

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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FSQ Calendar

May 6: FSQ Guild Meeting. **Barbara Dann**, alleycatquiltworks.com. **Lecture:** "Diva Quilt Detectives – How did they make this block, can I make it differently?"

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

May 22-23: **The Enlightened Quilter**. [Capital Quilts](http://CapitalQuilts). Friday 10-1: Fun of Finishing — How do I quilt it?. Friday 2-5: Edge to Edge the Easy Way — Groovy Boards and Pantographs. Saturday 10-1: Block Party: Quilting Block of the Month Quilts—Select designs that compliment your blocks. Saturday 2-5: Exploding Out of the Block: Extending Designs—Expand design elements from fabric within the block. Classes \$30 each.

June 5-7: **Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore**—A Garden of Quilts. www.baysidequilters.org. Hours: Sat 10 - 4, Sun 10 - 3. Admission: \$10. Show includes members quilts and a display of historic and civic quilts including the Emancipation Quilt of Maryland featuring blocks from each county in Maryland.

June 13-14: **Annapolis Quilt Guild Show**—Quilts by the Bay www.annapolisquiltguild.org. Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Rd., Annapolis, 21401. Sat 10 - 5, Sun 11 - 5. Admission: \$8.

June 19-21: Schoolhouse Quilt Guild, LaVale. www.schoolhousequilters.org. Allegany County Fairgrounds, Moss Ave., Cumberland. Hours: Fri-Sun 10-5. Admission: \$7

Meetings

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/>. We will try to put a message on our Website once a decision has been made.

Workshops

Workshops are normally at: Hampton Inn & Suites 960 N Frederick Ave Gaithersburg, MD 20879 To sign up for a workshop, stop by the Program Desk at a Guild meeting. Between meetings call or e-mail the [Programs Chair](#). Registration forms with workshop fees are on the FSQ Website: www.friendshipstar.org

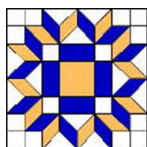
Note that FSQ workshops are opened to non-members two months prior to the workshop. We hope that this will encourage more of our members to sign up early and will defray the costs of workshops and lectures.

Service Projects

Service Projects are usually held at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD

Fabric of the Month April

May: Orphan Blocks—10 1/2 inch blocks preferably, but will accept other sizes.



President's Message

Dottie Acton

Wow, what a quilt show! I'm writing this on Friday, after a day of set up and a day of quilt show, and I'm in awe over all the work that our members have contributed to make the show a success. We went from empty rooms on Thursday to a great show ready for our members and the community to enjoy on Friday morning. More details on the show later, but it's off to a great start.

Some news to share with our members:

- We will have an executive board meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 7PM at my house. The meeting is open to all guild members – please RSVP if you plan to attend so we will have enough chairs and refreshments.
- Based on the recent survey of interest in Small Groups, we will be forming a new group that is open to all members who would like to participate. Please let me know if you would like join the group. The first meeting is tentatively planned for 10AM on Wednesday, May 20, also at my house.
- We still need a Membership Chairperson. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in this area. It's a great way to get to know others in the guild.

By the time you read this, our quilt show will be over. I'm planning on a day or two off – reading a book and doing a jig saw puzzle. Then I'll deal with my yard that is still recovering from winter, waiting for some clean up and new flowers. I'll even maybe do some housework (ugh!) Then it's back to quilting. I'm taking two classes at Wilsons, and skipped my homework while finishing quilts for the show, so I have a lot of catching up to do.

I've started my sewing room on the road to recovery by going through my stash and picking out a lot of fabrics to donate to our June yard sale. I'll probably get some new fabric at the show this weekend, but hopefully not quite as much as I'm getting rid of. The only way I could use everything that I've accumulated over the past 20 years of quilting is to figure out who I will be in my next incarnation and will it to myself – not a very practical approach.

Hopefully I'll see all of you at the May guild meeting.

Dottie



Minutes of the April 6, 2015 FSQ meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

The April 6, 2015, meeting of the Friendship Star Quilters (FSQ) was held at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. Dottie Acton, guild president, called the meeting to order and welcomed new members.

The minutes of the March 2015 guild meeting were approved as published in the *Quiltline* newsletter.

Vivian Levy gave a presentation about the Betty Ann Krahnke Center, which will receive a financial donation from the sale of FSQ raffle quilt sales. The Center is located in and funded by Montgomery County and serves survivors of domestic violence. During the past year, the Center provided services to 200 women and 350 children and can house 54 people at a time. The average length of stay at the Center is 60 days. The Center provides food, shelter, clothes, cars, assistance with replacing personal identification

documents, and counselling. Clients are limited to Montgomery County residents. Volunteer opportunities include contributing goods such as diapers, formula, toiletries, sanitary product, and newborn clothing. Montgomery County Public Schools used to provide tutors to help children with homework. That service was cut, so tutoring is also a volunteer opportunity. Vivian thanked the guild for its financial support.

Anne Weaver gave a presentation on behalf of Fisher House, whose representative could not attend the meeting. Fisher House was started in the 1990's to provide temporary housing for the families of military personnel and veterans undergoing medical treatment. In addition to the five Fisher House facilities in Bethesda, others are located all over the US as well as



Minutes of the April 6, 2015 FSQ meeting — Continued

Ann Ramey-Smith

in the UK and Germany. Fisher House facilities are generally new construction and funded by Fisher Foundation, a charitable organization with only a 5% overhead fee. Fisher House is funded by individual contributions through organizations such as the Combined Federal Campaign which receives funds from Federal civil employees and the military. Fisher House has served 25,000 families from ten days to several months. There are volunteer opportunities.

Quilt Show Announcements

Volunteer needed for one hour on Thursday, April 23rd, to hang silent auction items. Unsold items should be picked up at the end of the show. (Contact: Alice Washburn)

There are openings for boutique set-up on Thursday. Boutique items will be dropped off at the fairgrounds on Thursday from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Contact: Suma Glassman and Mary Moore Payne)

Slots are open for providing 20-minute demonstrations. (Contact: Liz Brodsky)

Volunteers are still needed at the fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby. An email reminder will be sent out to those who have already volunteered. (Contact: Anne Flaggs)

The last of the show flyers are available in the lobby. (Contact: Rosie Hormuth)

The hospitality committee needs volunteers to provide sodas, juice, and entrees. Two chili dishes are needed for Friday, a chicken crock-pot dish is needed for Saturday, and tuna and egg salad are needed for Sunday. (Contact: Carol Unger and Eleanor Bragin)

Quilt registration and drop-off will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on April 18th at Barbara Kilby's house. Each quilt should be provided in a clear plastic bag with the label showing. A reminder email will be sent. (Contact: Karen Moss)

Raffle baskets will be assembled on April 11th at 9:00 a.m. at Connie Ross's house. (Contact: Connie Ross)

Dottie Acton read a thank you note from a parent expressing how grateful she was for the preemie quilt provided through the FSQ service project.

The election for the FSQ board position of secretary will be held at the June meeting. Nikki Lynch and Michele Barker volunteered for the nomination committee.

A new guild membership chair is needed. Please volunteer to Dottie Acton.

Members were invited to sign up for the sit-and-sew session scheduled for Sunday, May 17th. The session can accommodate 12 people and costs \$20. (Contact: Pat Vasaio)

Attendees were reminded that kits were available in the rear of the meeting room for service projects.

After a break, members displayed their latest quilting accomplishments in show and tell.

The winners of the fat quarter drawing were Laura Marcus and Barb Martin.

The winners of April's floral fabric drawing were Judy Newton and Liz Lawrence.

Winners of April's door prizes were JoAnne DuChes, Meg Tison, and Jane Neugent.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ann Ramey-Smith



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We don't often hear from those who received our quilts, premie blankets or pillowcases, but when we do, it always reminds us of why we spend time using our skills to warm and comfort others. This thank you note made its way to our guild through our website.

I had a beautiful little girl a few months ago and was given one of your quilts at the hospital. She has used it every day and many have asked who made it for her. Thank you for your kindness. Love, The ____ Family

Thanks to all the FSQ members who contribute your time, your talent (and your fabric!) to enrich our service outreach!

