

## Friendship Star Quilters

### December, 2016

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# The Quiltline

### Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

February 23-26, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival <http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>

March 2- 5, The Quilt & Sewing Fest of New Jersey <http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/the-quilt-fest-of-new-jersey/>

March 29-April 1, AQS Show in Lancaster [http://www.americanquilter.com/shows\\_contests/upcoming.php](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/upcoming.php)

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**December** -- Service Project Special. 12" Nine Patch Block. Corners and center in shades of **Red**, the other squares in white, off-white or beige.

### Meetings

Next Meeting is November 7th  
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/>.

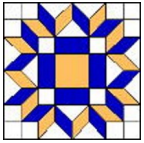
### Service Projects

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

Service Projects Workshop Dates:  
Thursday, December 8  
Tuesday, December 13  
If you can, plan to join us for lunch  
afterward.

### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be announced soon. 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

Nicki Lynch

*Oh the weather outside is frightful,  
But the fire is so delightful,  
And since we've no place to go,  
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!* **Sammy Cahn and  
Jule Styne**

I don't know if any of you listen to podcasts, but I really like them. I especially like the story telling podcasts, so I have subscribed to several ones including the "local" (Baltimore) story podcast - The Stoop Storytelling Series. This podcast is available on Stitcher and iTunes.

I was listening to older podcasts on The Stoop and one of them, "Rock & Roll " caught my attention. The first story teller started by telling everyone she was a quilter. I didn't catch her full name, but I thought her first name was Mimi. She told a story about her trip to Quilt Odyssey and the band Lynard Skynard. It was a good story. The rest of the podcast was pretty good, but I kept wondering – was Mimi a quilter I knew? So I looked at the show notes on the website. The quilter was indeed Mimi Dietrich! I love these little unexpected surprises. If you enjoy listening to radio shows, which is what podcasts are, try listening to some on Stitcher, an app available on both iOS and Android.

One place I usually listen to podcasts (and audiobooks) is my sewing room. With the cold weather coming on, I find it harder and harder to justify getting out – other than

getting food or sewing supplies. The cold weather was when quilters in times gone by spent time indoors making quilts to keep their families warm and to give to friends. We can also use the time indoors to help others by picking up the kits for baby blanket tops, pillowcases, and preemie quilts.

The December meeting is our annual holiday party, with loads of good food and fellowship. Coming on the heels of Thanksgiving and knowing that there will be plenty of holiday parties through News Years Day, I plan to take some time to remember those less fortunate who will still need food after the generosity of this season. In that spirit, I hope all of you will consider donating money, food, or time to a worth organization during the cold weather months. We quilters are known for our big hearts. With the last year being so politically derisive, doing for others has become doubly important.

The next time we meet, it'll be a brand new year – one with a quilt show where we can show our beautiful work. With a show coming up, I'd like everyone to think about how we can reach out to the quilters who are not part of the Guild and let them know they are welcome. Looking ahead to January, the topic will be Small Quilt Groups of FSQ. This would be a good chance to explore the value of small groups within a guild and how to get more people involved in guild activities.

Happy Holidays, everyone.



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

This is the season for generosity toward those in need and also gratitude for what we have and for those who make our lives richer. This is the perfect time of the year to take a look at the numbers of items we have donated to babies, children, and adults in our community who are in need of some extra warmth and comfort. Since the first of June, only 5 short months, we have donated the following:

- 204** Quilts
- 126** Preemie Quilts
- 73** Preemie Hats
- 107** Pillowcases

Of course, this would not be possible without the generous help of a large network of volunteers and for them we are truly grateful. We have volunteers who have

organized donated fabric by color and by length, volunteers who regularly make up kits for pillowcases and quilt tops, volunteers who come to workshops to tie quilts, stitch on binding, and those who do whatever needs to be done. Then, there are those of you who bring quilts, preemies, and fabric to guild meetings. We certainly couldn't achieve these great numbers without all of you – and for you we are grateful!

December Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, December 8, and Tuesday, December 13, from 9:30 am until about noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28). Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan with questions. We hope you can join us!



## **Wider Circle Thanks**

Jennifer Rossmere

In response to the donation FSQ made to A Wider Circle (from the net income from the 2016 raffle quilt), we received a lovely letter of thanks with a personal note from Mark Bergel saying, "This was very kind; thank you!" Below is part of the letter we received.

"In 2015, A Wider Circle furnished the homes of 4,420 families, translating to more than 15,500 children and adults who were able to create stable and dignified homes. Through our Workforce Readiness program, we assisted 2,000 individuals seeking to enter or re-enter the workforce, and at our new center in Barry Farm - an extremely low-income, high-crime neighborhood - we served more than 600 residents.

In 2016, we are working with even more urgency. Because we continue to work with a 2% overhead, your \$400.00 donation on August 26, 2016 will make a direct impact on many lives today. At A Wider Circle, we are committed to ending poverty for one individual and one family after another and, with your support, we are creating real and lasting change for our neighbors in need.

Thank you for making so much possible.

Signed, Mark Bergel, Ph.D., Founder & Executive Director"



## **Guild Minutes: November 2016 FSQ Meeting**

Gayle Sunde

### **Call to Order**

At 7:30 p.m. by President Nicki Lynch.

