

Friendship Star Quilters

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The Quiltline

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

The Cumberland Valley Relief Center, Chambersburg, PA, will be hosting a Quilt Show on January 18, 19, and 20, 2018. Admission is free and over 100 pieces will be on display.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Cumberland-Valley-Relief-Center-340846082609857/>

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

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January – Fat quarters of Geometric prints: circles, squares,

Meetings

Next Meeting is January 8th. 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

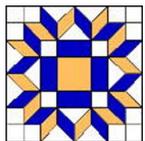
Service Projects Workshop Dates:
 Thursday, January 4th
 Tuesday, January 23rd

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! May it be better than 2017, which was chaotic. I'm hoping things settle into a more peaceful atmosphere. With no quilt show for FSQ, I'm looking for inspiration to keep me interested in more than just the ordinary.

One of the best ways I know to get that different perspective is to get out of the house and **do** things. We are fortunate to live in an area that has plenty of places to go, things to see, and things to do.

My husband and I decided it's been too long since we went into D.C. and visited to a museum or two.

The Friday *Post* has a list of what's happening at all the museums. While I'd like to see the zoo again, it's too cold to stroll the pathways. So we decided to do inside things. Of the four things I wanted to do, we decided to do two of them and see how we felt. So the first was the National Geographic Museum, on 17th Street. The big exhibit there is the interactive exhibition, Tomb of Christ. It was pretty impressive for the small space the museum has. The exhibit starts with a talk about the city of Jerusalem and the three holy sites in it. The talk then moves into another room where, having put on 3D glasses, the visitor is given a virtual tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. It's dazzling and dizzying. The woman in front of me almost fell over during one swoop. I had to keep reminding myself I was standing on the floor and *everything else* was moving.

Being the Nat Geo, it concentrated on the restoration done by their team in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After the 3D tour, the rest was a detailed explanation of the methods used in the restoration. It was very impressive and interesting. I was slightly disappointed it was just one of the three holy sites; I was ready to tour the Temple Mount and Haram al-Sharif as well!

The other exhibit (it's a small building) was Wild: Michael Nichols, a wild life photographer. His photos are breathtaking, especially the ones of giant trees, and the equipment he uses to get the photos was interesting. I thought back to the lecture we had on using photos for quilts. His would have been very interesting to use.

We then walked to one of my favorite museums, the Renwick. It's collection of contemporary art always dazzles me. The special exhibit is *Murder Is Her Hobby: Frances Glessner Lee and the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death*. It runs through January, so if you want to see it, hustle on down. Her Nutshell collection (which is NOT made from nutshells) was/is the basis of modern CSI and criminal investigation. Very impressive and a little frustrating, as none of the scenes has a resolution, just a general sketch of what happened. The Nutshell collection is still being used in training investigators, so the solutions are not revealed. If you like dollhouses, and I do, the work and detail is incredible, as is the life of the woman who made them.

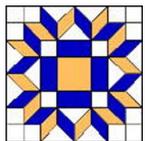
I've saved the best for last – the contemporary craft pieces in the Museums collection. All are intriguing, but what really caught my attention (and one guard who points it out to all visitors) was the work by Sabrina Gschwandtner. The piece we saw was *Fibers and Civilization* (1959) and it just blew my mind. (If you go to the Renwick website, her piece, *Hula Hoop*, is featured.) I had Rich take a picture of it.



Not impressed? Check out the detail.



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President's Message

Nicki Lynch

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Yes, it's 16mm file sewed together. Impressed now? I was totally inspired. Working with small pieces is in my wheelhouse and she is a master. This piece must be seen in person to get the full effect.

While Rich's favorite is still Game Fish by Larry Fuente and my favorite used to be Ghost Clock by Wendell Castle, I'm am a total fan of Sabrina Gschwandtner.

It was then time for hot chocolate at the coffee shop across the street and home on the Metro.

So it was a wonderful trip to several D.C. museums. I hope I've inspired you to get out and find some great piece of art or nature that blows your mind in this new year. See you at the January 8th Guild meeting.

Nicki



December 4th Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

President Nicki Lynch called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and new members. Minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Suma Glassman announced the following dates for Service Projects:

December 14 – Potluck

December 19 - Workshop

Nicki announced the following dates for Executive Board Meetings:

December 12, February 13, April 10, and June 12 – at Margaret Natof's house.

Margaret Natof has been appointed Acting Secretary to fill the remainder of Gayle Sunde's term.

Lorie Coston announced the program to put labels on quilting magazines and to put them where they can be picked up by interested quilters. This program is supported by both Friendship Star and Nimble Fingers for the purpose of promoting membership in both Guilds.

Michele Barnhard urged members to view the displays of members' quilts at the Kensington Park Library and the Damascus Library.

Show-and-Tell featured lovely quilts made by members.

Because members made so many 9-patches, there were enough for four prizes: Barbara Skelly, Karen Moss, Colleen Davies, and Ellen Robinson.

Door Prizes were awarded to Judy Newton, Barb Morton, and Nancy Colladay.

The next meeting will be January 8, 2018

The meeting adjourned. Members were invited to participate in the annual holiday party immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Natof



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

The start of a new year is a good time for the Service Projects committee to take a look at what we've accomplished since June 1, the beginning of our quilting year. Thanks to your support, we are extremely pleased with how many quilts, pillowcases and hats have been made and donated so far!

227 quilts

220 preemie quilts

80 preemie hats

125 pillowcases

We'd also like to share another lovely thank you note that was forwarded to us by our contacts at Warm Up America, where we donated some of our quilts.

I am writing to thank you for your lovely and generous donation of handmade winter ware again this year. I didn't even get to see the donation this year as managers of our home scooped them up for those they work with within hours. By the time I returned from a morning meeting they were gone. The items went to individuals in three different group homes and will be appreciated and worn often during these cold weather days.

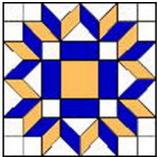
Most Sincerely,

Beth K. Shapiro

Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc.

Please join us if you can for our January Service Projects workshops, on Thursday, January 4, and Tuesday, January 23. We meet from 9:30 am until around noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about 1/2 mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

All are welcome! Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan with questions.



Programs

JoAnne DuChez

This is the first time I've written the year '2018'. I can't believe it. As a kid I never thought I would see the year 2000, let alone 2018. Now time just keeps forging ahead to fast.

Our first speaker of the new year is Ricki Selva. Ricki has been instructing and coaching other quilters since 1994. Her quilts have hung in the Virginia Quilt Museum, as well as quilt shows and other venues around the nation and been featured in books, including Donna Desoto's latest book ["Inspired by the National Parks."](#) I saw this National Parks collection several years ago and was blown away. The quilts were incredibly imaginative and awesome.

Ricki will be presenting "Special Effects," a discussion of how to use dynamic color and value combinations to create illusions of light and dimension in quilts. She will offer a slide show and trunk show.

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

Feb 5, 2018	Lorie Coston
Mar 5, 2018	Lesley Riley
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 DuChez

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.



FSQ's Charity for 2018 – Equipment Connections for Children

Barbara Kilby

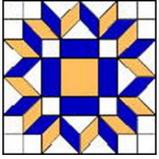
Every year Friendship Star Quilters adopts a charity to receive part of the proceeds from our raffle quilt. This year we voted to select Equipment Connections for Children, a small local organization where our contribution will be well used and appreciated.

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



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

The first update to the Directory will be mailed to all current members in December. If you didn't get the original directory or if you don't get the update, please email me.

New Members:

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold—Gaithersburg MD



January Birthdays

Colleen	Biasco	4
Elizabeth	Brodsky	26
Colleen	Davis	
Linda	Gordon	11
Rosemary	Hormuth	1
Margretta	Silverstone	7
Holly	Trotter	7



Elected Officers		
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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		