

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

February 7- mid-March , The Magic Art Quilters, a small group in the Four County Quilters Guild, invites you to an exhibit of art quilts at the Ames Gallery in Frederick. Dozens of art quilts will be on exhibit. **Ames** Gallery Universalist Unitarian Congregation of Frederick, 4880 Elmer Derr Road, Frederick, Maryland, *Take the Mt Zion Rd Exit*

February 25-28, 2016, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. Hampton, VA, <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>

Thru June 19, 2016 , “New Arrivals: Art Quilts” at the Baltimore Museum of Arts through June 19, located at 10 Art Museum Drive, Baltimore. 443-573-1700. www.artbma.org. free. To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Baltimore Museum of Art, the show includes many wall art quilts from the late 20th century, “and that break the rules of a process that go back to the days of the Pharaohs”

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January Fabric of the Month

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Meetings

Next Meeting is January 4th.
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/>.

Service Projects

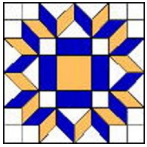
Service Projects are usually held at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects workshops:
Tuesday, January 12 and
Thursday, January 28

If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward.

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting to be scheduled in February. The board meeting is open to all guild members. 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

Dottie Acton

I can't believe it's almost 2016. It's true that the older you get, the faster the time goes. I can only imagine what it will be like when I'm 100! Maybe that's why people don't live to be 200 – time would pass so quickly it would make them dizzy.

I'm going into the 2016 with seven tops waiting to be quilted, so I'm resolving to finish two UFOs for every new project I start. Hopefully that will help me reduce the backlog a little. I don't have much scheduled between Christmas and the first of the year, so maybe I can get at least one quilt finished in that time frame. Of course, I made the mistake of going to the library a few days ago, so now I have to resist the call of good books to read. I'll let you know how I'm doing with my resolution next month. If I have something for show and tell, you'll know that it's going well.

We really want to encourage more quilters to join our guild, so we have eliminated the fee for guests at the January meeting. Please invite one or more of your

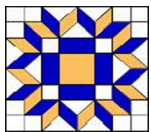
friends to join us for Linda August's lecture and trunk show.

So far we have sold 2214 raffle quilt tickets for a total of \$1,964 but we still have a long way to go to meet our goal of raising at least \$5000. Please continue helping meet our goal by selling tickets to your friends and neighbors. We're hoping for good weather in February this year so we can sell a lot of tickets at the Mancuso show in Hampton. If you are going to the Hampton show, please volunteer to sell tickets or white glove for a few hours.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our holiday party a success. It was good to have some time to socialize, meet new members and catch up with friends we haven't seen in a while. And of course the food was great, as usual.

I'll see you all at the January meeting. Happy New Year everyone.

Dottie



Executive Board Meeting Summary

Here is a summary of the major items discussed at the December Board Meeting.

FSQ Facebook Page: Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson are the new administrators for our Facebook page.

Michele Barnard has agreed to serve as secretary for the guild meetings until the elections in June. Linda August will take minutes at the board meetings.

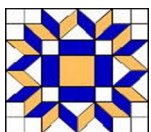
We will be moving the guild appreciation night from June to May, so we can leave as much time as possible in June for the Yard Sale.

We reviewed all of the speaker suggestions that were submitted a few months ago, and Joanne is working on firming up the program schedule for the coming years.

We currently have 107 paid up members. Watch your email for the latest directory.

We reviewed and later approved a proposal for the 2017 Raffle Quilt. More information on that will be coming soon too.

Our next scheduled board meeting is in February. All members are welcomed to attend.



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.



Guild Minutes: November 2015 FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

President Dottie Acton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed guests.

Minutes were approved from last month.

The FSQ Board Meeting will be held December 15 at Dottie Acton's house. All are welcome to attend, or to bring up any issues with any board member.

One serious item of business was discussed – the raffle quilt for next year. The guild needs a group of individuals to propose the quilt, assemble it, etc. The board will be happy to address proposals at the December meeting if possible; no later than January. This limitation is because of the timeline for making a successful quilt, getting it quilted and getting into the Fair for judging is short.

Other announcements:

Nancy Brennan – co-chair of Service Projects – shared the numbers of quilts donated since June.

230 quilts

250 preemie quilts

92 preemie hats

149 pillowcases

Karen Moss still has paint chips for the Ultimate Guild Challenge quilts.

