

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

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Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

June 3, 2015 — November 29, 2015

Baltimore Museum of Art, American Crazy Quilts,
<https://artbma.org/exhibitions/crazy-quilts>

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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/>.

Next Meeting is December 7th.

Service Projects

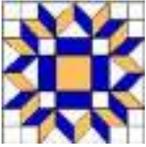
Service Projects are usually held at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church
 12801 Darnestown Rd.
 Darnestown, MD

Service Projects workshops: Thursday, November 5, and Tuesday, November 17.

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be at Dottie's house on December 15, at 7PM. . 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

Dottie Acton

I can't believe that it's time for the December newsletter already. Where did November go? I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday and are ready to celebrate again in December.

Many thanks to everyone who helped sell tickets at Capital Quilts during the quest. We sold 718 tickets during the 10 days of the quest, even though the weather was absolutely terrible on a couple of those days. Our next big event is the Mancuso show at Hampton at the end of February. I sure hope the weather for that is better than it was last year.

I spent November trying to complete items on my to-do list, and was somewhat successful. I finished the orphan block challenge for the December meeting, made a miniature quilt based on the challenge put forth by our 'mini group', and made some lace ornaments for Christmas. I also made service project quilts out of several of the embroidered blocks that I made while learning how to use my new embroidery machine. Of course, I probably started as many new projects as I finished, but that way I won't run out of things to do.

One of the reasons I managed to finish anything is that I finally broke down and hired someone to tame the wilderness that my gardens had become. It looks a lot better now, and since it took 3 men, 8 hours each, to get the basics done, I don't feel bad that I couldn't get it done in the 2 or 3 hours that my old body allowed me to garden on nice days. The best news is

that now it's safe to use the front door of my house without being attacked by wild plants!

Even though it's too early for New Year's Resolutions, I hope that you will start looking ahead to what you want to do for and with the Guild in 2016. During the course of the year, we will need volunteers to:

Propose and make a raffle quilt for 2017 (starting in February so it will be ready for the 2016 Mancuso Show in Oaks in September)

Serve as guild officers (elections are in June)

Chair the 2017 Quilt Show (preparations start in the middle of 2016)

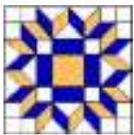
Propose the 2017 guild challenge (no later than September 2016)

We'll start looking for volunteers for some of these opportunities in January, so please start thinking about what you would like to do now so you can raise your hand at the January meeting. And of course, talk to other guild members to see if they would like to co-chair any of these activities with you.

Remember that the December Executive Board Meeting is at my house, at 7PM on December 15. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I hope to see all of you at our December meeting and party. That's a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Dottie



Orphan Block Challenge

JoAnne DuChes

Orphan Block Challenge

I hope you all have been busy creating a quilt with your chosen orphan block. Make sure you bring it to the December meeting for the viewer choice selection. All quilts will be on display before the meeting and during the break. Members will vote for one quilt which they believe best integrates the orphan block. Winners will be announced during the party following the business meeting. Winners will receive

FSQ Yard Sale bucks. All quilts will be donated to Service Projects. Thank you in advance for your participation.



Guild Minutes: November 2015 FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

Last month's minutes were approved.

Members were asked to sign up for a shift to sell tickets for our opportunity quilt at Capitol Quilts during Quilters' Quest, and to pick up tickets to sell individually as well. Members were also asked to pick up a kit to finish for Service Projects.

Members were also asked to respond to the Question of the Month - Are there any particular speakers (preferably within 300 miles) or topics that members would like to hear? President Dottie Acton noted that the Question of the Month is available in our monthly Newsletter.

Dottie also noted that our currently elected secretary has had to resign, and asked for volunteers to serve as secretary.

The FSQ holiday party is held at the December meeting. Michele Barnard asked members to bring something to share: sweet or savory treat, or beverages. Paper products, etc. will be provided. There was little interest in a gift exchange, so there will be NO gift exchange for 2016- only good cheer and a celebration of friendship in the holiday season.

Next month's fabric exchange is a block exchange: nine-patches. Blocks should be 12" finished; 12.5" unfinished, blues or purples (corners and centers) and

whites to beiges. Bring TWO blocks – one to swap, one for Service Projects.

Nancy Colladay and Karen Moss are co-chairing the 2016 AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge – details are on the FSQ website! FSQ registration forms are due at the February 1 guild meeting; finished quilts and entry forms are due by the March 7 guild meeting. In answer to questions about the required use of color, AT LEAST 10 square inches must be recognizable (but you can use more); mottled or print fabrics can be used; and you can use a variety of fabrics that add up to 10 inches of the qualifying color.

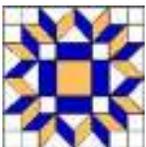
JoAnne Duchez reminded us of the orphan block challenge due in December, and introduced our speaker, Mary Kerr. We were treated to a talk and trunk show on "Hexies through History."

After our break, many lovely projects were shown for Show and Tell.

The ticket sales drawing was won by Phyllis Eddy.

The fabric exchange drawing was won by Dottie Acton.

Door prizes were won by Diane Heller, Carol Carrier, Linda Belecki, and Meg Tison.



January 2016 Retreat at Bon Secours

By Judy Walsh

As you are thinking about what to take on our retreat January 15th-18th, you might find this general checklist helpful: [Quilters Checklist.pdf](#). Additional information about the retreat will be emailed to registrants in early January. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Peterson or Judy Walsh at re-treats@friendshipstar.org.



Treasury Report: 2015-2016

Barbara Dryden and Barbara Kilby

Friendship Star Quilters, Inc.	Submitted by Barbara Dryden and Barbara Kilby					11/1/2015
Treasurers' report	ACTUAL - LAST YEAR			PROJECTED - CURRENT YEAR		
	June 1, 2014 -May 31, 2015			June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016		
	Revenue	Expenses	Net	Revenue	Expenses	Net
Administrative and general						
Membership dues	4,300			4,200		
Rent, tables & chairs		1,430			1,730	
Supplies, postage, door prizes, misc	-	518			977	
Liability Insurance	-	240			240	
Program services						
Retreat	11,535	10,150		11,500	11,500	
Bus trip and Sit&Sews	2,455	2,256		2,150	2,141	
Lectures	40	3,792			4,436	
Workshops	1,370	3,212		-	-	
Service projects	-	623			1,000	
Fundraising activities						
Yard sale, Quilto, & pin sales	1,527	-		960		
Raffle Quilt ticket sales, direct costs	4,950	1,056		5,000	970	
Donations to charity	-	1,000			1,000	
	26,177	24,278	1,899	23,810	23,994	(184)
Biennial Quilt show						
Admissions	6,606	-		NO QUILT SHOW		
Vendors	6,310	196		THIS FISCAL YEAR		
Catalog	1,480	1,664				
Boutique	3,550	2,875				
Silent Auction	1,929	1,154				
Raffle baskets	1788					
Featherweight raffle	970	349				
Pins, Fat 8ths, Bloomin' challenge	323	704				
Hospitality	151	383				
Fairgrounds and chair rental		8,295				
Staging, pipe and drape		1,384				
Publicity, flyers, and signs	-	701				
Security		598				
NQA Quilt insurance		382				
Supplies, postage, etc		149				
	23,108	18,835	4,273			
TOTALS	49,285	43,112	6,172	23,810	23,994	(184)



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

In addition to the regular donations that Service Projects does for local charitable organizations, we also make one-time contributions to groups on request. For the last several years, we have constructed a memory quilt for the Holy Cross Perinatal Loss Memorial service. Families who have lost a newborn are offered the opportunity to design a quilt block and we combine them into a memory quilt which is displayed, along with the quilts from years past, at a memorial service each fall. This year, Judy Walsh completed a beautiful quilt and here is the thank-you note we received, along with a photo of the quilt.

“Please accept our appreciation to you and your group for putting together the quilt for our perinatal loss memorial service this year. You all were so kind to give of your time and talents to make this a lasting remembrance for the families. Many of them said how much they look forward to completing a quilt square each year. The quilts from 2014 and the previous years were hung on display for the families to view during the memorial service.”

Thanks again for all of your support.”

Debbie Levine

Debra Levine, RN, MPH

Manager of Perinatal Education

December Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, December 3, and Tuesday, December 15, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan for questions. Please join us!



FSQ Library News

Jennifer Rossmere

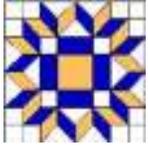
I thought I would point out a few of the wonderful books we have in our library. I realize we have a new mini-group dedicated to miniature quilts. We have at least two books you might want to read, “Miniatures in Minutes” and “Miniature Baltimore Album Quilts”. For those doing the Modern challenge, we have several books that might help; “Modern Minimal”, “Modern Neutrals” and “Modern Patchwork”. If you want something more traditional but with a little magic for the holidays, how about “Magical Four-Patch and Nine-Patch Quilts”. Please come and browse your FSQ Library at our next monthly FSQ

meeting and you might find something to inspire you. The FSQ website has a list of all the books in our library. If you would like me to find a particular book for you, please send me an e-mail and I will have it ready for you at the next meeting.

Also, I welcome your ideas for new books. Let me know if there is a book that you would like to see as part of our library or a certain topic that is not covered by our current books. Please e-mail me with your suggestions at library@friendshipstar.org.

Jennifer

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.

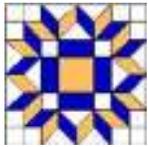


Holiday Party

By JoAnne DuChez

By the time you read the December newsletter, Thanksgiving will be done and gone. We'll all be eating leftovers. Some brave souls will have dared the thongs on Black Friday. Try to get in some sewing during the remainder of the holiday season.

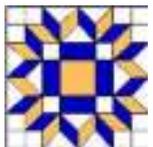
I hope to see you all at the December meeting when we will enjoy good food and comradery with good friends. There is no speaker or pre-meeting dinner at Dogfish in December.



2015/2016 Programs

By JoAnne DuChez

Dec 7, 2015	Holiday Party
Jan 4, 2016	Andrea Schnur Trunk Show
Feb 1, 2016	FSQ Trunk Show - organized by Linda August, FSQ Vice President
Mar 7, 2016	Kathy Lincoln , passion for simplifying techniques; teaches at Quilt Patch. Lecture: Design Your Own: Pieced Blocks. kathylincoln.com
April 4, 2016	Barbara Dann. Lecture: "Diva Quilt Detectives - How did they make this block, can I make it differently?"
May 2, 2016	Karen Lee Carter , Original Art Quilts, karenleecarter.com
June 6, 2016	Election of Officers for 2016-17; 3rd Annual Yard Sale



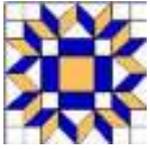
Wanted: Ideas for the 2017 Raffle quilt

By Barbara Kilby

Do you have an idea for a big beautiful quilt? We are now seeking proposals for a queen-size raffle quilt to be made by FSQ members. This is a great project for a small committee or a mini-group to coordinate.

We would plan to distribute kits and directions in February or March 2016. Blocks typically are made by dozens of FSQ members, and assembly can be done by two or three people. The quilt top needs to be complete by June 2016 so that it can be machine quilted and bound during the summer months.

In August 2016 we will enter the raffle quilt in the County Fair. Then we take the quilt on the road to sell tickets. Finally, we'll hold the Grand Prize Drawing at our Biennial Quilt Show April 28-30, 2017.



Fabric Drawings

By Liz Plantz, Harriet Sheinson

December -- Service Project Special. 12” Nine Patch Block. Corners and center in shades of blue or purple, the other squares in white, off-white or beige. For every block you make for the raffle, please make a second block to be given to Service Projects. If you need a pattern to follow see:

<http://www.quilterscache.com/N/NinePatchBlock.html>

Note: The pattern gives you a block that measures 12 ½ inches, resulting in a 12 inch finished block when sewn into a quilt.

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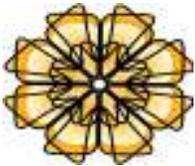
February – Pre-cut Batik strips 2 ½ inches by width of fabric (4 strips equal one entry in the raffle).

March – Fat quarters of Green and/or Yellow

April – Fat quarters of Floral Prints to Celebrate Spring.

May – Fat quarters of Black and/or White -- Coffee and/or Cream

June – Fat quarters of Patriotic or Red, White and/or Blue



FSQ/AQS 2016 Ultimate Guild Challenge – What “Modern” Means to Me

Karen Moss and Nancy Colladay

The FSQ Ultimate Guild Challenge goes “Modern” with a theme that is wide open for interpretation. What does that word mean to you? We provide several examples in the full rules and description located on the FSQ website.

There are size requirements, a color requirement, and a deadline. We hope we’ve piqued your interest. Our goal is to have at least 8 quilts to submit to AQS.

If you don’t have a chance to visit the website, we will have rules and color chips available at the November guild meeting.

Hope to see you then -
Challenge Co-Chairs Karen Moss and Nancy Colladay.



Membership By Barbara Skelly

Please check in at the membership table before the meeting or at break. We would like you to sign in so we know you were there.



Birthdays

November and December Birthdays

Dorothy	Acton	Nov	27
Laurie	Bay	Nov	11
Mary	Brantley	Nov	16
Nancy	Brennan	Nov	24
Sandra	Chin	Nov	15
Barbara	Dryden	Nov	26
Mary Lou	Dungan	Nov	15
Lynn	Hastmann	Nov	2
Susan	Holman	Nov	5
Patricia	Lefevre	Nov	5
Christine	LeGal	Nov	21
Jane	Phillips	Nov	27
Elizabeth	Plantz	Nov	28
Marie	Quattrociocchi	Nov	18
Ann	Ramey-Smith	Nov	17
Karen	Slayton	Nov	5
Cheryl	Vanvliet	Nov	11
Betty	Williams	Nov	5
Jeanne	Burke	Dec	31
Deborah	Chubb	Dec	5
Nicki	Lynch	Dec	9
Barbara	Morten	Dec	18
Susan	Potter	Dec	13
Billye	Roberts	Dec	28
Gail	Ullrich	Dec	15
Judy	Walsh	Dec	23



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	TBD	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	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Jennifer Rossmere	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	Pins	Susan Spencer