

Friendship Star Quilters

June 2018

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The Quiltline

Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show
 June 1-3, 2018
<https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show/>

Annapolis Quilt Show
 June 9 & 10
<http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>

Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc.
 MAQ happens July 13-15, 2018.
<http://www.maqonline.org/>

Quilt Odyssey
 July 19 -22, Hershey, PA
<https://www.quiltodyssey.com/>

“Around the Block”
 Needle Chasers Quilt Show
 October 5-6, Kensington, MD
<https://www.needlechasers.org/quilt-show-2018.htm>

Quilters Quest
 October 19-28
<http://www.quiltersquest.org/>

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

Meetings

Next Meeting is June 4th. 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

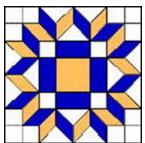
Service Projects Workshop Dates:
 Thursday, June 14th
 Tuesday, June 26th

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

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will take place on June 12. The board meeting will be held at Margaret Natof’s home.

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

As we elect a new slate of officers for FSQ in June, this is my last essay as President. I plan to write an essay every now and then on Guild topics.

It's been an honor and privilege to serve two terms as President. It had its ups and downs, but over all, I think being President gave me a clearer idea of what I want for and from the Guild. I have more of an idea of how important the Guild can be in interacting with the community and within generations. We don't want to lose the joy of making something unique and the Guild is important in keeping that feeling alive.

In a culture where coarseness is increasing and people spend most of their time passively absorbing what is fed to them through social media, we're losing contact with working with our hands and being with a variety of people. I see that as the value of the Guild. Seeing the number of people who've joined the Guild and have taken on the various jobs, I know the Guild will be in good hands for years to come.

So, see you at the meeting; I'll be sitting in the pews.

Nicki



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

The Service Projects committee has had another record year, thanks to the support of our FSQ members! Since last June 1st, we have made **AND** donated the following:

463 quilts for children and adults

381 preemie quilts

117 preemie hats

229 pillowcases

Whether you have helped us at our twice-monthly workshops, have made or completed a quilt or pillowcase at home, have donated fabric, or have completed one of our kits for preemie quilts or quilt tops, you have contributed to the success of FSQ's outreach efforts. We can't thank you enough!

Join us, if you can, for our June Service Projects workshops, to be held on June 14th and 26th. We love to welcome newcomers! Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver with questions.



May Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

President Nicki Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:35 and welcomed guests.

The minutes of the April 2 meeting were accepted, with corrections listed at the end of these minutes. Otherwise the minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Suma Glassman moved that future corrections be noted in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Another motion suggested that corrections be placed at the end of minutes. Motion passed

Announcements and Committee Reports

Service Projects will meet on May 15 to work on preemie quilt kits and pillowcase kits. Suma has put together 36-inch quilt kits because the supply was running low.

Karen Moss asked that members please return raffle tickets and money for tickets sold. Part of the responsibility of membership is purchasing and/or selling tickets for the Raffle Quilt. Some of the proceeds will be donated to Equipment Connections for Children and the remaining money goes to the guild. If you haven't received tickets or need more tickets, please see Karen. Karen will mail tickets to you if necessary. The ticket seller should put her name on the back of the ticket. The person who sells the winning ticket will receive a prize.

Barbara Kilby announced an incentive for recruiting a new member – a \$10 certificate for yard sale bucks usable at the next yard sale.

Meg Tison and Davina Powell announced the Summer Strip Tease Challenge for Service Projects. The idea is to create a quilt with jelly rolls or 2 1/2-inch fabric strips. The quilt should be 36-inches square up to twin size. Finished quilts will be due at the October meeting. The top three members' choice awards will get Yard Sale Bucks.

Suma Glassman announced that she has the stamp for the FSQ members' name tags.

JoAnne Duchez announced that she is collecting for the Guild Yard Sale that will take place at the June meeting. Her car will be outside the church entrance following the meeting and she will accept donations until May 20.

Barb Morten, chair of the Nominating Committee announced the slate for the 2018-19 Officers. The election will take place at the June meeting.

President – Barbara Kilby

Vice President – Carole Weikert

Secretary – Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

Treasurer – Sabina Lindley

The next Board Meeting is June 12 at Margaret Natof's home. Committee Chairs should submit budget requests prior to June 12.

Prior to the break, members of NeedleChasers Guild announced that they would be in the lobby selling tickets for their raffle quilt.

Following the break, Barbara Kilby reminded members to renew memberships as soon as possible.

JoAnne Duchez introduced the speaker, Cheryl Lynch. Cheryl discussed working with silk fabrics.

Following Show-and-Tell, winners of the fabric drawing and door prizes were drawn.

The next Guild meeting will be the Yard Sale on June 4, 2018. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, with thanks to Michele Barnhard for taking minutes,

Margaret Natof

Correction to the March 5 Minutes: Judy Walsh announced that the 2019 Raffle Quilt top was completed and that a Request for Proposal for the quilting had been sent out. She also indicated that the responses were due in early April in order that the proposals could be discussed at the April Board meeting.

Correction to the April 2 Minutes: Raffle Quilt marketing was for the 2018 Raffle Quilt, not the 2017 quilt.





2019 Retreat - Register Now!

Joy Dorman and Pat Vasiao

There are only a few spaces left for the 2019 FSQ Retreat (January 18-20, with the option to spend an extra day, January 18-21). To reserve your space, please send a deposit check for \$50.00 made payable to FSQ, to Joy Dorman, 5342 32nd St. NW, Washington, DC 20015. Information on the retreat and the registration form are available on the FSQ Website.

Questions?? Email Pat Vasiao or Joy Dorman at retreats@friendshipstar.org.



2018 Summer Service Challenge

Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell, JoAnne DuChes

Get your beach bodies ready, ladies! This year's challenge is a STRIP TEASE! Yes, the challenge will involve using strips or jelly rolls to create quilts to be donated to service projects. As In years past, you may use the fabric we provide or your own.

Packs of strips will be available at the June guild meeting. Each pack includes about 20 WOF strips. Some strips may be shorter, so additional strips may be included. Please be aware that the cutting and counting of strips may have been performed while enjoying adult beverages. Forgive us if things are not perfect...

You may pick up your pack in the atrium before the meeting and during the break. Please take only 1 pack before the meeting so everyone has a chance to make their selections. If there are packs during the break, you may select another pack. We will also provide some 1/2 cuts that you may select to make additional strips.

Also, if you would like a specific color palette, you can join us at a Service Projects workshop and choose fabric from the 1/2 and 1 yard sections in the back room to cut yourself.

Challenge quilts must be between 36 inches square and twin-size and should be quilted and bound. Yard sale bucks will be awarded to the top three, as voted on by the membership. Quilts are due at the October 2018 guild meeting.

Take a look at the guild's Pinterest page: www.pinterest.com/Friendship_Star_Quilters. The first board is titled "October 2018 Jelly Roll Challenge" and is already packed with 78 pictures! Take a peek and see if you find something that makes your fingers itchy to get started on your Challenge entries! Yes, more than one entry!



Annual Yard Sale

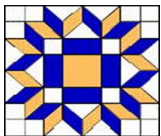
Jennifer Rossmere

Come pick up some wonderful bargains and help support your guild at FSQ's fourth annual yard sale!

Prices are a steal – precut fabrics are \$2.00 per yard (longer cuts are even less), fat quarters are three for \$1.00, Books and CDs are 2 for \$3.00 or four for \$5.00. Fill a gallon zip-lock bag with thread and embellishments at the bargain table, only \$3.00. There will be panels, UFOs, and other goodies too numerous to mention.

Bring your checkbook or cash, and a shopping bag -- the sale will open around 8:00 pm. (No admittance until after the business meeting, which will be very brief.) All proceeds will help to support FSQ Service Projects and lectures.

Feel free to invite your quilting friends!



Audit Reviewers Needed

Per the FSQ Bylaws, an audit is to be conducted of the Treasurer's records and documentation at the end of each fiscal year. The current fiscal year ends on May 31, 2018.

We need to have two auditors who will spend a few hours reviewing the records and documentation and then writing up a short report. If you are interested in helping with this audit, please call or e-mail me at (Treas@friendshipstar.org). Thanks for your help.



Bus Trip to Quilt Odyssey 2018, Hershey PA

Sherri Thompson

The Faithful Circle Quilt Guild invites us to join their bus trip to Quilt Odyssey

Hershey Quilt Odyssey 2018 - Saturday, July 21, 2018 - \$57

Departure: 8:00 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately.

Includes transportation, driver gratuity, show admission

Dinner stop at Cracker Barrel (on your own) en route home.

