

Friendship Star Quilters March, 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. Universalist Unitarian Congregation of Frederick, 4880 Elmer Derr Road, Frederick, Maryland, *Take the Mt Zion Rd Exit*

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"

Mar. 16 – 19, 2016 AQS Show in Lancaster PA. <https://shop.americanquilter.com/lancaster-quiltweekr-2016-ticket.html>

MAQ 2016 will be held July 15-17, 2016

Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD, Class schedule is available online: <http://www.maqonline.org/>, Registration Begins March 2016

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March Fabric of the Month

Fat quarters of Green and/or Yellow

Meetings

Next Meeting is March 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

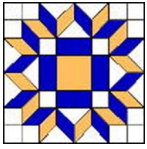
Service Projects are usually held at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects workshops:
Tuesday, March 15
Thursday, March 31

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for April. 12th . 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 just got home from a wonderful four days at the Hampton Quilt Show. My feet hurt, my wallet is empty and my head is full of new and exciting ideas. I can hardly wait to start sewing later tonight.

I don't have the final figures on how many tickets were sold yet, but I'll share that number with you at the next guild meeting. Sales were very brisk, and I know we did at least a little better than we did at the Oaks show. A big thank you goes out to Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier who took the quilt to Hampton and spent many hours selling tickets and white gloving. Thanks too to all the rest of you who helped out with ticket sales and white glove support. I hope you all enjoyed the show as much as I did.

Now that Hampton is over, we need to focus on other ways to boost ticket sales. We are still well over \$1000 short of our goal for raffle quilt fund raising. I'd like to encourage all of you to try to sell a few more tickets, and to turn in those tickets that you have already sold. If you would like to take the quilt to another guild or to some other venue, please contact Kathy Brown.

March looks to be a busy month. Those of us who are doing Quilts of Honor for Karen Slaton's son's unit will need to finish them up for the special show and tell at the April meeting. Hopefully our small groups that withered under all of the snow will be able to resume their scheduled meetings. And of course,

many of us will make the trek to Lancaster PA for a day or two at the AQS quilt show on March 16-19.

Another March chore that we all need to tackle is getting ready for our June yard sale by cleaning out and donating some of our stash of fabric, books, threads, etc. It's a great way to make space for all those new goodies that will be tempting us at the many local quilt shows that are coming up in the next few months. Bring your donations to the guild meetings or contact Joanne DuChez to arrange pickup of large items.

We will be looking for volunteers for the nominating committee at the March meeting. The slate of officers for the new term needs to be presented in May for our election in June. Please consider volunteering to help us nominate our next quilt president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Keep on quilting.

Dottie



2017 Raffle Quilt

Judy Walsh

We will have kits available at the March meeting for those interested in making a block for the 2017 Raffle Quilt. The block is a quarter log cabin block and intermediate skills are needed to be successful. Although the sewing is simple straight seams, having an accurate seam allowance is very important!

We would really like to have the blocks returned at the April meeting, so if you'd like to be part of this quilt please plan to come to both the March & April guild meetings.

Thanks in advance for your help!



Guild Minutes: February FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

The meeting was called to order by President Dottie Acton at 7:32 and minutes were approved.

Quilts of Honor: Many members have quilts in progress.

Ultimate Guild Challenge : Quilt registrations forms are due tonight. The actual quilts are due at the March meeting.

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton, VA:

Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier have sold LOTS of tickets at Hampton in the past. Other volunteers to white-glove and sell tickets are welcome. Please sign up with which day you will be there, and contact information.

Service Projects: Next meetings are February 11th and 16th. Kits are available in the back.

Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting is February 9; members are always welcome. IF there are topics you would like to address, bring them up to Dottie or any other board member.

Quilt Trip: Are members interested in a bus trip to Oaks? The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza show in Oaks, PA (just outside of Philadelphia) is in mid-September. A volunteer to help coordinate a bus trip is needed.

Raffle Quilt 2017: Next year's raffle quilt: Kits will be ready next month.

