

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

Nov 3: FSQ Guild Meeting — Lecture: The Kolam Quilt, with Lauren Kingsland, laurenkingsland.com

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Nov 1: Four County Quilt Guild: Quilt Sale, Handmade Gifts, and Stash Reduction Sale. Calvary United Methodist Church, 403 S. Main St., Mt. Airy, MD 21771 — 12 noon to 4 pm.

Nov 7-16: [Quilters Quest](#) Shop Hop—Featuring 10 shops in Maryland and Northern Virginia. **Store Hours During Quest: Mon-Sat 9:30am - 6pm & Sun 11am - 4pm**

Nov 21: Fiberworks Show and Sale. Spare yourself from the hordes of Black Friday Shoppers and come view the works of hand painted Fiberworks imprinted with botanical plants and flowers. The paintings with thread texture are made into wall hangings, napkin rings, journals, pillows, etc. Location: 3509 Shepherd St, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Time: 4-7 pm

Nov 21 or Nov 22: Floriani Quilting and Embroidery Basics. \$29.95 at [Capital Quilts](#). Machine embroiderers! Quilters! Sewists! Come to Capital Quilts and learn from a Floriani expert how to properly choose and use stabilizers, needles, and thread for perfect and beautiful results. Friday or Saturday 10:30-4:30

Nov 28: Bonnie Hunter Mystery Sew In Day, 10-6, at [Springwater Designs](#), 9691A Gerwig Lane, Columbia, MD 21046. Call the shop for details: 410-381-0695.

Dec 12-13: The Enlightened Quilter with Diane Henry at Capital Quilts. Friday 10-1: Fun of Finishing ; Friday 2-5: Sixteen Tips for Sweet Success ; Saturday 10-1: Rule Your Quilt ; Saturday 2-5: Exploding Out of the Block: Extending Designs

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.

Service Projects

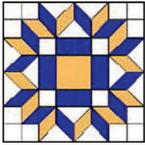
Service Projects are usually held at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD

Fabric of the Month

November

Winter or holiday fabric in blues, whites, and/or silver .





President's Message

Dottie Acton

Well, it's official – winter is on its way. Our indoor cats have caught two mice, there are acorns all over the sidewalk, and ladybugs, stink bugs and huge flies are all trying to get inside before they freeze. And our quilt show is now only six months away! I know that sounds like forever, but if we want to have the best show ever, we all need to start quilting and volunteering now. Please sign up to sell raffle quilt tickets at Capital Quilts in November. (See details on how to sign up later in the newsletter.) It's a good opportunity to socialize with other quilters, and maybe do some hand sewing or shopping if sales are slow.

Efficiency experts tell us that having a lot of work in progress is a bad idea. If we have a lot of projects underway, we should complete the work using the 'weighted shortest job first' approach to maximize the value of the work we do. While quilting isn't about efficiency, I'm trying to apply the concepts to the many projects that I have underway. For me, the weighting is often driven by deadlines - when I have homework for my once a month class, that is almost always the highest priority project, so I do it and get it out of the way. Obviously making the challenge quilts will become very high priority in January and February, and I'll try to do the fastest one first. When there is no looming deadline, the pinned quilts go to the top of the list – I want to get them done and not

leave pins in them forever. I'll do the smallest, easiest quilt first, and then the more complex ones. Sleeves and labels always come in last for me, so I know that March is going to be a tough month for my hands. For all the quilts I do in the future, I'm going to make the sleeves and labels before I start another quilt. I don't think I want to get to the point where I only have one quilt in progress at a time, but right now I have six quilts, a tree skirt, a Christmas stocking, three embroidery projects and a knit blanket in various stages of completion, and I haven't even started the challenge quilts yet! I have to finish something.

Of course, one of the beauties of quilting is that there is no requirement to finish everything – I am finally liberated enough to throw away or donate blocks I don't like. I used to think that throwing away a block or two was waste, but now I accept it as part of the creative process, and it makes more room for other projects that might be more fun.

The experts also say that inventory is waste – and I definitely won't listen to them there. I love my fabric and thread stash.

Enjoy quilting, experimenting, and even finishing your quilts.

Dottie



Minutes of the October 6, 2014 FSQ meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

Friendship Star Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes,
October 6, 2014

President Dottie Acton called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests. The minutes were approved as published in the October Quiltline.

The following announcements were made:

- Karen Moss asked members to sign up to take the raffle quilt to other quilt guilds, businesses or other locations to sell tickets.
- Members were asked to pick up their envelope of tickets to sell (20 tickets per member) in the lobby.
- Membership renewal is due now. Renewals must be made by tonight to be listed in the new directory.
- Final payments for the January retreat are due now. There are 2 spaces left.
- Coralyn Colladay had Bloomin' Challenge packets available in the lobby.
- Clustered Spires Quilt Guild is selling tickets for their raffle quilt in the lobby.
- Quilt show 2105 still has chairperson openings for Hospitality, Catalog layout, and Advertising. Later in the meeting it was announced that Meg Tison had volunteered to do the catalog layout and Carol Unger and Eleanor Bragin volunteered to do Hospitality.
- New quilt show pins are on sale in the lobby.
- Nicki Lynch is the new Small Groups Coordinator.

Guild Meeting Minutes From October 6, 2014

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- The next Quilt Show meeting is October 21 at Barbara Kilby's house.
- On behalf of the Service Projects chairs, Suma Glassman asked attendees to pick up one or more pillow case kits, quilts ready to be bound, and/or backings for preemie quilts.
- Jo Anne Duchez said there was an excellent workshop on Sunday. She also showed a Swirly Girl pattern sample for the February workshop.
- Jane Phillips announced that she had 14" to 18" squares of fleece available for preemie quilts. They had exceeded their goal of 2400 comfort cases. The next workshop was scheduled for Wednesday October 8 at Fairhaven Methodist Church.
- Connie Ross will be collecting contributions for raffle baskets at each meeting. Look for a bin in the lobby.

- Laurie Bay introduced our speaker for the evening, Paula Golden, who gave a talk and trunk show titled "How to Make Your Quilts Sizzle".
- There was a 15-minute break.
- Show and Tell presenters included Suma Glassman, Liz Plantz, Dottie Acton, Michele Barnard, Billye Roberts, Rosie Hormuth, Karen Slayton, and Karen Moss.
- The winners of the Fat Quarter of the Month were Rosie Hormuth, Meg Tison, and Dottie Acton. Dottie donated her blocks to service projects.
- Meg Tison, Ellen Robinson, and Carol Carrier won door prize winners.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda August, Vice President for Ann Ramey-Smith



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

What a great time of the year! The air is nice and crisp, the trees have some beautiful color, and we're moving toward some holidays that make us pause and realize how grateful we are for what we have. Both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving provide us an opportunity to thank those who keep us safe and to family and friends who enrich our lives.

This is also a wonderful time to give thanks for the skills we have that can enrich the lives of others. We are grateful for all the FSQ members who donate their skills and their time to attend Service Projects workshops, or work at home to make quilts, pillowcases and preemie quilts for the many organizations in our area.

Please join us if you can for one of our November Service Projects workshops. They are held from 9:30

am until 12:30 pm at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, about 1/2 mile past Quince Orchard. Please contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan if you have questions. The November dates are:

Tuesday, November 4

Tuesday, November 18





Retreat Registration Forms — Click link below

[2015 Retreat Registration Form](#) (doc)

[2015 Retreat Registration Form](#) (pdf)



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 **3** 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 link to the registration form is at the top of this page. If you wish to sign up for one of the remaining spaces, payment in full is due at the November meeting. You can give your check and the form to either Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh.



Programs Update

JoAnne DuChez

Hi, All, I hope you will all be at the guild meeting on November 3. Our speaker will be Lauren Kingsland, laurenkingsland.com. Lauren Kingsland has been making quilts professionally since 1988. Her work has been exhibited in galleries and shows and is in public and private collections throughout the country. She is dedicated to quilt making as a medium for storytelling, for building community and for healing and wellness. Lauren will present *The Kolam Quilt, a show and tell of quilts on the* South Indian contemplative design, traditionally drawn on the ground each morning in rice flour.

FYI, there is no workshop in November. However, there will be 2 coming up in February and March. I urge you to sign up for one or both of them at the November meeting.

Upcoming programs include:

Dec. 1, 2014 - Holiday Party

Jan. 5, 2015 - Janice Pope - Anything But Boring, janicedpope.com. Lecture - Trunk show and evolution of

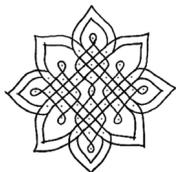
a pattern business.

Feb. 1, 2015 - Susan Emory, Swirly Girls Design, swirlygirlsdesign.com. Workshop: Cosmos.

Feb. 2, 2015 - Susan Emory, Swirly Girls Design, swirlygirlsdesign.com. Lecture: Trunk Show.

Mar. 1, 2015 - Annette Ornelas, Southwind Designs, southwindquilts.com. Workshop: Mexican Wedding Stars workshop.

Mar. 2, 2015 - Annette Ornelas, Southwind Designs, southwindquilts.com. Lecture: Peeled Back Patchwork.



The Kolam Quilt

Lauren Kingsland

Lauren has created a series of quilts based on a women's folk drawing tradition of South India that she saw when she was there in Jan. 2008.

The *kolam* is drawn each morning at the doorway as an invocation of blessing and to beautify the home. Special designs with bright colors are created for festive occasions. There are literally thousands of traditional designs, passed from mother to daughter, plus original designs being created all the time.

There are certain parallels to our creative work as quilters, rooted in domestic tradition, but a tool for creative expression today.

This session will include a trunk show of Lauren's numerous kolam quilts, an illustrated travel talk about

some of her adventures in India, and a chance for participants to try their hands at *kolam* design. There will also be demonstrations of various techniques to use these design on quilts.

Supplies:

A pencil and eraser



Bloomin' Challenge Update

Coralyn Colladay

All the kits are out for construction. There are additional fabrics available at \$4.00 per yard (\$1.00 per fat quarter). See Coralyn at the guild meetings to order fabric.

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



Build-a-Basket Challenge

Coralyn Colladay

The Sewfisticated Ladies small group is building a raffle basket. We challenge other small groups to build one, too. Theme—Italian, Quilting Goodies, Kitchen, Tea and Coffee—or free form. Connie Ross has baskets, or you may provide your own.

No fragrances, please.

Let [Connie](#) know if you are taking up the challenge.

Coralyn Colladay, Sewfisticated Ladies



2015 Quilt Show Pins

Suma Glassman

The new show pins are in and Suma Glassman will have them in the lobby for \$5 each. They look great this year! In addition, there are still about 10 each left

from the 2011 and 2012 shows if you haven't gotten those yet.



FSQ 2014 Opportunity Quilt Update

Karen Moss and Anne Flaggs

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 has again agreed to 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.

We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for FSQ Quilt Ticket Sales at Capital Quilts!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/g6Dbwn>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!



FSQ Holiday Pot Luck Celebration

Barbara Bean

Celebrate a year of quilting and friendship at a festive potluck supper at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 1, 2014, at Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. We'll have a short business meeting -- then eat, drink and make merry with friends old and new!

Potluck -- Bring a party dish to share (either savory or sweet), plus a serving utensil, or bring something to drink. We do not assign menu items because members always supply a wonderful variety of food and desserts.

Optional **Gift Exchange** -- Bring a gift of quilting treats to swap. Wrap up one or more NEW quilt-related items, suggested total value \$10.00 to \$15.00. Put your name or card inside the package, and bring it to the party

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

November 7 - November 16, 2014 Store Hours
During Quest: Mon-Sat 9:30am - 6pm & Sun 11am - 4pm

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.

to delight a fellow quilter. Fat quarters, small kits, tools, embellishments, patterns, and Chocolate are all appreciated. (Brand-new items only; this is not a white elephant exchange.) Tickets will be drawn at random to receive the presents.

Help Wanted -- two or three volunteers are needed at 7:00 pm to help with the food arrangements in the party room. One volunteer is needed to bring two bags of ice in a large cooler. Two or three volunteers are needed to straighten up after the party. Thanks!

I will ask for volunteers at Monday night's meeting.

2015 QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

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| Show Co-Chair | Barbara Kilby | Pins-ordering | Karen Moss |
| Show Co-Chair | Diana Marshall | Pins-selling | Suma Glassman |
| Past Chair | Karen Slayton | Publicity/Media | Susan Entwistle |
| Admissions | Dottie Acton | Quilt Registration | Karen Moss |
| Advertising | Dottie Acton | Raffle Baskets | Connie Ross |
| Advertising | Barb Morten | Service Projects | Anne Weaver |
| Catalog | Meg Tison | 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 | Alice Washburn |
| Challenge/Bloomin' | Coralyn Colladay | Silent Auction | Barbara Skelly |
| Challenge/Bloomin' | Juanita Canfield | Staging | Karen Moss |
| Demonstrations | Liz Brodsky | Co-Treasurer | Barbara Dryden |
| Door Prizes | Nancy Colladay | Co-Treasurer | Barbara Kilby |
| Featherweight Raffle | Ellen Robinson | Vendors | Teresa Peterson |
| Featherweight Raffle | Nadzieja Finkelstein | Viewers Choice | Coralyn Colladay |
| Hospitality | Carol Unger | Viewers Choice | Juanita Canfield |
| Hospitality | Eleanor Bragin | Volunteers | Anne Flaggs |
| Oppt. Quilt Marketing | Karen Moss | Website | Barbara Bean |
| Oppt. Quilt Ticket Sales | Anne Flaggs | Ex Officio: | |
| Photography | Ann Ramey-Smith | Vice President | Linda August |



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

Billye Roberts

Montgomery Village, MD 20866

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.

November Birthdays

... Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson



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| Lynn Hastmann | Nov 2 | Mary Brantley | Nov 16 |
| Susan Holman | Nov 5 | Ann Ramey-Smith | Nov 17 |
| Patricia Lefevre | Nov 5 | Marie Quattrociocchi | Nov 18 |
| Karen Slayton | Nov 5 | Nancy Brennan | Nov 24 |
| Betty Williams | Nov 5 | Barbara Dryden | Nov 26 |
| Laurie Bay | Nov 11 | Dorothy Acton | Nov 27 |
| Cheryl Vanvliet | Nov 11 | Jane Phillips | Nov 27 |
| Sandra Chin | Nov 15 | Elizabeth Plantz | Nov 28 |
| Mary Lou Dungan | Nov 15 | | |

Also in November

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| Elected Officers | | |
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| 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 Vloria |
| 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.

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