

Friendship Star Quilters

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

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

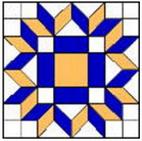
Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc.
 MAQ happens July 13-15, 2018..
<http://www.maqonline.org/>

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>

May — Fat quarters of “Ugly” fabric – one person’s trash is another’s treasure!!

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meeting
<p>Next Meeting is May 7th. 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</p> <p>September is the exception since the 1st Monday is Labor Day</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at: Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd. Darnestown, MD</p> <p>Service Projects Workshop Dates: Thursday, May 3rd Tuesday, May 15th</p> <p>If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward.</p>	<p>The next Executive Board Meetings will take place on June 12. The place to be announced. The board meeting is open to all guild members.</p> <p>If you have a topic to bring up to the board, please contact any of the officers to add your item to the agenda.</p>



President's Message

Nicki Lynch

As my tenure of President draws near an end, I'm hoping that there will be someone who steps up to take the position next year. As far as I know, no one has yet.

At the last Board meeting it was suggested that each of the elected officers should do a little write up on what the job entails. OK, here it goes.

I never gave the idea of being president much thought until I was asked to run. Then I had to think about being president of the Guild.

The main job of Guild president is to run two meetings – the monthly Guild meetings and the bi-monthly Board meetings. The Board consists of all elected officers and committee chairs as well as whomever in the Guild cares to make the meeting. Running a meeting is making the agenda and keeping things running. Basic agendas are easy to work up, running a meeting is just something you learn on the job.

The president also has to co-sign checks and keep up with any email that comes in for the Guild. There are usually one or two pieces a day. The Guild president also is the clearing house for ideas for the Guild to do, such as our recent invitation to show quilts in Capital Quilts gallery space.

At the end of the last meeting, I was asked to call the owner of Capital Quilts as she was interested in having us display our quilts.

I met with her and reported back to the Board, which happened to be meeting the next week. In short, she was interested in the Guild displaying our quilts for four weeks, with occasionally rotating new in and old

out. Our publicity chair has been doing an excellent job of putting up display in local libraries and has the panel challenge quilts available for display. It was agreed as we wanted to take advantage of this opportunity and make it a positive experience.

So, sleeves were put on the quilts and a dozen were delivered to be displayed in May. I urge everyone to drop by Capital Quilts in May to see our display. It is my hope that if this display is successful, we will be asked again. To this end, we can make plans as to how to involve more of the Guild in displaying. My idea is to go to the small quilt groups, but that's just me.

So there it is, organizing meetings and being the face of the Guild is the job. I'll go back to being just Small Groups Coordinator and using people to create more small quilt groups.

I'll be asking the current committee chairs if they plan to continue in their current positions. I know some who have already found their replacement and some may continue as they are. If you are interested in becoming a committee chair, consider talking with the current chair. The Guild need people to step up. Who knows where that will lead?



March Guild Minutes

Margaret Natof

Minutes of the April 2 Meeting Friendship Star Quilters

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

The minutes of the March 7 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

Committee Reports

- Service Projects will meet on April 12 and April 24.
- The Nominating Committee headed by Barb Morten is seeking nominees to fill three of the four positions on the Executive Board.
- Connie Ross reported on the 2017 Raffle Quilt Marketing and asked members to sign up to accompany her to other guild's meetings.

Announcements

- The Executive Committee will meet on April 10 at 7 p.m. at Margaret Natof's house. All members are welcome to attend.
- 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
- JoAnne also announced that Cathy Miller has agreed to be the new Program Chair. Thank you, Cathy.

Program

The program for the evening was Jean Ann Wright. Jean Ann is the designer of specialized rulers, creator of patterns, and a writer/contributor/editor of quilting-related publications.

Quite a few beautiful quilts were shown at Show-and-Tell.

Winners of the Fabric Drawing were Liz Lawrence and Judy Newton.

Door Prizes were awarded to Mary Ann Bruce, Susan Schwarz, Barb Morten, and Karen Keehl.

