

Friendship Star Quilters February, 2017

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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 25-26, The Best Little Quilt Show in Maryland by the Southern Comforter Quilt Guild in Bowie, Dates: Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Sunday, 11am - 4pm, Location: Samuel Ogle Middle School, 4111 Chelmont Lane Bowie, MD 20715, Admission: \$10, \$1 off with canned good donation.

<http://www.southerncomforters.org/>

March 29-April 1, AQS Show in Lancaster http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/upcoming.php

MAQ registration is coming up in March.

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February – Batik fat quarter **Note:** You may contribute as many blocks as you wish, but you can only win once per meeting.

Meetings

Next Meeting is January 9th
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

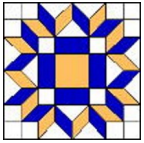
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Tuesday, February 7
Tuesday, February 14

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

When I went to Jo-Ann's today, I saw geese splashing around in the pond below the parking lot. Yesterday, it was almost warm enough to go in short sleeves. It's hard to believe this is January, almost February. It should be cold. There should be snow on the ground. We should be snug in our quilting rooms, working away at quilts for our quilt show or for family and friends. But it's warm and we're lured outside.

Growing up in Northern New York, always had a cold and bitter winter. It lasted from Thanksgiving to Easter, with occasional breaks, but nothing like this. While I don't mind not shoveling snow, I miss the chilly weather that encourages the drinking of hot chocolate and snug nights with family.

During these "cold weather" months, I hope everyone is getting their quilts finished for our upcoming show. I'm looking forward to it and all the people to come to see the quilts. One thing I'd like the Guild to do is more outreach for the Guild during the show. We need to let people know we're open to new members of all skill levels, from beginners to professionals. We need to let people know when we meet. We need to let people know we have service projects that are open to anyone, not just Guild members. We need to reach all age groups. Our Guild needs to grow if we are to continue to be a viable group.

One idea that has been talked about but not acted on, is to combine shows with Nimble Fingers Guild. At the upcoming Board meeting, reaching out to Nimble Fingers to combine our show will be discussed and action taken. If you have an opinion on this, please attend the meeting. Your voice needs to be heard. To do this, the Guild needs to get behind the move and work with members of Nimble Fingers. We'll need to examine how we do our show, how Nimble Fingers does their show and decide what features will be in the combined show. We will also need to look at the years without a show and decide if there is something we can do as a combined group. I've already heard a suggestion I like. If there are others, I want to hear them.

I know that I harp on outreach and combining show with Nimble Fingers, but I do this so people will get involved. I don't want anyone in the Guild to feel that things are being pushed on them. This is not just, "what Nicki wants". Everyone is invited/encouraged/urged to take part, to help the Guild grow, so we will continue to **have** a Guild.

So let's hear from you!

Nicki



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

During the recent FSQ Annual Retreat at Bon Secours, 22 preemie quilts were donated. Three preemie tops were also made at the retreat. Eleven quilt kits were completed and an additional 7 quilt tops were made. And one quilt was bound at the retreat.

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 on Tuesday, February 7th and Tuesday, February 14th. Please join us if you can.

Anne and Nancy



Guild Minutes: January 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 as published.

Call for visitors and new members

A new member Karen Cale was introduced and welcomed.

Announcements

A service project gathering will be held January 17th. There are some quilt kits available. An example made from a kit was shown by JoAnn Duche. Acceptable sizes are from a yard square up to twin size.

2017 FSQ Quilt show information

Next meeting will be January 10th at Connie Ross' office. Remember there are sign up sheets to help provide food items during the show.

- Boutique items are needed, please see Suma Glassman. Boutique registration form is on-line.
- The raffle quilt needs to be shown. Please contact any quilt show committee members with venue suggestions.
- Rosie Hormuth has brochures for the show. Let her know where they are placed.

FSQ Board Meeting

There will be a board meeting 7:30 pm January 30th at Connie Ross's office. The address is 9210 Wegman Road, Suite 110. In the case of bad weather, the meeting will be held via conference call. Conference call number will be posted if needed.

- Proposals are still being accepted for the next raffle quilt. Please submit before the board meeting on January 30th.

Yard Sale

JoAnne DuChes will start accepting donations in March.

Program: Mini Group Panel Discussion (See next page)

Additional Announcements

Nancy Colladay stated she would collect raffle quilt tickets stubs and money in Karen Moss's absence.

JoAnne DuChes is looking for 2018 program suggestions .

Show and Tell

Danee Wilson shared a Juanita Canfield top, quilted by Karen Moss that will be donated to Transitions.

The results of a round robin in the *Senfiscated Ladies* small group was presented by Coralyn Colladay, Harriet Shinson, Karen Slayton, Carol Millman, Danee Wilson, Freddie Berg and Theresa Peterson. Each quilter's project had started with a similar embroidered center. Then the center, any fabrics selected by the owner, and rules about what each subsequent border must include were boxed and sent to the next member. As the projects move through the group, each member must add to the quilt but stay with in the rules. The owner does not see their quilt again until it has been added to by all other members.

Marie Quattrocchi, Margaret Natof, Michelle Barnard, Gerda Sherwood and Suma Glassman of the *Mini Minis* small group showed off the miniature quilts they recently finished.

Fat 1/4 drawing winners

Dottie Acton and Gerda Sherwood

Door prize winners

Kathy Brown, Laura Markus and Gerda Sherwood

Next Meeting will be held February 6th, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Sunde



Program: Mini Group Panel Discussion

Gayle Sunde

Guild members were treated to a panel discussion about small groups. Panelists included:

- Nicki Lynch as moderator, *Mini Minis*
- Dottie Acton, *SewWatt Quilters* (5 members)
- Coralyn Colladay, *Senfiscated Ladies*
- Barbara Kilby, *Friends in Fabric* (6 members)
- Margaret Natof, *3Ts* (12 members)

All panelists emphasized the support that can be found in small group settings and after that common factor the diversity of the groups became apparent. Some groups meet during the day, others in the evening.