### **Newsletter minutes of the previous meeting**

Were accepted with a correction: Suma did not receive a box of Pineapple fabric, she helped to co-ordinate the effort.

### **Call for visitors and new members**

No visitors or new members

### **Treasurer's Report**

Copies were handed to all members present. Jennifer Rossmere, Treasurer, explained several items and asked for questions. A motion was made to accept the report and was passed with a show of hands.

### **Announcements**

**Service project** gatherings will be held the 6th and 22nd. Project kits are available at the rear. Service Project Challenge rules are on the website.

### **2017 FSQ Quilt show**

Volunteers are needed!

Connie Ross will hold a meeting on 11/29/16.

Karen Moss has raffle ticket packages and Blooming Challenge packets.

Volunteers are needed!

Boutique items are needed, please see Suma Glassman.

Volunteers are needed!

FSQ 2017 show pins are now available for \$5.00.

### **Holiday Party**

Michelle Barnard reminded us all that the holiday party will

be held in December.

Need set-up and clean-up volunteers.

### **The business meeting was stopped at 7:45 for the program of the evening.**

Our speaker was introduced by JoAnne DuChes. Bunnie Jordan talked us through a quick 'Hit Parade' of quilts along with a bit of the history of Virginia quilts. We were treated to a lecture, slide show and were able to handle the 'teaching' quilts that were part of the lecture.

red and white, 12' finished

### **Business meeting continued at 9:04**

### **Show and Tell**

Included 5 quilts, both new and old, along with a vintage quilt that tied in to the program of the evening.

### **Fat 1/4 drawing winners**

Judy Newton, Ellen Robinson, Liz Lawrence and Harriet Sheinson. Next moth will be 9 patch,

### **Door prize winners**

Liz Lawrence, Linda Duzick and Lauren Marcus. There are 2 prizes left for December.

**Next Meeting** will be held December 5th,, 2016

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Sunde



## Quilt Show Update

Dottie Acton and Connie Ross

Here's a quick summary of Quilt Show accomplishments and coming events. Look for more detailed articles elsewhere in the newsletter.

### November Accomplishments

**Quilters Quest:** Thanks to everyone who helped, we had a very successful Quilters Quest, selling 586 tickets at Capital Quilts, and distributing show fliers to the shops participating in the Quest. A special thanks to Lorie Coston for organizing all of the volunteers.

**Challenges:** All of the guild challenges have their rules posted on the FSQ web site. Challenges are a great way to break out of rut or to extend your quilting skills, so we hope all of you will participate in at least one of the challenges. Karen Moss still has 10 packets of fabric available for the Bloomin' Challenge so see her at the December meeting if you would like to participate.

**Raffle Baskets:** Thanks to our generous members, we have enough empty baskets, and a start on goodies to fill the baskets. Keep up the good work! We especially need fabric, books, patterns, kits and notions to fill the baskets. Donations will be accepted at the December meeting. Look for the Pink Box in the lobby.

### Coming in December:

**Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales:** Over half of our members have already picked up their packets of raffle quilt tickets.

We encourage the rest of you to get your tickets at the December meeting. If you already have sold your tickets, please turn in the stubs and the money at the December meeting, and pick up more tickets if you want more. Raffle Quilt tickets make great holiday stocking stuffers!

**Silent Auction and Boutique:** In your spare time (LOL) over the holidays, consider making items to sell at either the Silent Auction or the Boutique. OK – we know you won't really have any spare time, but take a few minutes for yourself and make something that you enjoy making to relieve the holiday stress.

**Raffle Quilt Marketing:** We really need to get the raffle quilt to multiple venues to sell more tickets. If you know of any venue – a party, a guild meeting, etc - where you could sell tickets, please contact Karen Moss to get the quilt.

**Mini-Groups:** We'd love to have our mini-groups volunteer to sponsor a special raffle basket, or to have a mini-group display or mini-group challenge at the quilt show in April. Contact Karen Slayton about sponsoring a specialty basket, or contact Connie Ross or Dottie Acton about your mini-group display or challenge.

### Next Meeting:

The next meeting for the Quilt Show Committee is January 17, 2017 at 7:00PM at the office of Connie Ross. If the weather is bad, we will hold the meeting as a conference call.



## Bloomin' Challenge X – Continuing the Tradition

Karen Moss

The Bloomin' Challenge started with FSQ's 2005 Quilt Show. It was the brainchild of Coralyn Colladay and Karen Walker, members of FSQ. Through the generosity of Karen's business, *Quilter's Confectionery*, she donated the fabric for this challenge. The fabric always had a floral aspect in the design, hence the name, **Bloomin' Challenge**. Karen donated the fabric for the annual show challenges through the 2012 quilt show after which, she retired. For the next two quilt shows, 2013 and 2015, Juanita Canfield, an FSQ member and owner of *Juanita Canfield Enterprises*, sponsored the challenge with donations of fabric from her stash.

