

Friendship Star Quilters

June, 2015

Website: www.friendshipstar.org

P.O. Box 8051, Gaithersburg, MD 20898

The Quiltline

Inside this issue:

Topic	Pg.
FSQ Calendar & Events	1
President's Message	2
Guild Minutes	2-3
Service Projects Update	4
January 2016 Bon Secours Quilt Retreat Update	4
2015 2nd Annual Yard Sale	5
New Membership Chair	5
Membership Renewal	5
Newsletter Editor Wanted	6
Galaxy of Quilts Final Review	6
New Members and Birthdays	7
Officers and Committee Chairs	8
Executive Board Meeting Info	8

FSQ Calendar

June 1: FSQ Guild Meeting. **2nd Annual Yard Sale**

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

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

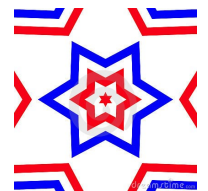
Note that FSQ workshops are opened to non-members two months prior to the workshop. We hope that this will encourage more of our members to sign up early and will defray the costs of workshops and lectures.

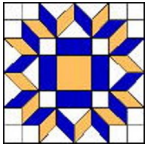
Service Projects

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

Fabric of the Month April

June: Pre-cut 10 inch squares in red, white, and/or blue





President's Message

Dottie Acton

Welcome to summer everyone. I can't believe that it's June already! Another guild year almost over. I must say that being guild president was much more fun than I expected – largely because so many of you step up to help whenever there is a need.

One of the highlights of May for me was going to my 50th class reunion. All three of my roommates and suite mates were there, and we had a great time catching up on the latest news. The campus is about three times bigger than when I went there and the saplings that ringed the quad are now full grown trees, but the dorm we lived in and the Student Union Building next door were still pretty much the same. I'll try to go back in another five years so the amount of change won't be quite as overwhelming as it was after 50 years.

The other highlight of May was starting our new small group. Four of us got together at my house and had a great time. We've scheduled our next meeting on June 3rd at Kathy Brown's house. I hope that several more of you will be able to join us. Please email me if you are interested, and I'll send you all the details and contact information for the group.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to do much quilting in

May because of problems with my thumb.

Fortunately, I got a cortisone shot on Friday so things are starting to look up. I was actually able to work in the garden for a bit today, and can now type this note with two hands instead of one. Maybe I'll even be able to get to service projects in June too. I really missed having opposable thumbs on both hands!

Our next Executive Board meeting will be on June 9th at my house. I'll send out a reminder closer to the date so you can let me know if there are items you would like to bring to the attention of the board. The board meetings are open to all members, so please feel free to attend if you care to.

I want to close this note with a big thank you to everyone who helped make this guild year a success – and that's all of you. It's been especially good to see so many new members become involved in guild activities.

I hope to see many of you at our June meeting and Second Annual Yard Sale.

Dottie



Minutes of the May 4, 2015 FSQ Meeting

Ann Ramey-Smith

The May 4, 2015, meeting of the Friendship Star Quilters (FSQ) was held at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. Barbara Kilby, guild treasurer, called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and visitors.

- The minutes of the April 2015 guild meeting were not available in time to be published in the *Quiltline* newsletter so they will be approved at the June guild meeting.
- Barbara Kilby reported that the FSQ quilt show was not only fun but also profitable. A more detailed financial report will be presented at the

June guild meeting.

- Quilt show committee chairs were reminded to see Barbara Dryden at the meeting's break to submit check requests.
- Nikki Lynch reminded the members that an election to fill the FSQ board position of secretary will be held during the June meeting. Nikki suggested that job-sharing is an option for this position and solicited nominations. No one volunteered at the meeting, but nominations can be made during the June meeting. (Contacts: Nikki Lynch and Michele Barker)



Minutes of the May 4, 2015 FSQ meeting - Continued

Ann Ramey-Smith

- Barbara Kilby solicited volunteers to fill three appointed positions.
- A membership chair is needed to replace Teresa Peterson. Barbara Skelly volunteered. (Contact: Dottie Acton)
- An editor for the *Quiltline* newsletter is needed. Barbara Bean has fulfilled this role in conjunction with her volunteer activities as website manager. A volunteer is needed to take over the newsletter itself; Barbara will continue to publish it on the FSQ website. (Contact: Dottie Acton)
- A volunteer is needed to conduct the annual audit. An accounting background is not required. (Contact: Dottie Acton)
- Laura Markus reminded members that block kits for the new raffle quilt are available in the lobby. The blocks should be completed and returned to Laura during the June guild meeting. (Contact: Laura Markus)
- The next meeting of the FSQ board will be held on May 12th at Dottie Acton's home. Any member may attend. (Contact: Dottie Acton)
- A potluck luncheon will be held at Barbara Kilby's house at noon on May 16th to celebrate a job well-done on the April 2015 FSQ quilt show. (Contact: Barbara Kilby)
- On May 20th the first meeting of a new mini-group will be held. Contact Dottie Acton for more information. (Contact: Dottie Acton)
- Members were reminded that a yard sale will be held during the June guild meeting. (Contact: JoAnne DuChez)
- Diana Marshall and Barbara Kilby distributed thank-you cards and gifts to those members who served on the various committees that supported the successful quilt show.
- On behalf of Connie Ross (chair of the raffle basket committee), Suma Glassman announced the winners of the volunteer basket raffle. The winners were Collen Biasco, Pat Vasaio, Ann Ramey-Smith, and Marie Quattrociochi.
- A volunteer is needed for the guild's program committee. Responsibilities include contacting speakers and serving as host at guild dinners with speakers. (Speaker dinners are paid by the guild.) A volunteer is needed to replace Laura Bay who is moving. Please contact JoAnne DuChez, the programs chair, to volunteer. (Contact: JoAnne DuChez)
- A trunk show was presented by Norma Campbell. Norma has been teaching quilting for 25 years and often collaborates and teaches with her friend Mimi Dietrich.
- After a break, members displayed their latest quilting accomplishments in show and tell.
- The meeting was adjourned.
- Submitted by Ann Ramey-Smith



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

This past year has been another successful one for FSQ Service Projects committee. Here are the numbers for each category that we make and donate to local organizations. We could not do what we do without the generous support of the guild and the support of members who attend workshops, donate fabric, take home quilts to bind or preemie, pillowcase and quilt top kits to complete. Since June 1, 2014, we have completed and donated:

- 401 quilts for children, adults and members of the military. Included in this number are 94 children's quilts made from kits since last September.
- 509 preemie quilts
- 125 knitted preemie hats
- 306 pillowcases for children receiving chemotherapy

In addition, FSQ members responded overwhelmingly to the Service Projects challenge, "The Sky's the Limit", for our recent quilt show. 21 quilts were made, displayed, and will be donated to the two selected show charities, Fisher House and the Betty Ann Krahnke Center.

Many, many thanks to all FSQ members for your generosity and commitment to service outreach to our greater community!

June Service Projects workshops at Fairhaven United Methodist Church will be held on Thursday, June 11, and Tuesday, June 30. Please join us if you can!



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 2nd Annual FSQ YARD SALE

JoAnne DuChez

Come one, come all, to the Second Annual FSQ Yard Sale. You will be amazed at the bargains that await you! There are so many boxes and bins of fat quarters, quilting fabric, panels, patterns, UFOs, precut fabric, scrap bags, notions, books, supplies, quilting frames and hoops, etc.

New this year is the Bargain Table. You may stuff bags full with your own selected items. The Bargain Table items include sewing notions, stencils, misc., cross stitch fabric, yarn, ribbons and much more. FSQ will provide quart (\$2) and gallon (\$5) size Ziplock bags. The bags must be 'zipped' for purchase.

The sale will take place after the business meeting at the June 1 Guild meeting. Bring your shopping bags, cash and checkbooks. Support your guild at this bountiful fund raiser. All proceeds will go to the Guild budget to help provide quality services, programs and workshops. Last year's yard sale brought in about \$1400. That was enough to support speaker fees for 3 months. With your generous purchases, let's try to make more this year.

No pre-meeting shopping! Please do not enter the gym (the yard sale location) before the meeting. Please allow the volunteers to set up the sale with no interruptions.

Below is the price list for the sale. These are basically are the same prices as last year. The prices of cuts 3 yards and over has actually been dropped. No inflation at FSQ!

Fabric Marked for estimated yardage; maybe +/- yardage indicated.

- Quilting and other fabric.
 - ◇ \$1 for 2 FQ's & ¼ yd. cuts
 - ◇ \$1 — ½ yd. cuts
 - ◇ \$2 — 1 yd. cuts
 - ◇ \$4 — 2 yd. cuts
 - ◇ Cuts 3 yds+ Yardage + \$2.
- **Notions, Rulers** — Individually marked
- **Patterns** — \$1 each unless otherwise marked
- **Thread, Cones** — \$1
- **UFO, fabric/scrap bags, etc.** — Individually marked
- **Kits** — Individually marked
- **Books**
 - ◇ \$3 each — (not marked)
 - ◇ 4 books for \$10
 - ◇ \$1 each — Individually marked
- **Other**
 - ◇ Sewing machine / craft cases
 - ◇ Quilting / Needlework stands and hoops



New Membership Chair

By Teresa Peterson

Barbara Skelly has volunteered to be the new Membership Chair. Thank you.



Membership Renewal

By Teresa Peterson

Membership registration renewal began 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 June meeting. 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



Galaxy of Quilts in Review

By Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall

We are still basking in the glow of success! Here's how the FSQ biennial quilt show in April 24-26, 2015 fulfilled its missions:

1. To give Friendship Star Quilters members a place to show and sell their work. We displayed 225 beautiful quilts, ranging from miniatures to king-size, and we offered a wide variety of handcrafted items for sale in the Boutique and Silent Auction. FSQ members earned almost \$4,000 from the articles that were sold.

2. To entertain and educate the public about quilting. We welcomed 820 guests who viewed the show, attended quilting demonstrations, helped tie baby quilts for the Service Projects, and voted in the Viewers' Choice contest. Twenty-three kids played the Peek-and-Speak game and were quite pleased with their quilted prizes.

3. To help finance FSQ Service Projects, lectures, and workshops for two years. The show generated about \$20,000 in total revenue, meeting our costs of \$19,000 with \$1,000 left over. The three Raffles netted us another \$6,000; this includes Raffle Baskets, the Supernova Raffle quilt, and the Featherweight raffle. Vendor fees and catalog ads also

helped to support the show. The money we earned will fund our charitable projects and will help pay for speakers at our monthly meetings.

4. To engage members in quilting challenges that stretch their skills and imagination. Thirty-seven original and innovative quilts were entered and competed for prizes and Viewers' Choice ribbons.

5. To raise money for charitable donations. The proceeds of the Raffle quilt allowed us to donate a total of \$1000 to two selected charities: Fisher Houses at Walter Reed in Bethesda, and the Betty Ann Krahnke Center.

6. To have fun and build friendships. We all enjoyed working together as a team, and we built a wonderful, cooperative network of volunteers, sharing our talents and getting to know each other. We want to thank everybody who participated!

Barbara Kilby and Diana Marshall



Directory Updates: New Members

Teresa Peterson

New Members

Colleen Davies
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Sharon Waggoner
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

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.



June Birthdays

. . . Happy Birthday To You !

Teresa Peterson

Julie Arnsberger	Jul 11	Kathy Brown	Jun 12
Ann Brakob	Jul 31	Sandy D'Angelo	Jun 2
Linda Belecki	Jul 7	Susan Entwistle	Jun 1
Jo Anne Duchez	Jul 26	Marcia Gaido	Jun 30
Ihsia Hu	Jul 23	Jane Nugent	Jun 7
Robin Rothstein	Jul 17	Diana O'Donovan	Jun 28
Carole S Weikert	Jul 15	Danee Wilson	Jun 13
Nancy Zachik	Jul 21		

Also in June



Flag Day, June 14



Father's Day, June 21



Summer Solstice, June 21



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 Duchez
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 Vioria
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 Flaggs	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 June Guild meeting.

Friendship Star Quilters, Inc.
The Quiltline
PO BOX 8051
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20898



www.friendshipstar.org