

Friendship Star Quilters

April 2018

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The Quiltline

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/>

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

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/>

Quilt Odyssey
July 19 -22, Hershey, PA
<https://www.quiltoodyssey.com/>

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April — Fat quarters of Floral prints to celebrate Spring.

Meetings

Next Meeting is April 2nd. 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

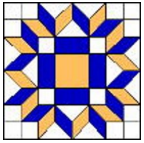
Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, April 12th
Tuesday, April 24th

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

We've had some wild weather in March – wind and snow storms. I especially liked the paradox of our first major accumulation of snow on the first day of Spring. It was pretty even if it was late in the season for snow.

Due to the many cancelations I hope most of you got to do some sewing.

I was crocheting with a friend last week and I showed her some of my quilts. She asked if I spent most of my day sewing and crocheting. After a bit of thought, I decided that is exactly what I do, if given the chance.

I was thinking about all the things I like to make and decided that I'm, in modern terms, a maker. I like to make things and I'm always looking to expand my skills. I've noticed that many of the craft stores have started using the term "makers" in their advertising. This lead me to research the term "maker" and "maker culture."

While the term "maker culture" originally referred to making one's own tech devices, both hardware and software, those of us who make what is considered home arts or arts and crafts are also part of maker culture. In dictionary terms, those of us who do crafts are the second definition of maker culture. I think we should be the first definition as we have been at it since the beginning of civilization.

I think of all the people who made clothes, farming implements, containers for food, and the many, many other items that made life possible stretching back into the past. Visit a history museum and you'll see items of everyday use made by craftspeople of the day, with not a piece of tech to be seen. We've been around forever!

I think the disconnect came in the 70s when making quilts was at this low point. Quilts were made in (are you sitting down?) polyester! The revival of the home arts and crafts was yet to happen, while making your own computer was on the rise. I remember those days of the nerds and geeks making their own computers from parts they got from Radio Shack, much like their grandfathers making crystal radios before them. The term "maker culture" was coined much later, but the reference to tech stuck to it.

Meanwhile, quilters such as Georgia Bonesteel, Nancy Crow, Mimi Dietrich, Mary Ellen Hopkins, and Jinny Beyer, to name a few keep the craft and history alive until it came back with cottons and a new sensibility. We own a lot to these women.

As makers, we need to remind people we've been doing this all along and we're still around.

So, next time someone asks you what you like to do or if you have a hobby, you can say, "I'm a maker."

See you at the meeting.



March Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

Minutes of the March 7 Meeting Friendship Star Quilters

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

There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

Committee Reports

Connie Ross reported on the 2017 Raffle Quilt Marketing and asked members to sign up to accompany her to other guild's meetings.

Nancy Brennan announced a Service Projects workshops on March 15 and 27, at Fairhaven Church.

Judy Walsh announced the 2019 Raffle Quilt Committee is making design and purchasing decisions.

Announcements

Gerda Sherwood is having knee surgery. Members keep her in your thoughts and cards and notes are appreciated.

Suma Glassman asked members who own Baby Lock machines to contact her before the end of March. She is trying to compile a list of at least 50 names to submit to help the Guild win a free sewing machine.

Connie Ross reported on the "Birds of a Feather" gathering at which raffle quilt tickets were sold.

Margaret Natof encouraged members to participate in the free magazine labeling program. Members are supplied labels to put on quilting magazine to leave in lobbies and waiting rooms as a way of promoting interest in membership in FSQ (nighttime) and Nimble Fingers (daytime) guilds.

Nicki announced the need for a nominating committee. Barb Morten volunteered to chair the committee with Lori Coston and Margaret Natof.

JoAnne Ducheze announced that she is collecting for the guild Yard Sale that will take place at the June meeting.

JoAnne also announced that she is still looking for a member to replace her as Program Chair.

For the evening's program JoAnne introduced T Carter who presented a program on Native American quilting. T and her husband Joe Gaines led all members present at the meeting in an Ojibway jingle dance in the foyer of the church.

At Show-and-Tell members presented numerous beautiful quilts.

Winners of the Fabric Drawing were Liz Plantz and Liz Lawrence.

Door Prizes were awarded to Alice Washburn, Mary Moore Payne, and Linda August.

The next Guild meeting will be April 2, 2018. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Natof



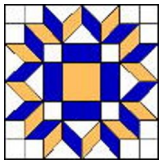
Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Once again FSQ members have donated some beautiful quilt tops made from fabric won in one of our monthly fabric raffles! Service Projects received five lovely disappearing nine-patch tops, which Susan Spencer immediately took home to machine quilt. They were then bound at our last Service Projects workshop. We know they will bring warmth and comfort to the children who receive them. Many thanks to all our FSQ members who support our community outreach in so many ways – attending workshops, making or finishing quilts at home, donating fabric or batting...the list goes on and on!



The April Service Projects workshops will be held on April 12 and 24. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver if you have questions. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!



Programs

JoAnne DuChez

I know I've said it before, but I really am ready for spring! What is it with the snow and cold this year? It did force a surprise all day sewing fest, but let's get real. It's time for garden work! The March lion has stayed too long – it's time for the lamb to arrive. Enough of complaining, so I'll move along to business.

Jean Ann Wright will be presenting *Quilts in My Suitcase* at the April meeting. She has been sewing and making quilts for over 50 years. She majored in textiles and fine arts at Palm Beach State College and has combined these two disciplines to become a fiber artist. She has edited international quilting magazine titled QUILT, and the Quilting Quarterly publication for the National Quilting Association, and numerous other books including the popular *Circle of Nine*. Jean Ann works as a consultant to the fabric industry designing quilts for several major fabric manufacturers. She has designed fabric collections and a Creative Grids Log Cabin Trim Tool.

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.

Upcoming programs for the 2017-2018 Guild year are as follows.

May 7, 2018

Cheryl Lynch

June 4, 2018

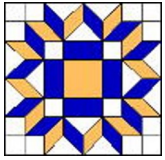
Election; 5th Annual Yard Sale



June 2018 Yardsale

JoAnne DuChez

Donations for the June Yard Sale will be collected at the April and May meetings. 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 Update

Connie Ross

Hello FSQ Friends!

We are doing very well on our Raffle Quilt ticket sales and have completed five showings in March. That leaves six in April and one more in May. All dates have been filled with two people and we are all set for a successful run. According to my calculations if we maintain our average sales per showing, and if everyone turns in their money for their sales we will meet or exceed our goal!!

Thanks again to everyone who has helped and who has signed up to help in April and May. Please don't wait to turn in your money and tickets, I need to know if we need to schedule more showings in May. We might try another guilds technique of going to the local bowling alley on league night, we hear it can be very successful and a lot of fun!

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:

Zulienne Cifala Wolfrey
Brookeville, MD



April Birthdays

Gerda	Sherwood	April	9
Joy	Dorman	April	19
Sherri			
Joyce	King	April	22
Suma	Glassman	April	25
Anne	Flaggs	April	28
Gayle	Sunde	April	28
Vontina	Collick	April	30



Elected Officers		
President	Nicki Lynch	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Jennifer Rossmere	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Margaret Natof	Secy@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Ducheze
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		