

The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

June 2: Election and 1st Annual Yard Sale

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Jun 14-15: Annapolis Guild Quilt Show "Quilts By the Bay."

Annapolis High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. Admission for both days: General \$10, Senior \$9, Under 12 free. See www.AnnapolisQuiltGuild.org for more info.

Jun 20-21: Longarm Event at [Capital Quilts](http://CapitalQuilts.com). Handi Quilter National Educator Diane Henry (local gal from Virginia) will be on hand to demonstrate longarm quilting.

June 20-21: Longarm Event at [Spring Water Designs](http://SpringWaterDesigns.com). Handi Quilter National Educator Debbi Brown will be on hand to demonstrate longarm quilting.

Jul 18-20: Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc. (MAQ). Mt. Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. Go to www.maqonline.org for more information or to register.

Aug 8-18: Montgomery County Agricultural Fair (<http://www.mcagfair.com/>). Montgomery County Fairgrounds. See article in this newsletter for information on entering items in the Fair. See Also: March 2014 Quiltline for Nicki Lynch's first article on entering quilts in the fair.

Meetings

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/>. We will try to put a message on our Website once a decision has been made.

Workshops

Workshops are normally at: Hampton Inn & Suites 960 N Frederick Ave Gaithersburg, MD 20879

To sign up for a workshop, stop by the Program Desk at a Guild meeting. Between meetings call or e-mail the [Programs Chair](mailto:ProgramsChair@friendshipstar.org). Registration forms with workshop fees are on the FSQ Website: www.friendshipstar.org

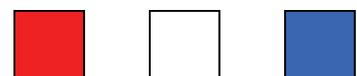
Note that FSQ workshops are opened to non-members two months prior to the workshop. We hope that this will encourage more of our members to sign up early and will defray the costs of workshops and lectures.

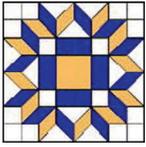
Service Projects

Service Projects are usually held at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD

Fabric of the Month June

Pre-cut 10-inch Squares — red, white, and/or blue (4 squares=one entry)





President's Message

Karen Moss

Wow, I can't believe it's been two years that I've served as FSQ President! This may be my last President's message, but not the last time you'll hear from me; I'm sure of that! FSQ will always be my guild and as long as it's in existence, I'll continue to volunteer and serve. I've had a great time leading as the Guild President and have met and worked with so many wonderful, thoughtful people. I want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement while I've been President, especially Nancy Colladay who served alongside of me as Vice President.

Again this year, I'm going to be organizing our bus trip to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks, PA in September. But this year we're going

to try something different; we're going to forgo the stop at Sauder's. This way we can have more time at the show.

Hope to see many of you at our June meeting where we'll be having our BIG yard sale where we'll have many treasures to find.

Again, thanks for allowing me to serve as your President over the last two years, I've thoroughly enjoyed the ride!

Happy Quilting!

Karen



Guild Meeting Minutes From May 5, 2014

Ann Ramey-Smith

The May 5, 2014, meeting of the Friendship Star Quilters (FSQ) Guild was held at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. Karen Moss, guild president, called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

- The minutes of the last guild meeting on April 7th were approved as published in the newsletter with correction of a typographical error.
- FSQ Guild members are encouraged to volunteer to support the 2015 quilt show. Volunteers are still needed to co-chair the show committee and to chair various committees including Advertising, Catalog, Boutique, Children's Activities, Challenge/Guild, Hospitality, Opportunity Quilt Marketing, Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales, Photography, Pins, Treasurer, and Vendors. Liz Brodsky has volunteered to chair the Demonstrations Committee, Teresa Peterson – Admissions, Rosie Hormuth – Brochure Distribution, Coralyn Colladay – Challenge, Ellen Robinson and Nadzjeja Finkelstein – Featherweight Raffle, Susan Entwistle – Publicity/Media, Karen Moss – Quilt Registration, Connie Ross – Raffle Baskets, Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan – Service Projects, Harriet Sheinson – Secretary, Brenda & Joe Finch – Set-up/Lattice, Pam Compton – Signs, Jean Farrell – Silent Auction, Karen Moss – Staging, Coralyn Colladay – Viewers' Choice, Juanita Canfield – Ribbons, Anne Flaggs – Volunteers, and Barbara Bean – Website.
- The nomination committee announced that there is a full slate for open FSQ Guild board positions: Dottie Acton for President, Linda August for Vice-President, Ann Ramey-Smith for Secretary, and Barbara Dryden and Barbara Kilby as co-Treasurers. Karen Moss thanked the nomination committee (Barbara Kilby, Teresa Peterson, and Barbara Morten) for their efforts. A vote will be held at the June meeting to elect new officers.
- JoAnne Duchez, chair of the Programs Committee, thanked her committee members for their support including Laurie Bay, Barbara Morton, Roma Nee, and Meg Tyson. JoAnne announced that the Fall 2014 and the 2015 workshops will be held in the Hampton Inn as before. JoAnne also reminded members that the Yard Sale will take place during the June FSQ Guild meetings. Some of the items for sale include fabric, notions, machines, frames, and tons more.
- At the April 2014 FSQ Guild meeting, Karen Moss presented information on the financial status of the FSQ guild and led a discussion of strategies

for increasing guild. At the May meeting, a motion was made and a vote taken which approved raising the Guild's annual membership fee to \$35 for regular members.

- Karen Moss announced that member Burt White died on April 20th. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, May 18th, at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg.
- Anne Flaggs announced that more than 2000 tickets were sold for the 2014 raffle quilt, raising more than \$6000. Ann Weaver sold the winning ticket and won the quilt. Gerda Sherwood sold 800 tickets, Carol Carver sold 667, and Coralyn Colladay sold 400. These three top ticket sellers were responsible for more than 25% of all tickets sold.
- Laurie Bay introduced Mimi Dietrich who gave a presentation and demonstration based on her book Happy Endings. Mimi distributed paper samples so the audience could mimic the technique for making a variety of bindings, passed around sample quilts to give a close up look at various bindings, and displayed numerous of her quilts that featured a variety of binding techniques.
- After a short break, members displayed their latest accomplishments in show and tell.
- The winner of the May fabric drawing was Dottie Acton.

- Winners of the door prizes were Liz Plantz, Holly Trotter, Ann Ramey-Smith, Liz Bray, Anne Flaggs, Heather Heller, Petra Curschmann.
- The meeting was adjourned.
- During the meeting, members of the Shepardstown, West Virginia, "Tuesday Afternoon Sit and Sew" group sold tickets for their raffle quilt in the lobby.

Submitted by Ann Ramey-Smith





Service Project Updates

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

What a banner year FSQ's Service Projects committee has had! There are record numbers to report for each category we make and donate to local organizations. We certainly couldn't do it without the generous support of the guild and the support of members who attend workshops, donate fabric, take home quilts to bind or preemie and pillowcase kits to complete. Since June 1, 2013, we have completed and donated:

- 500 quilts for children, adults and members of the military
- 1032 preemie quilts
- 183 knitted preemie hats

- 287 pillowcases for children receiving chemotherapy

Kudos to all FSQ members for such generosity and commitment to service outreach to our greater community!

June Service Projects workshops at Fairhaven United Methodist Church will be held on Thursday, June 12, and Tuesday, June 17. Please join us if you can!

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan.



FSQ YARD SALE

By Joanne Duchez

Come one, come all, to the First Annual FSQ Yard Sale. You will be amazed at the bargains that await you! There are about 40 boxes and bins of fat quarters, quilting fabric, panels, patterns, UFOs, scrap bags, notions, books, supplies, quilting frames and hoops, etc. There will even be several silent auction selections – a Singer serger, an embroidery machine, and 2 rolling sewing machine cases.

The sale will take place after the business meeting at the June 2 Guild meeting. Bring your shopping bags, cash and checkbooks. Support your guild at this bountiful fund raiser. All proceeds will go to the Guild budget to help provide quality services, programs and workshops.