2017 Retreat: Heads-up that dates have changed. It is now of January 20-23, just for 2017. Joy Dorman and

Judy Walsh will be coordinating the retreat.

Yard Sale: JoAnne Duchez, Starting this month, yard sale items will be collected at guild meetings. Fabric, notions, and books are accepted. Other craft items typically do not sell, so no magazines, no upholstery fabric, no yarn, etc. We will be inviting other guilds this year!

Our speaker tonight is Gyleen Fitzgerald. Gyleen will talk about colors tonight, and how to integrate many colors in one quilt.

Members shared many lovely quilts during show-and-tell.

The raffle ticket sales drawing was won by Connie Ross.

The batik strip drawing was won by Ihsia Hu, JoAnne Duchez, and Ellen Robinson.



February Board Meeting Highlights

Linda August/Dottie Acton

The major topic of discussion at the latest board meeting concerned the need to update the by-laws to reflect the evolved nature of our guild. One especially conspicuous area that needs to be updated concerns the committees and the composition of the executive board. Here's an extract from the current bylaws:

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and chairmen of standing Committees. There will be the following committees: Newsletter, Educational Program Council, Hospitality, Membership, Librarian, Quilt Show and Raffle Quilt.

If you check the list of committees at the end of the newsletter, you'll see that the by-laws don't match our current committees. In addition, the specified committees no longer match the reality of how our guild works.

Here's just one example. The by-laws state that the quilt show chair is a member of the board – which is good. However, since we no longer have annual quilt shows, who should attend on those years when there is no show? Should it be the previous quilt show chair, the yard sale chair, or just the person leading the raffle quilt effort on years when there is no show, or should we try to get the next quilt show chair in place a year in advance?

Here's another example. In addition to the newsletter, we now have a web page and Facebook page for communication. Do all of these people need to attend the board, or just the newsletter chair, or should we establish a Media committee to coordinate all three activities?

To help address these mismatches between the by-laws and how we are currently operating, Linda August volunteered to review the by-laws and present an updated version for review at the April 12 board meeting. If you have suggestions for changes, please contact Linda and/or come to the next board

meeting with your comments. The revisions agreed to at the April board meeting will be presented to the guild in May for approval/disapproval at the annual meeting in June.

Some other topics discussed at the executive board meeting included updates on programs (we're set through April of 2017), treasury status and concerns (we're in the black and we need to update our QuickBooks software once we get the new treasurer in place), and Facebook status (we now have 197 likes). We also discussed the need to update the Articles of Incorporation to update outdated legal contacts and addresses.

The board also had a lively discussion concerning last month's Question of the Month – should we take pictures during show and tell. The guild member's vote was evenly split between yes and no, and since a few members expressed concerns about privacy, we decided not to decide yet. This will be another topic for our April board meeting, so if you have suggestions or concerns, please let any officer know of your preferences. We'd like to have an easy way to get pictures for Facebook and our web picture gallery, but we don't want to impact show and tell and we definitely don't want to take any pictures that aren't wanted.

As you can see from this summary, some of our board meeting topics are pretty interesting, while others are fairly mundane. If you would like to be more involved, please come to the board meetings – either as a guest, a committee chair, or one of next year's officers!



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

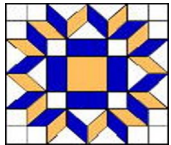
We often don't know the impact of our giving, but we recently received a touching thank you note from the Itmann Food Pantry in West Virginia to whom we had given twenty-four adult-looking pillowcases made by our wonderful FSQ members. Here's what it said:

Your package arrived, and once again, we are amazed at the beauty of your pillowcases! Thank you for thinking of us and our needy families. It is such a good feeling for us to be able to offer lovely things to our people. It is quite cold here, and we're waiting for snow, but our hearts are warmed by the kindness you have shown us! Thank you!

Please join us for our March Service Projects workshops on

Tuesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 31.

We meet from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard HS. Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan with questions.

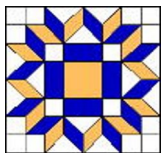


Keep current with Facebook!

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.



January 2017 Retreat at Bon Secours — Save the Date!

Judy Walsh

Our 19th annual retreat will be held **January 20-23, 2017** at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriottsville, MD. This is a departure from our usual time; next year we will convene the weekend **after** Martin Luther King's birthday.

More information should be available in mid-April.

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

JoAnne DuChez

Hi All,

Is the snow over for good? Do you think we are finally heading towards spring? Let's hope so. I've had enough of the cold and snow. We definitely don't want any snow problems to impact the March Guild meeting on March 7!

Kathy Lincoln will be joining us as lecturer. Kathy's passion is for simplifying techniques, reducing fabric waste and speeding up the process. Her lecture, **Design Your Own: Pieced Blocks**, focuses on how to use public domain blocks to make your own special quilt. With the resources available today (computer programs and reference books), there are endless choices in blocks. What do you choose? How do you execute the design? These are questions that will be answered by the end of Kathy's lecture. For a preview of Kathy's work, check out her website at <http://kathylincoln.com/>

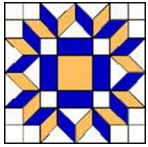
The Guild will host a dinner for the lecturer on Monday evening at 5:30 before the meeting. The Guild dinners are held at DogFish Head Alehouse, 800 West Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, 20878, phone: 301-963-4847.

Yard Sale Donations.

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. Drop off your yard sale donations at the meeting. If you would rather drop your items off at my house, just let me know and we can set a time. I'm home most of the time except when I'm doing taxi service for my grandkids.

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

Apr 4, 2016	Barbara Dann. Lecture: "Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently?"
May 2	Karen Lee Carter , Original Art Quilts, http://karenleecarter.com/KLC_Quilts/Home.html
June 6	Election of Officers for 2016-17; 3rd Annual Yard Sale; Opportunity Quilt drawing.



Fabric Drawings

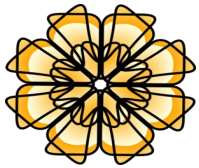
By Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

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/AQS 2016 Ultimate Guild Challenge – *What “Modern” Means to Me*, your completed **quilt** along with your completed **AQS Entry Form** are due to Karen or Nancy by **March 7**. The form is available on the FSQ website <http://friendshipstar.org/2016-guild-challenge/> and because it requires your signature we need a hard copy. Your quilt should be in a big zip-lock bag.

Also, if your FSQ registration form was not complete, especially if it did not include your description explaining how you interpreted Modern, then please also submit a completed FSQ Registration Form by March 7, either electronically or in hard copy.

Remember your quilt must have a sleeve as described in the AQS rules. It also must have a label on the back containing: Name of Quilt, FSQ 2016 Ultimate Guild Challenge, your name, address and phone number.

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

Spring is on its way. My daffodil leaves are already 6 inches high. If you want to bring spring a little faster, here are two books that will have you quilting flowers. The first is “Quilting the Garden” by Barb Adams, Alma Allen and Ricki Creamer. There are quilt patterns that reflect a seasonal container-garden theme with two versions of the quilts presented. It also contains hints on container gardening. For those working on mini-quilts, the second book is “Fabulous Flowers” by Sharon Baker and contains instructions for mini-quilts in dimensional applique. The techniques could certainly be used on larger quilts as well. Please come and check out these two books.

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.

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

March Birthdays

Linda	August	Mar	18
Barbara	Bregman	Mar	19
Carol	Carrier	Mar	12
Kate	Foley	Mar	10
Diane	Heller	Mar	15
Annie	Jeffrey	Mar	25
Laura	Markus	Mar	3
Carol	Millman	Mar	21
Evie	Naranjo	Mar	9
Cathie	Shelton	Mar	3
Susan	Spencer	Mar	1
Pat	Vasaio	Mar	29



Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Secretary	Michele Barnard	Secy@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs

Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2017	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
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters	Webmistress	Barbara Bean
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters		