

Friendship Star Quilters November 2017

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

November 9-18: Quilters' Quest Shop Hop

March 21-24: Lancaster AQS Show

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November—Fat quarters of low-volume/light background fabric

Meetings

Next Meeting is November 6th.
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

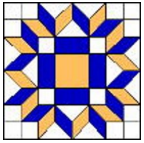
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Tuesday, November 7th
Thursday, November 30th

If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward.

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will take place on December 12, February 13, April 10, and June 12. The location(s) will be announced closer to the meeting time. 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, it's that time of year again, a season so nice they named it twice – fall and autumn. To me, autumn is the best time of year. I love the colors of autumn and the cold snap in the air. I enjoy all the autumn fruits and vegetables as well as all the smells, even the love/hate scent of pumpkin spice that is in everything. We have all the holidays coming up, or as one humorist put it, at our throats again.

The fall months didn't used to seem so frantic trying to fit everything in only to have it come to a screeching halt on January 1st. I hate letting go of the bright lights and music when New Year's Day rolls around. I don't mind letting go of Christmas carols, after all how many times can one hear *Little Drummer Boy* without going a little nuts, but does all music have to be stripped away?

January always seems so quiet, like it's doing penance for all the hoopla of the fall. Stores are packed in early January with people returning gifts and then totally empty until February.

Fortunately for we quilters, every season and month is packed with inspiration. It's never dull or same-old-same-old. Whether it's a quilt show or a class on a new technique or a new line of fabrics, we quilters are still finding the new and exciting to work on.

We're also fortunate to have such terrific speakers at our meetings. If you were at the last meeting, you know what I'm talking about! I didn't realize that batik was anything more than the swirl of colors we usually think of as batik. It's unfortunate that it may become a lost art as the current Indonesian artists retire or pass away.

Come to the meeting and bring a friend to enjoy our October speaker, Diane Doran. I look forward to meeting her and hearing about her wonderful quilts. In November,

an old friend will be back to tell us what she's been up to - Lauren Kingland. If you don't know Lauren, this is your chance to meet and talk with her.

December is our annual favorite – our December holiday party. It's always filled with members sharing their favorite dishes with us for the holiday season. Based on the wonderful food members prepared for our show, I always look forward to a good meal and lively conversation.

Don't forget to talk up this year's raffle quilt. We didn't have Oaks for ticket sales this year, so we have to make up for it by everyone getting out and selling tickets. Remember, the ticket sales provide the money we need to run the Guild and to bring in monthly speakers, as well as provide the wonderful space to hold our meetings. The church also allows us to keep our library of books and tools in their space.

I also ask all members to talk up the Guild. While we've discussed what sort of publicity the Guild could do to promote itself to local quilters, we're still only starting. It's a good start, especially with our website. If you haven't seen it recently, I urge you to do so. We've also talked about having a card with Guild info that could be handed out to prospective Guild members. When we do, I hope everyone will participate and expand the Guild.

See you at the Guild meeting!

Nicki



October Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

President Nicki Lynch called the meeting to order and welcomed several visitors.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Nicki encouraged attendees to buy raffle tickets from Southern Comforters members who were in the lobby.

Anne Weaver announced that Service Projects workshops will be held on October 12 and October 24 at Fairhaven Church.

Nicki read a thank you note from Jennifer Gardener, the winner of the FSQ award at the County Fair. Jennifer thanked us for encouraging her efforts as a beginner quilter.

Nicki Lynch announced the following dates for Executive Board Meetings:

October 10 at Gayle Sunde's home

December 12, February 13, April 10, and June 12 – location(s) to be announced

Barbara Kilby announced that the schedule for showing the raffle quilt: November 1 at Nimble Fingers and October 11 at Needlechasers.

Lorie Coston asked that members use Sign-Up Genius to volunteer to sell raffle tickets at Capital Quilts during Quilters Quest. She also asked members to take the new FSQ business-sized cards to use to interest potential new members. She agreed to check into why the September newsletter was not delivered by email. She will also check on posting downloadable pictures of the raffle quilt.

Program Chair Jo Anne Ducheze requested that members vote for the panel challenge quilts during the break. Then she introduced the speaker Diane Doran who spoke about Digital Collage for Quilt Design. Her talk, show-and-tell, and demonstration provided insight for the computer-savvy into manipulating images to create fabric for her art quilts. She agreed to provide a workshop for interested members if a time could be agreed upon.

After a short break, Show-and-Tell showcased members' recent work.

Liz Plantz asked members to participate in the December Service Project to produce 12 1/2" 9-patch squares.

Jo Anne Ducheze announced the winners of the Panel Challenge: 1st Place – Connie Ross, 2nd – Karen Moss, and 3rd Kathy Brown.

Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson won animal print fabric prizes.

Door Prizes were awarded to Linda August, Laura Markus, and Liz Brodsky.

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Natof



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

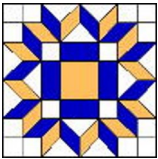
Our panel challenge was a huge success! There were 18 quilts entered. All were pieced and quilted so creatively; it was hard to believe that many of them had ever been a panel. Congratulations to Connie Ross whose “Fairy Good Advice” was the winner!! Her painted fairies were spectacular.

Kudos also go to Karen Moss and Kathy Brown, whose quilts took second and third place. Many thanks to all who entered the challenge and whose quilts will now go to Fisher House. They are JoAnne DuChes, Barbara Skelly, Alice Washburn, Connie Ross, Karen Slayton, Kathy Brown, Ellen Robinson, Judy Walsh, Colleen Biasco, Karen Moss, Marie Quattrociocchi, Carol Unger, Barb Morten, Lorie Coston, and Ihsia Hsu.

Thanks also to JoAnne Duches and Meg Tison for organizing the challenge.

Please join us if you can for the November Service Projects workshops on Tuesday, November 7, and

Thursday, November 30. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.



Programs

JoAnne DuChes

Lauren Kingsland will be our speaker for the November Guild meeting. Lauren has spoken several times before and has always presented exciting and informative topics. This month she will present **Quilted Mementos of an Artist's Life** - Stories of Lauren's years as a professional artist in a working in public space studio, of getting quilts accepted into the art world, and creating commissions for private clients. The lecture features a series of personal story quilts created through a grant from the Montgomery County Council for the Arts and Humanities as well as other works. Practical business questions addressed as well.

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.

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

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



Need Speaker Suggestions

JoAnne DuChez

It is almost time to contact speakers for our next year, 2018-19. I would be grateful for any suggestions you might have. I'll attempt to satisfy your suggestions. Most of this year's speakers were selected as a result of Guild members suggestions. Remember that because of our budget, we are still looking for local speakers, however we may be able to select 1 or 2 out of area speakers from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Also, I want to let you know that this will be my last year of soliciting speakers for the Guild. I've really enjoyed the opportunity to work with the speakers, but it is time to let someone else enjoy the same experience. In the past years I've been lucky enough to handle the contacting and contracting process through January – March, however, this process could be done earlier in the year, if desired. For the rest of the year only 1-2 days' worth of effort a month are required for tasks include Newsletter articles, speaker dinner and Guild meeting arrangements, speaker payments and assorted email contacts. Attendance at Board meetings is also expected. I've really learned a lot about the workings of the Guild by attending these meetings.

I would love to mentor someone through the process for the 2018-19. I begin the contact process in January so it effort does not conflict with the holidays. Please let me know if are interested. Everyone please be aware if no one volunteers, there won't be any speakers/programs for the 2019-20 Guild year. I know that sounds a long way in the future, but it's amazing how quickly the years go by.



Need a PC Compatible Projector

JoAnne DuChez

FSQ is looking to procure a projector that will be used for speakers' presentations for Guild meetings. The projector needs to have the capability to connect a laptop (Window or Apple). Before we purchase a projector, I want to ask the members if anyone has one to donate to the Guild. Please contact JoAnne DuChez if you have a potential donation.



Thank you from Diane Doran

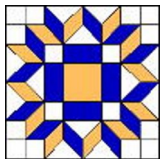
JoAnne DuChez

Diane Doran was our speaker last month when she presented **Digital Collage for Quilt Design**. She sent a lovely thank you note to FSQ.

Many thanks to you and the other members of Friendship Star for having me lecture at your October meeting! Everyone was so kind and welcoming and I thoroughly enjoyed myself: what a wonderful group of quilters.

Wishing you all the best & Happy Quilting –

Diane



FSQ Holiday Party in December

Michele Benard

Don't forget that the December meeting is our annual holiday party!

Please bring goodies (and be prepared to provide a recipe if you're willing) to share and enjoy the company of your fellow quilters. There is no sign-up for bringing things - we will need sweet and savory snacks, beverages, and paper goods. Help setting up and clearing away afterwards is always welcome.



Quilters' Quest Shop Hop
Maryland/Northern Virginia

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales at Capital Quilts

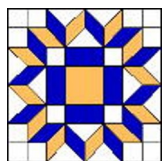
Lorie Coston



FSQ is at Capital Quilts for Quilter's Quest 2017 which is November 8 through 18. We are selling tickets to the award winning 2018 Opportunity Quilt "Butterflies in the Mist".

We are at 85% signed up but there is still time to grab several of the last few time slots. Hurry to the website home page and click on the SignUpGenius logo. The schedule will unfold before your very eyes and you can quickly scroll through the opportunities to volunteer. Only 29 slots remain in the entire ten-day span!

Everyone has had a chance to sign up so please don't feel like you are taking too many slots. You are not. You will be selling tickets but really, don't they sell themselves!



Additional FSQ Opportunity Ticket Sales

Lorie Coston

FSQ has a pretty full schedule for the month of November to display our award winning 2018 Opportunity Quilt "Butterflies in the Mist". Go to our website homepage and see additional pictures of the quilt as well as the FSQ Quilt Roadshow **calendar**. The travel dates and display locations are listed there.

