

Friendship Star Quilters

August 2018

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P.O. Box 8051, Gaithersburg, MD 20898

The Quiltline

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

August 11-18

<http://mcagfair.com/general-information/>

“Around the Block”

Needle Chasers Quilt Show

October 5-6, Kensington, MD

<https://www.needlechasers.org/quilt-show-2018.htm>

Quilters Quest

October 19-28

<http://www.quiltersquest.org/>

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August — No Fabric Drawing

Meetings

Next Meeting is August 6th. 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

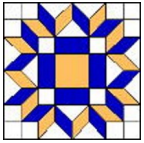
Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Tuesday, August 7th
Thursday, August 23rd

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will Tuesday, August 14th, at 7:00 PM., at 400 Russell Avenue in Asbury Village in Gaithersburg. See the president's message for additional information.

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

Barbara Kilby

My husband and I moved to a smaller house in Asbury Village in March and we're still in the throes of adjusting. I am astonished to find how many things came with us that we don't need. We moved only two miles from a big house we'd lived in for 24 years, and since it wasn't all that far we kept going back to return stuff – or pick up some priceless object we had abandoned. It's lucky we closed on April 6 or we'd still be making trips.

Our new house is called a Villa, and so we are “Villans.” I have the office for a sewing room. My long arm machine has been reduced to a five-foot wide frame, and now I just need to cut 18 inches off both ends of the four canvas leaders. And attach some new Velcro to the take-up rail. And find my hatpins.

Meanwhile at FSQ we have such an exciting year ahead of us – starting with Quilto on the evening of August 6! Then there's the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair August 11-18: when you go, see if you can spot the quilts entered by our members in the Home Arts Building, and look for the Friendship Star Quilters' display case in the Heritage Building. FSQ will present a \$25.00 award to the maker of the Best Beginner's Quilt entered in the Fair, and she (or he) will be invited to our September 10 meeting for Show and Tell.

Our own biennial Quilt Show will be at the Fairgrounds April 26-28, 2019. I'm really pleased to announce that the 2019 Quilt Show Committee will be Co-chaired by Connie Ross and Teresa Peterson. They'll be recruiting subcommittees soon; some of the volunteers who served in 2017 are returning, and there are several positions open for new volunteers.

We also have news about the 2019 Raffle quilt, expertly pieced by Colleen Biasco, Joy Dorman, JoAnne DuChes, Meg Tison, Judy Walsh, and Anne Weaver. They named the quilt “Oh My Stars!” and have already delivered it to Susan Spencer to be long-arm quilted. Susan did a marvelous job on the 2018 quilt, Butterflies in the Mist, and she has designed a beautifully intricate quilting plan for the new quilt. When “Oh My Stars!” makes its debut in September, Karen Moss will begin distributing raffle tickets to FSQ members. There will be prizes for the top three ticket sellers.

All FSQ members are welcome to attend our first Executive Board meeting of the new season on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7 pm. The meeting is at 400 Russell Avenue in Asbury Village in Gaithersburg. This location is new to all of us, and I need to tell Asbury staff how many chairs and tables we need. Call me for details on parking and how to get past the Villa gates. (Say the secret word...)

Keep cool and catch a lot of lightning bugs!

Barbara Kilby



June Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

President Nicki Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:35 and welcomed guests and new members.

The minutes of the May 7 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Announcements and Committee Reports

- Service Projects will meet on June 14 and 28.
- A joint Executive Committee meeting consisting of the current officers and newly-elected officers will be held June 12 at Margaret Natof's house.
- President Nicki Lynch acknowledged the current officers and committee chairs who served under her leadership. She thanked all who helped and had a small memento of thanks for each.
- Karen Moss asked members to be sure all raffle tickets were turned in prior to the drawing to be held later in the meeting. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Equipment Connections for Children and the remaining money goes to the guild.

2018-19 Election

The slate of candidates for 2018-19 Officers was presented to the membership and they were elected by acclamation.

President – Barbara Kilby

Vice President – Carole Weikert

Secretary – Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

Treasurer – Sabina Lindley

Following the election, at Show-and-Tell, members displayed their beautiful quilts.

The winners of the fat quarter fabric drawing were Linda Duzick, Mary Lou Dungan, and Lorie Coston.

The drawing for the 2018 Raffle Quilt was won by Connie Ross.

Thank you to our outgoing president, Nicki Lynch

Connie presented Nicki with a thank-you quilt from the membership. The quilt was acknowledgement of Nicki's term of service to the Guild.

The meeting adjourned to the 2018 Yard Sale, held in the church gym.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Natof





Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

From time to time we like to share the thank you notes we get from those who have received the quilts that our members so generously take part in making. This summer we have received several! They were all so lovely that we decided to share all three. It's so gratifying to know that our FSQ members' talents are bringing such warmth and comfort to so many, both near and far.

Letter from Fisher House Recipient

Thank you for your Friendship Star Quilters organization leaving us with a comfort lap quilt which reminded me of the pattern of my Great Grandmother's hand-made full-size quilt provided as a wedding gift to my Mom (her Granddaughter) and Dad for their wedding in April of 1957. It was my favorite comfort blanket, being the first- born I had been comforted through sickness and in health.

Our Dear Dad passed away this March on the heels of our Parent's 61st Wedding Anniversary. My Mom is daily burdened with indelible feelings of loss as she conducts her daily life in our empty home. This August is Mom's 84th Birthday and I will mail your comfort lap quilt which I trust will bring her daily warmth and emotional comfort and serve to remind her of her Grandmother and happier days of life.

Thank you and all of your Staff who engage in such philanthropic endeavors as donating lap quilts to our Families staying at the Fisher House. I am stationed with my Family in Germany, but had to be medevac'd to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in June to have major surgery of my right leg and expect to recover and return back to Germany in October.

Respectfully,

Michael T. Scahill

LTC, AG, Strategic Plans Officer

66TH Military Intelligence Brigade

Letter from Project Linus

The quilts you made for Project Linus are beautiful – thank you so much. It's a treat to receive quilts to give to the children, since most of the other blankets we receive are fleece. I'm sure the children and their mothers will love your quilts.

Carolyn Lichtenstein, Project Linus Montgomery County Chapter Coordinator

Letter from Shady Grove Pregnancy Center

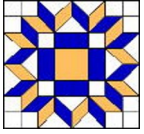
I can't tell you how thankful the parents were to get your beautiful quilts. For many it will be the most beautiful thing that they have for their child.

Holly Mullen

Parenting Program Coordinator

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center

August Service Projects workshops will be held on August 7 and 23 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. Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver



Programs

JoAnne DuChez and Meg Tison

Can you believe it is almost August already? The time just goes by too fast. Hopefully, everyone has had a great summer full of family, friends and quilting. I've had a very busy summer with family and travel -and the beach is yet to come.

August 6, 2018 Guild Meeting

On August 6, we'll start the year with QUILTO! This is a great way to ease back into our monthly meetings and to socialize with friends we haven't see in a while. QUILTO is like BINGO with fabric prizes. Everyone starts with 2 Quilto cards (at a cost of 2 fat quarters and \$2); additional cards may be had for 1FQ and \$1. The fabric everyone brings becomes the prizes; the \$ go towards the yummy markers used for marking the Quilto cards and the Church setup. Lots of chances to win!

A special thanks to Barb Morten who organized the Quilto event.

BTW, there is no dinner at Dogfish Head preceding the August meeting.

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

August 6, 2017	Quilto
September 10, 2018	Ricki Selva
October 1, 2018	Suzi Parron
November 5, 2018	Polly Mello
December 3, 2018	Holiday Party
January 7, 2019	Morna McEver Golletz
February 4, 2019	Diane Henry
March 4, 2019	Lesley Riley
April 1, 2019	Cindy Grisdela
May 6, 2019	TBD
June 3, 2019	Election; Annual Yard Sale



2019 Retreat - Register Now!

Joy Dorman and Pat Vasaio

There are only two spaces left for the 2019 FSQ Retreat at Bon Secour Retreat Center in Marriotsville, Maryland (January 18-20, with the option to spend an extra day, January 18-21). To reserve your space, please send a deposit check for \$50.00 made payable to FSQ, to Joy Dorman, 5342 32nd St. NW, Washington, DC 20015. Information on the retreat and the registration form are available on the FSQ Website. You don't want to miss it!



2018 Strip Tease Challenge

Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell, JoAnne DuChez

There is still plenty of time to participate in the Strip Tease Challenge. Completed quilts are due at the October 2017 Guild meeting.

Get your beach bodies ready, ladies! This year's challenge is a STRIP TEASE! Yes, the challenge will involve using strips or jelly rolls to create quilts to be donated to service projects. As In years past, you may use the fabric we provide or your own.

We still have some packs of strips that will be available at the August meeting. Each pack includes about 20 WOF strips. Some strips may be shorter, so additional strips may be included. Please be aware that the cutting and counting of strips may have been performed while enjoying adult beverages. Forgive us if things are not perfect... We will also provide a bin of 2-1/2 strips from which you may select.

Also, if you would like a specific color palette, you can join us at a Service Projects workshop and choose fabric from the 1/2 and 1-yard sections in the back room to cut yourself.

Challenge quilts must be between 36 inches square and twin-size and should be quilted and bound. Yard sale bucks will be awarded to the top three, as voted on by the membership. Quilts are due at the October 2018 guild meeting.

Meg Tison
DeVeda Powell
JoAnne DuChez

Object: create a one of a kind quilt using 2-1/2" strips.

Size: 36" square – twin size

Quilts must be sandwiched, quilted and bound.

Quilt will be donated to FSQ Service Projects for distribution.



Membership

Judy Walsh

Welcome to the following new members!

Judy Ashley – Montgomery Village

Pam Lane - Gaithersburg

Mary Lou Dungan – Montgomery Village

Regina Kitsoulis - Rockville

Peggy Weidman - Rockville

Membership Renewal

It's membership renewal time! If you have not yet renewed, please stop by the membership table with a check for your yearly dues. The fee is still \$35.00 and checks should be made out to **FSQ**. We'll also happily accept cash (but no credit cards).

Alternately, you may download the Membership Renewal Form from our website and mail it -along with your check to FSQ - to me at the address indicated on the form. For those out-of-state, the fee is \$20.00.

Please pay your dues as soon as possible, so the Membership Directory can be finalized and sent to our members in October.

Don't forget you can also claim a bonus of \$10 in "Yard Sale bucks" when you bring in or refer a new member. Based on the prices from our June Yard Sale, that bonus could net you 30 Fat Quarters, or 5+ yards of fabric at the next Yard Sale.



August Birthdays

Jane Campos	8
Zulienne Wolfrey	9
Linda Duzick	14
Anne Weaver	21
Cathy Cottom	23
Lizabeth Lawrence	24
Sheri Thompson	25
Carol Unger	29



Montgomery County Fair is coming

Lorie Coston and Judy Walsh

How would you like to be an award-winning quilter?! Enter the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair with a quilt! Perhaps your current project is ribbon worthy. Perhaps you've got a quilt already made but not gifted yet. This might be exactly what you need to add some excitement to your summer.

Also, FSQ has a display of quilts in the Heritage Building at the Fairgrounds! These are quilts that have been donated to Service Projects from one of our guild challenges or from some of our generous members.

As well as being the "Dining Hall", the Heritage Building is one of the few air conditioned buildings at the Fair, so our display will be seen by hundreds of people! Stop by and check it out.



2019 Raffle Quilt Scheduler is Needed

Judy Walsh

Our 2019 Raffle Quilt (Oh My Stars!) will make its debut at our September guild meeting.

The quilt can go on the road from September to late April, and the winning ticket will be drawn on the last day of our Quilt Show, April 28, 2019.

We need a volunteer to contact other local quilt guilds for a date when we can display the quilt and sell tickets at one of their meetings. We'll provide a list of guilds and contacts. Scheduling can be done by phone and email. Once you have the first few visits scheduled, Lorie Coston will post the dates online for FSQ members to sign up for ticket sales. You'll also be the point-of-contact for knowing who has the quilt, who needs it next, and for confirming the visit or making changes.

This is an easy task that is vital to our guild. Please contact Barbara Kilby at 301-216-4458 if you have any questions or if you are volunteering to be the Raffle Quilt Scheduler.



Lancaster Shopping Trip

Sherri Thompson

Lancaster Shopping Trip

Friday, October 5, 2018 - \$60

Includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch

Departure: 7:30 a.m.

Return: 7:30 p.m.

Wilbur's Chocolate Retail Store - Lititz

Lunch at Lititz Family Cupboard and Bakery - Lititz

Weaver's Dry Goods - Lititz

Kitchen Kettle Village – Intercourse

Checks payable to: Village Quilters

Please include your contact info when registering

Send to: Sheri Thompson (address listed in guild directory)



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

The FSQ library has added several new books for your reference needs. Come take a look at our large selection, check out several, and get inspired! The usual loan time is one month but if some extra time is needed to complete a project, just let us know. We do have a few outstanding loans and would like to have them returned by the June meeting so that we can evaluate our inventory. Also if there is a particular topic or book you would like to see included in the library or if you have a possible donation, come talk with us.

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence



Elected Officers		
President	Barbara Kilby	prez@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Carole Weikert	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Sabina Lindley	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Carmen Contreras-Sesvold	Secy@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Raffle Quilt Market-ing	Open
Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Karen Moss
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Retreats 2019	Pat Vasaio and Joy Dorman
Holiday Party	Michele Barnard	Round Robin 2019	Margaret Natof
Library	Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Judy Walsh	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Summer 2018 Challenge	Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell, JoAnne DuChez
Pins	Susan Spencer	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Programs	Jo Anne Ducheze and Cathy Miller	Yard Sale	Open
Publicity	Lorie Coston		
Quilt Show 2019	Connie Ross and Theresa Peterson		