Meetings can be weekly, monthly or as member schedules allow. There are groups that travel to shows, shops and take classes together, some groups have a meal at each gathering, some just sit and sew.

Of the groups represented, one has been meeting about 18 months and the longest running group has been getting together for about 20 years.

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- Establish meeting times and places. Same place or rotate through the member's homes? Share the calendar with all members of the small group.
- Keep in touch.
- Send out reminders.
- Agree about how to add members.

Questions from guild members and panelist answers followed:

How did you become involved in a small group?

- Guild newsletter announcement
- Visited a group
- Answered an info call at a guild meeting

How often does your group have challenges or round robins and what are they?

Some groups have challenges and some don't. Examples are:

- fabric swaps w/5 inch squares or strips with a deadline to create a charity quilt
- round robins challenge each member to add to each other member's project.
- May be try a project for each member to show as a group in the guild show
- the latest challenge is finding a new restaurant to try as a group

Nicki is the Small Group coordinator for FSQ. Please contact her if you have questions or want to start or join a small group.



FSQ 2017 January Retreat Recap

Joy Dorman and Judy Walsh

Thirty-four quilters, loaded with lots of sewing & quilting projects, arrived at the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours on Friday January 20th ready to have fun and sew, sew, sew! It was inspiring to see the wide variety of wonderful quilts being made and the incredible skill on display. Just about every quilting technique and every color in the rainbow was represented. Look for pictures from our weekend on the FSQ web site soon.

What would a gathering of quilters be without shopping and comparing each other's finds? 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.

For me the best part of the weekend was the on-going show and tell, sharing of ideas, laughter and general good cheer. I think it's fair to say "A fun time was had by all!"

Next year we return to our traditional MLK weekend for the retreat. Mark your calendars for January 12-15, 2018 so you can join in the fun! It's a great chance to relax, sew, make new friends and spend more time with your quilting buddies.



Quilt Show Update

Dottie Acton and Connie Ross

It's hard to believe that our 2017 Quilt Show is less than three months away. I know that seems like a long time, but...

The most important part of the quilt show is your quilts. Give yourself the gift of time to work on your show quilts, guild challenge quilts, Bloomin' challenge quilts, service project challenge quilts and small group challenge quilts. We all finally have a good excuse to avoid housework for a while!

Quilt registration forms are due at the March 6 meeting or earlier. Your quilts don't need to be complete by then, but should be far enough along for you to include pictures showing what the finished quilts will look like. The registrations are needed this early so we can get started on the show catalog, and so the Staging Chair, Gerda Sherwood, can decide which quilts will be hung in each bay so the show has a cohesive look. Remember that each quilt you enter, including challenge quilts, will need its own registration form and picture.

We have set up an online site for volunteer registrations. More information will be provided at the February guild meeting. We will also be taking in-person volunteer registration at the guild meetings. Look for signup sheets in the lobby.

Lunch and snacks are needed for the Quilt Show. Sign up to bring a slow cooker entree or baked goods at the FSQ Guild meeting Feb. 6.

It's time to start working on your hand-crafted items that will be submitted to the Silent Auction. The form has been updated and posted to its own page on the FSQ Website: <http://www.friendshipstar.org/silent-auction-2/>

Have you thought yet about selling those cute things you make at the FSQ Show Boutique? It is so great to get a little cash back – you get to buy more quilting things! There is a modest \$5 registration fee plus a 10% commission to the guild (90/10 split). You will also need to donate some time to staff the boutique during the show. The registration form is available on the website (<http://friendshipstar.org/boutique/>). You can mail it to Suma Glassman or turn it in at the next FSQ meeting.

Please pick up show brochures to distribute to local quilt shops. Data from the last show indicated that the brochures were our most effective form of advertising our show.

Behind the scenes activities for the show are in full swing. We're making arrangements for posts, drapes, chairs, tables, signs, catalog advertising, vendors, demonstrations and all the other preparations that will make the show run smoothly. Our last committee meeting showed that our committee chairs are really on the ball, so let's give them all a great big thank you for the good work they have done already, and for all the effort still to come.

If you have any questions, please contact the show co-chairs Connie Ross and Dottie Acton.



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.



2016/2017 Programs

JoAnne DuChez

For our February meeting, we will have Andrea Shnur joining us.

As far back as Andrea can remember she has always loved sewing/quilting and the “crafty things”. Andrea found her passion in sharing the fun and useful techniques for paper piecing. Her keen eye for selecting color ways for quilts has made her sought after in helping her student’s color selection process. Andrea travels all over to meet others who share her passion for quilts and looks forward in sharing this information with you.

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	
Mar. 6, 2017	Melinda Lowy , Lecture: Spice Up Your Quilts with Unusual Fabrics
April 3, 2017	Phyllis Twigg Hatcher , Lecture, Ultimate Applique: Fabrics and Design in the San Blas Islands
May 1, 2017	Donna Radner , 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

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

Barbara Skelly

Remember to sign in each meeting.



Birthdays

Brenda	Peters	February	2
Jo	Kruse	February	8
Barbara	Skelly	February	8
Ginger	Peebles	February	10
Susan	Sandler	February	19
Mary Moore	Payne	February	24
Margaret	Natof	February	27



Elected Officers		
President	Nicki Lynch	prez@friendshipstar.org
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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
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Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Kathy Brown, Sew Watt Quilters	Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson