

Friendship Star Quilters March, 2017

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

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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March – **Fat quarters of Green and/or Yellow**

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

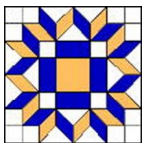
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Tuesday, March 14
Thursday, March 30

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

One thing I've been thinking a lot about is how to expand FSQ membership. There is no denying that the Guild is getting smaller.

When I first joined, FSQ met at the Gaithersburg Public Library, the old building. We just about filled the room and it was a comfortable place to meet. Despite the limited parking and ending the meeting by a specific time due to the library closing, the Guild grew. When we out grew that space, the Guild moved into various church meeting spaces to meet the demands of a growing membership. I think at our peak, the membership was at or near 300 members. We also started having an annual Guild show.

Our current meeting space used to be pretty full during meetings. Then it started declining. Members retired and moved far away. Other members moved elsewhere in Maryland or Virginia and joined/started other guilds. Some decided they could no longer drive at night and joined other guilds. Still others decided they weren't interested or there were personality conflicts. Members could no longer attend Guild meetings due to health considerations. And sadly, some members died.

All this lead to our current low membership.

So, what to do? I was wondering how each of us heard about the FSQ. I found out about it from the lady I happened to sit next to in church. Somehow we got to talking and she told me about the Guild, encouraging me to attend a meeting and sit with her. And so I did and I've been going to FSQ meetings ever since. She has since passed away, but I'm grateful to her for her introduction to

the wonderful group.

Word of mouth is great, but so is seeing a notice in a publication or on line. I think an exhibit in a Montgomery County library, along with info on the meeting, would generate some interest. How about hosting a Sit-and-Sew at a Montgomery County library? Yes, I love libraries as they have lots of books on everything, including quilting and people are coming back to libraries. We also have several local publications as well as Washington newspapers to publicize our meetings.

We publicize our quilt show, then nothing. People may not know FSQ does anything other than a quilt show because that's the only time FSQ uses publicity. As far as I know, we've never put ads in any publications about our Guild meetings. Other than Facebook and our website, we don't let the region know we're open to new members. I would like to see a publicity position for the Guild, someone who would work with our online people and do the off line publicity. We should have handouts that every member can carry to give interested people. I've gotten an interesting email with suggestions, but someone is needed to co-ordinate the outreach efforts.

So, while each of us is getting ready for the upcoming quilt show – quilt registration is due at the March meeting, consider how you heard about the Guild and some ideas of how to invite others to the Guild. This is something we all need to do.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Our quilt show is just around the corner! We hope you are finishing up (or have finished) your challenge quilt that will be displayed at the show and then donated to the family members who are staying at Fisher House Bethesda while their loved one is being treated at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center. For those who haven't started a quilt but would like to make one, the rules are simple and can be found on the FSQ website, www.friendshipstar.org/service-projects-challenge/.

A representative from Fisher House will be on hand to

help open the show and tour the quilt displays, so we hope to have lots of quilts to show him!

Please join us, if you can, for the March Service Projects workshops. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 14**, and **Thursday, March 30**, from 9:30 am until around noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan with questions. See you there!



Guild Minutes: February 2017 FSQ Meeting

Gayle Sunde

February 6th, 2017

Call to Order

At 7:35 p.m. by President Nicki Lynch.

Newsletter minutes of the previous meeting

Correction to names will be emailed by Nancy Colladay.

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Call for visitors and new members

New member Karen Kehl was introduced and welcomed.

Service Projects

A service project gathering will be held tomorrow 2/7 and on 2/14. There are some quilt kits available. Acceptable sizes are from a yard square up to twin size.

2017 FSQ Quilt show information

- Volunteers needed at MAQ/Hampton for both white gloving and raffle table.
Quilt Registrations for the show are due 3/6
- Electronic sign up for volunteering and food items during the show now available on-line.
Raffle basket donations are needed. Notions, holiday fabrics are suggested. Small groups can put together and donate a basket also.
- Boutique items are needed, please see Suma Glassman.
Boutique registration form is on-line.
- There will be two memorials- Juanita Canfield and Pam Compton.
- 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.
- Bonnie Bryan is handling ads for the show brochure.
- See Gerda Sherwood about staging for mini groups.
- Next quilt show committee meeting is 2/28 at 7:00 pm.

Proposal for 2018 Raffle Quilt

Proposals are needed for the next raffle quilt. Please submit to Nicki Lynch or Dottie Acton.

Barbara Gastiner of Milltown Guild announced that the Milltown show will be held Thursday 4/27 to Sat 4/29/17. Their guild has 2 raffle quilts.

FSQ Board Meeting

FSQ Board meeting held 1 week ago discussed looking into the possibility of combining shows with NimbleFingers. It was suggested that a committee be formed to conduct research. Connie Ross volunteered to chair, with Mary Moore Payne and Jo Kruse volunteering as members. Research suggestions included speaking with QU to gather information about how they host shows.

New Members Needed

A question from the audience was raised - What is being one to attract new members? Suggestions include flyers, sit & sew sessions, social media or displays at public libraries. A volunteer is needed for guild publicity. Please see any board member to volunteer.

Program for the Evening

JoAnne DuChes introduced Andrea Schnur. Andrea is a Certified Instructor for Quiltworx. Andrea spoke about paper piecing and shared her quilts as examples.

Show and Tell

Linda August, Dottie Acton, Michelle Barnard, Kathy Miller, Meg Tyson, Jo Kruse and Nancy Zachik displayed examples of their work..

Fat 1/4 drawing winners

Susie Schwarz, Ellen Robinson and Barbara Kilby

Door prize winners

Barbara Kilby, Anne Flaggs and Liz Lawrence

Next Meeting will be held March 6th, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm



Quilt Show Update

Dottie Acton and Connie Ross

In February a lot was accomplished for our upcoming quilt show. Right now Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier are in Hampton VA with the raffle quilt, selling tickets and providing the 32 hours of white glove support that is required to display the quilt at the Mancuso Show. Many thanks to them and to the other guild volunteers who are helping them.

Our sign up page for volunteers is now active. All of you should have received an email from FSQ GUILD asking you to sign up for your volunteer hours. If you did NOT receive an email, please contact Anne Flaggs. There are still a LOT of open slots.

Our next committee meeting is on February 28, 7PM at Connie Ross's office. We'll send out an email blast if there are any actions from that meeting that need immediate attention.

The final date for quilt registration is March 6. Your quilts don't need to be done by then, but the forms have to be submitted along with a picture. As a last resort, you can always take a picture of the pattern and annotate it with your chosen colors, but hopefully most of you are further along than that.

Don't forget that the FSQ Boutique offers you a chance to display and sell your creations. Of course, all participants in the Boutique must be Guild members and all items

must be crafted by the member. The \$5.00 registration fee and 10% commission support your Guild, the rest is yours. Working in the Boutique for a few hours is a fun chance to see your items being admired. The registration form is on the web site, and will be available at the March meeting. When you turn in your products the day before the show opens, you will turn in an inventory sheet too. Questions? Contact Suma Glassman.

The weather this coming week won't be quite as perfect as it was this past week, so if you're stuck inside, take one more pass through your patterns, fabrics, notions, etc. and find more goodies for our Raffle Baskets. The big pink box for donations will be in the lobby at the March 6 guild meeting. There will also be a box for donations for the volunteer basket.

Please consider advertising in our Quilt Show catalog. This is a fun way to support YOUR guild and get some publicity for your group ~ or your business. Everyone attending the show receives a catalog, and hundreds of guests, their families and friends will see your ad. You should have received an email with details on submitting ads. If you did not receive that email, please contact Barbara Kilby. We're trying to make sure that everyone is on distribution for guild emails. Please reply by Friday, March 3 and we'll reserve space for you. Word documents with clip art are just fine, and business cards fit the 1/3 page size.

See you all at the guild meeting on Monday, March 6. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Ross or Dottie Acton.



January 2018 Bon Secours Retreat – Save the Date!

Joy Dorman

Our 20th annual retreat will be held **Jan 12-15th, 2018** at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriotsville, MD. This is a return to our usual Martin Luther King Weekend.

More information will be available in mid-April.



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 March Program, we have Melinda Lowy. Melinda is a native of Billings, Montana and currently resides in Silver Spring, Maryland with her husband and two cats. She is employed full-time at a non-profit scientific society, where she manages the various undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral, and continuing education programs. She is a national award-winning quilter and is actively involved in Cloth & Chocolate, an art quilt group with other local area art quilters. Melinda's most recent work explores that interaction by combining a wide variety of types, textures and patterns of fabrics along with surface design techniques (thread, beads, stamping, etc.) in separate works that are joined together

into a unified work.

Melinda's lecture will be **Spice Up Your Quilts with Unusual Fabrics**. You will find out how to select fabrics other than cotton when buying for that next project. Fabrics with great possibilities include silk, upholstery, polyesters, velvets, linen, and metallic fabrics. Get tips on how to best use them and find out how easy it is to incorporate these wonderful fabrics into a stunning 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.,

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



2017 Guild Yard Sale

JoAnne DuChez

It's time to start cleaning out your sewing rooms, fabric, notions and books. The June Yard Sale is only 3 months away. I can't believe it's time to collect, sort and organize! There will be a bin at the March 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.



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

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following newest members of Friendship Star Quilters:

Karen Kehl

Brookeville, MD

Janet Fujikawa

Washington Grove, MD

Remember to sign in each meeting.



Birthdays

Susan	Spencer	March	1
Laura	Markus	March	3
Cathie	Shelton	March	3
Evie	Naranjo	March	9
Lorie	Coston	March	10
Kate	Foley	March	10
Carol	Carrier	March	12
Diane	Heller	March	15
Linda	August	March	18
Barbara	Bregman	March	19
Karen	Kehl	March	21
Carol	Millman	March	21
Pat	Vasaio	March	29



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	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
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	Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson