

Friendship Star Quilters

March 2019

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P.O. Box 8051, Gaithersburg, MD 20898

The Quiltline

February 28 through March 3, 2019— Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival (aka “Hampton”)
Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton Roads, VA
www.quiltfest.com

April 25 (set-up), 26, 27, 28 (show), 2019- FSQ Quilt Show
Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg
www.friendshipstar.org

May 31-June 2, QU” Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA,
Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. <https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show/>

June 8-9, Quilts by the Bay, Annapolis High School,
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-4, <http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>

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March — Fat quarters in any shade of green

Meetings

Next Meeting is March 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

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/>.

Service Projects

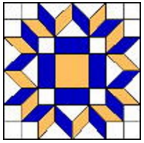
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, March 7th
Tuesday, March 26th

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will be Monday, April 8 at 7 pm at 400 Russell Avenue in Gaithersburg.

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

In spite of all the snow and rain, this month's message starts off pretty dry:

The **Friendship Star Quilters Executive Board** meets every other month to decide on policies and overall plans for the guild, including programs and budgets. Meetings generally run about an hour or sometimes a little more. At the most recent meeting in February we acted on several important issues. I thought everybody should know about these decisions:

We confirmed the dates for our **2021 Quilt Show**. It's two years off, but several craft shows are competing for "our" weekends in April, so we needed to make our Fairgrounds reservation now. We agreed on April 29 through May 2, 2021, and will deposit 25% of the rent when we send in the signed contract.

We reviewed the **Raffle Quilt Marketing** schedule. Several Board members agreed to go to the Hampton Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. We hope the Oh My Stars! Quilt sells a lot of tickets at the show. Thanks to all of you who used **Signup Genius** to volunteer for White Glove duty and ticket selling, and to Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier, the mainstays of this four-day marketing marathon.

We approved a number of **FSQ Programs**, including the guest Speakers and other events at monthly FSQ meetings in August through December 2019. Cathy Miller is the new Program Chair and she'll supply details on the Website and in future issues of the Quiltline.

We agreed to a proposal by Anne Weaver to make a **\$500 donation to Fairhaven United Methodist Church**, where the Service Projects committee meets twice a month to make charity quilts. The church provides meeting space and storage for the fabric, batting, and supplies and has never charged us rent.

We approved a proposal by Judy Walsh, our Membership Chair, to recruit a few FSQ members to serve as **Hostesses**, making new members feel welcome at our monthly meetings.

That seems like a lot to accomplish in an hour, but the meetings are fun -- and actually not so dry after all. Voting members are the elected officers and chairs of standing committees, but all Friendship Star members are welcome to participate, to listen in, and to make suggestions.

If you are thinking of joining a committee - or running for office - or are just curious, please come to an Executive Board meeting. The next meeting is on Monday, April 8 at 7 pm at 400 Russell Avenue in Gaithersburg. Contact me for directions and details.

Barbara Kilby
prez@friendshipstar.org
December 29, 2018



February Guild Minutes

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

President, Barbara Kilby, called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and new members. No changes to January meeting minutes were submitted and the document was approved. She also welcomed our local vendor Capital Quilts own Alison Zacharkiw with items available for purchase in the foyer.

Our President announced that FSQ Post Office Box 8051 problems have been resolved. However, continue to use hand delivery, or call committee chairs for direct mailing arrangements between FSQ members. She also announced that the 2019 Retreat Photos are now featured on the FSQ Facebook page and FSQ Website. Reservations for the 2021 Quilt show have been changed with a tentative start date of April 29th.

2019 Quilt Show Announcements by Co-Chairs Connie Ross and Teresa Peterson

Quilt show (QS) dates are April 26-28th with setup on Thurs, April 25th.

Next Quilt show meeting is at 7 PM, on March 12th, and located at 400 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg.

QS Flyers are available for distribution to quilt shops and other places. Contact Rosie Hormuth for supplies and further information.

QS Pins are available for \$5 see Susan Spencer for purchase.

Quilting Demonstrations has open positions please contact Michele Barnard for more information.

QS Boutique Chair, Suma Glassman, has paper forms for the Boutique. An electronic form is also available for download on the FSQ website under the Quilt show 2019 tab.

Silent Auction Co-Chairs. Dottie Acton and Margaret Natof reminded us that items were needed for the auction. This could include not only be quilt related items but also quilt related services.

Dottie provided an example of her donation which was 5 custom made quilt labels. Details can be located on the FSQ website under the Quilt show 2019 tab. A link for the registration form is also available for download.

Quilt Submission for Show

QS Registration deadline for all quilt submissions is March 4th, 2019.

Electronic registration via Google Docs is located on the FSQ website under the Quilt show 2019 tab. Karen Moss provided quick instructions on how to use the site and also stated that there were people to help if someone needed guidance.

AQS Challenge Quilts are due for delivery March 4th. We need 8 to submit to AQS.

All other quilts are due April 20th

QS Volunteer Chair, Anne Flaggs, announced that volunteers (2 hour shifts) are needed for the QS. Details/sign up will soon be on the FSQ website.

Incentive Basket Coordinator, Karen Slayton, is collecting items for the incentive baskets for those eligible (volunteered for 2 shifts).

Hospitality chair Barb Morton will be collecting food for the volunteers

The FSQ 2019 Raffle Quilt, Oh My Stars! Chairperson Karen Moss announced that a sign up genius has been created in an effort to recruit volunteers for the quilts display at different venues. This link is located on the FSQ Home page.

The FSQ 2020 Raffle Quilt is being completed by Our President, Barbara Kilby, and Judy Walsh. Bids for long arming are now being requested. Please contact Barbara Kilby and Judy Walsh for details or questions.

Service Projects Challenge Co-chairs Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan **reminded us that the quilt** details are available on the [FSQ website under Challenges! 2018-2019](#). And also said the next service project meeting details as 9:30 AM to 12 on February 5th and 21st as well as March 7th at **12801 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878**

JoAnne DuChes, Program Chairperson, announced our speaker, Diane Henry with her talk titled Threads and Needles. As a Handi Quilter educator, she provided expert information about stitch formation, needle and thread characteristics and dynamics and their interactions as well as compatibility. She also provided us with 2 good thread references.

<https://storage.googleapis.com/vw-superiorthreads/docs/home-machine-thread-reference-guide.pdf>

<https://www.superiorthreads.com/videos-charlottes-fusible-web-part-one>



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Is your Service Projects Challenge quilt for the Quilt Show finished? Almost finished? Still in the planning stages? Don't forget the deadline for registration is March 4. We can't wait to see all the creative variations of the theme, "***Dancing with the Stars***"! You can view the challenge guidelines [here](#). Quilts will be turned in on April 20, but will not be returned at the end of the show, since they will be donated. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Please join us for our March Service Projects workshops on Thursday, March 7, and Tuesday, March 26. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Those who can stay a bit longer, bring a lunch and we sit and chat a while. We welcome newcomers!



Quilt Show Update

Connie Ross and Theresa Peterson

Quilt Show 2019 "Oh My Stars!"

Set-up: Thursday April 25, 2019

Show Dates: April 26,27,28, 2019

We are in the home stretch for the **2019 FSQ Quilt Show, "Oh My Stars"** and are working on the final details. We want to publish a few dates here that we're sure you know about but just in case:

- Quilt Registration due on-line, with photo, by March 4. The link to the form is on our website.
- AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge Quilts must be registered by March 4 and **TURNED IN** at the March 4 meeting. We must have a minimum of 8 to be considered for display at the AQS Show in Grand Rapids, Michigan this summer. They will be displayed at our quilt show first.
- Quilt Turn in for our show, including the Bloomin' Challenge and the Service Projects Challenge, is April 20 at Karen Moss' home (see directory for address). We'll start at 1:00 PM and wrap it up at 4:00 PM. Our final Quilt Show Committee meeting will be March 12, 7:00 at the Asbury Community Center meeting room that we have been using. If you have skipped meetings in the past please **DO NOT** skip this meeting, we need to hear from **EVERY** team leader. Please have your ducks lined up and quacking!!! Our wrap up meeting will be held May 14, same time, same place. Please be prepared to review your final report with the team, including results, lessons learned and advice for the next show.

FSQ Members, NOW is the time to:

- Quilt, Bind and Label!!
- Finish projects for the Boutique and get your registrations to Suma Glassman ASAP.
- Finish or find your items to sell at the Silent Auction. These will be turned in at Quilt Turn-in day, April 20. Registration forms are on our website.
- Bring in your items for the Raffle Baskets, final collection day will be the April 1 Guild meeting.
- Sign up with Anne Flaggs to volunteer at the show, we need you! There will be a beautiful Raffle Basket just for the volunteers to win as a Thank You!

And **VERY IMPORTANTLY**, tell everyone you know about the show! If you use Facebook, get onto our Facebook page and grab the event that Suma created and forward it to all of your contacts. **TALK ABOUT IT**, word of mouth is a powerful thing!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the show

Connie Ross



FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge

Jennifer Rossmere

FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge Last Minute Reminders

1. March 4th is the deadline. Totally completed quilt is to be submitted at the March 4th FSQ meeting.

Hanging Sleeve must be attached as described on the AQS site, www.quiltweek.com/contest. Scroll down to "For requirements for your hanging sleeve".

1. Label on bottom corner of quilt back. Quilt Title, Name, Address, in that order.

2. Permission copyright release if using someone else's pattern.

Appraisal submission if quilt is over \$1000.

We will be taking photographs of each quilter with their quilt at the March 4th FSQ meeting. If you are not there, we will work something out.

Questions? Contact Liz Lawrence or Jennifer Rossmere or Mary Ann Bruce.

Email addresses are in the FSQ Directory List.



FSQ Quilt Show Boutique

Suma Glassman

All crafters and quilters! The FSQ Boutique offers you a chance to display and sell your creations. Of course, all participants in the Boutique must be Guild members and all items must be crafted by the member. The \$5.00 registration fee and 10% commission support your Guild, the rest is yours. Working in Boutique for a few hours is a fun chance to see your items being admired. The registration form is available on the website (<http://friendshipstar.org/quilt-show-boutique/>) and will be available at the March meeting. When you turn in your products the day before the show opens, you will turn in an inventory sheet too. For questions contact Suma Glassman.



Quilt Show Silent Auction

Dottie Acton

It's time to start working on items for the Silent Auction! Get out one of your UFOs, try a new technique, or just use your favorite technique to make a quilt or other item to donate. You can keep 70 percent of the amount bid for your item, with the guild getting the remainder. Details and registration forms for the Silent Auction will be posted on the guild site in early February.



Quilt Show Volunteers: We Need You!!

Anne Flaggs

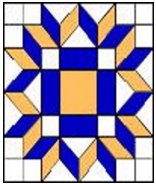
Hopefully by now, you have heard we are having a quilt show, well we can't pull it off without the guild members volunteering during the show at the various stations to help sell tickets, give away fabric, white glove, etc.

We recommend that everyone does at least 2 shifts of 2 hours a piece to ensure we have full coverage at the show. Anyone doing at least 4 hours of work will be in the drawing for one of the volunteer raffle baskets that we will give away at the May meeting.

Sometime in February, all the jobs will be posted in Sign-up Genius so you can find the right slot and time that fits your needs but I wanted to give a quick outline of the jobs to help you decide where you might want to work.