The last challenge, "**Bloomin Challenge IX – the Finale**" was called so because there were no new sponsors available to continue into the next quilt show. Hating to see the end of this guild challenge, Karen Moss, an FSQ member, has volunteered to chair and donate the necessary fabric from her stash to continue the challenge tradition. So, for the 2017 show we will have the "**Bloomin' Challenge X – Continuing the Tradition – Spinning Flowers.**"

Karen will have fabric packs available beginning with the November 1, 2016 guild meeting. Please see her if you would like to participate in the 2017 challenge.



## Moon Glow Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Karen Moss

**Thanks** to all the members who contributed to making the 2016 Raffle Quilt Moon Glow, we have another award winning quilt to raffle in April 2017. The raffle drawing will take place at the 2017 Quilt Show, "Sunshine and Moon Glow" on Sunday, April 30th. A portion of the proceeds will go to the *Fisher House Foundation at Walter Reed NMMC* and *A Wider Circle*. The remainder goes to the general treasury where it is used to support guild activities throughout the year.

**We NEED your HELP.** The money raised is a **major** source of funding for the Guild and we **really need and appreciate your support!** As in the past, guild members are asked to help sell or buy tickets. The prices haven't changed: 6 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$1. We are providing you with 30 tickets. If you are buying all 30, your cost is \$25.

Please make checks out to FSQ (Friendship Star Quilters).

And remember, the top three guild members selling the most tickets will receive a prize as well as the member whose name is on the back of the winning ticket!

Our guild members have always supported us by selling/buying tickets for the annual raffle quilt and we count on your continued support.

Thanks, Karen Moss



## 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.



## Pineapple Fabric Giveaway

Suma Glassman

The Pineapple Company fabric giveaway went off as planned at the November meeting. There were members who were not able to attend the meeting so they didn't get a chance to receive a bag of goodies. Therefore, Holly and I will be back at the January meeting to be available for anyone who was not able to get a package. After that, we will divide up anything left over between Raffle Baskets and Service Projects.





## 2016/2017 Programs

JoAnne DuChez

I'm sitting here watching the rain as I'm writing the Programs' update for this month. I know that we need the rain, and I'm very thankful that it is not snow. Speaking of being thankful, I hope you all had a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day.

December is the Holiday Party, so we won't be having a speaker or Guild dinner this month. Of course, we'll have

a short business meeting, show and tell, and drawings, followed by comradery and delicious treats. Come and enjoy friends and food.

Below is a list of programs scheduled for the upcoming meetings in the 2016-17 year.



## USAF Thanks

Karen Slayton & MSgt Joseph W Slayton, USAF Res.

This coming Monday at our guild meeting not only will we be having our holiday party, but members of the USAF 459th Aeromed Staging Squadron (my son included) will be awarding Certificates of Appreciation from the United States Air Force for those guild and non guild members who participated in the making of the Quilts of Honor for my son and his unit who served in Afghanistan. This is quite an honor not only for those who participated but also for our guild. Please try to come on Monday to share in this grand occasion.

### Programs scheduled for the remainder of the 2016-2017 year.

2017	
Jan. 2, 2017	<b>Mini Group Presentations</b> , organized by Nicki Lynch
Feb. 6, 2017	<b>Andrea Schnur</b> , Lecture: Trunk Show. <a href="http://quiltworx.com">quiltworx.com</a>
Mar. 6, 2017	<b>Melinda Lowy</b> , Lecture: Spice Up Your Quilts with Unusual Fabrics
April 3, 2017	<b>Phyllis Twigg Hatcher</b> , Lecture, Ultimate Applique: Fabrics and Design in the San Blas Islands
May 1, 2017	<b>Donna Radner</b> , Lecture: Trunk Show & Lecture
June 5, 2017	Election; 4th Annual Yard Sale

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.



## Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

Thanks to Jennifer Rossmere the FSQ Library was in beautiful condition when Liz Lawrence and I took over its care last month. The books are of good quality, organized logically, and easy to locate by category. We have received a number of donations recently which are now available for loan. Please drop by the table at the next Guild meeting and browse.

Also we welcome ideas for new books. Let us know if there is a title that you would like to see as part of our library or a particular topic that is not covered in our current collection. My email is [jahrah@verizon.net](mailto:jahrah@verizon.net).

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence



## Membership

Barbara Skelly

The current FSQ Membership Directory should be out shortly.

Remember to sign in each meeting.



## Birthdays

Deborah	Chubb	December	5
Nicki	Lynch	December	9
Barbara	Morten	December	18
Gail	Ullrich	December	15
Judy	Walsh	December	23





Elected Officers		
President	<b>Nicki Lynch</b>	<a href="mailto:prez@friendshipstar.org">prez@friendshipstar.org</a>
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Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	<b>Jennifer Rossmere</b>	<a href="mailto:Treas@friendshipstar.org">Treas@friendshipstar.org</a>
Secretary	<b>Gayle Sunde</b>	<a href="mailto:Secy@friendshipstar.org">Secy@friendshipstar.org</a>

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Ducheze
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2017	Connie Ross and Dottie Acton
Pins	Susan Spencer	Retreats	Judy Walsh and Joy Dorman
Hospitality	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Rosie Hormuth	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	Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson