

Friendship Star Quilters

October 2019

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The Quiltline

September 21-22: Friendship Quilters of Linthicum and Eternal Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Linthicum, MD, Lindale Middle School

October 11-20: Quilters' Quest, <http://www.quiltersquest.org/> FSQ will be selling tickets for "after midnight" during Quilters' Quest at Capital Quilts

November 1-3: Everybody's Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Pleasant Valley Fire Company, Inc. 2030 Pleasant Valley Rd S Westminster, MD 21158

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October — Fat Quarters of pictorial or novelty prints of any kind.

Meetings

Next Meeting is October 7th. Guild meetings are 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

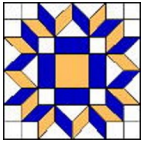
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, October 10th
Tuesday, October 22th

Executive Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Monday October 14th at 7:00 p.m. at 400 Russell Ave. in Gaithersburg, MD

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

Judy Walsh

I'm always amazed at what happens when I hear a new word. Within a day or two I often hear it again or come across it in print. The same thing happened after Mary Mahoney's talk at our September meeting. Within 3 days I got an email about a show from the late Nancy Zieman where the subject was **How to Sew Art**. While Nancy's guest artist (Tamie Bowser) used a slightly different technique, her approach was very similar to Mary's. If you missed Mary's lecture, or would like to reinforce the ideas behind it, check out **both parts of this series**. A link to each show can be found in the following article: <http://www.nancyzieman.com/blog/quilting-2/how-to-sew-art-part-one/>.

We really need your help selling raffle tickets during Quilter's Quest at Capital Quilts. The most critical times are **Saturdays and whenever busses arrive** with quilters from other areas. Please **find a friend to join you and sign up**. You can use the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-quilters3>.

I'm really looking forward to seeing all the entries for the **50 Shades...Monochromatic Challenge** that will be displayed and voted on at our October guild meeting. I've seen a few of them already and we are in for a treat! It's really great to see the support our members give to Service Projects.

I hope you've picked up your envelope of **raffle tickets for our "After Midnight..." quilt**. If you haven't done so, please see Suma Glassman at any guild meeting. For those who are new to the guild, this is one way we raise money for our speakers for next year. We also donate a portion of our profits on the quilt to a charity. This year we voted to support **Comfort Cases**. For more information about the work they do, visit their web site at <https://www.comfortcases.org>.

Some **quilting-related items** for this month:

Suma Glassman shared Anne Weaver's tip with me: a man's discarded handkerchief makes a handy pressing cloth.

Ever wonder why quilting rulers are so expensive? See all the steps involved in making an Omnigridd ruler: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ik9ojVfo7kc&feature=youtu.be>

Happy quilting!

Judy



September Guild Minutes

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

President Judy Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, welcomed visitors and our two new members. The June minutes (tabled in August) were approved as submitted. The August minutes were approved as amended. Amendment: "Gerda Sherwood has volunteered to be the Quilt Scheduler." Has changed to "Gerda Sherwood has volunteered to be the Quilt Marketer. Judy Walsh has volunteered to do the quilt scheduling.

Treasury report

Bobbie Draves provided an abbreviated report stating that all the bills and checks were processed. She also asked that check requests be sent to her email. Check directory for her email address.

Announcements

Judy Walsh read a thank you letter from ECC's Executive Director, Jason Herring, regarding our 2019 donation.

Judy Walsh asked if there were any members who did not receive the email regarding a possible change to the By-Laws concerning half-year dues. No one raised their hand. She reminded everyone that we will vote on the proposal at the October meeting, and at least 2/3 of the members attending that meeting must vote in favor of the proposal in order for it to pass.

2020 Yard Sale

Jennifer Rossmere has volunteered to Chair this committee. A meeting will be scheduled at a later date. Please contact Jennifer to join this committee.

2020 Raffle Quilt – "After Midnight"

Suma Glassman, our raffle ticket sales coordinator, has announced that there are ticket packets (30 each) available in the foyer.

Judy Walsh mentioned that Gerda Sherwood is the quilt coordinator, but Gerda is ill with blood clots in her lungs and will be away for several weeks. Judy will be the coordinator until Gerda returns.

Service Projects Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We were reminded that the next service project meetings are September 12th and 17th October 10th and 22nd, November 14th and 19th.

2020 Charity Nomination

Five charities were nominated for the FSQ 2020 charity donation. After a close vote between 2 of the 5 charities, members decided to have a runoff vote between the two, and to support the final winner. Our membership subsequently voted for Comfort Cases to receive our 2020 gift/donation. Comfort case's mission is to "provide a proper bag, filled with comfort and essential items, to brave youths in foster care on their journey to find their forever home."

2021 Raffle Quilt

Please contact a board member to provide any ideas, supplies, kits for this quilt.



September Guild Minutes (cont)

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

Other announcements:

- Anne Flaggs reminded us that Quilters Quest 2019 was from Oct 11th to the 20th. Please use SignUp Genius link on home page to volunteer to sell tickets at Capital Quilts.
- Karen Slayton reminded us that Quilts of Honor Challenge for the 459th Medical Unit out of Joint Base Andrews MD are due at the April 2020 FSQ meeting. They will be composed of a red, white, and blue color scheme with gold or silver accents if desired. They should include a label and sleeve on the back with the creator's names. Our group will caravan to the unit for dissemination.
- **2019 Quilt Show** Connie Ross asked those 2019 QS Committee Chairs that have not received their gift to please contact her.

Website Admin Chair - Lorie Coston

Lorie announced that she would create SignUp Genius (SUG) links for Snippy Bros and Quilters Quest on our home page. Lorie announced that the guild had purchased an annual subscription to SUG allowing the guild to have up to 15 coordinators at any one time with an unlimited number of SUG events with 10 events being advertisement free. Contact Lorie for coordinator rights and to ask SUG related questions. All were encouraged to use this service.

Programs Chair - Cathy Miller

Cathy reminded us that Snippy Bros Sharpening Service will be available at our October 7th meeting. The cost per item sharpened is generally \$5.00 (CASH ONLY). Lorie Coston said she would put the SignUp Genius link on the home page within a day.

Cathy next introduced our speaker for the night the Tell-Tale Artist, [Mary Mahoney](#), and her talk on [Fiber Art Portraits](#).

Fat Quarter Drawing – Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson

Drawing winners were JoAnne DuChez, Harriet Sheinson, and Tomo Beckman

Door Prize Winners of the September prizes were Karen Kehl, Arlene Dankman, and Michele Barnard.

Our meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carmen Sesvold, FSQ Secretary



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We all know how important it is to document our quilts with a label. Did you know that all of the quilts that are donated by the Service Projects committee also include a label? We originally started with labels created with a stamp and then, over the years, began printing them on a computer printer. Recently we have discovered a company that has turned our logo and text into a unique statement of our wish for each person who receives a quilt from Friendship Star Quilters. It's a colorful way to document the commitment to community outreach that is so important to FSQ.



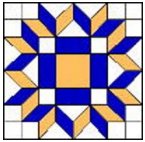
October Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, October 10, and Tuesday, October 22. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver for more information.



2020 Retreat

Joy Dorman and Nancy Brennan

The 2020 FSQ Retreat (Jan 17- 19/20) at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, Maryland is currently full. We usually have cancellations as we get closer to the date. If you would like to be placed on the wait list please send us an email at retreats@friendshipstar.org.



Programs

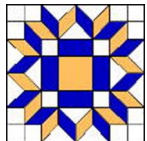
Cathy Miller

Our speaker this month is Julia Graves of Special Occasion Quilts. She will be speaking about color exploration and Gem quilts. Julia has been sewing since she was ten. She has always loved fabric and sewing and needle arts in general and the whole creative process! She did her apprenticeship as a quilter by making a quilt for each of her nieces and nephews (there were 35!). They got to choose their colors, so she greatly expanded her repertoire of color schemes! Since then, Julia has made many quilts for special people, incorporating various ways to let them know how much they were cared for, especially enjoying color and incorporating information on color. She has been Artist in Residence at Empty Spools Seminars in 2019 and is a Gem Quilt Affiliate. Her website is <http://soquilts.com>

Also this month we are having Dick Storh, who was at our Quilt Show, to sharpen our scissors, knives and small garden tools. Please go to Signup genius and select a signup for **each tool** you want sharpened. He estimated that he could do 15 - 20 per hour. He has asked that we pay cash. The price is \$5.00 for scissors and knives and most garden tools. There are still a few slots open. Signup using this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-sharpening>

Below is a list of upcoming FSQ 2019-2020 Programs and Events

November 4, 2019	Maria Rogers	Life in Japan and Japanese quilt shows
December 2, 2019		Holiday Potluck
January 6, 2020	Ginny Brown	Studio 180 Instructor
February 3, 2020	Mary Koval	How to make your quilts more valuable
March 2, 2020	Phyllis Reeves	Scrap Sensible: Organizing scraps
April 6, 2020	Erin Underwood	Blue Hen Quilt Shop Trunk show
May 4, 2020	Barbara Cline	Designing inside different block layouts



50 Shades...Monochromatic Challenge

Meg Tison

A reminder that the 50 Shades...Monochromatic Challenge Quilts are due at the October meeting. Finished quilts should be between 36" square-twin sized, quilted and bound. Voting will take place before the meeting and at the break; yard sale bucks will be awarded to the winners. All entries are donated to Service Projects. You have been so generous and creative in past years, I can't wait to see what you come up with this year!



Membership

Peggy Weidman

As of September 23, 2019, FSQ has 111 members, including 12 new members. There were 60 members in attendance at the September meeting.

The 2019-2020 FSQ Members Directory has been emailed to everyone in the directory. If you did not receive the directory, have corrections or questions, please contact Peggy Weidman, Membership Chairman, for assistance. My email is in the recently sent out member directory.



A lot of our quilting friends have birthdays this month! Join me in wishing them all a very Happy Birthday:

Coralyn Colladay	Oct 3
Pat Current	Oct 3
Ellen Robinson	Oct 4
Karen Moss	Oct 5
Susan Schwarz	Oct 7
Meg Tison	Oct 11
Nancy Colladay	Oct 14
Judith Newton	Oct 16
Teresa Peterson	Oct 17
Alice Washburn	Oct 20
Veronica Smith	Oct 26
Michele Barnard	Oct 27
Harriet Sheinson	Oct 29

Reminder: FSQ membership cards are here! You can obtain one at the sign-in desk at the next FSQ meeting.



Sunshine and Shadows

Ellen Robinson

I recently volunteered to fill the guild's open Sunshine and Shadows chair. I cannot do this without the help of all members so that I can share appropriate good and sad news with the membership. Congratulations are frequently in order, but we, as artists, are sometimes too modest to toot our own horns. So let me do it for you. Sometimes we have sad times in our lives or need some cheering up. If you know of someone who is in need, let me know.

What kind of events are appropriate? Well, just about anything: Acceptance into a major quilt show (AND if you win an award!!), marriages, births, professional recognition (in the quilt field, or in your professional field!). Sad news: health events, bereavements. I think you get the idea.

Please, let's celebrate our achievements, and console each other on our sorrows and shadows. Likewise, if you know of someone else's sunshine or shadow news, let me know. Lorie was kind enough to set up an email address to get the information directly to me: Sunshine@friendshipstar.org. *Thank you Lorie*



Ultimate Guild Challenge Quilts at Capital Quilts

Jennifer Rossmere

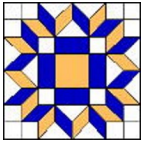
Please visit Capital Quilts from **October 1 – 10th** to see the quilts made by eight FSQ members as part of the 2019 AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge. These beautiful and creative quilts will be displayed in the Capital Quilts Gallery (to the right in the store and up the ramp). We are so appreciative of Capital Quilts to give us another opportunity to view these quilts. The address for Capital Quilts is 15926 Luanne Dr, Gaithersburg.



Yard Sale News

Jennifer Rossmere

I know the FSQ Yard Sale seems like a long way off, yet there are a few of us who are beginning to plan. A successful yard sale is important since the money from the yard sale helps us pay for speakers for the next year. If you have enjoyed the yard sale in the past and want to help us plan for a great yard sale which is held at our June FSQ meeting, you are invited to the first meeting of the Yard Sale Committee which will be held on October 16, 2019 at 7:00. Please let Jennifer Rossmere (email address in the directory) know if you are interested in being on this committee, attending this meeting, helping out with the yard sale in any way, or have some ideas about the yard sale.



Our FSQ Web Site friendshipstar.org

Lorie Costen

Need to check when the next Service Projects Workshop is?

Do you wonder who the next speaker will be at the guild meeting?

Need a form?

Looking for a quilt show because you've got guests and need an activity?!

Forgot when you signed up to work Quilter's Quest at Capital Quilts?

Great news! You don't have to worry because all that info is on our website! **Facebook** is great and think of it as a newspaper because it changes pretty much every day. **Instagram** is lovely too but its pretty pictures will only help you plan your next project. **Pinterest!?** Not helping in this case. But think of our **website** as a library because new items appear but they are always on the same shelf area and easy to find.

Also, think of the Home page as the "What's Happening This Month" for guild events, SignUps, and speakers. From the Home page you can click twice and read any issue of ***The Quiltline***. You can click once and see the extensive **lending library** of books, CDs, DVDs, and rulers that the guild maintains. You can click once from the Home page and get an email address (Officers & Chairs). Need to know what color fat quarter to bring for the raffle? One click away...

Lorie

Web Admin



FSQ in the Library

Lorie Costen

Where are we for 2019-2020 with this popular program?

FSQ has been a guest in nearly all if not all of the libraries that still have display cases. This program has been ongoing during the last two membership years. That's a lot of quilts and a lot of libraries!

This "FSQ In The Library" idea came from **Judy Walsh** and was helped along by **Michele Barnard**. Thank you! We thank **Anne Weaver and Nance Brennan** for sharing the dozens and dozens of Service Projects quilts which have travelled the County numerous times. You can see our display pictures in past issues of The Quiltline and later on our guild Instagram account, fsq_publicity.

We thank **Margaret Natof** for her generous gift of 40 quilt themed children's books. Margaret collected these books over the years with some even signed by the author. These books were given in pristine condition and have been a wonderful eye-catching counterpart to the quilts. I matched each quilt with a book by color or style. This was so easy to do with 40 books and beautiful quilts! All 40 books and at least 40 quilts were displayed at Davis and again at Rockville Memorial. Every quilt was used! These were wonderful exhibits with many compliments from patrons as the displays were being assembled. Librarians consistently told me that our exhibits were very popular with patrons.

We have returned to several libraries twice and we would be welcomed back to Noyes Children's Library at any time. Their little patrons loved the books and the quilts that much! FSQ has displayed in Kensington (twice), Noyes Children's, Quince Orchard (twice), Davis, Rockville Memorial (twice), Twinbrook (twice), Potomac (twice), and Damascus.

Since MCPL has an ongoing "refresh" program for all of its libraries making some unavailable at any given time, and refreshed libraries do not always continue to have display cases, we are, for 2019-2020, taking a year or two off! We're going to rest on our collective laurels, curl up with a quilt, and read a book.

Lorie
Publicity



Sign Up Genius

Lorie Costen

"Say Good-Bye to paper sign ups and reply all emails and Hello to smart online sign up tools. Be a genius!" so their advertisement said.

Many people have told me they appreciated the convenience of SignUpGenius so I quickly calculated how much we spent on SignUpGenius for Quilter's Quest and Raffle Ticket Sales events. I also thought of future potlucks, carpooling, mini group events, or just plain scheduling.

Their offer was a good deal for the guild! The guild can have 15 planners and an unlimited number of events at any given time. This is a lot of planning. And it is advertisement free. The 15 planners can change at any time so *anyone* can plan a guild event. Genius is pretty easy to set up and there are video tutorials. Contact me to become a planner or ask questions.

Lorie



Pinterest Guest Program

Lorie Costen

The guild has a Pinterest account as you might know. It has about 1,300 monthly viewers and close to 1,700 pins! Those pins are on 56 boards. This is a large and popular destination but it could be better!

Starting in October, our FSQ location on Pinterest will be "curated" by a different FSQ member each month. I'm so excited that Kathy Brown has agreed to be the first hostess. Kathy will be free to pin what she likes and even make a new board or two. This is very exciting because we'll see a bit of Kathy's quilting personality and tastes in her pins.

If you haven't already, "Follow" the Friendship_Star_Quilters account!

Lorie



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

Books may be borrowed. Still time before the holidays to get projects started with a little help from our excellent FSQ library resources.



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.



Elected Officers		
President	Judy Walsh	president@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Teresa Peterson	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer	Bobbie Draves and Sabina Lindley	treasurer@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Carmen Contreras-Sesvold	secretary@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Raffle Quilt Marketing	Gerda Sherwood
Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Suma Glassman
Field Trips	open	Retreats	Joy Dorman and Nancy Brennan
Holiday Party	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Membership	Peggy Weidman	Summer Challenge	Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell, JoAnne DuChez
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Sunshine and Shadows	Ellen Robinson
Pins	Susan Spencer	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Program	Cathy Miller	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere
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