

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

April 28-30: Friendship Star Guild Quilt Show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

June 2-4: Quilters Unlimited "Wing It" Quilt Show at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA

June 10 & 11: Annapolis Quilt Guild "Quilts by the Bay" Quilt Show in Annapolis

August 11-13: Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show at the Frederick County Fairgrounds

September 23 & 24: Friendship & Eternal Quilts Guilds Show in Linthicum Heights

October 6-8: Everybody's Quilt Guild Quilt Show in Westminster

November 9-18: Quilters' Quest Shop Hop

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March – Fat quarters of **Floral** Prints to Celebrate Spring

Meetings

Next Meeting is May 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

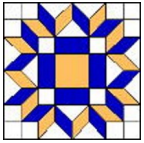
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, April 13
Tuesday, April 18

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, April! Well, it looks like the weather has finally decided. It's spring! And with the spring, ones thoughts turn to...home improvement.

The house needs all the things you neglected or couldn't do in the winter. It needs a power wash to get whatever that green stuff in on the north side. In fact almost every house in the neighborhood has the same green stuff on the same side of the house that yours does. So Power washing goes on the list.

Speaking of washing, that old washer and dryer are really not doing that good a job. They came with the house about twenty years ago and weren't exactly new then. The washer still works, but every now and then, there is water on the basement floor after a wash. And the dryer, well, the handle to the filter screen broke off and you have to pull the filter out with a twist tie on one end. The filter doesn't seem to gather as much lint as it used to and the lint outside the dryer is threatening to cover the dryer completely. The dryer also doesn't dry clothes in one cycle as it used to. It now takes at least two, even when the heavy stuff like jeans are removed for the second cycle through.

So, a new washer and dryer must be bought and installed. Thus begins the "waiting for the guy to install the stuff" time. With luck, it will be a day where you can be there all day and not have to skip something so the guy can sashay in at the last possible minute to do work that will take a few hours.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Recently, Wendy Bauman told us about a friend in Tennessee who works with adolescents at a psychiatric facility there. Wendy was going to visit her friend and, together, they were planning to make some quilts to give to the children there. We donated some of our large tops to her and here is the card we recently received. It's so heartwarming to know how much our guild's generosity is appreciated!

Thank you so much for your donation of the lovely quilt tops and backs for the children in our local psychiatric facility. These children often are admitted in the middle of the night with no more than a few

We'll skip the blinds for now, even though the cord is broken on several of them as well as some of the slats. We'll get blinds, but maybe later.

Now the faucets, they are a different matter. They either leak, which the cats really like (so much better to have running water), or they are just not working out as you thought they would. So new faucets must be bought, making sure they will fit the existing holes in the sinks, and a plumber must be called. And the "waiting for the guy to install the stuff" time clock starts again.

The third "waiting for the guy to install the stuff" time will start again when you get that new light fixture to replace the somewhat outdated chandelier. It works OK, but just not what you want. It must go in favor of something more efficient, so a new one is bought and an electrician is called.

After all this planning, you sit with a cup of tea and think how nice the weather is and how much you will get done.

Of course, all these distractions will happen after a more important event – the FSQ quilt show! Our show is at the end of the month with the quilts being collected the week before. So, forget about the spring cleaning and finish those quilts!

belongings in a trash bag. Many have NEVER had a quilt of their own. You made some kids very happy!! Thank you again!

Join us for the April Service Projects workshops, to be held on Thursday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 18. We meet from 9:30 until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801, Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver for more information.



Guild Minutes: March 2017 FSQ Meeting

Gayle Sunde

Not received in time for this publishing. Will add when received.



Quilt Show Update

Dottie Acton and Connie Ross

Quilt Turn-in: Turn in your quilts on Saturday, April 22, 2017 between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at

Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Park at the back of the lot and enter through the side door, in order to not disturb those using the church.

Please write your name on each **Ziploc Big Bag**, and fold your quilt so the label is visible from the front of the bag. If you have several miniature quilts you may put them in one bag, but please write the number of quilts on the front of the bag. Please do not mix “challenge” and “non-challenge” quilts in the same bag.

Target and Wal-Mart sell these bags if you still need them. They can also be ordered online and shipped to your local store for pick-up, with no charge for shipping. That way you won't make the trip only to find out they don't have the size you need.

Demonstrations: We need **you** to share your talents at the April quilt show. Each demo should be about 20 minutes with a few extra minutes for questions. We are going to be having demonstrations hopefully from 11-2 each day of the show, so 2 demos an hour for 9 hours mean that we need 18 demos or someone to do the same demo on multiple days.

Here are the topics that we should think about demoing. Please feel free to suggest something else as an alternative. Please contact Liz Brodsky with the topic and times that you would like to demo.

Applique: Hand Applique, Machine Applique, Wool Applique

Piecing: Hand Piecing, Machine Piecing

Quilting: Hand Quilting, Free Motion Quilting, Embroidery Quilting, Ruler Foot Quilting

Miscellaneous: Needle Punch, Embellishing Techniques, Challenging Quilt Blocks

Tools: Rotary Cutter, Accuquilt Cutter

Quilt Design: Color and Fabric Choices, Improv Quilting

Hospitality: Please sign up to bring goodies for Hospitality at the Quilt show. Carol and Barb will have the sign up at the next guild meeting.

Volunteers: If you haven't already signed up to work a couple of shifts as a volunteer, please do so now. Volunteers who work at least 4 hours get into the show free. If you are new to the guild, please volunteer so we can get to know each other better.

Publicity: Our new guild publicity chair, Laurie Coston, is helping us with publicity for the quilt show. Please support our publicity efforts by sharing news of the show with your friends.

Finishing Touches: Some last minute reminders for your quilts. Please make sure that each quilt has a label with at least the quilt name and your name. It's a little more complicated for sleeves.

If your quilt is for the **Service Project Challenge** you do NOT need a sleeve, regardless of size of quilt.

If your quilt is a **Miniature**, you do NOT need a sleeve.

If your quilt falls into the size category of **Small** you do NOT need a sleeve **UNLESS** it is a Guild Challenge (2016 and 2017), Bloomin' Challenge or Mini-Group Challenge. These three challenges DO need a sleeve which assists with pinning and protects the quilt.

Of course, if you want to put a sleeve on your quilt, that's OK for any quilt, but the sleeves will be removed from the Service Project Challenge quilts before those quilts are distributed. If you have questions, please contact Connie Ross.

Relax and Enjoy: Once the show is over you won't have any excuse for avoiding house work, yard work or cooking, so enjoy these last few weeks when you can still say “I'll do that after the show. Right now I have to work on my quilts.”



2016/2017 Programs

JoAnne DuChes

Phyllis Twigg Hatcher will be our speaker for April. She was trained and tested as a certified appraiser by the American Quilter's Society Appraiser Certification Program in Paducah, KY and is a member of the Professional Association of Appraisers - Quilted Textiles. She is past president of both the Annapolis Quilt Guild and Baltimore Appliqué Society and is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Quilters' Hall of Fame in Marion, Indiana. Phyllis has published books and magazine articles. Phyllis currently appraises at large and small quilt show venues and lectures on quilt history and teaches quilting classes and workshops.

Phyllis's lecture will be about Pictorial fabric art of the San Blas Islands. *Molas* - are vibrant, colorful, creatively cut and stitched layers of cloth. See how these designs reflect the lives of today's small island women who daily create and wear them. Perhaps Include molas in your own quilt making! The lecture will include a PowerPoint presentation with a trunk show.

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.

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

2017	
May 1, 2017	Donna Radner , Lecture: Trunk Show & Lecture
June 5, 2017	Election; 4th Annual Yard Sale



2017 Guild Yard Sale

JoAnne DuChes

It's time to start cleaning out your sewing rooms, fabric, notions and books for the annual yard sale. It is only 2 months away and I'm getting very nervous. My sorting room is almost empty. I know you have been cleaning out to donate to the raffle baskets, but now it's time to help fill the larder for the yard sale. There will be a bin at the April meeting designated for yard sale contributions. Please no magazines.

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.



January 2018 Retreat returns to Marin Luther King Weekend – January 12-15, 2018.

Joy Dorman and Pat Vasaio

The 20th annual FSQ retreat will be held Jan 12-15th, 2018, with the option to spend an extra day (Jan 12-16th, 2018) at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriotsville, MD. Co-chairs for the 2018 retreat are Joy Dorman and Pat Vasaio. Additional information and registration forms will be available on-line in mid-April. Watch for the blast email announcing the start of registration. Only 34 spaces are available, and you won't want to miss it.



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.



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

Don't forget to drop by the Library table on your way into the Guild meeting. Our books are in good condition, organized logically, and easy to locate by category. Lots of inspiration between the covers. 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 adequately in our current collection. My email is jahrah@verizon.net.



Membership Renewals for 2017-2018

Barbara Skelly

FSQ membership is from June 1 to May 31 each year. Traditionally, we have started collecting membership dues for the following year at the May guild meeting. Payment must be by check (preferably) or cash. We cannot accept credit cards.

Dues remain the same for next year: \$35.00 for full year membership, \$20.00 for partial year membership (after January 1) and for out-of-state memberships.

Please bring your checkbooks/cash to the May meeting!



Birthdays

Kay	Anderson	April	4
Gerda	Sherwood	April	9
Joy	Dorman	April	19
Kim	Jalette	April	22
Sher-riJoyce	King	April	22
Suma	Glassman	April	25
Anne	Flaggs	April	28
Gayle	Sunde	April	28



Elected Officers		
President	Nicki Lynch	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Jennifer Rossmere	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Gayle Sunde	Secy@friendshipstar.org

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	Pat Vasaio and Joy Dorman
Hospitality	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Rosie Hormuth	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Membership	Barbara Skelly	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Webmistress	Barbara Bean
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Barbara Kilby	Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Karen Moss		
Guild Publicity	Lorie Coston		