Many thanks to Schlosser's Quality Quilt Frames for their donation of needles for us to use to tie our quilts! How generous!!!

The May Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, May 21, and Tuesday, May 26, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road. We meet from 9:30 until 12:30. Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver with questions.



Retreat Registration Forms — Click link below

[2016 Retreat Registration Form](#) (doc)

[2016 Retreat Registration Form](#) (pdf)



January 2016 Bon Secours Retreat

By Judy Walsh and Teresa Peterson

We are pleased to announce **FSQ's 18th annual sewing retreat, a fun gathering of Quilters Unsupervised**. We will be returning to the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours (RCCBS) in Marriottsville, MD, which has beautiful facilities including a conference room (our sewing space) with natural light coming from a wall of windows. Treat yourself to a long weekend without the distractions of home. Bring your sewing machine and projects you want to work on and Sew! Sew! Sew! If you so choose, you may also sign up for a chair massage or full body massage with one of the massage therapists who will be on hand much of the weekend. Enjoy the company of other quilters and receive inspiration and guidance from fellow FSQ members.

Questions? E-mail Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh at retreat@friendshipstar.org

To register, please completely fill out the registration form (above and on our website) and send it along with a deposit of \$50 by check made payable to FSQ. You may turn in the form and deposit to Teresa or Judy at the FSQ meetings or mail it to Teresa Peterson, 3416 Dartmoor Lane, Olney, MD 20832.

The deposit and final payment are nonrefundable unless you can find an FSQ guild member to replace you. We can take a maximum of 34 and we will maintain a wait list. The balance must be paid no later than the October guild meeting (Oct. 5, 2015) due to our contractual obligations with Bon Secours. Additional details about the weekend - including directions to RCCBS - will be provided after January 1st, 2016.



2015 Retreat



Programs Update

JoAnne DuChes

After all of the frenzied work on the Quilt show, now we can all relax and enjoy a wonderful program at the FSQ May 4 meeting. Come to see Barbara Dann, alleycatquiltworks.com, lecture “Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently?” It should be fun to see different options to creating beautiful blocks.

Barbara Dann is an authorized representative for Studio 180 Design, tools and techniques to make piecing precise, easy and fun. She also custom-makes quilts including T shirt quilts and provides long arm services.

Join us at dinner with Barbara before the Monday meeting. The Guild dinners are held at DogFish Head Alehouse, 800 West Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, 20878 at 5:30.

The May 4th meeting is the last chance to donate items for the 2nd Annual FSQ Yard Sale. The yard sale will take place at the June meeting after the business meeting is completed.



Membership Chair Wanted

By Teresa Peterson

I will be stepping down as Membership Chair in June. If you would like an opportunity to meet, greet and get to know more quilters in our guild, a great first step is to volunteer to be the FSQ Membership Chair. The membership chair is quite often the first person that a potential member meets when they attend a Guild meeting for the first time. The Membership

Chair also has a voice and a vote on the FSQ Executive Board.

The primary responsibility is to collect membership dues from new and continuing members. Some knowledge of Excel is helpful for tracking the membership. If you are interested, contact Teresa Peterson. Thanks



Newsletter Editor Wanted

By Barbara Bean

I have decided to step down as newsletter editor, effective the end of this guild year. The June, 2015 newsletter will be my last.

If anyone is interested in taking over as newsletter editor, please contact me before the end of the guild year.

Each month I do the following:

- Request articles from membership
- Assemble articles in orderly fashion in Publisher
- Convert Publisher file to Adobe PDF file
- Upload Adobe PDF file to website
- Inform membership that newsletter is online



Membership Renewal

By Teresa Peterson

Membership registration renewal begins in May 2015 for the 2015-2016 Membership Year. FSQ membership year runs from June 1 to May 31 of the following year. Membership is \$35/yr. (\$20 non-

residents). Make your check payable to FSQ or if paying by cash, please bring the exact amount to the May meeting. Thanks



Galaxy of Quilts—Closing Report

By Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

The FSQ biennial quilt Show has just closed and it was a smash hit!

We had at least 820 guests, and received so many compliments that we can't count them: people loved your beautiful, imaginative, original, artistic, amazing quilts.

