

Friendship Star Quilters February 2018

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Birds of a Feather (Herndon, VA)

Feb 8-11, 2018

<https://thelongarmnetwork.com/be-birds-of-a-feather>

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, VA

Feb 22-25, 2018

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>

Best Little Quilt Show in MD (Southern Comforters)

Mar ??-??, 2018, Bowie, MD

<http://www.southerncomforters.org/>

Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc.

Registration opens in March, Information about classes posted in the Winter.

MAQ happens July 13-15, 2018..

<http://www.maqonline.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MAQ-Mid-Appalachian-Quilters-159952331027/>

Quilts Around the Bay Shop Hop

Mar 2-11, 2018

<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltsAroundTheBay/>

Cabin Branch & Stone House Quilters Annual quilt show

Mar 10-11, Manassas, VA

<https://www.cabinbranchquilters.org/quilt-show.htm>

AQS Lancaster, PA

March 21-24, 2016

<http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lns18/>

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January - Fat quarters of Geometric prints: circles, squares, dots, stripes, etc. and
February - Batik fat quarters (shades of pink to red)

Meetings

Next Meeting is February 5th. 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

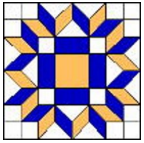
Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, February 1st
Tuesday, February 27th

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will take place on February 13, April 10, and June 12. The place to be announced. 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

Happy New Year!! Well, it's a little late, but since we didn't have a January meeting, I think it's OK to say. Weather willing, we should have a February meeting.

I guess making a New Year resolution to uncover old projects and either finish them or give them away is common among quilters. As I get older I feel like things are beginning to clutter my life. I also know that we will eventually move out of this house and into something smaller. So the need to rearrange and give away has become a priority for me.

I decided that I don't have to get rid of everything all at once, but can go through iterations. I have a friend who does a retreat every year and becomes a Buddhist nun. To do so, her head is shaved. She says that hair represents all the burdens and vanity of life. By shaving her head, she is freeing herself from all worldly attachments, giving herself over to a spiritual life. I'm not quite ready to go so far, but it's right for her.

I'm leaning more toward the "does it still give you joy" method of decluttering. In some cases, it's the "when did I make THIS (in a good way)" method of clearing out my stash. Yes, fabric still gives me joy, it just the 1/2-inch squares and 3/8-inch strings no longer seem important to hang on to. Coming from a family that believed in saving everything in case you might need it, giving up those little pieces is a good start.

I believe at the December meeting, the idea of leaving quilting magazines in public places with an invitation to our Guild on them was brought up. I don't know if anyone has started doing that, but it might be a good way to pass along some of the magazines no longer needed. I've also been eyeing the past Guild newsletters, back when they were only in print, and considering recycling them. If anyone is interested in the back issues, let me know. I won't toss them for a few weeks.

I also decided I needed to get out for more inspiration, as I mentioned last month. While we were in NYC, we went to the Brooklyn Museum and saw "Roots of 'The Dinner Party': History in the Making" by Judy Chicago. It's far more impressive in person than any of the pictures I've seen of it. The Dinner Party celebrates traditional female accomplishments such as textile arts and china painting, as opposed to the more culturally valued, male-dominated fine arts.

For more local inspiration, I noticed in today's *Washington Post* (Jan. 26th) an announcement for a new installation at the National Gallery of Art. It's called "Outliers and American Vanguard Art" and consists of 250 works ranging from paintings and sketches to quilts and Polaroids. Sounds like a good show to see.

And I'll see all of you at the February meeting.



January Guild Minutes

Meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Calling All Longarmers!

Are you a longarmer who has sizable pieces (8" or more wide) of batting left after you finish a project for a client? Would you like to recycle that batting for the benefit of Service Projects? We would love to put it to good use by piecing them together and using them in our Service Projects quilts. You'll be helping the environment, helping our budget, and helping to keep others warm and comforted! Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan for more information.

Service Projects Quilts on Tour!

A few months ago, Lorie Coston wrote a Quiltline article about Service Projects quilts on display in local libraries. They have been to the Noyes, Kensington-Parkwood, and Damascus libraries, and are now on display at the Potomac branch. They then move to the Twinbrook branch in March, the Davis branch in August, and will end up at the Quince Orchard library next March, 2019. It's a win-win for Friendship Star Quilters and the Montgomery

County Public Library. Check them out if they're in your neighborhood!



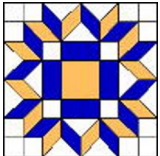
Damascus Library



Potomac Library

Upcoming Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, February 1, and Tuesday, February 27. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver if you have



Programs

JoAnne DuChes

Unfortunately, Kimberly Einmo, the speaker originally scheduled for February had to cancel. Kimberly has moved to California where her husband accepted a new position. Good luck to them both.

Do not despair because we have an exceptional replacement. Our own Lorie Coston has crafted an exciting and educational program on how social media can benefit FSQ members. Kudos to Lorie for stepping up and taking over the program this month. In case you want to understand just what the program is about, just look below...

Looking for something...Different? Fresh? Fun? Or Challenging for your quilting? Has a book with terrific patterns you got from the Guild Library got you stumped? Or perhaps your fabrics don't feel right for the pattern you have in mind. Social Media might be your answer! Lorie's talk will be "Social Media & Quilting...Really? How to use Social Media to Add Spice to your Quilting!" Her talk will be informative for beginning as well as intermediate users of social media. The dinner before the meeting is cancelled for February.

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

Feb 5, 2018	Lorie Coston
Mar 5, 2018	Lesley Riley - Cancelled
	Tamara 'T' Carter
Apr 2, 2018	Jean Ann Wright
May 7, 2018	Cheryl Lynch
June 4, 2018	Election; 5th Annual Yard Sale



Speaker Suggestions for 2018-2019

JoAnne DuChes

I'm still asking for speaker suggestions for 2018-19. Please email any names or topics to me, and I'll follow up soon. 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 remind you that this will be my last year of soliciting speakers for the Guild. 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.

I usually 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.



June 2018 Yardsale

JoAnne DuChes

Donations for the June Yard Sale will begin in February. There will be a bin in the atrium for your contributions. Please provide quilting fabric, books (no magazines), patterns, notions, and other quilting related items. As in the past, I request that you do not include non-quilt fabrics, as these are rarely purchased by our yard sale participants.



FSQ's Charity for 2018 – Equipment Connections for Children

Barbara Kilby

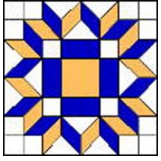
Every year Friendship Star Quilters adopts a charity to receive part of the proceeds from our raffle quilt. This year we voted to select Equipment Connections for Children, a small local organization where our contribution will be well used and appreciated.

The mission of Equipment Connections for Children (ECFC) is to connect costly adaptive equipment from children with disabilities who outgrow the equipment to other children who need it. ECFC solicits donated equipment, refurbishes it if necessary, and matches it at no charge to families with a child with a disability who needs the equipment.

Several FSQ members attended the grand opening of ECFC's new headquarters near the Montgomery County Air Park in October 2017. It was a great opportunity to display our 2018 raffle quilt, "Butterflies in the Mist." The quilt was warmly received, and many of the guests at the event were generous ticket buyers. In the new ECFC warehouse we saw specialized walkers, strollers, gait trainers, tricycles, and other items that can be very expensive to buy and are seldom adequately covered by insurance.

ECFC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Montgomery County, Maryland, providing hope, mobility, and independence to children all over the metropolitan DC area. FSQ members are encouraged to help -- by selling raffle tickets, or by making individual donations to ECFC. Please visit www/equipforchildren.org for details.

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Opportunity Quilt Events- A Fantastic February!!

Connie Ross

The Opportunity Quilt, "Butterflies in the Mist" is making it's rounds and currently there are two major events planned in February 2018 that need your support.

The first event is a 4 day show oriented toward long-arm quilters called, "Birds of a Feather" on February 8,9,10,11. This event is outlined at this website:<https://thelongarmnetwork.com/be-birds-of-a-feather>. FSQ will be selling tickets during the 4 day event and we will use the Sign-Up Genius software to schedule. Also, we are entering our quilt in the "Battle of the Guilds" so get ready for another ribbon for our wonderful quilt!

Here are the details:

February 8,9,10,11, 2018
Birds of a Feather
Luray Ballroom
Hyatt Regency Dulles
2300 Dulles Corner Blvd.
Herndon, VA 20171

The second February event is the "Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival" (also commonly known as the Mancuso Show). These dates are February 22,23,24,25 and it will be held in Hampton, VA. We have registered our quilt and will need ticket selling support as well as 32 hours of "White Gloving" with the heaviest support needed on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th. Here's the link to the show details: <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival>. Again, we will use the Sign-up Genius software to schedule. Here are the details:

February 22,23,24,25, 2018
Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival
Hampton Roads Convention Center
1610 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, VA 23666

As you sign up for supporting the cause, please look at the other names that are near your time slot and contact those folks if you are interested in carpooling. We hope to see you at the shows and ask that if you have any questions please call Connie Ross. Contact information is in our directory. Thank you!

Connie Ross



Magazine Label Ready for Pickup

Lorie Coston

Labels will be available for pickup in the lobby at the next meeting. The labels are stapled in groupings of 10, 20 or 30. When you are ready to donate your magazines to the doctor's office, auto repair shop waiting room or another spot of your choosing, place two labels on the front and one label on the back. The two labels for the front are one each of Friendship Star and Nimble Fingers and the label on the back is a general invitation to join a guild.

Why so many labels? Cost! We are able to get 500 more magazines labeled with the smaller labels. And, we bought all the labels that Office Depot had left during their sale...

Please place the label over any date that could be on the front of the magazine. We don't need someone to toss out an "old" magazine because they don't understand that quilt patterns are timeless!



FSQ Business Cards

Lorie Coston

FSQ has an easy way to introduce the guild! We have a business card for guild members to share with fellow quilters and people you meet who you think would enjoy being a member. 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 to have handy to share. Push-pin a card to the bulletin board at your grocery store or library or other public board.

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?





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.



Membership

Barbara Skelly



February Birthdays

Dorothy	Craig	February	6
Brenda	Finch	February	15
Janet	Fujikawa	February	
Jo	Kruse	February	8
Michelle	McDaniel	February	6
Margaret	Natof	February	27
Mary Moore	Payne	February	24
Ginger	Peebles	February	10
Brenda	Peters	February	2
Susan	Sandler	February	19
Barbara	Skelly	February	8



Elected Officers		
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