

## Friendship Star Quilters

### October 2017

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# The Quiltline

## Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

**October 5,6 & 7: Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO,**  
Fredericksburg, VA

**October 6-8: Everybody's Quilt Guild Quilt Show in**  
Westminster

**October 13-14: The Bethesda Quilters Quilt Show in**  
Kensington, MD at Holy Redeemer Catholic school .

**October 20: Lancaster Day Trip**

**October 27: Village Quilters Bingo, The Lodge, 2832**  
Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville, MD  
[contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com)

**November 9-18: Quilters' Quest Shop Hop**

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**October -- Fat quarter Animal prints**

### Meetings

Next Meeting is October 2. 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

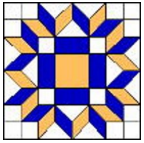
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:  
Thursday, October 12th  
Tuesday, October 24th

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

### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be October 10th. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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



## Guild Minutes: August FSQ Meeting

Michele Barnard

President Nicki Lynch welcomed visitors and new members to open the meeting.

Approval of the minutes was deferred until August minutes were published.

Our annual Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Jennifer Rossmere. Copies of the budget, which had previously been presented to and approved by the FSQ Board, were given to members. She noted that for 2017, the cost for supplies was fairly high but included a number of one-time expenses. The Guild is currently projecting a budget deficit, but this may be made up either we sell more raffle tickets sell than expected, or if we recruit additional members. Current reserves are approximately \$35,000.

For Service Projects, Nancy Brennan announced that the next workshop would be held September 28 at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. She noted that quilt top kits, premie quilt kits, and strip quilt kits are available at the back of the church.

Quilt Show thank-you gifts were presented to those volunteers who were not present last month.

Barbara Kilby nominated a new charity for our next years opportunity quilt, Equipment Connections for Children (<http://www.equipforchildren.org/>). Barbara has investigated this group and found that it is a reputable charity. The organization collects and refurbishes used equipment for children with physical disabilities, providing expensive adaptive equipment to children who might not otherwise be able to obtain it. The charity received approval by the members.

Karen Moss has raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt in the lobby. Please pick up an envelope of tickets; be sure to sign for them. Our quilt won ribbons at both the Montgomery County Fair and the Maryland State Fair.

Lorie Coston had copies of "The Register," (<http://www.countryregisteronline.com/Papers/MD%20CURRENT%20ISSUE.pdf>). Our guild meetings are now advertised in The Register. In October, the Guild Publicity plans a display in one of the public libraries.

Lorie Coston also announced that the FSQ website is newly revamped, and asked members to go to the website and poke around, and to let her know of any issues. New sections are planned to include members who have skills to promote and a guild blog.

Jane Campos from Bethesda Quilters announced that their show will be October 13-14 at the Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Kensington. Tickets for the Bethesda Quilters raffle quilt were on sale in the lobby.

Suma Glassman reminded us of the Guild's Facebook page. A recent post included a photo from an individual who received a quilt through Fisher House.

Nicki Lynch announced that the board meeting would be October 10.

Our speaker tonight was Judy Gula of Artistic Artifacts. We were treated to a talk on the manufacture of batiks in Indonesia, and a trunk show of what could be created with those batiks.

Joanne Duchez reminded us that challenge quilts made from Service Project panels are due next month.

The fabric raffle was won by Harriet Sheinson, Dottie Acton, and Judy Newton.

The door prizes were won by Barbara Kilby, Laura Markus, and Linda Belecki.



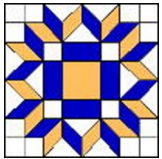
## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We want to share another lovely note posted on our Facebook page and written by someone who received one of our FSQ Service Projects quilts. It's always nice to hear that our efforts are appreciated by the community!

*Many thanks to your Friendship Star Quilters Guild members! This quilt was used daily during the time we were at Fisher House in Bethesda. Since my mother is also a quilter, I looked to see if the quilt had a sewing tag on it to find out who might have made it. Please share with your members that we appreciate the work and care that goes into making a quilt and donating it to Fisher House so that others could use it. Thanks again!*

Please join us, if you can, for our Service Projects workshops, held 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. October workshops will be on Thursday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 24. Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver with questions.



## Programs

JoAnne DuChes

What a beautiful weekend we've had! I love the fall weather, a little warm weather mixed with cooler mornings and evenings. What a delight! Perfect for gardening. However, I must admit that I spent a lot of time in my sewing room finishing up on the panel challenge quilts. Just the binding to sew on now. My least exciting part of any project...

The October's Guild meeting is just around the corner. Diane Doran will be our speaker and her topic is **Digital Collage for Quilt Design**. Diane is a contemporary quilt artist who is passionate about her art. She has been sewing since childhood and quilting since 1987. Diane's focus is on machine techniques and she uses piecing, appliqué, and digital imagery to create complex, heavily quilted pieces. Her quilts have been exhibited nationally and won awards at a variety of major shows. Diane's background in engineering has led her to use computer generated images and designs for much of her work. Her [website gallery page](#) displays examples of traditional, innovative, and art quilts. Take a look and see some really beautiful quilts.

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

Nov 6, 2017	Lauren Kingland
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



## **FSQ Summer Service Project Panel Challenge**

JoAnne DuChes

I am really excited to see the quilts you have made for the Panel Challenge. If you're like me, you are almost finished with your projects. I know there will be some really stellar and unique offerings.

Check in with the Programs staff in the atrium and register your quilt. You'll be assigned a number for voting. Then display your quilt in the sanctuary on the pews to the right as you first walk in the door.

Each member may cast one vote for their favorite quilt. Voting will happen before the meeting and during the break. Winners will be announced after Show & Tell. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner receive FSQ Yard Sale Bucks good for the June 2018 yard sale.

Good Luck, Everyone!

Panel Challenge Requirements:

Object: create a one of a kind panel quilt

Size: 36" square – twin size

Quilts must be sandwiched, quilted and bound.

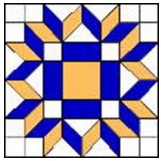
Quilt will be donated to FSQ Service Projects for distribution.



## **January 2018 Retreat Last Call for Final Payment**

Pat Vasaio and Joy

The 2018 FSQ retreat (January 12-14,15) at the Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriotsville, MD is full. Payment of the balance is due by the October Guild meeting. Joy has sent reminders to those who have not yet responded. Balance for the three-day option is \$250; the four-day option balance is \$400. Checks are to be made payable to "FSQ" and can be mailed to Joy Dorman at 5342 - 32<sup>nd</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20015. We will not collect checks at the Guild meeting. Thank you to all for your support for this important Guild event.



## Thanks from Wider Circle

Jennifer Rossmere

Friendship Star Quilters used part of the proceeds from the 2017 Raffle Quilt to donate \$450 to A Wider Circle. We received a thank you letter (excerpts below) and a personal message from Mark Bergel, Founder and Executive Director, which says, “This was very, very kind. We are so grateful to you!”

“A Wider Circle furnishes the homes of more than 4,400 families each year, translating to nearly 16,000 children and adults who are able to create stable and dignified homes. Through our Workforce Development program, we assist 2,000 individuals seeking to enter or re-enter the workforce. And at our center in Barry Farm – a low-income, high-crime neighborhood – we serve more than 600 residents.

Today we are working with even more urgency. And because we continue to work with a 2% overhead, your \$450 donation will make a direct impact on many lives. At a Wider Circle, we are committed to ending poverty for one individual and one family after another and, with your support, we will create lasting change for our neighbors in need.”



## Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales at Capital Quilts

Lorie Coston

Hi Everyone! Yes, it's that shop hop time of year. Yay! It's time to look ahead on your calendars and sign up for time slots during Quilters' Quest 2017!

The award winning 2018 Opportunity Quilt “Butterflies in the Mist” will be on display at Capital Quilts during Quilters' Quest. Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets during Quest dates of November 9 – 18, 2017. No, you will not be required to set up the quilt or the table, count money, or count tickets. Our thanks to Karen Moss!

Go to our website home page, [www.friendshipstar.org](http://www.friendshipstar.org), for a link to our Sign Up Genius calendar, log in and select the dates you wish to work. Easy!

As in past years, credits will be given to those who volunteer during Quest based on sales. Your time will also benefit the guild and we all appreciate that. Thank you!



Another way to benefit the guild is to ask Questers if they belong to a guild and if they would like to come to one of our meetings. Business cards will be on the table with our guild details. **Invite someone.** We need more members! And you can do the inviting. Wouldn't it be nice if our numbers increased by even one person?

Lorie





## FSQ at Montgomery County Libraries

Lorie Coston

Hi Everyone! Wow have we got fantastic news! The Friendship Star Quilters will be showcasing our fiber art in at least **six** Montgomery County Public Libraries in the coming year. Judy Walsh had this terrific idea this past Spring and with some encouragement and insight from Michele (and hubby Joe) Barnard, calls were made. Well, we're in!!

You've probably noticed the glass display case at a library you have visited. The featured item changes each month. FSQ is now in the display rotation. Each library has a different showcasing opportunity. But at all, the quilts will be on display for **a full calendar month**.

Quilts of all sizes and possibly quilt blocks may be included in these displays. Certainly, each quilt will have identifying information including our guild name, the quilt maker, the year and the name of the quilt, etc. Please be thinking of quilts you have that you can share with this unique audience. Mini, small, larger and large! Blocks too.

Not all libraries have display cases or even public bulletin boards but most of those that do, we're in! The schedule looks like this so far:

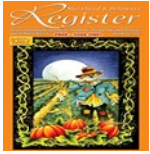
2017		Theme	Display
October	Noyes Library for Young Children	Books with quilts on the cover or in the story	Correlating Mini Quilts on a laundry line, with a teddy bear, etc.
December	Kensington Park—FOUR WALLS <i>and</i> Display Case	?	?
December	Damascus	?	?
2018			
January	Potomac	?	?
March	Twinbrook	?	?
August	Davis	?	?

There are several more libraries to which calls have been made so it is very likely this schedule will be changing to include more display cases. Yay! This is a terrific thing for the guild because it gives us an opportunity to be in the community and exhibit our art. That alone is a wonderful reason for us to participate in this Library program.

Another great reason is that we might appeal to people who are looking to join us and share our style of art. We always want more members, right?!

**Contact me about participating, please!** We just had a lovely Show and any one of those beautiful quilt entries would be a tremendous advertisement for the skill and artistry of our guild members.

Lorie



## FSQ in Print

Lorie Coston

FSQ is in print! Well, maybe not exactly what you're thinking but we have advertised in *The Maryland & Delaware Register* for September and October, 2017.

If you were at the September guild meeting, it is likely that you received a printed *The Register* newspaper. The guild is on page 10. In color!

*The Register* can be found at this address: [www.theregisterweb.com](http://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!

Lorie





## Membership Renewals for 2017-2018

Barbara Skelly

The Membership Directory will be emailed only to current members in October.



## October Birthdays

Coralyn	Colladay	Oct	3
Pat	Current	Oct	3
Ellen	Robinson	Oct	4
Karen	Moss	Oct	5
Susan	Schwarz	Oct	7
Meg	Tison	Oct	11
Nancy	Colladay	Oct	14
Judith	Newton	Oct	16
Teresa	Peterson	Oct	17
Alice	Washburn	Oct	20
Veronica	Smith	Oct	26
Michele	Barnard	Oct	27
Harriet	Sheinson	Oct	29



## Lancaster PA Shopping Trip - sponsored by a co-op of local Quilt Guilds:

**Friday, October 20, 2017**

Departure: 7:30 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately

\$60 - Includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch

Stops: Burkholder's Fabric Shop, Shady Maple lunch, Kitchen Kettle Village (Old Country Store, Zook's)

Need payment by September 18th for 30 people to guarantee it's a go.

**Checks made payable to: Village Quilters**

Send to Sheri Thompson, her address is in the FSQ Directory.



## 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](mailto:jahrah@verizon.net).



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		