

Friendship Star Quilters May 2017

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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

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May—Fat quarters of "Ugly" fabric – one person's trash is another's treasure

Meetings

Next Meeting is June 5th.
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

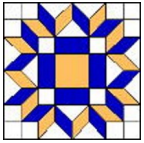
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, May 4
Tuesday, May 16

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

As I write this the 2017 FSQ Quilt Show is this coming weekend. Connie Ross and Dottie Acton are doing and have done an outstanding job of putting this show together, along with the rest of the Guild. I'm looking forward to the show.

One thing I do to make quilting more enjoyable is to listen to something while I work. I've discovered that when I ask other quilters what they listen to while they quilt, they usually answer, "Nothing." They seem surprised that I listen to anything. I can't imagine doing all that cutting, pressing, piecing, sewing, layering, quilting, binding, and sewing a label on without something to listen to.

One of my earliest "toys" was a portable record player that came with six 45s. I played them over and over, both the A and B sides. Among my favorites were songs I later learned (I hadn't learned to read when I had the record player) were "Heartbreak Hotel" by Elvis Presley and "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" by an orchestra. There usually was a radio or TV playing during the day, if my record player wasn't.

When I was in elementary school, I got a radio of my own – a transistor radio. It was small and a bit tinny, but it was mine and I could listen to any station I wanted. It was the beginning of a life long love of radio. When I was in college, I joined the radio station and continued my love of music and radio. I also found a terrific guy and married him.

Radio was my constant friend until CDs replaced records and the CD player became common. About the same time I discovered quilting and spent many hours listening to favorite CDs and sewing. One day in the library, I discovered audio books on tape. I'd always loved reading, so I checked out several out and listened to them while quilting. It's a wonderful way to spend the afternoon – quilting and listening to a book by a favorite author.

Like records, audio tapes gave way to books on CDs. But wait, there was an even newer technology for listening to books – loading an audio book on a MP3 player and listening to it on ear buds. I not only could listen to a book while sewing, I could listen to it while walking in the neighborhood or doing housework. I felt as if my world had expanded due to the e-book world the public library supported. Did I mention I have a love of libraries?

So, I'm happily quilting and listening to audio books, when another wave of innovation hit – podcasts. While podcasts have been around for about 10 years, I only recently became a faithful listener after hearing *The Big Listen* on NPR. Podcasts are radio shows you can listen to at anytime, using one of the many apps available for any electronic device. The variety of podcasts is endless.

So, next time you're quilting, try putting on your favorite music, or listen to an audio book or podcast. You just may find it makes quilting more enjoyable.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Spring is here, flowers and trees are blooming, and another exciting quilt show is right around the corner! The Service Projects committee is thrilled that there will be **16 challenge quilts** in the show, all of which will be donated to Fisher House! We can't wait to see all of them hanging together.

There will also be Service Projects quilts, preemies and pillowcases hanging in the hallway between the two display rooms. We are also proud to showcase several quilts completed by the Capital Quilts Machine Embroidery Club, under the direction of Dottie Acton, and donated to us. They are beautiful!

On the Saturday of the show, we are anticipating another successful "quilt in". Quilts will be available for show goers to tie and committee members will be on hand to talk about our guild and our active Service Projects outreach. Please plan to stop by.

May Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 16. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile past Quince Orchard High School. Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver. We'd love to have you join us.



Guild Minutes: April 2017 FSQ Meeting

Gayle Sunde

Call to Order

At 7:30 p.m. by President Nicki Lynch.

Newsletter minutes of the previous meeting

Were not yet published. They will be submitted soon.

Call for visitors and new members

There were no guests or new members to welcome.

Service Projects:

A **service project gathering** will be held Thursday 4/13 and Tuesday 4/18.

Meeting for **comfort cases** will be 4/4 and 4/5 at Shady Grove.

2017 FSQ Quilt show information:

Volunteer opportunities are still available. Electronic sign up is now available on-line. There is still a need for hot food items.