The next Guild meeting will be speaker Cheryl Lynch on May 7, 2018. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Natof

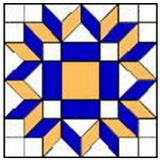


Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects continues to find many ways to bring warmth and comfort to those who need it. We're excited that we recently delivered **104 washed, ironed and individually bagged cheery pillowcases** to our contact, Effie Hoffman, at Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly known as ConKerr Cancer). She distributes these to Children's Hospital and Fairfax Inova Hospital for pediatric cancer patients there. She sends her thanks to us all and says that our pillowcases are a great hit with the staff, children and their families. What a wonderful way to brighten up a stay in the hospital. Thanks to you all!

May Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, May 3, and Tuesday, May 15, 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. We love to welcome new members!! Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver for more information.



Programs

JoAnne DuChez

I can't believe that this month we will have the last lecture of the year. How time keeps moving on so rapidly. Of course, you can't tell that it is almost May from the weather. I was freezing at my granddaughter's lacrosse game this afternoon. At least the sun was out, but I can do without the cold wind.

Cheryl Lynch, of cheryllynchquilts.blogspot.com, will be joining us at the May guild meeting. Cheryl's lecture will be *Sensational Silk*. Silk Dupioni is a luscious beautiful fabric that has such an elegant shimmer to it. It can add richness to any project. It has a unique quality based on its slubs and iridescence. Cheryl will share her silk body of work that includes everything from Jewish ritual pieces to traditional quilts to contemporary quilts to modern quilts. You will learn how to tame this potentially difficult fabric and have the courage to cut it and use it on one of your projects. Cheryl will share everything she's learned while constructing over 30 quilted pieces.

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.

Final Meeting of the Year

June 4, 2018

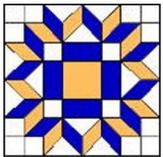
Election; 5th Annual Yard Sale



June 2018 Yardsale

JoAnne DuChez

Donations for the June Yard Sale will be collected at the May meetings. I will leave my SUV by the entrance for collection. Please just deposit your treasured in the back. The gate will be open. I'll also have a bin in the atrium for your contributions if you want to bypass the car. 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



Opportunity Quilt Update

Connie Ross

Hello FSQ Friends!

We are doing very well on our Raffle Quilt ticket sales and have completed five showings in March and six in April. There will be one more in May. All dates have been filled with two people and we are all set for a successful run. According to my calculations if we maintain our average sales per showing, and if everyone turns in their money for their sales we will meet or exceed our goal!!

Thanks again to everyone who has helped and who has helped with our raffle quilt. Please don't wait to turn in your money and tickets, I need to know if we need to schedule more showings in May. We might try another guilds technique of going to the local bowling alley on league night, we hear it can be very successful and a lot of fun!

Connie Ross



Sunshine and Shadows

Carol Unger recently had a stroke and is at Sruniransital. We hope that her rehabilitation is progressing and that we will see her back with us soon.



2019 Retreat

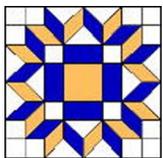
Joy Dorman and Pat Vasaio

The 21st annual FSQ Retreat will be held Martin Luther King weekend, January 18-20, 2019, with the option to spend an extra day (January 18 – 21, 2019) at the Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriotsville, MD. The costs remain the same as last year, \$300 for two nights and \$450 for three nights.

A deposit check for \$50.00 made payable to FSQ, is due with your registration. Please mail your registration form and deposit to Joy Dorman, 5342 32nd St. NW, Washington, DC 20015. Information on the retreat and the registration form are available on the FSQ Website. Click on the link to open the announcement. Only 34 spaces are available. Register today; you won't want to miss it.

To attend the retreat you need to renew your guild membership by the Sep 3, 2018 meeting. The renewal form is available under membership on our web page.

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



Treasurer's Message

Jennifer Rossmere, Treasurer

I would like to start a budget for the FSQ 2018/2019 fiscal year. I realize the budget will have to be approved by the incoming Board. In order to prepare a draft budget, I would appreciate it if you could send me your request for anticipated expenses for the 2018/2019 FSQ fiscal year by May 18th. At this time, please only request expenses not related to the quilt show. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.



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



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!)



May Birthdays

Freddie Berg	13
Jennifer Rossmere	13
Brenda Maas	17
Trish McTighe	19
Wendy Bauman	23
Sue Thornton	31



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?





Elected Officers		
President	Nicki Lynch	prez@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Connie Ross	VP@friendshipstar.org
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		