Many lovely quilts for show-and-tell were shown.

For the miniatures mini-group – Suma Glassman and Nicki Lynch have gridded interfacing for the next mini-group meeting's challenge.

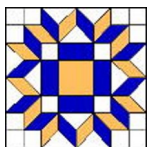
The ticket sales drawing was won by Barbara Kilby and Liz Lawrence.

The 9-patch drawing was won by Sharon Waggoner, Kathy Brown, and Judy Walsh. Over 40 blocks were made and donated to Service Projects.

Door prizes were won by Sheri Thompson, Pat Vasaio, and Holly Trotter.

Members adjourned for holiday goodies, and a good time was had by all.

Winners of the Orphan Block Challenge were Barbara Kilby (1st Place), Margaret Natof (2nd Place) and Ellen Robinson (3rd place).



January 2016 Retreat at Bon Secours

By Judy Walsh

It's just a few weeks until our retreat! For many of us this is a bright spot in an often cold and cloudy month. Additional details will be emailed to registrants in early January, but you may find this general checklist helpful as you begin packing: [Quilters Checklist.pdf](#).

Please contact Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh at retreats@friendshipstar.org if you have any questions.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Many, many thanks on behalf of the Service Projects committee for the generosity of so many of you who participated in the Orphan Blocks Challenge and the December Nine Patch raffle! We know this is the season of giving and you've all really outdone yourselves yet again.

The Orphan Blocks Challenge was issued this fall by Joanne Duchez and Meg Tison, who challenged the guild's membership to choose an orphan block of theirs (or someone else) and integrate that into a quilt to be donated to Service Projects. The quilts were presented to the membership at the December meeting and were voted on by the membership present that night. The idea was to vote for one quilt which they believed best integrated the orphan block. Winners were announced during the party. Barbara Kilby won first place, Margaret Natof won second, and Ellen Robinson won third. Kudos to them! Photos of Barbara's and Ellen's quilts are attached here. Margaret is putting a few finishing touches on hers and we hope to publish a photo of it next month. Winners received FSQ Yard Sale bucks. All 20 quilts were donated to Service Projects.

December's fabric of the month raffle was a 12" nine patch block. Corners and center were in shades of blue or purple and the other squares were in white, off-white or beige. Members were asked for every block they made to make an additional one to be donated to Service Projects. We received 64 blocks that night! This guild's spirit of giving is truly

awesome!

January Service Projects workshops will be held on Tuesday, January 12, and Thursday, January 28. We meet from 9:30 am until about 12:30 pm at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road. Please join us if you can. Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan with questions.

Barbara Kilby's

1st Place



Ellen Robinson

3rd Place



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.



2015/2016 Programs

By JoAnne DuChez

Do you believe it is almost New Years? It may actually be 2016 by the time you read this newsletter. I've been a bit more productive this year than last year, mostly because I've done some quilting for the Services group. It's been a wonderful experience working with all of the dedicated women who show up at the Services workshops. I hope you make it a New Year's resolution to come and join us working on quilts for our designated services organizations.

Now down to Program business. I'm happy to announce that our own Linda August will be the speaker for January. Linda is our Vice President and a very prolific quilter. I'm really excited to see her trunk show at the meeting.

The January meeting is also 'Bring a Friend' to FSQ guild meeting. If you have a quilting friend looking for a guild home, bring her/him to the January meeting. The \$5 fee is being waived for this event.

Jan 4, 2016	FSQ Trunk Show - organized by Linda August, FSQ Vice President
Feb 1, 2016	TBD
Mar 7, 2016	Kathy Lincoln , passion for simplifying techniques; teaches at Quilt Patch. Lecture: Design Your Own: Pieced Blocks. kathylincoln.com
April 4, 2016	Barbara Dann. Lecture: "Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently?"
May 2, 2016	Karen Lee Carter , Original Art Quilts, karenleecarter.com
June 6, 2016	Election of Officers for 2016-17; 3rd Annual Yard Sale

Orphan Block Challenge Recap

The response to the Orphan Block Challenge was amazing. I'm so thrilled to report that there were 20 quilts displayed at the December meeting for the viewers' choice selection. The quilts were amazing! I was overwhelmed by the creativity used to integrate the orphan blocks. It was difficult to identify the orphan block in almost all of the quilts. Thanks you, thank you, thank you for your participation.

Many guild members suggested that this become an annual event. I definitely concur. Look forward to another Orphan Block (or similar) Challenge in the future.

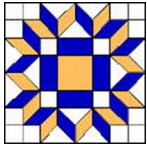
Viewers' choice winners:

1st place – Barbara Kilby

2nd place – Margaret Natof

3rd place – Ellen Robinson

From my point of view, all of the quilts were winners!



Fabric Drawings

By Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

January – Fat quarters of Geometric prints: circles, squares, dots, stripes, etc.

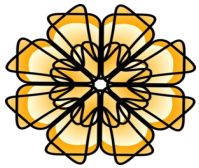
February – Pre-cut Batik strips 2 ½ inches by width of fabric (4 strips equal one entry in the raffle).

March – Fat quarters of Green and/or Yellow

April – Fat quarters of Floral Prints to Celebrate Spring.

May – Fat quarters of Black and/or White -- Coffee and/or Cream

June – Fat quarters of Patriotic or Red, White and/or Blue



FSQ/AQS 2016 Ultimate Guild Challenge – What “Modern” Means to Me

Karen Moss and Nancy Colladay

The FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge goes “Modern” with a theme that is wide open for interpretation. What does that word mean to you? We provide several examples in the full rules and description located on the FSQ website.

There are size requirements, a color requirement, and a deadline. We hope we’ve piqued your interest. Our goal is to have at least 8 quilts to submit to AQS.

If you don’t have a chance to visit the website, we will have rules and color chips available at the November guild meeting.

Hope to see you then -
Challenge Co-Chairs Karen Moss and Nancy Colladay.



Membership By Barbara Skelly

Please check in at the membership table before the meeting or at break. We would like you to sign in so

we know you were there.



Sunshine and Shadows

I wanted to let you know that my granddaughter recently received one of our quilts at the Shady Grove hospital. She asked me if I made it. I looked at it and saw the FSQ label and told her that I do help make them, but I didn’t make that particular one. I am so happy that it gave her a bit of comfort. I never thought that my family would be the recipient of one of our quilts.

Barb Morten



FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

This fall I went through our library to take an inventory of which books have been popular and which not so much. There are two books that have been taken out more than any of the others. The first is the beautiful book on “The Quilts of Gee’s Bend.” Beautifully illustrated with 110 color illustrations, “The Quilts of Gee’s Bend” includes a historical overview of the two hundred years of extraordinary quilt-making by the African-American women of Gee’s Bend in southern Alabama. The second is “Mindful Meandering” by Laura Lee Fritz which includes original continuous line quilting designs. If you would like to see what others have enjoyed, stop by the library table to take a look at these books. The FSQ website has a list of all the books in our library. If you would like me to find a particular book

for you, please send me an e-mail and I will have it ready for you at the next meeting.

Also, I welcome your ideas for new books. Let me know if there is a book that you would like to see as part of our library or a certain topic that is not covered by our current books. Please e-mail me with your suggestions at library@friendshipstar.org.

Jennifer Rossmere



Quilts of Honor

Karen Slayton

Currently Karen Slayton’s son is stationed at the Medical Hospital at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. When he left, she gave him a Quilt of Honor, which is for servicemen and women stationed overseas.

Upon seeing the quilt she made for him, many in his Unit asked if they would be able to have a quilt made for them.

So, let’s help Karen provide at least 20 quilts by May 1, 2016. The quilts should be

Red, white and blue fabric

Finished size at least 64 x 88 (Twin size)

Any pattern will do

We’ll have a show and tell at the April meeting, and then give the quilts to Karen so she can get them ready to go by the May deadline. This is not a contest, and the quilts will not be judged – our only goal is to brighten the day for a few of those serving in Afghanistan.

If you have questions, contact Karen Slayton. Her information is in the guild directory.



Birthdays

January Birthdays

Barbara	Bean	Jan	27
Colleen	Biasco	Jan	4
Elizabeth	Brodsky	Jan	26
Pam	Compton	Jan	3
Colleen	Davis	Jan	
Linda	Gordon	Jan	11
Rosemary	Hormuth	Jan	1
Holly	Trotter	Jan	7



Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Barbara Dryden Barbara Kilby	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Michele Barnard/ TBD	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
Pins	Susan Spencer	Retreats	Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh
Hospitality	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Jennifer Rossmere	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Membership	Barbara Skelly	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters	Webmistress	Barbara Bean
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters		