

Friendship Star Quilters Quiltline

March 2005

President's Message

Next Meeting:

7:30 PM, March 7, 2005

Speaker: Wendy Butler Berns

Coming in April: QUILT-O

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Next Newsletter Deadline March 18

2005 Quilt Show To-Do's

- G Submit registration forms with photos
- G Submit workshop form and payment
- G Pick up (and drop off) quilt raffle tickets
- G Pick up (and drop off) featherweight tickets
- G Drop off raffle basket items
- G Sign up to bring goodies for hospitality
- G Sign-up for volunteer hours
- G Submit silent auction form
- G Submit boutique form

- Sandy D'Angelo

Hi folks, I'm writing from sunny Florida. Diane Heller and I had an easy trip down and were greeted by my son, his car, his cats and great weather. We can see the ocean and the inland waterway from the balconies and have not sewn a stitch but have a list of every quilt shop from north of Palm Beach to south of Lauderdale. This will be fun.

This week I am planning to work on my quilt started in Pat Sloan's workshop but I doubt that I'll have it ready for this year's quilt show. I am trying very hard to have it finished but even though it may not be, I will register it at the March meeting. Remember to register your quilts too. I know those mystery quilts are really great and some of them might make it. There are even two challenges, so we are really busy.

Our charity quilt activities, under Nancy Newcomer, have really heated up. There are many fun opportunities to get involved. If you can't make the March 12 workshop you can still make a top at home or cut six inch squares for Mary to continue her charm quilts for kids. Don't forget our quilt show and the opportunities to make many new friends while viewing all the quilts made by other members. It is the most fun I have all year and I spend most of the days of the show there. The fun starts when we take in quilts the week before, continues with setting up the show, and doesn't end until the last quilts are taken home and the building is swept and poles put away. No one has to do it all, but no one wants to be left out.

Reminder: Does anyone know of a good source for a new library cabinet? We love our library and want to be able to use it again.

UPCOMING LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 - Workshop with Wendy Butler Berns, "Creating Captivating Colorful Quilts--Color for Quilters." Begin to take the mystery out of confusing fabric choices. Develop confidence in choosing fabrics and understanding more about color dynamics.

MONDAY, MARCH 7 - Lecture by Wendy Butler Berns, "I've Been Bitten by the Bug, The Quilt Bug, That Is."

MONDAY, APRIL 4 - QUILTO - Bring a fat quarter and exchange it for a QUILTO (Bingo with a quilt twist) card. The fat quarters will be packaged into fabric baskets for the winners. All chocoholics will be winners, too, as, traditionally, the markers are M & Ms.

Reminder: FSQ hosts the speaker for dinner at Ruby Tuesday's, Lake Forest Mall, at 5:30pm, before the guild meeting. All are welcome to join us.

Location of Meetings

Friendship Star Quilters normally meet at 7:30 PM on the 1st Monday of the Month at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene, 8921 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD.

Workshops are held at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, MD.

FSQ OFFICERS - 2004 - 2005

President	Sandy D'Angelo
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	Cathy Afable
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MINUTES OF FSQ Meeting – Feb. 7, 2005

President's Announcements

Sandy D'Angelo welcomed new members and visitors. The Minutes of January 3 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The deadline for the March newsletter is February 16.

Sandy announced that Joyce Rhodes has resigned as vice president, as she is moving. Door prizes will be awarded by Susan Schwartz.

The American Sewing Guild is organizing a bus to the Hampton Quilt Show on Friday for \$43. Sandy has the phone number if you are interested in going. Remember that FSQ needs to provide white gloving on Saturday, Feb. 26.

There will be no Executive Board Meeting this month as Sandy is going to Florida. If you have any pressing concerns, call Sandy.

Quilt show announcements:

Coralyn & Margreta commended Nancy Colladay for a great job advertising our quilt show.

Committee chairs announced the following:

Hospitality: Linda August and Leslie Sorenson asked members to donate items to serve the vendors & volunteers. You may bring non-perishable items to any of the FSQ meetings before the show.

Boutique: Mary Moore Payne, Suzanne Brown, Jane Campos announced the \$5 fee as a deposit. 10% commission on what you sell & your \$5 is returned.

Silent Auction: Burt White asked us to make one or more items for the Silent Auction, which you can turn in on quilt registration day. A registration form is in the newsletter or on the website. Please set the minimum bid. You get 70% and the guild gets 30% of the final sale price.

Volunteers: Jeanne Shaw asked members to sign up to work at the show.

Advertising: Nancy Colladay is selling space in the catalogue. If you have a business you may advertise in the catalogue, it need not be quilt related.

Workshops: Chris Zimmerman encouraged members to sign up for a workshop.

Challenge Quilt: Sandy Delaney reminded members to register their challenge quilts!

Raffle Baskets: Cheryl Wagner said she would be most grateful for any donations, & will have a basket at every meeting for donations.

Quilt Registration: Barbara Kahla asked members to register their quilts. Registration forms are available on the web page.

Publicity: Nancy Willett asked members to replenish brochures

at quilt stores and libraries & take some to your local guilds.

Other announcements:

Mid-Atlantic/Hampton quilt show: Needs more volunteers to help "white glove" so that we can show our quilt.

Gerda Sherwood reported that the 2006 Raffle Quilt has been sent to the quilter. More blocks are needed for the 2007 quilt. See her for another kit to complete.

Raffle tickets for the quilt and the Featherweight raffle tickets are available in the lobby at the break.

Librarian: Cathy Butler reported that the cart is dangerously worn and we are trying to replace it. In the meantime, the library is open for returns.

Service Project Coordinator: Nancy Newcomer showed some of the quilt tops that have been completed. On Thursday, Feb. 10, at Clara Barton Recreation Center, from 9-12, and on Saturday, March 12 from Noon to 4, you will be able to come to this church to help complete these quilts, too. Mary McInnis would like 6" squares of fabric, if you have some to donate. Bright cheery fabrics are preferred.

Secret Sisters: Janet Maple asked members to pick up their gifts tonight. If you see one for a friend that you can deliver, that would be appreciated.

Marion Fox is collecting the premature baby quilts that members are making. She has flannel squares that you can take to use as your backing. These quilts can be as simple or as complex as you would like to make them.

Barbara Kilby will show her mystery quilt at Show and Tell & invited others to join her in showing their mystery quilts.

Marian Purtell announced that Walter Reed Hospital has asked for lap size quilts for wounded soldiers or premie quilts for babies. Red/white/blue, purple hearts, anything you'd like would be very nice. Give to Marion Purtell or Cathie Shelton.

Program: Coralyn Colladay announced that Kim Jallette is her new co-chair!

Next month - Wendy Butler Berns

QUILTO in April; Bonnie McCaffrey in May

Tonight's Speaker: Pat Sloan

Respectfully submitted, Mary Lynch, Secretary

Service Project Update

Workshop: Saturday, March 12, 2005, 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM in the multipurpose room at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene.

The completion of the 100+ quilt tops is coming along. Forty of the quilts are completely done and are ready to be distributed to children at risk.

There is one Thursday workday before our big Saturday workshop. Less than ten quilts remain to be basted. We will also be making binding. Please join us at the Clara Barton Recreation Center on Thursday, March 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (call Nancy with questions or for directions).

At the workshop on March 12, we will try to finish all the rest of the quilts. By then the quilts will be ready to be tied and bound. A lot of volunteers will be needed to finish the quilts. Please come and help us. This is a good way for beginning quilters and new members to get involved and meet other quilters. Bring scissors if you want to tie quilts or bring a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies if you would like to help bind the quilts.

If you have taken any of the ABC quilts home to finish, please bring them (finished or not) to the next FSQ meeting or to one of the workshops.

-- Nancy Newcomer

AQS Books

I have sent in an order for books that some members ordered. I will have the new spring AQS Catalog at the next meeting for you all to look for that new book you must have for your own personal library. We will have a book to raffle at the March meeting. We would like to know what books you would like us to add to the FSQ library? Let us know and we can use your suggestions to round out an order! Look for me at the next meeting! I will be looking for you all!

- Diane Heller

Wanted: New FSQ Librarians

New guild librarians will be needed by August 2005. This is a fun position, particularly when it is shared by 2 or 3 people, with the extra bonus of getting to see all of the new books first and seeing books on techniques you never knew existed! Books are stored at our meeting place, so there is no heavy toting or lifting. Volunteer now, and you'll have a chance to see your guild librarians in action before they "retire." Questions? Please contact Cathy Butler or Cathy Afable.

