

Friendship Star Quilters

October, 2014

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P.O. Box 8051, Gaithersburg, MD 20898

The Quiltline



FSQ Calendar

Oct 5: Paula Golden, paulagolden.com Workshop: "Simply Stunning Sliced Stars." For details go to: <http://friendshipstar.org/workshops-and-lectures/#October>

Oct 6: FSQ Guild Meeting — Lecture: "Color, How to Make Your Quilts Sizzle" with Paula Golden.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Oct 4-5: [Flying Geese Quilt Guild](#) of Harford County, MD presents "Harvest of Quilts" quilt show celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner. Held at Veronica Chenowith Activity Center, 1707 Fallston Rd, Fallston, MD 21047 (Md 152). Raffle Quilt: Patriotic Elegance.

Oct 17-18: [Needlechasers Quilt Show "Once Upon a Quilt."](#) Kensington Armory/Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD. Hours: Friday 9am-6pm and Sat 9am-4pm. Admission \$5. Children under 12 free. Free parking.

Oct 18: Quilt Bingo. [Four County Quilt Guild – Mt. Airy](#)
Tickets \$25.00 in advance (\$30 at the door) INCLUDES DINNER . Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company's Activities Building, 1008 Twin Arch Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771 . [Click here for flyer.](#)

Oct 19: Quilt Bingo. [Southern Comforters Quilt Guild](#). Doors open 12:30pm, Bingo starts 2:00pm. Knights of Columbus - Boswell Hall 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD 20715. Admission \$20.

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](#). 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.

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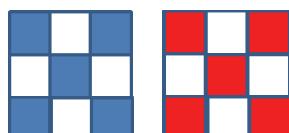
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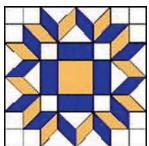
Service Projects

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

Fabric of the Month October

12" 9-patch block





President's Message

Dottie Acton

I hope all of you are enjoying the occasional cool weather that we have experienced lately. I'm definitely a cold weather person – I can't wait until after the first frost so I can tackle the weeds that invaded my garden over the summer while I hid inside, avoiding the heat and the bugs. A flower definitely has to be tough to survive the summer in my garden. While I'm waiting for even cooler weather, my sewing machine and I have been very busy, doing the homework for a class I'm taking, finishing a batik flannel quilt for my granddaughter Tina, and polishing off several UFOs. I love retirement!

I want to extend a thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with ticket sales and white gloving at the Oaks show, and a special thank you to Karen Moss for organizing the bus trip and coordinating volunteers. I was there for two days, and noticed a lot of changes this year. There were many wonderful special exhibits, but there seemed to be a lot fewer

contest quilts. In general, the show was much less crowded than in previous years, and people didn't seem to be spending as freely. Our raffle quilt was one of the most spectacular ones there, and a lot of people loved it, but most people only parted with one dollar for a single ticket rather than five dollars for six tickets, so we didn't make as much money as usual. If that trend continues, every guild member will need to make a special effort to sell their initial set of tickets and more. The proceeds from our raffle quilt make a big impact to our guild and to the charities that we support.

I'm going to the Quilting and Sewing Expo in Fredericksburg, VA this week, and will share my impressions from that show with you next month. Meanwhile, enjoy the fall weather and be sure to make time for quilting.

Dottie



Minutes of the September 8, 2014 FSQ meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

The September 8, 2014, meeting of Friendship Star Quilters (FSQ) was held at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. Dottie Acton, FSQ president, called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

- The minutes of the last FSQ meeting on August 4th were approved as published in the newsletter, with corrections.
- Dottie Acton urged guild members to read, prior to attending guild meetings, the *Quiltline* newsletter that is published monthly on the FSQ website. In the interest of time, the content of the *Quiltline* generally will not be repeated during the monthly guild meeting. Questions and discussions on newsletter articles are always welcome.
- Dottie thanked members Karen Slayton and Jean Farrell, who completed an audit of the guild's financial records. Other than a few very minor errors, no issues were found.
- Mary Lou Dungan invited members to join the Seamsters Union, a group that meets twice a month for a no-stress opportunity for conversation and hand sewing. Meetings are held twice a month, with the

location rotating among members' homes. Meetings are generally held either at 10:30 a.m. to which the attendees bring their lunch and handwork, or in the evening. There are currently openings in this group.

- Dottie Acton solicited a volunteer to serve as small-groups coordinator who would be the go-to person for information about small groups which have openings for new participants.
- Members of the Needle Chasers guild sold raffle tickets for the volunteer quilt in the lobby during the meeting.
- FSQ Raffle Quilt tickets are available for pickup; see Anne Flaggs in the lobby. Each member is asked to sell (or buy) 24 tickets.
- Members are reminded that the annual membership fee is due. Please bring cash or a check for \$35.00 to pay dues in the lobby before the next guild meeting. See Teresa Peterson.
- Karen Moss is the chair of opportunity quilt marketing. She solicited volunteers to sell raffle tickets during the upcoming Pennsylvania Extravaganza quilt show. Karen also said that there

Guild Meeting Minutes From September 8, 2014

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are still seats available if anyone wants to go to the show on the bus. The cost is \$65 for the bus and show admission.

- Diana Marshall and Barbara Kilby are co-chairing the 2015 FSQ show. Activities so far include naming the show “Galaxy of Quilts”, designing and ordering brochures and pins, and designating two charities to receive contributions from the sale of raffle tickets. The next quilt show meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st at Barbara Kilby’s home at 7:00 p.m.
- Connie Ross is collecting items for baskets to raffle at the FSQ quilt show. Contributions may be placed in the pink box that will be available in the lobby during guild meetings.
- Kiersten Ekstrom, winner of the FSQ beginner quilter award at the annual Montgomery County Fair, displayed her quilt at the meeting. Kiersten received warm applause for her quilt, with the remark made that, “If this is what she does as a beginner, we can’t wait to see what Kiersten creates in the future!”
- Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan, co-chairs, gave a report on Service Projects committee activities. One project is making 36” square quilts that are donated to a number of local charities including Healthy Families Montgomery, Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Care, Fisher House families, and service members at Walter Reed.
 - ◊ Preemie quilts are provided to the Holy Cross Neonatal unit; directions are available on the [website](#) for the construction of these small quilts. Pillow cases are donated to Children’s Hospital, Inova Fairfax Hospital, and ConKerr Cancer for outpatient pediatric patients.
 - ◊ During the past year, FSQ donated 500 quilts, 1000 preemie quilts, and 300 pillow cases.
 - ◊ Veronica Smith reminded members that hundreds of kits are available. Suma Glassman said the kits for quilt tops include suggested directions. Members of the Service Projects committee are seated in the back of the room during every meeting to collect fabrics donated for projects and to give out kits in plastic bags. Completed projects should be returned to them in the same bags.
 - ◊ All FSQ members are invited to participate in service project activities described on the FSQ website under the tab **Service**. The Service

Project committee meets twice a month on Tuesday and Thursday at the Darnestown United Methodist Church on Route 28, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Participants may bring their machines or not, since there are non-sewing activities as well. Bring your lunch and stay afterwards for conversation. Non-FSQ helpers are also welcome.

- Ellen Robinson invited members to participate in this year’s Ultimate Guild Challenge, “There’s a Map for That.” The rules are available on the [FSQ website](#). Eight FSQ quilts will be selected to submit to American Quilt Society as part of the challenge. Quilts are due to Ellen by March 1, 2015, for judging.
- JoAnne DuChez, Programs Chair, reminded the members of next month’s workshop with Paula Golden, “Simply Stunning Sliced Stars.” The workshop will be held on October 5th and participants will learn how to make kaleidoscope-type blocks using large prints.
- The meeting’s speaker Shannon Shirley was introduced and gave a presentation of some 72 unique small-quilt designs in the theme of bizarre and random holidays. Most of the quilts were made by quilters who never before had designed their own quilts.
- Dottie Acton read a letter from Transformations of Montgomery County, thanking the guild for last year’s contribution of \$500 from proceeds of the 2014 Raffle Quilt.
- After a brief break, members displayed their quilt creations during Show and Tell.
- Winners of this month’s fat quarters were Diana Marshall, Ihsia Hu, Kathy Berman and Judy Newton. Next month’s theme will be blue and red nine patches.
- Winners of complimentary tickets to the upcoming Original Sewing and Quilt Expo show were Alice Ward, Dottie Acton, and Pat McAuliffe. The show is Oct 2-3 in Fredericksburg, VA.
- Door prize winners were Meg Tison, Judy Newton, and Liz Brodsky.
- Dottie Acton announced that the September 16th board meeting will be held at her house at 6:30 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

The Service Projects Committee is introducing its newest project - **30 Minute Quick Quilt Tops for Kids!** Pre-cut fabric plus directions are available at guild meetings this year for you to take home and complete. They're great to do as a warm-up for a morning of sewing or if you have a few minutes and want something quick and easy that will give you a sense of accomplishment – and that great feeling you get from helping others. Of course, kits for pillowcases and preemie quilts will also be available. Thanks to Suma Glassman for bringing this project to life. Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.

The next Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, October 2, and Tuesday, October 14, from 9:30 until 12:30, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church.



January 2015 Bon Secours Retreat—Price Reduced!

By Teresa Peterson

The 2015 FSQ Retreat will be held from Friday, January 16th, until Sunday, January 18th (with an option to stay until Monday, January 19th), at the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours in Marriottsville, MD. There are just 4 spaces left, so if you're interested, please contact Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh. 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).

The cost of the Retreat has been revised. The cost of the two night stay (Friday and Saturday) is \$303 per

person, single occupancy, for two nights' lodging, six meals and snacks... The cost of the three night stay is \$455 per person, single occupancy, three nights' lodging, nine meals and snacks. Shared moments, companionship and friendship....priceless.

The registration form can be found above or on the [FSQ website](#). If you have secured a place with a deposit, the balance is due no later than the October 6th Guild Meeting. If you wish to sign up for one of the remaining spaces, payment in full is due at the October meeting. You can give your check and the form to either Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh.



Program Update

JoAnne DuChez

Paula Golden is the Speaker for FSQ's October 6 meeting.

Paula Golden will present "Color, How to Make Your Quilts Sizzle" at the October Guild meeting. Paula was selected as "2001 Teacher of the Year" by

The Professional Quilter Magazine. She has been quilting since the early 1970s and teaching for over twenty years. Her quilts, patterns and articles have been published in magazines and books. She founded Cabin Branch Quilters Woodbridge, Virginia in 1989. Paula relishes sharing the history, techniques and art of

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JoAnne DuChez

quilting with students of all ages. Her passion for quilting encourages students to explore their own creativity in a positive, nurturing environment.

Sign up for Paula Golden's workshop scheduled for Oct 5.

Spaces are still available for the first FSQ workshop of the year scheduled for Sunday October 5 at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Gaithersburg, MD.

Paula Golden will be teaching “Simply Stunning Sliced Stars” which uses large scale fabrics. Overcome your fear of using large print fabrics! Cut them apart and use one print area to reassemble it into different stars in either a 6”, 8”, 10” or 12” block. Surprise abounds when you see what is in the stars!

Contact JoAnne DuChez to register or for more information.

Workshop Registration Forms: [FSQ Workshop Registration Form 2014-15 \(doc\)](#)

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Bloomin' Challenge IX—The Finale

Coralyn Colladay

Can you believe that we have held this challenge for NINE years? Thanks to the generosity of Karen Walker (I-VII) and Juanita Canfield (VIII and IX) in donating fabric and sponsoring the challenge, we have had a great run.

This year's fabrics are, as usual, a bit of a challenge as two of them are complimentary, while the third is, well, the challenge. In addition, this year there is a theme to be expressed: The Finale, The End, Finito, Arrêt, Alto, Anhalten, Stans—you get the idea. This is to be the last year for this challenge.

The fabric packs, containing three fat quarters, will be available at the October guild meeting. There is no charge for the packets, but you must fill out a registration form. Additional yardage at \$4.00 per yard

may be ordered, until the supply is exhausted. And, yes, there is a form for that!

Quilts must be no more than 160” perimeter, e.g., 40” on a side will meet this criteria. Wearables, and other cool stuff may be any size.

Submission will be due on the same date as regular guild show turn in, and are to be registered using the regular guild registration form.

Surely you have questions! The criteria will be posted on the [web site](#) along with photos of the fabrics. You may phone or e-mail me (check the FSQ Directory).

Coralyn Colladay & Juanita Canfield, Co-Chairs, Bloomin' Challenge IX.



Membership Renewal—Extended

Teresa Peterson

As a result of a large number of outstanding renewals, the due date has been extended to the October meeting.

In order to have your name listed in the FSQ Directory, participate in the January Retreat, Workshops, and display your quilts in the 2015 Quilt Show, your membership has to be current.

Please stop by the Membership Table to double check that you have paid your dues. Membership is \$35/yr. (\$15 non-residents). Make your check payable to FSQ or if paying by cash, please bring the exact amount to the October meeting. Thanks



FSQ 2014 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

Karen Moss and Anne Flaggs

PA Quilt Show

First of all I would like to thank everyone listed below (member and non-member) who helped at the PA Extravaganza: Alice Ward, Anne Flaggs, Barbara Kilby, Carol Weikert, Cathie Shelton, Colleen Biasco, Connie Ross, Diana Marshall, Diana O'Donovan, Diane Heller, Ellen Robinson, Ginger Peebles, Julie Bradley, Kim Jalette, Liz Brodsky, Marie Quattrociocchi, Mary Lynch, Nancy Colladay, Pam Compton, Sandy D'Angelo, Sharon Viloria, and Suma Glassman. Thanks also go to Harriet Sheinson, Liz Plantz and Anne Flaggs for driving up on Thursday to sell tickets to give Barbara Kilby and me a break. And many thanks to Dottie Acton for coming up to the show to sell tickets all day on Friday by herself. Without these ladies, I would not have had Thursday and Friday covered.

We collected \$357 and sold 380 tickets. Although we didn't do quite as well as we did last year, we wouldn't have been able to collect what we did without the help of all of you; FSQ sincerely appreciates the time you gave up to help us.

Pick up Tickets/Drop off Stubs and Money

If you haven't yet picked up your package of tickets or returned your stubs with money, please remember to do so at the next guild meeting. Anne Flaggs will be at a table in the lobby before the meeting and at the break for you to pick up or drop off ticket stubs and money. If you need more tickets to sell, please contact Karen or Anne and we'll be sure to get tickets to you.

Capital Quilts to Host our Quilt During Quilter's Quest in November!

Capital Quilts (thanks Alison!!) has again agreed to



APQS Long-Arm Quilting Machine For Sale — \$1500

Barbara Kilby

Friendship Star Quilters acquired a long arm machine in 2011, an APQS Ultimate I with a 26" throat. This machine was built in 1990 and was thoroughly reconditioned when it was donated to FSQ.

It comes with a 12 foot frame and accessories, and could be fitted with an aftermarket stitch regulator.

The machine is in good running condition, but the

let us display and sell tickets for our opportunity quilt during the upcoming Quilter's Quest scheduled for November 7-16, 2014. Of course, we now need a host of volunteers to tend to the table and sell tickets.

I will have a list (see next paragraph) at the upcoming October and November guild meetings for anyone who can spare an hour or more to help sell tickets during the 2 week event.

The shop hours during the Quest are Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please let me know if you can help.

Volunteers for the Travelling Quilt

As you know, we really need to get the quilt out and about to sell tickets at a variety of venues. If you know of an event that would allow us to display the quilt and sell tickets, please let me know and I'll arrange to have it there. I will also be getting a list together (thanks Harriet) of sister guilds where we can set up the quilt to sell tickets at their meeting.

Until the Quilt Show, I'll be in the lobby with a list of venues/guild meetings where we have scheduled the quilt to be displayed or where we could possibly sell tickets. I would appreciate you stopping by and signing up to take the quilt and sell tickets at these places and times. If you have an "in" with a particular guild or activity, I would appreciate your help in contacting them to see if we can display the quilt and sell tickets.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support in selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, SuperNova. This is our major fund raiser that supports the Guild's activities.

guild has not been able to use it as frequently as hoped.

We are offering it for sale at \$1,500 or best offer.

To see the longarm machine, contact Jane Campos or email info@friendshipstarquilters.org for an appointment..



Quilt Show 2015 — Galaxy of Quilts

Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

The next quilt show meeting is Tuesday, October 21 at 7pm at Barbara Kilby's house in Gaithersburg, Md.

Please come prepared to share an update on your chair position status or assist with decisions that need to be made.

The next meeting is in January so we hope to see a majority of you this month.

Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall
Co-chairs for 2015 quilt show

2015 QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Co-Chair	Barbara Kilby	Pins-selling	Suma Glassman
Show Co-Chair	Diana Marshall	Publicity/Media	Susan Entwistle
Past Chair	Karen Slayton	Quilt Registration	Karen Moss
Admissions	Dottie Acton	Raffle Baskets	Connie Ross
Advertising	VACANT	Service Projects	Anne Weaver
Catalog	VACANT	Service Projects	Nancy Brennan
Boutique	Suma Glassman	Secretary	Ann Ramey-Smith
Boutique	Mary Moore Payne	Set-Up Lattice	Brenda and Joe Finch
Brochure Distribution	Rosie Hormuth	Set-Up Lattice -- truck	Carol Carrier
Children's Activities	Marie Quattrociocchi	Signs	Pam Compton
Challenge/Guild	Ellen Robinson	Silent Auction	Jean Farrell
Challenge/Bloomin'	Coralyn Colladay	Silent Auction	Phyllis Eddy
Challenge/Bloomin'	Juanita Canfield	Staging	Karen Moss
Demonstrations	Liz Brodsky	Co-Treasurer	Barbara Dryden
Featherweight Raffle	Ellen Robinson	Co-Treasurer	Barbara Kilby
Featherweight Raffle	Nadzieja Finkelstein	Vendors	Teresa Peterson
Hospitality	VACANT	Viewers Choice	Coralyn Colladay
Oppt. Quilt Marketing	Karen Moss	Viewers Choice	Juanita Canfield
Oppt. Quilt Ticket Sales	Anne Flaggs	Volunteers	Anne Flaggs
Photography	Ann Ramey-Smith	Website	Barbara Bean
Pins-ordering	Karen Moss	Ex Officio:	
		Vice President	Linda August



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

Kathy Brown	Gaithersburg, MD
Lynn Hastmann	Sykesville, MD
Lois James	Montgomery Village, MD
Betty Williams	Columbia, 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.

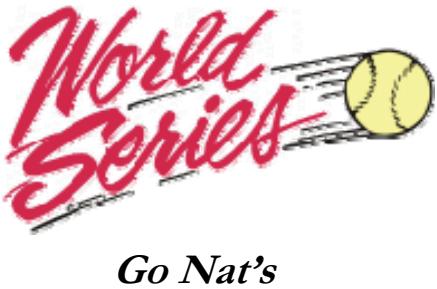


October Birthdays ... Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Coralyn Colladay	Oct 3	Nancy Colladay	Oct 14
Pat Current	Oct 3	Judith Newton	Oct 16
Cheryl Baird	Oct 4	Teresa Peterson	Oct 17
Ellen Robinson	Oct 4	Alice Washburn	Oct 20
Karen Moss	Oct 5	Veronica M Smith	Oct 26
Jill Ruspi	Oct 7	Michele Barnard	Oct 27
Susan Schwarz	Oct 7	Lois James	Oct 27
Mary Adamik	Oct 10	Harriet Sheinson	Oct 29
Meg Tison	Oct 11		

Also in October





Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	 prez@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Linda August	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Barbara Dryden Barbara Kilby	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Ann Ramey-Smith	Secy@friendshipstar.org



Committee Chairs

Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2015	Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall
Guild Pin Sales	Suma Glassman	Retreats	Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh
Hospitality	Vacant	Secret Sisters	Laurie Bay and Sharon Viloria
Library	Susan Entwistle	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Teresa Peterson	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Newsletter	Barbara Bean	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Karen Moss	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Anne Flaggs	Webmistress	Barbara Bean



Executive Board Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

All members are invited to attend Executive Board meetings. **Call first to verify the time and location.** If you wish to submit an item for discussion but are unable to attend please e-mail the information to [Dottie Acton](#), or provide it in writing at a guild meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be in November — date, time and location TBD and will be posted in November's newsletter.

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