Below is the price list for the goodies waiting for you to take home with you.

Fabric Marked for estimated yardage; maybe +/- yardage indicated.

Quilt and upholstery fabric.

\$1 for 2FQs & ¼ yd. cuts

\$1 ½ yd. cuts

\$2 1 yd. cuts

\$4 2 yd. cuts

\$5 2 ½ yd. cuts

\$6 3 yd. cuts

Cuts over 3 yards — Yardage X \$2.

Notions, Rulers — Individually marked

Patterns — \$1 each unless otherwise marked

Thread Cones — \$1

UFO, Scrap bags, etc. — Individually marked

Books

\$3 each — 4 books for \$10

Silent Auction / Best Offer

Serger

Embroidery Machine

2 Sewing machine cases



June 2014 Rhodes Grove Retreat Update

By Teresa Peterson

We still have openings for the FSQ Retreat at Rhodes Grove Camp and Conference Center in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The dates are Friday, June 6th through Sunday, June 8th, 2014.

The cost for the weekend for a single room is \$250. The cost per person for double occupancy is \$212 and you choose your roommate. This cost includes Friday dinner, three meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday

An invitation to attend the retreat has been extended to non-FSQ Guild members. If you have non-FSQ friends who quilt or out of town quilting friends, please consider asking them to join us at this retreat in June.

For questions or additional information, contact Teresa Peterson or Nancy Brennan. We hope to see you there.



January 2015 Bon Secours Retreat

By Teresa Peterson

The spring flowers and trees may still be blooming but it's not too soon to start thinking about joining us for FSQ's annual Retreat.

Come get away from the daily grind and enjoy some uninterrupted time to catch up on your quilting projects. The 17th annual Quilters' Unsupervised Retreat will be held on the weekend of January 16 – 19, 2014, at Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours in Marriottsville, Maryland.

You'll enjoy a weekend of sewing and socializing with other quilters, having your meals provided just a short walk away from your sewing table and, if you wish, access to an exercise room and a TV room (no TV's or radios in the rooms).

We will once again be offering two options for the weekend:

- Option 1 is a two night stay from Friday, January 16, until Sunday, January 18.
- Option 2 is a three night stay, from Friday, January 16, until Monday, January 19.

The cost is \$320 per person, single occupancy, for two nights' lodging, six meals and snacks. The cost is \$480 per person, single occupancy, for three nights' lodging, nine meals and snacks. You may sign up at the June guild meeting.

A \$50 deposit is required for either option, with the balance due no later than the October guild meeting.

Registration forms are on the FSQ website and some will be available at the June meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh.





FSQ Bus Trip to Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXI

By Karen Moss

FSQ is aiming to schedule the bus trip to the PA quilt show in September. In order to do so, we must have at least 30 people to make it a “go” so the cost of the bus is covered.

If you’re interested in sitting back and letting someone else do the driving, please let me know as soon as possible. The bus trip is always fun and it’s a great opportunity for you to sit back and enjoy the ride to the show, see all the beautiful quilts and shop at Vendor booths to check out all the new quilt items.

When:

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Time:

Bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. from the I-270/Rte. 124

Park and Ride lot — easy access from I-270! Bus will depart the quilt show at 6:00 p.m.

Cost:

\$53 for bus ride

Show entry:

Group discount entry to the show is \$12

Total cost is \$65 (don’t stand in line at admissions...we’ll get it for you!)

Contact **Karen Moss** (see Membership Directory) to reserve your seat. Once we determine the trip is a go, I’ll forward instructions for payment.



Annual Election of Friendship Star Officers

By Barbara Kilby

The Nominating Committee (Barb Morten, Teresa Peterson, and Barbara Kilby) are pleased to present a slate of candidates for election to one-year terms of office.

President: Dottie Acton

Dottie joined FSQ in 2002, serving several years as newsletter editor and chairing a number of Quilt Show committees: vendors, ticket sales, raffle baskets, and children’s activities. She enjoys most forms of quilting, especially the Bloomin’ Challenge, for opening so many possibilities for using ugly or non-coordinating fabrics. Dottie will soon retire from her position as a Software Engineering Senior Fellow at Lockheed Martin, and says, "My grandchildren Kenny and Tina are almost adults (21 and 19), so I’ll have plenty of time to dedicate to guild activities. I’m looking forward to serving as your president, so that together we can continue to grow and improve our guild."

Vice President: Linda August

Linda has been an active member of FSQ since 2000. She has held various positions in FSQ including membership chair, web mistress, and secretary. She has also volunteered on quilt show committees, co-chairing registration and hospitality for several years. Since retiring in 2008, she has focused on all aspects of the quilting process and enjoys doing it all. More recently she has added monthly trips to NY to spend time with her new grandson.

Secretary: Ann Ramey-Smith

Ann has been a seamstress for more than 50 years, but a quilter for only the past five. She joined FSQ about 3 years ago and was elected guild secretary in 2013. Prior to her retirement from Federal employment, she worked at the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission in positions that required her to write innumerable technical reports, memoranda, and speeches. Ann is happy to use those skills as guild secretary.

Co-Treasurers: Barbara Dryden and Barbara Kilby

Barbara Dryden, a member of FSQ for seven years, has enjoyed volunteering at the quilt shows and working with the service project group. Before retiring as a teacher from MCPS, she was treasurer of the faculty’s social committee. Playing bridge, exercise classes, and helping in the classroom provide interesting challenges. Barbara is looking forward to participating in this new capacity for the guild.

Barbara Kilby, a CPA who is retiring this year, joined FSQ in 2000. Her volunteer background includes prior terms as Treasurer of FSQ and Nimble Fingers, and her CPA experience includes 20 years of accounting for non-profit organizations. Barbara’s favorite quilting projects are art quilts with a humorous twist, and fabric swaps with her weekly mini-group, Friends and Fabric.



Get Ready To Enter The County Fair

By Nicki Lynch

You've just finished that white work queen size quilt you've been working on for years and it looks great. Now what? You pick off the black cat hairs and enter it in the County Fair!

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is early this year – Aug. 8 – 16. Even so, you have plenty of time to look at the various divisions, pull out the quilts you've made since last August, and decide what to enter in the Fair. If you've never entered a quilt in the Fair, this is a good year to do it as the Guild didn't have a show this year. You even have time to make a quilt or three to enter, if you start now.

In my previous article, I described how to find the information you need to become an exhibitor at the Fair. The 2014 Fair catalog is now on line. You don't need to print out all the catalog pages, but I urge you to print out the important ones. For the info on entry times and entry release times, print pages 66 and 67. For the info on entering quilts, print pages 78 thru 80.

Quilting is department 44. The introduction to this department has the chairperson, basis for judging, premiums (cash awards), rules and special awards. Next are the various divisions that the quilts can be entered in, depending on criteria, such as size and/or technique. Please read the criteria carefully to enter your quilt in the correct division. For example, I machine quilt all my own quilts, so I would not enter any quilts in division 6, since that's for quilts pieced by one person and quilted by another. However, if you send your quilts out to a long arm quilter, this division is for you.

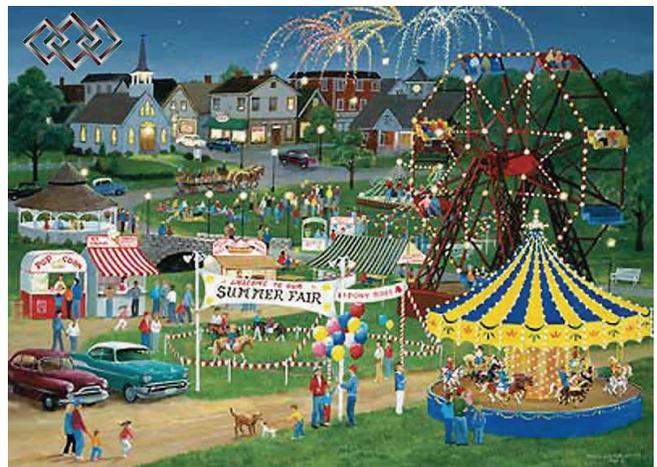
Under each division are classes. These are the various types of quilts that can be entered in each division. These classes (or sections) are important because the entrant (you) is only allowed one entry in each class. However, you can enter as many items in each division as there are classes. For example, in division 5, the small quilts, there are 27 classes. You could enter a quilt in each class (assuming you meet the criteria in all 27), but only one quilt to a class. So, you may have three small crazy quilts, but only one can be entered as Division 5, class 5.

When entering quilts, make sure that each quilt is as clean as you can make it. I have lots of cat hair on my quilts, but I use tape to get it off several times. If you smoke, air out your quilts for several days to get rid of the smoke smell. Pack your quilts so they do not have creases.

Using pages printed from the Fair catalog, match up each quilt you want to enter with its department, division, and class. I pin a note with this information on each quilt, as well as keep a separate sheet with that information on it. This way, I know how many quilts I'm entering and that each quilt has a unique division and class number. Having this info on the quilt also speeds up the process of entering the quilt. The Fair personnel entering items into the Fair do check things like size, so make sure you measure your quilt to ensure that it fits in that division.

One non-quilt item to have when entering items in the Fair is self-sticking name/address labels. If you get piles of these from various charities, bring them with you. Each item you enter must have this info on the tag, and having the address labels saves lots of time.

So, go quilt and enter the Fair.





Directory Updates: New Member

Teresa Peterson

New Members

Ann Bracob
Boyd's, MD

Diana Marshall
Germantown, MD

Because we are publishing our newsletters on our Web Site, we will no longer publish personal information such as addresses, phone numbers and personal e-mail addresses. All of the e-mail links for officers and committee chairs/members in the newsletter are directed to an FSQ e-mail address.

June & July Birthdays

... Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson



June Birthdays

Susan Entwistle	Jun 1
Ann Ferguson	Jun 1
Janet Sharp	Jun 1
Sandy D'Angelo	Jun 2
Jane Nugent, MD	Jun 7
Cornelia Burr	Jun 11
Bonnie Van Veldhuizen	Jun 13
Danee Wilson	Jun 13
June Hubley	Jun 15
Martha Lisle	Jun 29

July Birthdays

Linda Belecki	Jul 7
Julie Arnsberger	Jul 11
Carole S Weikert	Jul 15
Robin Rothstein	Jul 17
Nancy Zachik	Jul 21
Catherine Butler	Jul 23
Ihsia Hu	Jul 23
Jo Anne Duchez	Jul 26
Ann Brakob	Jul 31

Also in June

Flag Day — June 14

Father's Day — June 17

First Day of Summer—June 21





Elected Officers		
President	Karen Moss	prez@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Nancy Colladay	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer	Pam Compton	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Ann Ramey-Smith	Secy@friendshipstar.org



Committee Chairs

AQS Book Sales	Vacant	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Anne Flaggs
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2014	No Quilt Show for 2014
Guild Pin Sales	Suma Glassman	Retreats	Nancy Brennan and Teresa Peterson
Hospitality	Barbara Kilby	Secret Sisters	Laurie Bay and Sharon Vioria
Library	Susan Entwistle	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Teresa Peterson	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Newsletter	Barbara Bean	Small Group Coordinator	Vacant
Newsletter Production	Vacant	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Harriet Sheinson	Webmistress	Barbara Bean



Executive Board Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

All members are invited to attend Executive Board meetings held at Karen Moss' home at 7:00 p.m. **Call first to verify the time.** If you wish to submit an item for discussion but are unable to attend please e-mail the information to [Karen Moss](#), or provide it in writing at a guild meeting.

August 27, 2013
 October 22, 2013
 November 26, 2013 (6:30 pm)
 January 21, 2014
 March 25, 2014
 May 20, 2014

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