FSQ MEMBER EXHIBITS QUILT IN CONNECTICUT

Margaret Hartranft's quilt titled "Trouble on the Power Grid" has been accepted for the "Mixed Media Quilts" exhibit at the Guilford Handcraft Center in Guilford, Connecticut, from March 13 thru April 17, 2005. Congratulations, Margaret!

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

We wish those celebrating in March a very happy day!

Tessa Macdonald	1-Mar	Diane Heller	15-Mar
Kate Lynott	2-Mar	Julia McBee	17-Mar
Laura Markus	3-Mar	Linda August	18-Mar
Cathie Shelton	3-Mar	JoAnn Aulick	19-Mar
Sandy Delaney	4-Mar	Lois Kavanagh	19-Mar
Jane Howard	4-Mar	Dana Zetterberg	20-Mar
Tina Kerr	5-Mar	Rose Remund	21-Mar
Nancy C Walsh	6-Mar	Karen Feuerstein	24-Mar
Dianne McCutcheon	8-Mar	Helen Oelschlaeger	26-Mar
Trudy Strobel	8-Mar	Carol Clanton	27-Mar
Evie Naranjo	9-Mar	Pat Vasaio	29-Mar
Terri Rumble	11-Mar	Kathy Fraeman	30-Mar
Carol Carrier	12-Mar	Juanita Canfield	31-Mar
Joyce Buttrey	13-Mar	Suzanne Brown	31-Mar
Mary Jo Haczewski	13-Mar		

NEW MEMBERS

Luella Hutchison

Joanne Venit

Tisha Fass

Martha Knox

Kelly Bauer

Carla Bonifasi

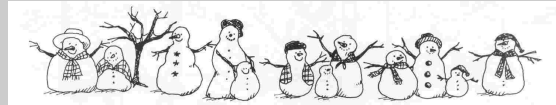
UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3-6 - The Quilt Fest of New Jersey, Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. Just off Exit #10 of I-287. www.quiltfest.com. Mancuso Show Management.

March 11-13 - Rose Hill Quilt Show, "If I Were a Quilt Block...", Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD.

March 31 - April 2 - 18th Annual Quilters Heritage Celebration, Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center, Lancaster, PA.

April 14-16 - Milltown Quilters Show, First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Montgomery County Public Schools evening activities are cancelled, the FSQ meeting will also be cancelled. We will try to get a message on our web site as soon as possible once a decision has been made.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

March 18

*Send newsletter articles to:
Rose Remund*

QUILT SHOW 2005 – APRIL 22-24, 2005

Only two months to go 'til "It's a Small World" will be hung at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Many of you have volunteered to make this the best Friendship Star Quilt Show EVER! But, many more of you are needed to ensure a successful show. As you know, dues only cover the production and mailing of the newsletter. The remainder of the guild's budget is derived from the quilt shows.

First, of course, are all the wonderful quilts that you have been making and presenting at "Show and Tell." Everyone who attends an FSQ show remarks on the quality and quantity of the quilts we produce. You should be very proud.

Linda Paine has done a swell job on the website and Nancy Colladay has put our show in every quilting magazine and quilt e-board she could find. So we can expect many guests to flock to the Fairgrounds on April 22-25. Now to get ready. . .

QUILT REGISTRATION – Elsewhere in this newsletter, and on the website, are forms for registering your quilts. Barbara Kahla will take your quilt registrations, along with a color photo, at any time. The photo may be of a quilt in progress, as long as it is far enough along that the staging committee can see the colors and know the probable final dimensions. Also, remember that you must register your **CHALLENGE QUILT**.

RAFFLE QUILT – If you would like to take the quilt to another guild, or your work place, or other social gatherings, let Joyce Rhodes know. Karen Wolske has tickets and photos for those of you who prefer not to take the quilt with you.

FEATHERWEIGHT RAFFLE – This year we are fortunate to have a 1951 Singer Centennial Featherweight Sewing Machine for our raffle. Being a Centennial model with all its attachments makes it extra special and, as you know, a Singer Featherweight is a quilter's dream. Tickets for the raffle will be for sale at our February meeting. Stop by and take a look at our machine, purchase some tickets and take a few extra tickets home with you to sell to family and friends. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 a piece. Who knows--YOU could be the winner!

RAFFLE BASKETS – Cheryl Wangner would love to have gadgets in original packing, new or very gently used books, and fat quarters of nice fabric to include in the raffle baskets. You may bring them to her at the March and April guild meetings.

