

Friendship Star Quilters

April 2019

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The Quiltline

February 28 through March 3, 2019– Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival (aka “Hampton”)
Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton Roads, VA
www.quiltfest.com

April 25 (set-up), 26, 27, 28 (show), 2019- FSQ Quilt Show
Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg
www.friendshipstar.org

May 31-June 2, QU” Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA,
Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. <https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show/>

June 8-9, Quilts by the Bay, Annapolis High School,
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-4, <http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>

July 11-28: Sacred Threads, Reston, VA, Mondays-Saturdays
11-5, Sundays 1-4, <http://www.sacredthreadsquilts.com/>

August 2-3: Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show,
Frederick, MD, Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4, <https://www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org/fcag-2019-quilt-show.html>

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April — Fat quarters of floral prints to celebrate Spring

Meetings

Next Meeting is April 1st. Guild meetings are at 7:30pm on the 1st Monday of the month at: Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene
8921 Warfield Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD

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 on <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/>.

Service Projects

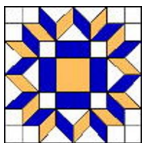
Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 AM to Noon at:
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown, MD

Service Projects Workshop Dates:
Thursday, April 11th
Tuesday, April 30th

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meetings will be Monday, April 8 at 7 pm at 400 Russell Avenue in Gaithersburg.

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

Barbara Kilby

Due to illness, there is no president's message this month.



February Guild Minutes

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

President, Barbara Kilby, called the meeting to order at 7:30, welcomed visitors and new members. An amendment to February meeting minutes was submitted “a spelling correction (Barb Morton is corrected to Barb Morten)” the document was voted on and approved as amended. She also welcomed 3 new members and 3 new guests.

The Nominating Committee for the Executive board will be appointed by the Board in April. We need at least three (3) volunteers. They announce the slate in May, and the annual election is held in June. Two people may share an office, and no officer may serve more than two successive years. (The current officers are all eligible to serve one more year.)

Quilt Show Announcements - Co-Chairs Connie Ross and Teresa Peterson.

Setup is Thursday, April 25, and the Show is Fri-Sun April 26-28.

Quilt Show Registration – Karen Moss told us that registration for all Challenge Quilts was March 4th. All other quilts are due April 20.

The Ultimate Guild Challenge - Jennifer Rossmere and Liz Lawrence reminded us that completed quilts due were at this meeting and thus shown off after the program.

Flyers - Rosie Hormuth has flyers available for distribution at quilt shops and other places.

QS Pins – Susan Spencer has the pins which are available for \$5.

Demonstrations - Michele Barnard is the new chairperson and asks for volunteers to demonstrate a quilt creating related skill which will last for a 15 to 30 minutes time period.

Silent Auction – Dottie Acton and Margaret Natof provided information about submitting items for the auction. Highlights are as follows:

No shift hours are required.

70% of the sales price (minus taxes) are yours while the guild gets a 30% commission.

No item will be sold for less than the minimum bid price.

Registration forms and information can be found at the FSQ website under 2019 Quilt Show and Silent Auction tabs.

QS Boutique- Suma Glassman reminded us of the requirements for using the Boutique to sell your handmade items. Highlights include:

All items must be handcrafted by an FSQ member.

A \$5 non-refundable registration fee is required.

FSQ will retain a commission of 10% on all sales you get the rest.

Shift hours are required to use this benefit

The registration deadline is Monday April 1, 2019.

More details and the registration form can be found at FSQ website under 2019 Quilt Show and Boutique tabs.

QS Volunteer Chair, Anne Flaggs, announced that volunteers (2-hour shifts) are needed for the QS. Details/SignUp Genius can be found on the FSQ website.

Incentive Basket Coordinator - Karen Slayton, is collecting items for the incentive baskets from the QS chairs for those eligible (volunteered for 2 shifts or more). Please see Karen Slayton for details on how to donate. There will be a collection basket at the next quilt guild meeting for these items.

QS Hospitality – Barb Morten told us about the need for food donations to feed our wonderful volunteers and announced the introduction of a SignUp Genius which was email blasted on 2/26/19 for us to donate.

Next QS Committee Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12.

Service projects committee - Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan remind us that the dates for March are the 7th and 26th and for April are the 11th and 30th.

2019 Raffle Quilt Marketing (Oh My Stars!)

Gerda Sherwood and Barbara Kilby have created a schedule for displaying our quilt and selling raffle tickets for both the Quilt and Featherweight.

QS flyers will be available for display and distribution. Please contact them for more information

See Karen Moss for your personal ticket packet, or to turn in money and stubs.

Gerda reported that \$964 in Quilt raffle tickets were sold at the Hampton Quilt Show.

She also reported that 199 Featherweight raffle tickets were sold.

Our fundraising target is \$5000, and our charity is Equipment Connections for Children.

2020 Raffle Quilt – Judy Walsh and Barbara Kilby are inviting proposals for long-arm quilting, please contact them for more information.