April 22 is turn-in for registered quilt entries. Will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 at Fairhaven United Methodist, 12801 Darnestown Road. Must be in a large ziploc bag, please fold so that label shows.

Silent auction items will be turned in as well. Karen Slayton says raffle baskets are nearly complete. Rosie Hormuth has a few brochures for the show left. Please see her if you need any to post.

Flyers are available for another guild's show happening 1 week after ours.

Committees:

There is a new committee for guild publicity, chair is Lori Coston.

The committees for field trips and sit-n-sew are looking for chairs.

The retreat committee added Pat Vasaio.

June Yard Sale

Yard sale items can be dropped at JoAnne DuChez's garage.

Program for the Evening

JoAnne DuChez introduced Phyllis Twig Hatcher. She is an appraiser and also gives lectures. Her program was about molas from the San Blas Islands of Panama. Mola is the Kuna indian word for female clothing. The molas are hand stitched in pairs, predominately reverse applique. After the molas have been worn, they are taken from the clothing and sold. She had many examples for us to examine and several members brought in examples also.

Show and Tell

Alice Washburn, Liz Brodsky, Barb Morton, Wendy Bauman and Cathy Miller displayed examples of their work.

Fat 1/4 drawing winners

Judy Newton and Lori Coston

Door prize winners

Alice Washburn, Barbara Kilby, and Margaret Natof



Quilt Show Update

Dottie Acton and Connie Ross

As the newsletter goes to press, the quilt show is two days away! Many thanks to everyone who has made it possible. We hope to see all of you at the show to say thanks again in person. Next month we'll have all of the show info for you – ticket sales, raffle quilt winners, viewer's choice winners, and highlights of the show. Right now we're polishing up last minute details and getting ready for staging on Thursday, so we're keeping this really short. Again thanks to all of our volunteers. Without each of you we wouldn't have a show.



2016/2017 Programs

JoAnne DuChes

Can you believe that May is just around the corner? The May meeting will mark that last speaker of the year. Donna Radner will be our lecturer and will present her trunk show of quilts.

Color, pattern, and texture in fabric are Donna's starting points in designing quilts. She works intuitively, without preplanning, and lets the quilts take on a life of their own. Donna's techniques have developed over time, at first, primarily by piecing, using many different hand-dyed and commercial fabrics. Over time she added fused applique and heavy machine quilting for even more texture and complexity.

Donna has been captivated by the striations found in nature. Her goal as an artist is to inspire you to feel what she feels when she looks at nature. Donna's

recent work is a series of fused landscapes inspired by the ocean, the rocks and canyons in the western National Parks and the rocky coast of Maine. Her latest series reflects the strength and beauty of tree trunks as they survive over time. Take a look at her gallery at donnaradner.com.

I want to offer a special thanks to Alice Washburn who has kindly offered to provide transportation for Donna to and from the Guild dinner and meeting on Monday.

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.



2017 Guild Yard Sale

JoAnne DuChes

This is the last month for you to donate for the yard sale. Take some time to clean out your sewing rooms, fabric, notions and books for the annual yard sale. Please no magazines. 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 May meeting designated for yard sale contributions. You may also drop your donations off at my house (JoAnne DuChes in Gaithersburg) if that is easier. Someone is home most of the time. Check the directory for my email and home address.

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

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

I am now accepting membership dues for next year at the Guild meetings, FSQ Quilt Show, Special Project Days or where ever you run into me.

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!



Birthdays

Freddie	Berg	May	13
Jennifer	Rossmere	May	13
Brenda	Maas	May	17
Wendy	Bauman	May	23
Sue	Thornton	May	31



Martha Blessing
Gaithersburg, MD

Dorothy Craig
Rockville, MD

Brenda Finch
Smithburg, MD

Karen Kehl
Brookville, MD

Judy Kozlowski
Gaithersburg, MD

Cynethea Cunningham
Silver Spring, MD



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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
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Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Karen Moss		
Guild Publicity	Lorie Coston		