SILENT AUCTION and BOUTIQUE – Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a description of these programs and the sign-up forms. Both Silent Auction and Boutique are structured so that the member receives a percentage of the sales.

VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed throughout the show, from helping Liz Notter pin and hang the show, sitting at the entrance selling tickets, and helping Linda August and Leslie Sorenson with hospitality, to giving Susan Morris a hand with security. Jeanne Shaw will be taking your signups for volunteering.

STAGING includes working with Liz Notter to design the way the show is laid out, pinning the quilts on the drapes, and helping to hang the show on the 21st of April.

BE PART OF THE HOSPITALITY TEAM – Linda August and Leslie Sorenson are asking for donations of home made goodies, candy, and other light snacks to serve our vendors, instructors, and all-day volunteers. Linda August will have a sign-up sheet with a list of needed items at the membership table during the March and April meetings for those of you who would like to donate food items. If you can't get to a meeting, give her a call. She will even arrange to pick up your perishable food item if you're unable to bring it to the Fairgrounds. Or you can bring your non-perishable items to the April meeting. Linda or Leslie will give you a call closer to show time to help remind you.

SECURITY entails convincing your significant others and grown sons that wearing a "SECURITY" tag and having his very own whistle are crucial to the success of any quilt show. In fact, there have been some unfortunate events at other shows, which is the reason Susan Morris is looking for volunteers with a certain. . .um. . .gravity.

The next meeting of the committee is March 21 at La Madeleine Restaurant next to G Street Fabrics. You can go shopping at G Street or AC Moore, enjoy dinner and dessert at La Madeleine and then have conversation about

the spring 2005 show. FSQ has a room reserved and we're likely to be there already at 7 pm for dinner. *Meeting officially starts at 7:30 and ends by 9:30 pm (last meeting ended just after 9 pm).*

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Coralyn Colladay or Margreta Silverstone or any of the other members of the Quilt Show Committee.

See you at the Fairgrounds!
Coralyn Colladay and Margreta Silverstone
Co-Chairs, Quilt Show 2005

HOW DO I GET RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS?

Now is the time to get your raffle quilt tickets! Tickets are available from Karen Wolske at each meeting. Take some to sell to friends/family/coworkers or give some as gifts. They're still 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Please remember to sign the back of the stubs and return the stubs and money at the next meeting. Don't forget that top sellers, as well as the seller of the winning ticket, be awarded with gift certificates! As of January 21, top sellers are Gerda Sherwood, Mary Lynch, Joyce Rhodes, Burt White, Coralyn Colladay, and Nancy Colladay. Keep up the good work !

FREE ADMISSION TO FSQ QUILT SHOW

No, that is not a misprint! The show must go on and FSQ needs your help to make this show great. Volunteers are needed for setting up, during and after the show. For your caring and the generous donation of your time, you will receive free admission to the show. What a deal!

Sign up at the March meeting or call Jeanne Shaw.

Boutique News

Have you ever considered participating in the Boutique at our quilt show? Guild members find the Boutique is a great entry point to market those clever things we all enjoy making. Items must be made by members of Friendship Star. Among the more popular items in recent years were small sewing accessories such as needle cases, pincushions, and ruler carrying cases. We have sold home furnishings like quilts, wall hangings, framed landscapes, potholders, quilted place mats, pillows, quilted book covers. Some participants have made wearable art items--jewelry, knit items, hand dyed dresses, vests, and

summer scarves, tote bags and purses. We always have baby items such as bibs, caps, crib quilts, soft toys. Although we have sold some "big ticket" items, moderately-priced items do best. People are generally thinking Spring and Summer and Mother's Day around the time of our show.

You can clear out space in your studio and make money. The Guild benefits, too. The registration deadline is April 4th. There is a \$5.00 registration fee, which is refunded when you participate in the Boutique, and the guild takes a 10% commission on sales. All participants must also work a shift at the Boutique.

The registration form will be available at the March meeting, on the web site and in the March and April newsletters. For more information contact Mary Moore Payne, Jane Campos, or Suzanne Brown.

QUILT REGISTRATION

The Quilt Registration form is now available online as a pdf document. Go to <http://www.friendshipstar.org/admin.htm> and click on "2005 Quilt Entry Form". You can fill out the form on your computer, print it out and mail it or give it to Barbara Kahla.

P.S. You can send her the forms now, you don't have to wait until March 7th.