About 29% of the guests brought our gold flyer with them, and 5% brought coupons from FaceBook or the newspapers. Sales were brisk at the Boutique and Silent Auction. Featherweight raffle tickets sold out, and extras had to be printed during the show. The little vintage sewing machine hummed as members stitched 30 preemie quilts for the neonatal ICU, until the drawing, when it was awarded to a very surprised and pleased new owner. Raffle basket tickets sold well, with a drawing every hour. Our Hospitality committee provided delicious meals and snacks to the volunteers and vendors. Twenty-one kids won quilted coasters in the Peek-and-Seek game, and adults seemed equally pleased to get a fat eighth of free fabric in Hall One.

The show also raised money for FSQ Service Projects and two selected charities. The biggest fund-

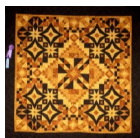
raiser of the year was our Raffle Quilt, SuperNova, awarded on Sunday afternoon. Part of the raffle proceeds and 19 Challenge quilts will be donated to Fisher Houses at Walter Reed and the Betty Ann Krahne Center, a local shelter for women and children.

Our team members on the Quilt Show Committee were outstanding -- generous, resourceful, hard-working, talented people. You made this project a pleasure at every stage of the planning and execution. The final take-down and return of quilts on Sunday was fast and efficient, thanks to all of you and your family members. The last quilts were returned to their owners by 6:30 pm, you had neatly stacked all the draperies and poles near the main door, and you were still smiling. Thank you for all your hours of work!

Congratulations to all who participated in the Galaxy of Quilts; we are so proud of you!

Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

Co-Chairs, Galaxy of Quilts



Who Won That Great Raffle Quilt, SuperNova?

By Coralyn Colladay

Barb Siefker of Westerville, Ohio, bought the winning ticket from Coralyn Colladay when they were both on the *Allure of the Seas* on a quilting cruise. Barb said,

"I've never won a raffle quilt. How cool!" Coralyn said, "I've never sold the winning ticket. How cool!"

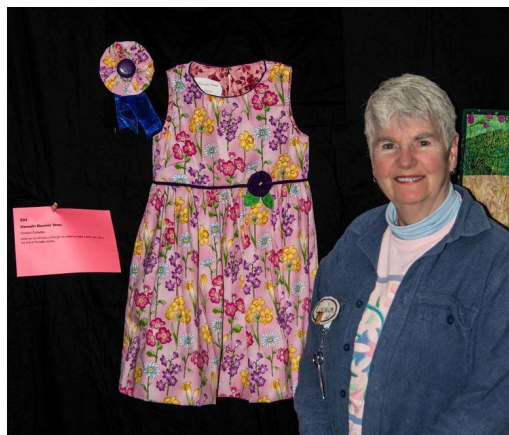
Bloomin' Challenge IX—The Finale—Winners

By Coralyn Colladay

Juanita Canfield of Canfield Enterprises awarded first place in the 2015 Bloomin' Challenge to *Hannah's Bloomin' Dress* by Coralyn Colladay. Coralyn noted that it was the “end” of the baby clothes as Hannah is the youngest of her grandchildren. Second place was captured by Karen Moss' *Fin*, a fishy representation of the Latin for “final.” *At the End of the Day* Diana

Marshall took third for her sunset beach scene. Winners took home nice packages of coordinated fabrics.

Congratulations to all! And, many thanks to Juanita for sponsoring this challenge for so many years.



Coralyn Colladay—Hanna's Bloomin'Dress



Karen Moss—Fin



Diana Marshall—At the End of the Day

And The Viewers' Choice Winners Are. . .

By Coralyn Colladay

What a GREAT SHOW! Everyone's quilt was a winner, but the Viewers' chose some special one's for extra recognition.

FSQ 2015 Guild Challenge – *There's a Map for That*

First Place: Barbara Kilby *The Way to the Bay*

Second Place: Karen Moss *Night Compass*

Third Place: JoAnne Ducheze *Still Going*

FSQ 2014 Guild Challenge -- *A Cabin in the Woods*

First Place: Nancy Colladay *Camp*

Second Place: Barbara Kilby *The Window*

Third Place: Ellen Robinson *Hula Hut*

Bloomin' Challenge IX -- *The Finale*

First Place: Coralyn Colladay *Hannah's Bloomin' Dress*

Second Place: Marie Quattrociocchi *End of the Show Folks*

Third Place: Diana Marshall *At The End of The Day*

Service Project Challenge -- *The Sky's The Limit*

First Place: Karen Moss *Lightening in the Sky*

Second Place: Coralyn Colladay *Blue Lightening*

Third Place: Susan Schwarz *Flyin' High*

Miniature Quilts

First Place: Nicki Lynch *My Merry-Go-Round*

Second Place: Nicki Lynch *Winter is Coming*

Third Place: Nicki Lynch *Lady of the Lake*

Small Quilts

First Place: Liz Brodsky *Dancing Birds*

Second Place: Diana Marshall *Sea turtles in Flight*

Third Place: Diana Marshall *Heron at Home*

Medium Quilts

First Place: Karen Moss *Hot Glacier Star*

Second Place: Susan Holman *Fun x Fun*

Third Place: Dottie Acton *Dancing Umbrellas*

Large Quilts

First Place: Dottie Acton *Jacobean Journey*

Second Place: Nancy Zachik *A Springtime Walk in the Park*

Third Place: Pat Vasaio *America the Beautiful - City*

Other Quilts and Quilts and Quilted Items

First Place: Dottie Acton *Advent Ornaments*

Second Place: Susan Entwistle *Dresden Tree Skirt*

Third Place: Alice Washburn *Sand and Sea Jacket*



Recipes From The Quilt Show

By Carol Unger

Baked Oatmeal

2 cups instant oats
1 and 1/2 tsp of baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/3 cup oil
2 eggs
3/4 cup milk
3 very ripe bananas-squished

Mix first 4 ingredients. Mix the rest of the ingredients. Add the two mixtures together. Put into greased pie plate. Bake 30-35 min. at 350 degrees.

Best served hot. It heats very well in the microwave.

Lemon Cookies

The lemon cookies were made from a lemon cake mix, there is a recipe on the web.

Lemony Chicken and Rice with Spinach and Feta

1 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
3 cups chicken broth
2 packages white 90 second rice
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
Salt and pepper
5 oz pack of prewashed fresh baby spinach
1 and 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice

1. Microwave onion, oil, garlic, and oregano in bowl, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened, about 5 minutes.
2. Transfer mixture to slow cooker. Stir in chicken broth and rice. Season chicken with salt and pepper and nestle into slow cooker.
3. Cover and cook until chicken is tender, 4-5 hours on low.
4. Take out chicken. Stir spinach and feta into crock pot. Cook until spinach is wilted, about 5 minutes. Cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Add chicken back into pot.
5. Stir in lemon zest and juice.



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

No new members to report

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.



May Birthdays

... Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Wendy Bauman	May 23
Freddie Berg	May 13
Sandy Davis	May 28
Jennifer Rossmere	May 13
Sue E Thornton	May 31
Anne Trudel	May 15

Also in May



Cinco de Mayo, May 5



Mother's Day, May 10



Memorial Day, May 25



Elected Officers		
President	Dottie Acton	prez@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Linda August	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Barbara Dryden Barbara Kilby	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Ann Ramey-Smith	Secy@friendshipstar.org



Committee Chairs

Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Ducheze
Field Trips	Jean Farrell	Quilt Show 2015	Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall
Guild Pin Sales	Suma Glassman	Retreats	Teresa Peterson and Judy Walsh
Hospitality	Vacant	Secret Sisters	Laurie Bay and Sharon Vilorio
Library	Susan Entwistle	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Teresa Peterson	Sit and Sew	Pat Vasaio
Newsletter	Barbara Bean	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Raffle Quilt Marketing	Karen Moss	Sunshine & Shadow	Coralyn Colladay
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Anne Flagg	Webmistress	Barbara Bean



Executive Board Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

All members are invited to attend Executive Board meetings. **Call first to verify the time and location.** If you wish to submit an item for discussion but are unable to attend please e-mail the information to Dottie Acton, or provide it in writing at a guild meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be announced at the May Guild meeting.

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