

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Best Little Quilt Show in MD (Southern Comforters)
 Mar 10-11, 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/>

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>

[Art Quilt Elements 2018](#) ,
 March 16 – April 28, 2018 , Wayne, PA

AQS Lancaster, PA
 March 21-24, 2018
<http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lns18/>

Faithful Circle Quilters Show, "Quilt Fiesta"
 April 12-14, 2018
<https://faithfulcirclequilters.com/2017/11/01/faithful-circle-quilters-2018-quilt-show-2/>

Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show
 June 1-3, 2018
<https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show/>

Annapolis Quilt Show
 June 9 & 10
<http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>

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March - Half (1/2) yard Large Print fabric

Meetings

Next Meeting is March 5th. 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

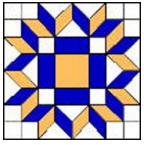
Service Projects Workshop Dates:
 Thursday, March 15th
 Tuesday, March 27th

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will take place on April 10, and June 12. The place to be announced. 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

There is a bit of FSQ business to be discussed in more detail at the meeting, that of electing officers for the 2018-2019 year. All the positions are up for election as all the officers were reelected last year. I will be asking 3 people to volunteer for the nomination committee. I'm asking all the membership to please consider running for either president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer.

Also, please consider signing up to take our raffle quilt to another guild, especially if you can drive. Since we are not having a show this year, getting the quilt out to sell tickets is a must.

Here in the middle of February, we have hints of spring with single days of sunshine and high temperatures interspersed with days overcast and wet. Well, it's still winter. And with this winter comes the Winter Olympics. I hope everyone has been enjoying watching the best athletes in their field. I've enjoyed watching all the amazing and some not-so-amazing athletes.

When I was trying to come up with something to write about my husband joked about a "Quilting Olympics." Hmm. That was a thought.

I can see it now, over a long weekend, quilters from all over the world coming together to test their skills against one another in team and individual quilting! While the Olympics' motto is "higher, faster, stronger," Quilting Olympics would be "skill, accuracy, creativity." While speed is great, accuracy and skill in cutting and piecing are part of quilting, as is creativity. All fabrics would be

supplied by the Olympic committee.

Individual events would include machine and hand piecing, paper piecing, and combined piecing of tops. For the appliquéers, there would be machine and hand appliqué on already prepared wall hangings.

For those who do art quilts making a top on a theme, making a quilt using challenge fabric, and making putting their own spin on a classic block of the judges' choosing.

For those whose forte is quilting, they would compete in hand, machine, and long arm quilting.

So the quilters would have something to quilt, there would be individuals whose challenge is preparing the quilt tops from the individual topper events for the quilting event, after those challenges have been completed.

Concurrently, would be team events. One team event would be making a pieced mystery quilt top. Another team event would be making a paper pieced mystery quilt top. The team event for the highest honors would be to make a full queen, using the fabric supplied, to be completed to raffle off at the closing ceremonies.

Hey, it could happen! What would YOUR Quilting Olympics look like?

See you at the meeting.



February Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

President Nicki Lynch called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and new members.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. There were no minutes for January as the meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Jennifer Rossmere presented the Treasurer's Report.

Nicki announced the next Executive Board Meeting will be February 13 – at Margaret Natof's house.

Barbara Kilby introduced Claire Wong of Equipment Connections for Children. Claire gave a brief presentation on the work of ECC, the organization which will be the recipient of a portion of the proceeds from the sale of raffle quilt tickets.

Nancy Brennan announced a Service Projects workshop on Tuesday, February 21, at Fairhaven Church.

Karen Moss discussed a Montgomery County Recreation initiative that requires persons to walk 100 miles in 100 days. Karen is looking for interest among members and will check eligibility with the Rec. Department.

Lorie Coston announced that labels to put on quilting magazines are available. The idea is to put labels on quilting magazines and to put them in public places (waiting rooms, salons, etc.) where they can be picked up by interested quilters. This program is supported by both Friendship Star and Nimble Fingers for the purpose of promoting membership in both Guilds.

JoAnne Duchez, Program Chair, made two announcements prior to introducing speaker Lorie Coston.

- JoAnne's term as program chair will end with the June meeting. She is looking for a volunteer to take over the position.
- JoAnne is starting collection of fabric and other items for the June Yard Sale. Members may bring donations to the meetings or make arrangement to deliver them to JoAnne's home.

Lorie Coston's program was a trip through the various electronic media options available to quilters. She provided specific instructions on how to navigate through each.

Show-and-Tell featured interesting and varied quilts made by members.

Because the January meeting was cancelled, there were two fabric drawings:

The January geometric fabrics were won by Judy Newton and Liz Lawrence.

The February pink and red fabrics were won by Judy Newton.

The March raffle will be for ½ yard lengths of large scale prints

Door Prizes were awarded to Kathy Brown, Jan Baweja, and Liz Lawrence.