Do you have a suggestion where the quilt could be displayed? A tea? A book club meeting? Another type of hobby club meeting? Do you have a free afternoon or evening to be the hostess of the FSQ Quilt Roadshow? Contact Connie Ross. She would love to hear from you!

To help us call attention to the guild when our quilt is on display we now have a banner. This banner measures 1.7'x3' and is an enlargement of our business card. We hope this will encourage visitors to our social media sites ultimately leading them to join the guild. The banner will travel with the quilt and is now a part of the FSQ Quilt Roadshow!



FSQ Business Cards

Lorie Coston

FSQ has a new way to introduce the guild! If you weren't able to attend the October guild meeting you will be happy to learn about the business cards that the guild now has. The card includes our logo, web address as well as all our other social media accounts and is just the right size to slip into your wallet.

Bundles of 5 cards are will be in the lobby for you to pick up. Share these cards with people you meet when the conversation turns to sewing or quilting! We want people to know about FSQ and we want to increase our membership. The easiest way to do that is to let people know we're here. And what is a better reminder than a business card?



FSQ in Print

FSQ is in print! Again! We did not advertise in *The Maryland & Delaware Register* for November and December, 2017 but somehow we are in the paper again. Plan to come to the November guild meeting and it is likely that you will receive *The Register* newspaper. The guild's advertisement is in color in on page 7!

The Register can be found at this address: www.theregisterweb.com. Select Maryland from the banner and then to the far left of the web page choose "Read the paper online". Another screen will allow you to choose from a number of papers. Choose the fourth item. A PDF will open and you can scan all the other info from quilt related entities. Very fun!



FSQ Services Link

Lorie Coston

It's up! The link to **Services** that our guild members offer is ready to be populated with information.

Do you have a special skill such as quilt restoration? Perhaps you are a longarm quilter and have a business doing longarm quilting. Do you embroider? Have you thought of doing embroidery for others? Do you appraise quilts? Do you make T-Shirt quilts? Alzheimer's quilts? Baby quilts for non-sewing friends? Yo-yo quilts? Redwork? Crazy quilts? Are you a finisher of unfinished quilts?

There is now a link on our website banner for guild members to offer their skills for hire and for other guild members seeking these skills to be aware of what support is very close. One of the benefits of being a guild member is access to the talent pool of the guild.

Do you have a quilt or two that has been lingering in a closet because you have fallen out of love with it? Would you tolerate it again if it was finished? Maybe even like it a little bit? Perhaps this is the avenue to help you reach your January 2017 resolution to "get current with my quilts". Find someone on the Services link.

Let your fellow guild members know what you can offer! They will thank you for it.

The first month of Friendship Star Quilters in the Montgomery County Public Libraries has just concluded and it was fun and beautiful and kid-friendly! The following pictures are of our display at Noyes.

The lovely librarians at Noyes Library for Young Children were a delight to work with and even helped with the display. A couple of them are talented quilters themselves.

Built in 1893, Noyes was designated as a children's library in 1972 and now serves children from birth to early elementary age through its book collection; story times and other programs. Library services are offered by trained Children's Librarians.



This is the case before we put our lovely quilts were put on display. Drab huh?

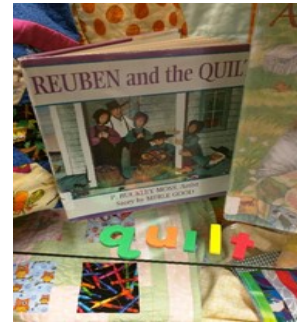
The six quilts on display included an Animals of the Savannah growth blanket (with ruler markings) as anchor. The background fabric is on loan from Service Projects and is push pinned to the case's backing.

On the top shelf is a beautiful geometric piece folded only slightly to display as much of the gorgeous stitching as possible. Clipped just behind that is a quilt about the size of a placemat displaying sweet and silly zoo animals in boats!

****All quilts were all hung using binder clips on push pins—no damage was done to any of these pieces.****



An I Spy quilt on the second shelf is folded to display as many spy-able items as possible adjacent to two books about quilts which is our theme.



A preemie quilt on loan from Service Projects is on level three, as well as a lovely X's quilt at eye level to attract even the youngest of readers.



Never shy, we did a bit of advertising here!

Take One!

Our next display will be at Kensington Park AND at Damascus. **Contact me about participating, please!** We just had a lovely show. Any one of those beautiful smaller quilt entries would be a tremendous advertisement for the skill and artistry of our guild members. We would like to feature you!

Lorie



Membership Renewals for 2017-2018

Barbara Skelly

By the time you read this, I hope to have sent out the Directory to all current members. Please look it over and let me know of any typos or incorrect information. I think you will find this issue to be more readable, thanks to Ellen Robinson.



November Birthdays

Dottie Acton	27
Nancy Brennan	24
Barbara Dryden	26
Lynn Hastmann	2
Patricia Lefevre	5
Jane Phillips	27
Elizabeth Plantz	28
Marie Quattrociocchi	18
Karen Slayton	5
Sharon Waggoner	21



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.



Elected Officers		
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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	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		