

## Friendship Star Quilters February, 2016

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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](http://www.artbma.org). free. To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Baltimore Museum of Art, the show includes many wall art quilts from the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, “and that break the rules of a process that go back to the days of the Pharaohs”

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### February Fabric of the Month

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(4 strips equal one entry in the raffle).

#### Meetings

Next Meeting is February 1st.  
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

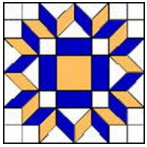
Service Projects are usually held at:  
Fairhaven United Methodist Church  
12801 Darnestown Rd.  
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects workshops:  
Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting to be scheduled February 9th. 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

As I am writing this, the temperature is 19 degrees outside, with a forecast of a very snowy weekend. Let's hope the predictions are wrong. Just to be safe, I went shopping today, to stock up on necessities like batting, fabric, patterns, and thread. I'm not a big fan of snow, to say the least, but I'm ready for this one. I have four quilts to pin as well as lots of sewing to do, so I can keep busy for a while even if the power goes out.

I hope you are all finding time to work on your Quilt of Honor for Karen Slayton's son's unit. I'm planning to sandwich one this weekend and maybe even start the quilting too. It would be wonderful to meet, or even exceed, our target of 20 quilts.

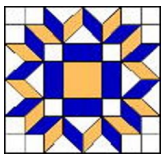
Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier will be taking our raffle quilt to Hampton for the Mancuso Show at the end of February, and they will need some help selling tickets and white gloving. I made my reservations last week, and hope to see a lot of you there.

The next Executive Board Meeting is Tuesday, Feb 9, at my house. As usual, the board meetings are open to all members. I'll send a reminder a few days before the meeting.

Even though it's still winter, June and our yard sale will be here before you know it. This is a good time to go through your stash of fabric, books, patterns, thread, and select items to donate. We will start collecting donations at the February meeting.

I hope to see all of you at our February meeting. Until then, think spring and keep on quilting.

Dottie



## January 2016 Retreat at Bon Secours

Judy Walsh

34 women, loaded with lots of sewing & quilting projects, arrived at the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup> ready to have fun and sew up a storm!

It was inspiring to see the wonderful quilts being made:

Several ladies were answering Karen Slayton's challenge to make quilts for Air Force Medical Reserve Unit 459.

Four quilt tops were made for Service Projects from some cut-up panels of adorable animals that had been donated by our late friend Juanita Canfield; and at least 2 or 3 other quilt tops were being finished from materials also donated by Juanita.

Beautiful applique projects, foundation piecing projects, and block swaps were also in progress.

Despite working hard on their many projects, these ladies knew how to have fun and how to shop! We were lucky enough to receive a 25% discount from the Sew-Vac in Ellicott City during our retreat and many of us took advantage of that.

One of the nicest parts of the weekend, in my view, was the fact that there was so much sharing, laughter and general good cheer throughout the weekend. I think it's fair to say "A fun time was had by all!"

Look for pictures from our weekend on the FSQ web site later this month.



## Guild Minutes: January FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

The meeting was called to order and guests were welcomed by President Dottie Acton at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: One correction was noted – the month should be December.

New business: Next year's raffle quilt is being considered and worked on; there should be kits available to Guild members in March. The design is "Thinking Outside the Block" by Toad You Sew Creations. This is being organized by Judy Walsh.

Quilt Marketing: The current raffle quilt needs to be taken around so more tickets can be sold; please coordinate with Kathy Brown. Members should also bring back sold tickets as soon as possible.

Service Projects: The next work meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Slayton: Karen's son is serving at Baghrum AFB in Afghanistan. Many of his comrades saw the quilts Karen made for him and would like one. There is a need for about 20 quilts. Quilts should be at least twin size, red/white/blue, and should have a sleeve. Quilts should be done by May 1, and we'd like to have a show-and-tell in April prior to sending them off.

Karen Moss: Ultimate Guild Challenge Quilts! Anybody creating a quilt for the Ultimate Guild Challenge should turn in registrations at the February Guild meeting. More packages with paint chips are available. The turn-in date is at the March guild meeting. Zip-lock bags will be provided for purchase. Registration forms are online; either electronic or paper forms are accepted.

Suma Glassman: Suma has now taken over administrator authority for the FSQ Facebook page; Ellen Robinson is the co-administrator. If you are not on Facebook, it is a public page and can be accessed even without joining.

Robin Rothstein: Robin is selling a Bernina 1090, with all accessories. If interested, please contact Robin (contact info is in the FSQ directory).

Connie Ross: Pam Compton had a seizure New Year's Eve which turned out to be metastatic lung cancer. Connie is asking for help finishing Pam's projects at quilt camp. Any prayers and positive thoughts for Pam during her recover will be appreciated.

JoAnne Duchez: Programs: Andrea Schnur is now unable to attend in February so her presentation is now pushed back to February 2017. Next month, Gyleen Fitzgerald will give a talk on "The Art of Color Blending."

No workshops are planned for the near future. Attendance has been very low, and costs are going up for workshops as well.

The third annual FSQ yard sale will be in June. This year, we will hold the quilt raffle on that night as well. We will open the yard sale to other guilds, and will have an abbreviated business meeting. Donations will be accepted beginning in February. Contact JoAnne if you have large donations so you can deliver directly to her house if you like.

Our speaker tonight was our own Linda August, who presented a great trunk show.

Many lovely quilts were seen at show-and-tell.

Drawing for ticket sales: Barbara Kilby, who disqualified herself, then Holly Trotter.

Fabric drawing: Winners of the fabric drawing were Cathy Berman and Judy Walsh.

Door Prizes: Extras were donated by Ellen Robinson. Prizes were won by Nancy Zachik, Sherry Joyce King, Rosie Kormuth, and Cathy Callum.



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

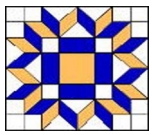
During the recent FSQ Annual Retreat at Bon Secours, 25 premie quilts were donated. Two pillowcases and a children's top were completed at the retreat as well. All of these projects were done with donated fabric! Thanks to everyone who helped with these service projects. We could not do all that we do without your generosity and support.

For more information, please contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.

The **February Service Projects Workshops** will be held at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, from 9:30 a.m. until noon:

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>



## 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.

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

Well, is it finally cold enough for you winter lovers out there? I, for one, am not enamored by the cold, but it is almost February and we really shouldn't complain too much about the cold this year. After all, it was the warmest December on record! Now, we just have to pay the price. I just hope it doesn't snow for the February meeting.

Our speaker on Feb. 1 will be Gyleen Fitzgerald. Based on the very positive feedback I've receive from many members, Gyleen is well known to many of you. Many have taken her workshops and attended lectures previously. Check out Gyleen's work on her website, [www.colourfulstitches.com](http://www.colourfulstitches.com).

Gyleen makes quilts that blend color, pattern, and texture to provide a contemporary essence in traditional quilting. The lecture topic will be ***The Art of Color Blending: Explore what the mind sees but the eyes cannot.*** Gyleen will provide insight on how to read each fabric's color to successfully use 50 plus fabrics within one quilt.

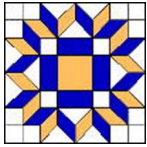
The Guild will host a dinner for the lecturer on Monday evening at 5:30 before the meeting. The Guild dinners are held at DogFish Head Alehouse, 800 West Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, 20878, phone: 301-963-4847.

### Yard Sale Donations.

Drop off your yard sale donations at the meetings beginning in February. Please donate quilt quality fabric. Experience shows that the non-cottons do not sell well. Also donate books (no magazines), notions, rulers, patterns, UFOs, panels, and other quilting related items.

Below is a list of programs scheduled for the rest of the months for our 2015-16 year.

Mar 7, 2016	<b>Kathy Lincoln. Lecture:</b> Design Your Own: Pieced Blocks. <i>kathylincoln.com</i>
Apr 4, 2016	<b>Barbara Dann. Lecture:</b> "Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently?"
May 2	<b>Karen Lee Carter, Original Art Quilts,</b> <i>karenleecarter.com</i>
June 6	Election of Officers for 2016-17; 3rd Annual Yard Sale; Opportunity Quilt drawing.



## Fabric Drawings

By Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

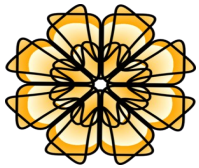
**February** – Pre-cut Batik strips 2 ½ inches by width of fabric (4 strips equal one entry in the raffle).

**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

If you are participating in the FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge your FSQ registration form is due to Karen or Nancy by **February 1**. The form is available on the FSQ website <http://friendshipstar.org/2016-guild-challenge/> and you may send it electronically or hand in a hard copy at the February guild meeting.

**March 7** is the next deadline. That is when your completed quilt is due along with a completed AQS Registration form. A link to the AQS entry form can be found on the FSQ website <http://friendshipstar.org/2016-guild-challenge/>.

Remember, your quilt must have a hanging sleeve that meets the AQS requirements.

We'd like to receive your quilt in a Ziploc bag and to facilitate that we will have bags available for sale at the February guild meeting.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact either of us, our contact information can be found in the directory. - 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.



## FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

At the last meeting, a book was returned and the person who had checked it out said she would recommend it. The book is called “Cut the Scraps: 7 Steps to Quilting Your Way Through Your Stash”. If anyone is looking for new ideas for using their scraps, you might want to check out this book.

In the coming months, I am going to display a few books that no one has, as yet, checked out. Something may pique your interest so 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](mailto: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

### February Birthdays

Dorothy	Craig	Feb	6	Ginger	Peebles	Feb	10
Brenda	Finch	Feb	15	Brenda	Peters	Feb	2
Noreen	Kilby	Feb	17	Barbara	Skelly	Feb	8
Jo Anna	Kruse	Feb	8	Susan	Sandler	Feb	19
Margaret	Natof	Feb	27				
Mary	Payne	Feb	24				
Moore							



<b>Elected Officers</b>		
President	<b>Dottie Acton</b>	<a href="mailto:prez@friendshipstar.org">prez@friendshipstar.org</a>
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Secretary	<b>Michele Barnard</b>	<a href="mailto:Secy@friendshipstar.org">Secy@friendshipstar.org</a>

<b>Committee Chairs</b>			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2016	TBD
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
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Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters		