

Friendship Star Quilters

November 2019

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The Quiltline

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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November — Batik fat quarters in shades of blue, turquoise, aqua, etc.

Meetings

Next Meeting is November 4th.
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) even-
ing activities are cancelled, the FSQ
meeting will also be cancelled. Cancel-
lations of MCPS activities are posted
on
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>

Service Projects

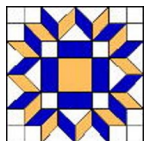
Service Projects Workshops are held
from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Dunston Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, November 14th
Tuesday, November 19th

Executive Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be
held on Monday December 9th 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've been travelling recently and have seen reminders of quilting everywhere. One of the hotels where we stayed had a great quilting design in the carpet: a series of wavy lines in several different colors. The duvet cover at another hotel had a soft white-on-white design reminiscent of cascading baby's blocks. I've also seen a great design along the outside frame of an elevator door. And there have been some wonderfully colorful displays in the arboretum, gardens and parks we visited. **There is inspiration everywhere if we are open to it.** Now if I can only figure out how to capture the beauty of the moon jellyfish we saw at the aquarium. Somehow I think there's no way to recreate their captivating fluid movements. If you've never seen any moon jellies, here is a very relaxing video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdJjc6l6iII&t=5692s>.

Special thanks to the 28 members who sold raffle tickets at Capital Quilts during Quilter's Quest! It's true that many hands make light work, and I appreciate the time you donated to support our guild.

Executive Director Anthony Bonnetti said **"Thank you for this amazing news!"** when I told him we'd chosen **Comfort Cases** as our charity for this year. He indicated they were very grateful for our support, and included **"Please extend our thanks to the entire guild."**

I'm really looking forward to hearing **Maria Naito speak at our November meeting.** I've enjoyed learning about Japan from shows on NHK, but it will be a treat to hear from someone who has lived there for 25 years. [Check out this link](#) to our web site and scroll down to the middle of the page to learn more about what she'll be sharing with us.

Everybody's Quilt Guild is having their quilt show Nov. 1st-3rd. They'll be at the Pleasant Valley Community Fire Hall, 2030 Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD. Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-5, and 10-4 on Sunday. Admission is \$7.

Quilting tip of the month:

When you are finishing a seam, does your fabric veer to the side, creating a wider or narrower seam than you intended? If so, about an inch from the end of your seam, use your left hand to hold the fabric and let your left index finger glide along the edge of your presser foot until the seam is completed. It will keep your fabric steady and you'll maintain your seam width.

Happy quilting!

Judy



October Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman, Acting Secretary

FSQ President Judy Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM, welcomed visitors and FSQ member Brenda Finch with the Lion's Club quilt raffle in the lobby. The raffle benefits will go toward the purchase of a mobile unit for testing hearing, vision, and diabetes in rural areas.

The meeting minutes for the September meeting were approved as written. Peggy Weidman is standing in as Secretary for Carmen Sesvold, who could not attend due to family issues.

Treasury report

Sabina Lindley is resigning as co-Treasurer due to persisting health issues. Sabina was thanked for her service. All check requests and deposits should continue to go Bobbie Graves. Since the position is in transition, no report was given.

Announcements

Quilter's Quest: Every slot has been filled for selling raffle tickets for the FSQ quilt at Capital Quilts during Quilters Quest.

Holiday Party: The chair for the holiday party, Michele Barnard, requested a vote on whether to continue with the pot luck format or to have a signup using Signup Genius. Members voted to stay with pot luck.

Gerda Sherwood, FSQ Raffle Quilt Marketer, was welcomed back, and gave thanks to guild members for their concern.

Committee Chair reports

Membership

Peggy Weidman reminded members that the new membership cards are now available.

Service Projects

Nancy Brennan indicated that there will be two Service Project meetings this month, on 10/10 and 10/22. Kits for premie quilts, quilt tops and pillow cases are available in the back of the room if members want to work on them at home. She also thanked members for the overwhelming response to the Monochromatic Challenge, as well as the members of the Challenge Quilt committee who came up with the idea and prepared all of the fabric packets. The Challenge quilts are going via Project Linus to Children's National Hospital in DC for Halloween.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Suma Glassman requested that members pick up their raffle ticket packets in the lobby. Money has started to come in already.



October Guild Minutes (Cont)

Peggy Weidman, Acting Secretary

Possible Quilt Along 2020

Lori Coston made the first announcement for a possible “quilt along” project in 2020. Judy Walsh explained that the “quilt along” concept is that someone posts a quilt pattern in installments and individual members make it in their own color ways. The resulting quilts could then be shown at our quilt show in 2021. Several guild members indicated that they would be interested in doing that. The topic will be returned to at a future date.

AQS Challenge Quilts

Liz Lawrence announced that FSQ quilts from our past AQS challenge are being displayed in the gallery at the Capital Quilts until October 10.

Change to the FSQ bylaws

Judy Walsh asked for a vote to change the bylaws. The current bylaws state that new members joining between January 1 and May 31 pay ½ the amount of the yearly dues. The new bylaws would state that new members joining between January 1 and May 31 pay ½ the amount of the yearly dues rounded up to the nearest dollar. The change was approved, with only one person dissenting.

Program

Cathy Miller introduced the speaker, Julia Graves, and her presentation on “Color Exploration”

Winners of the Monochromatic Challenge

First prize was awarded to Dottie Acton for her pink flower quilt. Second place went to Judy Walsh for her orange and gray quilt. Third place went to Coralyn Colladay for her yellow tonal quilt.

Winners of the Fabric Raffle

The winners were Tomo Beckman, Ellen Robinson, Liz Troutman, and Kathleen Young.

Winners of the Door Prizes

The winners were Barbara Kilby, DeVeda Powell, and Barbara Skelly.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Peggy Weidman, Acting Secretary



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

FSQ's Service Projects not only include making and donating quilts, preemie quilts and caps, and pillowcases to local organizations. We also sometimes get requests from organizations a bit farther from home and are glad to support their efforts. We recently donated quilts to the Ronald McDonald House in Richmond, VA, on behalf of one of our faithful volunteers who lives in northern Virginia. We received a lovely thank you card which read,

Thank you for the wonderful gift of the hand-made lap quilts. It is our purpose at the Ronald McDonald House to help families feel at home. Your gift is the perfect addition to our service of families!



Many thanks, too, to all of YOU who support FSQ's Service Projects through your gifts of time, fabric, finished quilts or tops you make at home, and your membership in this guild.

Join us for our November Service Projects workshops on Thursday, November 14, and Tuesday, November 19. 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 with questions. See you there!

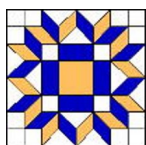


2020 Retreat

Joy Dorman and Nancy Brennan

With the weather taking a turn to the cooler side, it feels like our Jan 17- 19/20, 2020 retreat is just around the corner. For those attending the retreat we will send out more information in December.

The retreat is currently filled but we often have unavoidable cancellations as the date gets closer. To be added to the waiting list or if you have questions E-mail Nance Brennan or Joy Dorman at retreats@friendshipstar.org.



Programs

Cathy Miller

We are so excited about this month's speaker, our guild member Maria Rogers.



From Maria: "Originally from England, I have lived over 25 years in Japan. After graduating college, I started to backpack around the world, several times in fact, at one time for 2 years volunteering aboard a ship making weekly TV documentaries. I've always loved textiles and collected pieces from various places during my travels. While in Japan in the early 90s, earning money to continue my travels I met my husband. In years since, while raising my family and living in Japan, I went most years to the large Tokyo International Quilt show, as well as to smaller shows in Yokohama. I visited local flea markets buying Kimonos, Yukatas and indigo fabric scraps. I really only started quilting in 2013.

My talk and slide show will be a little glimpse on everyday life in Japan, and a lot of wonderful photos of the amazing Japanese quilts from the various quilt shows I have been lucky enough to see. I will be able to answer questions you may have if you are considering visiting Japan yourselves.

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

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



Holiday Party

Michele Barnard

Are you ready to PARTY? The December meeting is our annual holiday party! Please bring goodies to share and enjoy the company of your fellow quilters. There is no sign-up for bringing things - just bring beverages, or sweet or savory snacks. (We have plenty of paper goods left over from last year's party and from the quilt show.) Help setting up and clearing away afterwards is always welcome.



Membership

Peggy Weidman

We had a grand total of 71 members attend the meeting last month plus 5 guests!

I have lots of illustrious company for a November birthday. Join me in wishing everyone a Happy Birthday!

Karen Slayton	Nov 5
Regina Kitsoulis	Nov 11
Peggy Weidman	Nov 14
Sandra Chin	Nov 15
Mary Lou Dungan	Nov 15
Marie Quattrociocchi	Nov 18
Nancy Brennan	Nov 24
Barbara Dryden	Nov 26
Dorothy Acton	Nov 27
Jane Phillips	Nov 27
Elizabeth Plantz	Nov 28



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



Yard Sale News

Jennifer Rossmere

The newly formed Yard Sale Committee had their first meeting. JoAnne DuChez graciously explained what is needed to run the Yard Sale and we discussed how best to handle all the jobs as a committee. We will start collecting in February so please hold your items until then. Look for further information in the new year.

If you have any questions, please contact me. My email is in the membership directory.

Jennifer Rossmere



Pinterest Guest Program

Lorie Coston

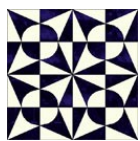
The guild has a Pinterest account as you know. You can find it by searching in Pinterest for Friendship Star Quilters and look for Gaithersburg, MD. The site has about 1,300 monthly viewers and close to 1,750 pins! Those pins are on now on 58 boards because Kathy added a board.

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 agreed to be the first hostess. We see a bit of Kathy’s quilting personality and tastes in her pins since she started a new board called “Easy Peasy Quilts”. There are baby quilt and quickie quilt pictures to help you get creative to use up your fabric stash. Kathy has chosen some sweet patterns and you’ll be happy you popped in to take a look around our FSQ site. I am so glad that she agreed to take on the site and be the first hostess. Thank you, Kathy.

Our hostess for the month of November is Vontina Collick. Yay! Vontina has been a member for several years and is a master craftsperson but has a heart for quilting. Let’s keep checking back during the coming month to see what gems Vontina finds for us to enjoy. Thank you Vontina.

If you haven’t already, “Follow” the Friendship_Star_Quilters account! Kathy and Vontina will make you glad that you did.

Lorie



Raffle Quilt Tickets

Suma Glassman

Don't forget to pick up an envelope with Quilt Raffle tickets at the next meeting. Proceeds from selling the tickets helps to fund our speakers and other guild activities. We also use it to fund a monetary gift to charity. This year we will donate to Comfort Cases. We ask every member to sell (or buy!) 30 tickets. Of course, if you need more, just let me know and I will be happy to provide you.

Remember that the top three ticket sellers will receive a prize. And I am taking myself out of the running this year! How I have managed to do so well each year is: I ask people at my gym to buy a chance – and they do! I send out an email to friends with a photo attached and some respond positively. Just asking is a good way to do this. Don't forget to write your name on the back of the ticket stub you return, because if a ticket you sold wins the quilt, you also win a prize.



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.



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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
Publicity	Lorie Coston		