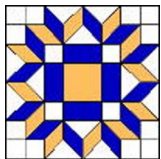
Lorie



FSQ Holiday Party in December

Michele Benard

The December meeting is our annual holiday party!! No sign-ups for food, just bring goodies (including beverages) to share. Please let me (michele.barnard@gmail.com) know if you're bringing paper/plastic goods, so I can be sure we have enough. RECIPES for any special treats you bring are frequently asked for; if you send them to my address, I can compile them and send them out.



Opportunity Quilt Events- A Fantastic February!!

Connie Ross

The Opportunity Quilt, "Butterflies in the Mist" is making it's rounds and currently there are two major events planned in February 2018 that need your support.

The first event is a 4 day show oriented toward long-arm quilters called, "Birds of a Feather" on February 8,9,10,11. This event is outlined at this website:<https://thelongarmnetwork.com/be-birds-of-a-feather>. FSQ will be selling tickets during the 4 day event and we will use the Sign-Up Genius software to schedule. Also, we are entering our quilt in the "Battle of the Guilds" so get ready for another ribbon for our wonderful quilt!

Here are the details:

February 8,9,10,11, 2018
Birds of a Feather
Luray Ballroom
Hyatt Regency Dulles
2300 Dulles Corner Blvd.
Herndon, VA 20171

The second February event is the "Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival" (also commonly known as the Mancuso Show). These dates are February 22,23,24,25 and it will be held in Hampton, VA. We have registered our quilt and will need ticket selling support as well as 32 hours of "White Gloving" with the heaviest support needed on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th. Here's the link to the show details: <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival>. Again, we will use the Sign-up Genius software to schedule. Here are the details:

February 22,23,24,25, 2018
Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival
Hampton Roads Convention Center
1610 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, VA 23666

As you sign up for supporting the cause, please look at the other names that are near your time slot and contact those folks if you are interested in carpooling. We hope to see you at the shows and ask that if you have any questions please call Connie Ross. Contact information is in our directory. Thank you!

Connie Ross



January 2017 Retreat at Bon Secours

Joy Dorman and Pat Vasaio

Can you believe the 2018 FSQ retreat is only a little over a month away? Have you packed your projects? Joy and I will be sending out more retreat information after the holidays so watch your inboxes. We will have massages. We also need volunteers to bring communal equipment: risers, irons, ironing boards, big boards and large cutting mats. We especially need volunteers to bring equipment who are staying for the four days. Please email Pat Vasaio (vasaio@comcast.net) if you are willing to bring any of the communal equipment. In the past, we have had at least three ironing stations and two cutting tables with risers and one cutting table without. We can't wait to see all the crea-



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.



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.



Membership

Barbara Skelly

The first update to the Directory will be mailed to all current members in December. If you didn't get the original directory or if you don't get the update, please email me.

New Members:

Mary Ann Bruce, Rockville MD

Sandra Chin, Montgomery Village MD



December Birthdays

Deborah Chubb	5
Nicki Lynch	9
Gail Ullrich	15
Barbara Morten	18
Bobbie Draves	20
Judy Walsh	23
Jeanne Burke	31



Elected Officers		
President	Nicki Lynch	prez@friendshipstar.org
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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	Pat Vasaio and Joy Dorman
Hospitality	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Rosie Hormuth	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Membership	Barbara Skelly	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Barbara Kilby	Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Karen Moss		
Guild Publicity	Lorie Coston		