2021 Quilt show contract – the Montgomery County Fairgrounds are reserved for **Apr 29-May 2, 2021**.

Programs – JoAnne Duchez introduced tonight's speaker, Leslie Riley.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We're excited about FSQ's upcoming Quilt Show, not only because we get to see everyone's considerable talents on display, but also because the Service Projects committee gets to reach out and let showgoers know how active our guild is in the community! Once again, on Saturday, April 27, from 10 am until 4 pm, we will have tables set up to demonstrate how we tie quilts, to invite show goers to join us to help tie a quilt, and to talk about what we make and where it goes. We'd love to have everyone stop by and say hi!

Please join us if you can for our upcoming Service Projects workshops on Thursday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 30. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28). Questions? Please contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.



Quilt Show Update

Connie Ross and Theresa Peterson

The 2019 FSQ Quilt Show "Oh My Stars!" is upon us!! Thanks go out to all who have worked hard to make this happen. Our last quilt show meeting wrapped with a feeling of "we are ready"!! The Quilt Show Committee hopes that everyone enjoys and benefits from this exciting event in our quilting lives.

Notes for the Committee:

Our wrap up meeting will be held May 14, 7:00PM at Asbury. Please be prepared to review your final report with the team, including results, lessons learned and advice for the next show.

Notes for FSQ Members, NOW is the time to:

- Quilt, Bind and Label!! Turn-in is April 20th at Karen Moss' house, see details in this newsletter.
- Finish projects for the Boutique and get your registrations to Suma Glassman ASAP.
- Finish or find your items to sell at the Silent Auction. These will be turned in at Quilt Turn-in day, April 20. Registration forms are on our website, call or email Dottie Acton or Margaret Natof if you have questions.
- Sign up with Anne Flaggs or on the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer at the show, we need you! There will be a beautiful Raffle Basket just for the volunteers to win as a Thank You!

And MOST IMPORTANTLY, tell everyone you know about the show! If you use Facebook, get onto our Facebook page and grab the event that Suma created and forward it to all of your contacts. TALK ABOUT IT, word of mouth is a powerful thing!

See you soon and thanks again to ALL of the Volunteers and Committee members that make this show a success!!

Connie Ross



FSQ Quilt Show Boutique

Suma Glassman

All crafters and quilters! The FSQ Boutique offers you a chance to display and sell your creations. Of course, all participants in the Boutique must be Guild members and all items must be crafted by the member. The \$5.00 registration fee and 10% commission support your Guild, the rest is yours. Working in Boutique for a few hours is a fun chance to see your items being admired. The registration form is available on the website (<http://friendshipstar.org/quilt-show-boutique/>) and will be available at the April meeting. When you turn in your products the day before the show opens, you will turn in an inventory sheet too. For questions contact Suma Glassman.



Quilt Show Silent Auction

Dottie Acton

It's time to start working on items for the Silent Auction! Get out one of your UFOs, try a new technique, or just use your favorite technique to make a quilt or other item to donate. You can keep 70 percent of the amount bid for your item, with the guild getting the remainder. Details and registration forms for the Silent Auction will be posted on the guild site in early February.



Quilt Show Volunteers: We Need You!!

Anne Flaggs

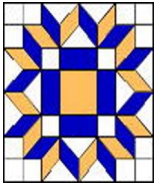
Hopefully by now, you have heard we are having a quilt show, well we can't pull it off without the guild members volunteering during the show at the various stations to help sell tickets, give away fabric, white glove, etc.

We recommend that everyone does at least 2 shifts of 2 hours a piece to ensure we have full coverage at the show. Anyone doing at least 4 hours of work will be in the drawing for one of the volunteer raffle baskets that we will give away at the May meeting.

Sometime in February, all the jobs will be posted in Sign-up Genius so you can find the right slot and time that fits your needs but I wanted to give a quick outline of the jobs to help you decide where you might want to work.

- **Turn-in** – this will occur the Saturday before the show and lasts about 4 hours. Jobs include checking in quilts and sorting them into groups
- **Setup (Thursday)** – this is an active job and is the actual hanging of quilts and transforming the fairgrounds into a spectacular show. This is 4+ hours but we will accept help for shorter shifts.
- **Admissions** – mostly a sit-down station that can be busy especially when the show opens for the day. The first greeters to our show, money is taken for tickets & show pins, catalogs are distributed and wristbands placed on the visitors. Also oversees the children's activities.
- **Raffles**
- **Quilt** – a sit-down job selling tickets to our beautiful raffle quilt that will be displayed
- **Baskets** – a sit-down job selling tickets to our hourly basket drawings
- **Featherweight** – an active sit-down job selling tickets for our featherweight drawing and sewing preemie blankets
- **Silent Auction** – a sit-down job overseeing all the items up for auction and their sign-up sheets.
- **Fabric giveaway** – a sit-down job handing out free fabric to our attendees that find the station
- **Hospitality** – an active job helping out in our food area
- **Service Projects (Saturday only)** – an active sit-down job helping visitors tie charity quilts
- **White Gloving** – an active walking job and a good chance to see the show while you assist visitors by pointing out interesting facts on quilts
- **Security** – an active walking job
- **Take-down (Sunday)** – an active job helping to take down the quilts and return them to our members. This will take about 2 hours and starts about 10 minutes after our show ends on Sunday.

If your spouses or older kids want to work the show, that is fine also, we have a few that like to do security and help with setup/takedown. Kids that need Service hours for school can earn hours by volunteering. Most of the jobs are sitting down, except for White Gloving and Security. If you can only stand/walk



Programs

JoAnne DuChez and Meg Tison

Hi, All quilters out there,

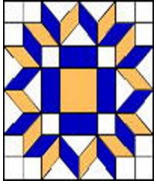
Yeah! Officially spring is here! Of course, you can't tell it by the weather. Also, the supermoon wasn't visible because of the rain on Thursday. Oh well, there is always another equinox in the future. Better luck in the fall and next spring. That's not to say I want to rush the seasons. Time is slipping by way to fast as it is.

The speaker on April 1 will be Cindy Grisdela. Her discussion topic is ***Combining Stitch Patterns in Your Quilts***. This lecture is all about using different stitch motifs in your free motion quilting. Cindy will show you how to put different motifs in different areas of your quilt or mix it up all in the same space! Cindy uses her quilts as examples to give ideas you can put to use in your next quilt. I'm really excited about this lecture because I love to free motion quilt. However, I know that many of you quilt by check. Don't be put off by the FMQ aspect of the topic, because you still will be able to get plenty of ideas to discuss with your quilter.

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.

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May 6, 2019	Round Robin, Margaret Natoff FSQ Organizer
June 3, 2019	Election; Annual Yard Sale



Yard Sale

JoAnne DuChez

Collection for the 2019 yard sale will continue at the April meeting. There will be a bin in the atrium. The yard sale will be held at the June 3 Guild meeting.

I know you have already gone through your sewing room to find for find donations for the Raffle baskets, and I'm sure you have found items not quite right for that purpose. So, just bring them along and put them in the yard sale bin. The past yard sales have been very successful due to your generosity. I can't think of a better cause to raise money than to support the Guild's programs and service project.



Membership

Judy Walsh

Welcome to the following new members!

Tomo Beckman - Rockville

Christina Ginsberg - Rockville

Rosemary Spezzano - Gaithersburg

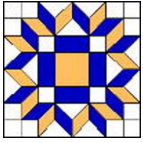
Kathleen Young – Rockville

With 114 members, it's difficult to recall everyone's name. Please try to remember to wear your name tag at our guild meetings. If you forget to bring it, please pick up a temporary tag at the Membership table when you sign in.

April Birthdays



Kay Campbell Anderson	4
Gerda Sherwood	9
Jill Frank	18
Joy Dorman	19
SherriJoyce King	22
Suma Glassman	25
Anne Flaggs	28
Gayle Sunde	28
Vontina Collick	30



Missing your Quilted Name Badge?

Lorie Coston

The best part of FSQ is the friendships we make with each other, isn't it? But with more than 110 members, how do we remember each other from month to month, especially when all members can't make it to all meetings? We wear our name and creativity around our neck in the form of a quilted name badge.

And yes, at every meeting there is a **prize drawing** for members who are wearing a name badge! Don't have a name badge because the dog ate it or you're a relatively new member and you never got the starter kit?! Ohhhh! Did you **LOSE** it?!!

Good news! Don't worry! Our member, Carmen Contreras-Sesvold, has put together a pattern for you to embroider your own or, for a small fee, she will embroider one for you!!! The good thing here is you get to create the quilting around the FSQ symbol yourself. The patterns are on the membership page or, if you find it easier, dash off an [email message to Carmen](#)! So! Tired of your current badge? Lost it? Never had one? Create your own or contact Carmen. Let's get to know each other by name!



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

Just as a reminder our FSQ Library is packed with interesting, useful, and inspiring books and videos in all quilting categories.

You'll find two recent additions to our collection. **"Quilting With Tula and Angela"** offers quilting designs as well as pieced patterns. **"Fat Quarter Favorites"** by Karen Burns is self-explanatory and a wonderful aid in attacking that overflowing stash. Come see us at the next FSQ meeting. Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence



Elected Officers		
President	Barbara Kilby	prez@friendshipstar.org
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Treasurer	Sabina Lindley	Treas@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Carmen Contreras-Sesvold	Secy@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Raffle Quilt Market-ing	Gerda Sherwood
Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Karen Moss
Field Trips	open	Retreats 2019	Pat Vasaio and Joy Dorman
Holiday Party	Michele Barnard	Round Robin 2019	Margaret Natof
Library	Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Judy Walsh	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Summer 2018 Challenge	Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell, JoAnne DuChez
Pins	Susan Spencer	Sunshine and Shadows	Open
Program	JoAnne DuChez and Cathy Miller	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Publicity	Lorie Coston	Yard Sale	Open
Quilt Show 2019	Connie Ross and Teresa Peterson		