- **Turn-in** – this will occur the Saturday before the show and lasts about 4 hours. Jobs include checking in quilts and sorting them into groups
- **Setup (Thursday)** – this is an active job and is the actual hanging of quilts and transforming the fairgrounds into a spectacular show. This is 4+ hours but we will accept help for shorter shifts.
- **Admissions** – mostly a sit-down station that can be busy especially when the show opens for the day. The first greeters to our show, money is taken for tickets & show pins, catalogs are distributed and wristbands placed on the visitors. Also oversees the children's activities.
- **Raffles**
- **Quilt** – a sit-down job selling tickets to our beautiful raffle quilt that will be displayed
- **Baskets** – a sit-down job selling tickets to our hourly basket drawings
- **Featherweight** – an active sit-down job selling tickets for our featherweight drawing and sewing premie blankets
- **Silent Auction** – a sit-down job overseeing all the items up for auction and their sign-up sheets.
- **Fabric giveaway** – a sit-down job handing out free fabric to our attendees that find the station
- **Hospitality** – an active job helping out in our food area
- **Service Projects (Saturday only)** – an active sit-down job helping visitors tie charity quilts
- **White Gloving** – an active walking job and a good chance to see the show while you assist visitors by pointing out interesting facts on quilts
- **Security** – an active walking job
- **Take-down (Sunday)** – an active job helping to take down the quilts and return them to our members. This will take about 2 hours and starts about 10 minutes after our show ends on Sunday.

If your spouses or older kids want to work the show, that is fine also, we have a few that like to do security and help with setup/takedown. Kids that need Service hours for school can earn hours by volunteering. Most of the jobs are sitting down, except for White Gloving and Security. If you can only stand/walk



Programs

JoAnne DuChez and Meg Tison

Hi, All,

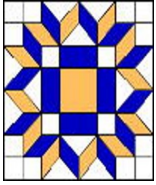
I hope you all survived the latest snow storm of the season. Hopefully, it will be the last. I'm ready for spring. The other day I had a discussion with my granddaughter about how she was tired of winter and was ready for the warming days of spring. We both are ready for green leaves and flowers. It's just around the corner...

Our March speaker will be Lesley Riley. She was originally scheduled for March last year but unfortunately had to cancel. Well, she will be here this March and presenting her lecture ***Create Your Life to Create More Quilts***. According to Lesley, the space between creative dreaming and creative doing is full of obstacles, both seen and unseen, known and unknown. While you may master the creative process, you may be falling or stuck in one of the many gaps that come between the desire and the doing, between you and your quilting. This is known as the Creativity Gap. In this lecture Lesley will explain how to identify where these gaps exist, why you are in danger of falling into them and how you can create a life that closes the gaps that keep you from the thing you love - quilting.

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.

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April 1, 2019	Cindy Grisdela
May 6, 2019	Round Robin, Margaret Natoff FSQ Organizer
June 3, 2019	Election; Annual Yard Sale

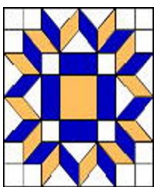


Yard Sale

JoAnne DuChez

Collection for the 2019 yard sale will continue at the March meeting. There will be a bin in the atrium. The yard sale will be held at the June 3 Guild meeting

I know you have already gone through your sewing room to find for find donations for the Raffle baskets, and I'm sure you have found items not quite right for that purpose. So, just bring them along and put them in the yard sale bin. The past yard sales have been very successful due to your generosity. I can't think of a better cause to raise money than to support the Guild's programs and service project.



Creativebug

Lorie Coston

Fantastic news from Montgomery County Libraries! All you need is your Library Card and you can log into **creativebug** and take classes for free! This is the same **creativebug** you see advertised by JoAnn Fabric and Crafts for a monthly fee. Take advantage of this great offer before the County comes to its senses and changes its mind...

The full Press Release is below or you can always find [here on our website](#).

creativebug

Montgomery County Public Libraries Launches Creativebug

For Immediate Release: Friday, November 30, 2018

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) and Creativebug, a leading go-to resource for do-it-yourself (DIY) crafters and makers, will begin offering free, online video classes on Dec. 1. This unique partnership will provide MCPL customers, with library cards, unlimited access to more than 1,000 award-winning arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

There are creative projects for every occasion with downloadable patterns, templates and recipes. From sewing to drawing, Creativebug offers something for everyone to create.

"DIY has become increasingly more popular, the maker movement emphasizes learning through doing and there are over 250 million active Pinterest users," said MCPL Acting Director Anita Vassallo. "Offering Creativebug supports our strategic plan objective of increasing programs and resources for independent use. We hope our customers will be delighted."

For more information about how to get a library card to begin using Creativebug, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

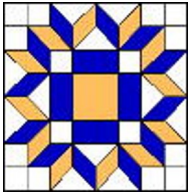
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Happy Creating!

Lorie

Publicity Chair



What's FSQ Doing on Pinterest Lately

Lorie Coston

Wowza doodle and Yippee! We've got great news over here in Pinterest land. The most exciting thing is that the AQS Columnist Lori Kennedy of TheInboxJaunt.com follows FSQ! Yep, Lori Kennedy follows FSQ on Pinterest.

I invited her to follow FSQ because of the 'Lori Kennedy Designs/'The Inbox Jaunt Board' we have featuring her free motion quilting designs. We have more than 150 of her pins spread across seven sections. You know from reading her column in the AQS magazine that she draws inspiration from everyday items such as flowers, pets, and toys. Lori's geometric designs are fabulous too.

Are you looking to shake up your style or to try something new to submit for the Show?! Then consider some of Lori Kennedy's Designs. You might find just the right thing!

[You can find Lori Kennedy's free motion board here.](#)



Membership

Judy Walsh

Welcome to the following new (and renewing) members!

Kelly Elliott - Rockville

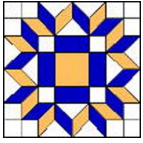
Lucinda Marshall – Gaithersburg

Maria Rogers – North Bethesda

March Birthdays



Désirée	Anspach	1
Susan	Spencer	1
Carmen	Contreras-Sesvold	3
Laura	Markus	3
Cathie	Shelton	3
Lorie	Coston	10
Kate	Foley	10
Carol	Carrier	12
Diane	Heller	15
Linda	August	18
Karen	Kehl	21
Carol	Millman	21
Kelly	Elliott	26
Pat	Vasaio	29



Missing your Quilted Name Badge?

Lorie Coston

The best part of FSQ is the friendships we make with each other, isn't it? But with more than 110 members, how do we remember each other from month to month, especially when all members can't make it to all meetings? We wear our name and creativity around our neck in the form of a quilted name badge.

And yes, at every meeting there is a **prize drawing** for members who are wearing a name badge! Don't have a name badge because the dog ate it or you're a relatively new member and you never got the starter kit?! Ohhhh! Did you **LOSE** it?!!

Good news! Don't worry! Our member, Carmen Contreras-Sesvold, has put together a pattern for you to embroider your own or, for a small fee, she will embroider one for you!!! The good thing here is you get to create the quilting around the FSQ symbol yourself. The patterns are on the membership page or, if you find it easier, dash off an [email message to Carmen](#)! So! Tired of your current badge? Lost it? Never had one? Create your own or contact Carmen. Let's get to know each other by name!



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

We hope all FSQ members are taking advantage of the broad selection of quilt-related books stored in the library. Not only will you find dozens of pattern ideas but also topics from appliqué and embellishment to history and art. In addition there are a few videos and ruler books available as well. Stop by the table on your way into the next meeting and browse. Let us know if you have a suggestion to add to the stock. Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence



Elected Officers		
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Holiday Party	Michele Barnard	Round Robin 2019	Margaret Natof
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Pins	Susan Spencer	Sunshine and Shadows	Open
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Publicity	Lorie Coston	Yard Sale	Open
Quilt Show 2019	Connie Ross and Teresa Peterson		