Advertise in the Show Catalogue

For a very reasonable price you, or someone you know, can advertise in our show catalogue. The deadline for receipt of an ad and payment is March 15, 2005. The advertising form is on our website under Quilt Show 2005, the last item is Advertisers' Form, or contact Nancy Colladay, and she'll mail you the form.

SILENT AUCTION OF SMALL QUILTS

Quilts and other items for the Silent Auction can be delivered at Guild meetings or delivered directly to Silent Auction Committee members Mary Lynch, Margaret Natof, Burt White or Jo Anna Kruse. The registration and delivery deadline is April 16, 2005.

If you have questions, call Burt White, Margaret Natof, Mary Lynch , or Jo Anna Kruse.

Guidelines:

1. The Silent Auction accepts only items made by FSQ Members. (See our website www.friendshipstar.org for a membership application.
2. The Silent Auction is primarily miniature and small quilts and wall hangings. However, pillows, clothing, stuffed animals, table runners, placemats, Christmas stockings, and other quilted items are also accepted.
3. The maker sets the minimum bid price for her/his item(s). No item will be sold for less than the minimum bid price.
4. The maker receives 70% of the final bid on an item; the Guild receives 30%.
5. The Silent Auction Committee will take photos of items for the bid sheets or you may supply your own 4"X6" photo.

The Silent Auction will be open throughout the Show. Final auctions of some items will occur each day. A final auction time for each item will be chosen by lot.

SILENT AUCTION ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

What is the title of this item? _____

Item dimensions _____ inches wide X _____ inches long

Item description _____

Set minimum bid at \$ _____

Additional forms may be found on the FSQ website.

EPILOGUE

CONGRATULATIONS -- If you have solved the Mystery, you are ready to complete the Star with a Twist. We would enjoy seeing your solution, and hope you'll have it completed in time for the Quilt show in April.

Do you have leftover fabrics? Bring them to a Fabric Swap at 7:00 pm before the March FSQ meeting .

BLOCK OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2005 – Scrappy Star

Agatha Quilty suggests this 16 inch block as a good way to use big beautiful scraps. Because the block is so big, medium or large scale prints will work well. To maintain the scrappy look, all colors except white are allowed. Plaids, stripes, florals, paisleys, geometrics – they are all welcome, as long as you're happy with the balance of colors, textures, contrasts, and values in your own block.

Miss Scarlet looked over the plans and decided to make two big blocks. "Might as well put some of my UFO's to use. If I win six or more of these big babies, I'll really have something!" She dug out an orphaned Grandmother's Fan and a Bear Tracks block left over from her sampler class, and set to work finding coordinating prints for them—enthusiastically helping herself to Agatha's stash.

Center square: Use an eye-catching medium to large-scale print, or use any block that measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches square, unfinished. Some possibilities: an orphan block, or Block A from the center of the mystery quilt; or a sixteen-patch (join sixteen $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares, in four rows of four).

Star Points: Use dark or bright print fabrics that compliment your center square. Cut eight $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square from corner to corner.

Background Fabric: Choose a fat quarter (or equivalent scraps) in prints that are less dominant than the center and star points. If you are undecided, use predominantly tan prints. Cuts are intentionally oversized --

Cut four 5 inch squares for corner squares.

Cut four rectangles 5 inches by $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches for the Star Point units.

Assembly:

- Right sides together, place a Star Point square on the lower left corner of a background rectangle. Stitch along the marked line. Fold along the stitched line and press the triangle down, away from the center of the rectangle . Repeat on the lower right corner. Points will overlap $\frac{1}{4}$ inch at the center of lower edge. Trim away the triangles underneath except for a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Make four units, each $8\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 inches.
- Join a corner square to each short edge of a Star Point unit. Make two rows.
- Join two Star Point units to opposite edges of the center square.
- Join the three rows as shown to make a block that measures about 17 inches square unfinished . Don't trim; leave this to the winner of the blocks.

Please bring your blocks to the April Guild meeting. For each block you contribute, you'll have a chance to win a set of six or more big Scrappy Star blocks. Good Luck!
If you need help, call Barbara Kilby at 301-208-0726 or Linda Duzick at 301-869-9579.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2005

Outside seam allowances are not shown.

Unfinished blocks measure about 17 inches square, because extra fabric is allowed outside the points for trimming and squaring up.

The point to point measurement of the star itself should be exactly 16 inches!