The next Guild meeting will be March 5, 2018. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Natof



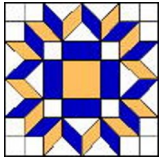
Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects workshops are open to all! You are welcome to bring a sewing machine if you'd like to attach binding to quilts or piece binding. Otherwise, just come and you'll find a variety of tasks you can choose, from tying quilt layers with a partner, to ironing, to spray basting quilt layers. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. You are welcome to bring a lunch and eat with those of us who can stay for a bit after the workshop.

Our March Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, March 15, and Tuesday, March 27.

If you have questions, please call Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver. We hope you can join us!



Programs

JoAnne DuChez

Hi, All. I'm really excited to have "T" Tamara Carter speak at the March guild meeting. The presentation will be *Native American and Indigenous Inspired Quilts*. The Indigenous collection contains a wide variety of quilts inspired by Native stories and lifeways. Beadwork, star quilts and wildlife appliqué will be show. T will focus on storytelling and revealing hidden history and also sharing many of her "quilty tricks." I'm hoping that T's husband will be available to assist with this lecture which would then include traditional drumming and singing, and dancing.

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 the remaining FSQ 2017-18 Programs and Events

Apr 2, 2018	Jean Ann Wright
May 7, 2018	Cheryl Lynch
June 4, 2018	Election; 5th Annual Yard Sale



Speaker Suggestions for 2018-2019

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.

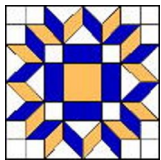
I usually handle the contacting and contracting process through January – March, however, this process could be done earlier in the year, if desired. For the rest of the year only 1-2 days' worth of effort a month are required for tasks include Newsletter articles, speaker dinner and Guild meeting arrangements, 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.



June 2018 Yardsale

JoAnne DuChez

Donations for the June Yard Sale will begin in February. There will be a bin in the atrium for your contributions. Please provide quilting fabric, books (no magazines), patterns, notions, and other quilting related items. As in the past, I request that you do not include non-quilt fabrics, as these are rarely purchased by our yard sale participants.



Opportunity Quilt Events

Connie Ross

Hello FSQ Friends!

We are a little over half way to our raffle ticket sales goals with 3 months left to sell. Barbara Kilby got us started last fall and many others have pitched in since then to make this a success. We finished the "Birds of a Feather" long arm weekend earlier in the month and just completed the "Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival" in Hampton, VA. I wanted to give a BIG shout out to Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier for once again making the Hampton show a success! They ran the sales table and managed the white-glove schedule and made us look great. Thank you, ladies!

Now we begin a 12 Guild Sell-a-thon in March and April and need your support. Please consider signing up either as "Driver" or "Co-Pilot" for any dates you can contribute. It is so much easier with two people to put up the quilt and much more effective to sell with two people. Please go to the FSQ website and open the tab at the top-right to the 2018 Opportunity Quilt. This will take you to the "Sign-Up Genius" with all of the opportunities, including dates, times and locations. I will be happy to go over the logistics with you and it is easy to do, just be your usual charming selves!!

Also, if you have not yet turned in your money and ticket stubs for your personal sales, please do so as soon as possible. These can be given to Karen Moss or to me and I will get them to Karen.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped and signed up to help in March, April and May.

Connie Ross



Magazine Label Ready for Pickup

Lorie Coston

Labels will be available for pickup in the lobby at the next meeting. The labels are stapled in groupings of 10, 20 or 30. When you are ready to donate your magazines to the doctor's office, auto repair shop waiting room or another spot of your choosing, place two labels on the front and one label on the back. The two labels for the front are one each of Friendship Star and Nimble Fingers and the label on the back is a general invitation to join a guild.

Why so many labels? Cost! We are able to get 500 more magazines labeled with the smaller labels. And, we bought all the labels that Office Depot had left during their sale...

Please place the label over any date that could be on the front of the magazine. We don't need someone to toss out an "old" magazine because they don't understand that quilt patterns are timeless!



FSQ Business Cards

Lorie Coston

FSQ has an easy way to introduce the guild! We have a business card for guild members to share with fellow quilters and people you meet who you think would enjoy being a member. The card includes our logo, web address as well as all our other social media accounts and is just the right size to slip into your wallet to have handy to share. Push-pin a card to the bulletin board at your grocery store or library or other public board.

Bundles of 5 cards are will be in the lobby for you to pick up. Share these cards with people you meet when the conversation turns to sewing or quilting! We want people to know about FSQ and we want to increase our membership. The easiest way to do that is to let people know we're here. And what is a better reminder than a business card?





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

Welcome New Members:

Jan Beweta
Olney, MD

Betsy Kulamer
Potomac, MD



March Birthdays

Susan	Spencer	1
Laura	Markus	3
Cathie	Shelton	3
Carmen	Contreras-Sesvold	3
Evie	Naranjo	9
Lorie	Coston	10
Kate	Foley	10
Carol	Carrier	12
Diane	Heller	15
Linda	August	18
Barbara	Bregman	19
Karen	Kehl	21
Carol	Millman	21
Pat	Vasaio	29



Elected Officers		
President	Nicki Lynch	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 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		