Checks made payable to: Village Quilters

Give checks to your guild coordinator or

Send to: Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759



Montgomery County Fair is coming

Lorie Coston

Are you busy in July? How would you like to be an award-winning quilter?! Enter the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair with a quilt! Perhaps your current project is ribbon worthy. The rules and entry opportunities are in the details included with this newsletter entry. Perhaps you've got a quilt already made but not gifted yet. This might be exactly what you need to add some excitement to your summer. The guild doesn't meet in July...just saying!



Friendship Star Web Site Improvements

Lorie Coston

Scroll down the home page! Notice the home page has a snapshot of what's currently happening within the guild. All of the main topics are listed so scroll down the page and see what you find interesting. You might be surprised! For example, just below our Welcome Message is the short entry about our 2017 Challenge Quilts being on display at Capital Quilts. Yes! How wonderful is that? The details are there as well as a link to CQ.

The second item is a Membership Renewal reminder and a mention of Yard Sale Reward Bucks for bringing a new member! It was announced there first and it's a spiffy deal! This reminder has a direct clickable link to the renewal form. What could be easier?

The third item outlines the next meeting which is June 4, of course. The details of the evening are outlined and who would knowingly miss the 2018 Opportunity Quilt drawing? Our award-winning quilt "Butterflies in the Mist" will find a new home this night. Excitement!! Can't you feel it!? And the Annual Yard Sale!! Who doesn't go Yard Sale-ing?

Service Projects Workshop dates through September are listed a bit lower on the page and below that the Guild Awareness Campaign (also known as a decluttering opportunity) of magazine labels. If you would like to print labels at your convenience, the files are there.

Check out the Services Section. Do you have a quilting skill that you wouldn't mind others knowing about? Do you do longarm quilting? Or machine embroidery? Or do you make T-shirt quilts for fun? Or are you a certified quilt appraiser? If yes to any of the above or anything else quilt related, let's get your business listed in this section. Why? What? When?!! Other guilds have this same type of section and now we do too. This can be a terrific resource.

The web site is a strong resource to all members of the guild. It changes frequently and I'm open to adding information. So contact me and let's keep everyone in-the-know!\\



What's new at Capital Quilts?! WE Are!

Lorie Coston

Our lovely pieces from the 2017 Panel to Quilt Guild Challenge benefitting Service Projects have been chosen to be the feature of the Gallery.

During the month of May, our pieces will be featured for all to see. We have enough beautiful creative items that there will be a change mid-month to feature part two!

Plan to stop in at Capital Quilts to see the FSQ Guild Quilt Collection Part Two and while you're there, do a little reward shopping! Clearly, You've earned it! S

Sign up for a class or select from CQ's new fabric lines! Plus, there is a \$5/yard sale going on now. I chose from the green colorway of "Posh Pumpkins" by Sandy Gervais for Moda. I love those pumpkins! My stash of Fall fabric makes me look like a seasonally crazed squirrel.

Please find Alison and thank her for this kindness. FSQ is honored to be invited to display some of the skills and artistry of its members in such a busy forum. We are grateful!



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

The FSQ library has added several new books for your reference needs. Come take a look at our large selection, check out several, and get inspired! The usual loan time is one month but if some extra time is needed to complete a project, just let us know. We do have a few outstanding loans and would like to have them returned by the June meeting so that we can evaluate our inventory. Also if there is a particular topic or book you would like to see included in the library or if you have a possible donation, come talk with us.

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence



Membership

Barbara Skelly

FSQ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2018-2019

The Guild year ends on 5/31/2018, so we are now accepting membership renewals for the FSQ year 2018-2019. Annual dues remain at \$35.00 for in-state members and \$20.00 for out of state members. Please pay by check made out to FSQ or in cash, as we cannot accept credit cards.

Please stop by the membership table at the guild meetings to review/correct the information we have on file for you (name, address, phone, email all can change although your birth date can't!)



June/July Birthdays

Maria	Rogers	June	5
Kathy	Brown	June	12
Danee	Wilson	June	13
Linda	Belecki	July	7
DaVeda	Powell	July	8
Julie	Arnsberger	July	11
Robin	Rothstein	July	17
Nancy	Zachik	July	21
Ihsia	Hu	July	23
JoAnne	Duchez	July	26



Elected Officers		
President	Nicki Lynch	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Treasurer and Co-Treasurer	Jennifer Rossmere	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Margaret Natof	Secy@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Programs	Jo Anne Duchez
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		