

## Friendship Star Quilters August 2017

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### **Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events**

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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### August – No Drawing

#### Meetings

Next Meeting is August 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 September is the exception since the 1st Monday is Labor Day

**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

#### **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, August 10 Tuesday, August 22

### **Executive Board Meeting**

The next Executive Board Meeting will be August 8th. 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

Well, so to speak. All the officers up for reelection were elected, so no change there. No, the change will be in our website. After years of service, our Webmistress, Barbara Bean, is stepping down. Lorie Coston will be our new Webmistress.

It was decided at the last Board meeting that our website needed an update due to problems with someone using it as their comment board. Since the intruder used the Members Only section, which is supposed to be password protected, we took a hard look at the content of that section. The decision at the time was that only the membership list needed protection there. So a new strategy will be needed for getting a membership list out to members. In looking at the website, it was further decided to do a total update of the site, rather than just patches here and there. There will be more discussion on this at the next Board meeting on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Since this is August, that means the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is happening. The Fair runs from Aug. 11th to Aug. 19th and our 2018 raffle quilt will be entered. I hope many of you will also enter quilts/crafts or produce and join in the fun of the Fair. If you need some information or encouragement to enter, I wrote two essays in 2014 on that very subject. To find them, go to the FSQ website and look for the June 2014 and March 2014 *Quiltline*. If you have more questions, the August meeting, on the 7th, is the perfect place to ask.

To continue with a topic from June – how to help out at the Guild. I received a number of suggestions from the June essay and here are some of the ideas:

- (a) When the speaker needs someone to show quilts, hop up and help out. It's a great way to see the quilts up close.
- (b) Organize a sit and sew, which hasn't happened in a while. Pat Vasaio was the last chair of committee and can help you get organized. You can even become the Chair.
- (c) Organize a Guild field trip via car caravan to quilt shops in PA or VA. Organize a field trip to a museum in D.C. or Baltimore.
- (d) Help out during the June Yard sale by being a cashier or bagger.
- (e) Come to the dinner when there is a guest speaker. Info will be in the newsletter.
- (f) Organize the field trip/car pool to the upcoming Mancuso quilt show. We need to have volunteers for that show to White Glove so we can display our quilt and sell tickets.
- (g) Volunteer to take our raffle quilt to another Guild. Find a friend to go with you and enjoy another Guild's meeting.
- (h) Take your raffle tickets and sell them at your activities. If you know of a venue we've overlooked, let the Quilt Marketer know.
- (i) Attend a Board meeting; the next one is the day after the Guild meeting Aug. 8th.
- (j) Become a Committee Chair. Currently the Field Trips Committee and Raffle Quilt Marketer chairs are empty. We have people who have done the job in the past and can advise you on what to do.
- (k) Start a small quilt group.

This month's program is Quilto! Bring those fat quarters!



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Ah...the long, lazy days of summer! A perfect time to catch up on some quilting, page through quilt magazines, and, of course, see friends again as we start up a new year of guild meetings. We will be at the meetings with kits to make preemie quilts, quilt tops, and pillowcases. Stop by and say hi and pick up a kit or two to take home with you. If you're free during the day, please join us at our twice-

monthly service projects workshops, held from 9:30 am until around noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church,

12801 Darnestown Road, about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. The August workshops will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.



## **Guild Minutes: June FSQ Meeting**Gayle Sunde

#### Call to Order

At 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Connie Ross.

Newsletter minutes of the previous meeting Minutes were accepted as published.

#### Call for visitors and new members

There were several guests to welcome. Sarah (last name?), Rachel (last name?), Diana O'Dovovan, LuAnn Lindeman and Patti Etsy were welcomed as guests. Connie Ross asked current members sitting next to a guest to turn and introduce themselves.

#### Election

Slate stands with current officers.

#### **Announcements**

#### Audit

Jennifer Rossmere is requesting two volunteers to audit the guild.

#### Update to 2017 Quilt Show

Karen Moss announced corrections to Viewers Choice winners. Also updated the raffle ticket mega-sellers as #1 Gerda Sherwood, #2 Suma Glassman, and #3 as Coralyn Colladay.

#### 2018 Raffle Quilt

The next raffle quilt needs a marketer to schedule showings. The new marketer can work with Barbara Kilby.

#### Thank You to board members

Connie handed out thank you notes from President Nicki Lynch. The extensive list included guild officers, many volunteers and quilt show workers. Remember no July 2017 meeting

#### Mancuso show mid-September:

Volunteers are needed for white gloving and raffle ticket sales.

#### **Quilt Show**

The guild has contracted for the Montgomery County fairgrounds for April 26, 27, and 28, for the 2019 show, Need volunteers for the ad hoc exploratory committee about the potential blending of shows with Nimble Fingers after 2019

#### Winter Retreat

January retreat is full. If you wish to be placed on the waiting list email Joy Dorman.

#### Service Projects

A service project gathering will be held June 27th.

Nancy Brennan announced the numbers of service project items to date. 221 quilts, 396 preemie quilts and 93 preemie hats.

#### **Summer Service Challenge**

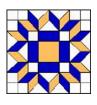
Summer Service Challenge was announced by Meg Tyson. Quilts will be due at the October 2017 meeting, it must be at least 36 inches square up to twin size, must be bound and quilted.

#### **Small Quilt**

Is there interest for a new members small group? See Brenda Moss.

#### Show and Tell

Suma Glassman, Maria Rogers, Judy Walsh, Carol Carrier, Sue Thornton, Ginger Peebles, Liz Plantz, Alice Washburn, Karen Moss and Gerda Sherwood all showed



## **Programs**JoAnne DuChez

Can you believe it is almost August already? The time just goes by too fast. Hopefully, everyone has had a great summer full of family, friends and quilting. I've had a very busy summer with family and travel -and the beach is yet to come.

On August 7, we'll start the year with QUILTO! This is a great way to ease back into our monthly meetings and to socialize with friends we haven't see in a while. QUILTO is like BINGO with fabric prizes. Everyone starts with 2 Quilto cards (at a cost of 2 fat quarters and \$2); additional cards may be had for 1FQ and \$1. The fabric everyone brings becomes the prizes; the \$ go towards the yummy markers used for marking the Quilto cards and the Church setup. Lots of chances to win!

A special thanks to Barb Morten who organized the Quilto event.

Below is a list of the FSQ 2017-18 Programs and Events

August 7, 2017	Quilto
Sept 11, 2017	Judy Gula
Oct 2, 2017	Diane Doran
Nov 6, 2017	Lauren Kingland
Dec 4, 2017	Holiday Party
Jan 8, 2018	Ricki Selva
Feb 5, 2018	Kimberly Einmo
Mar 5, 2018	Lesley Riley
Apr 2, 2018	Jean Ann Wright
May 7, 2018	Cheryl Lynch
June 4, 2018	Election; 5th Annual Yard Sale



### **New FSQ Web Master**

#### Lorie Coston

Friendship Star has a new web master. Lorie Coston has volunteered to take over the job from the capable hands of Barbara Bean. Barbara has been administering the site for two and a half years and has provided FSQ with a strong web presence. We would like to thank Barbara for the many hours that she has given to the guild in maintaining our web site. Barbara's work included learning a computer language which is not easy! The site is a fairly complex mix of screen types and not necessarily easy to change or create as she has made it seem. Barbara also worked with the many content contributors to present their information on the site. We thank Barbara for her contributions on our behalf.

FSQ would also like to thank Diane Heller and HIS Information Services for hosting our site at no charge. This is a huge benefit to our guild.

The website was passed to Lorie at the end of July. She will need some time to come up to speed but has plans to expand the site and use it to reach more quilters to grow our membership base. Lorie will be asking members to participate in the new FSQ Blog feature. The site is located at <a href="https://www.friendshipstar.org">www.friendshipstar.org</a>. The site was "built" in 2013 by Holly Knott, a designer and quilter living in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts.



## FSQ 2018 Retreat Pat Vasaio and Joy

The 2018 FSQ retreat at the Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriotsville, MD is full. Thank you all for your support.

Anyone wishing to be put on the waiting list can email Joy and Pat using the retreat email address.

Payment of the balance is due by the October Guild meeting. Balance for the three-day option is \$250; the four-day option balance is \$400. Checks are to be made payable to "FSQ" and can be mailed to Joy Dorman at 5342 - 32nd St NW, Washington, DC 20015.



## FSQ Summer Service Project Panel Challenge JoAnne DuChez

There is still plenty of time to participate in the Panel Challenge. Completed quilts are due at the October 2017 Guild meeting. An assortment of panels will be displayed at the August meeting for your selection. Or you may use a panel from your stash.

Object: create a one of a kind panel quilt

Size: 36" square – twin size

Quilts must be sandwiched, quilted and bound.

Quilt will be donated to FSQ Service Projects for distribution.

(i) Instagram

### FSQ on Instagram Karen Kehl

#### Friendship Star Quilters are on Instagram are known as friendship\_star\_quilters

Instagram is a social media platform based on photos. Many people use it as their primary social media site because there are always great pictures (and lots of ideas for quilters). FSQ currently has 42 followers and we would love to reach out to more quilters.

There are two ways you can help:

- 1. Add friendship\_star\_quilters to your following list, if you are on Instagram, or join and add us and
- 2. Provide pictures for our account. We would love to have new pictures posted at least every week. We have a separate e-mail account for the Instagram: <a href="mailto:fsquilters@gmail.com">fsquilters@gmail.com</a>.

Please send your pictures via e-mail attachment along with your name, a couple of sentences about the quilt that we can post. Please tell us in the e-mail if you want your name posted and if so, how you would like to see it (your full name, first name and last initial only, etc.) We will only post pictures that we receive through the e-mail to assure that a picture of one of your quilts is not posted without your permission.

If you want to start an Instagram account, you can use your smartphone or computer. Here are some instructions on getting started.

To create an Instagram account from a smartphone:

Download the Instagram app for iOS from the App Store, Android from Google Play Store or Windows Phone from the Windows Phone Store.

Once the app is installed, tap



to open it.

Tap **Sign Up**, then enter your email address and tap **Next**. You can also tap **Log in with Facebook** to sign up with your Facebook account.

If you register with email, create a username and password, fill out your profile info and then tap **Done**. If you register with Facebook, you'll be prompted to log into your Facebook account if you're currently logged out.

To create an Instagram account from a computer:

Go to instagram.com.

Enter your email address, create a username and password or click **Log in with Facebook** to sign up with your Facebook account.

If you register with an email, click **Sign up**. If you register with Facebook, you'll be prompted to log into your Facebook account if you're currently logged out.

If you sign up with email, make sure you enter your email address correctly and choose an email address that only you can access. If you log out and forget your password, you'll need to be able to access your email to get back into your Instagram account.

If you have any questions about the Instagram account, you can e-mail fsquilters@gmail.com or contact Karen Kehl.



## Lancaster PA Shopping Trip - sponsored by a co-op of local Quilt Guilds:

#### Friday, October 20, 2017

Departure: 7:30 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately

\$60 - Includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch

Stops: Burkholder's Fabric Shop, Shady Maple lunch, Kitchen Kettle Village (Old Country Store, Zook's)

Need payment by September 18th for 30 people to guarantee it's a go.

Checks made payable to: Village Quilters

Send to Sheri Thompson, her address is in the FSQ Directory.



### **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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipStarQuilters/">https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipStarQuilters/</a> 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 <a href="mailto:jahrah@verizon.net">jahrah@verizon.net</a>.



## **Membership Renewals for 2017-2018**

Barbara Skelly

The FSQ membership year is from June 1 to May 31. Annual dues are \$35.00, payable by check or cash, preferably check.

Please don't let me forget to give you your FSQ membership card. Some quilt shops give you a discount if you are a guild member!



## **August Birthdays**

Jane	Campos	Aug	8
Linda	Duzick	Aug	14
Anne	Weaver	Aug	21
Cathy	Cottom	Aug	23
Lizabeth	Lawrence	Aug	24
Sheri	Thompson	Aug	25
Carol	Unger	Aug	29



Elected Officers					
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Committee Chairs						
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez			
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	Web Master	Lorie Coston			
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Barbara Kilby	Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson			
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Karen Moss					
Guild Publicity	Lorie Coston					