

Quiltline

Friendship Star Quilters

March 2006

Our President Says:

We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action.

Frank Tibolt



Show Pin 2006

Since I'm sitting here drawing a blank about what message to bring you this month, maybe some reflection on inspiration is appropriate. Yes, I know it's a cop-out but hopefully, you'll forgive me! Many of you are working diligently on your challenge quilts for the April show. Others of us are still struggling with our "blank canvas" of an idea for what to do to meet the challenge. I'm pondering why we sometimes have such a hard time just starting a project, much less being inspired.

I've decided that it has to do with where you put your focus. Worrying about the end result tends to create a stumbling block of doubt. Will my quilt be beautiful? Will it win a ribbon or be accepted into a juried show? Will people like it? All of these concerns make it so hard to just make your mark on the "blank canvas" that will become a quilt.

How do we get past this obstacle? First, accept that most of us aren't going to become nationally acclaimed quilt artists. And more importantly, that doesn't matter! I believe that it is the process that satisfies our creative yearnings? Giving this some thought has helped me realize that the actual progression of creation is what makes the artist. While exciting and valuable (especially if you finish it!), the end result is not what's important. From conceptualization to completion, the 'process' is what is meaningful, what gives us confidence and skill. This process develops our vision. Most of all it's what brings us joy.

Hesitating to begin for fear the end result will be lacking only holds us back. Each of us is inspired by our individual reaction to the world. The fear that we aren't good enough stifles that inspiration. We can change that by focusing on the action, the "doing". Make the first mark! The second one will come much easier.

JoAnna

- Mar 5 FSQ Workshop
- Mar 6 FSQ Meeting /Quilt Show Registration**
- Mar 15 *Quiltline* Deadline
- Mar 20 Quilt Show Comm

- March Board TBA

Meetings, Workshops

This Month

Sunday, March 5 – Workshop with Bettina Havig, “Village Commons”. This is an adaptation of the traditional Boston Commons pattern. Use a border or striped fabric to quickly build your quilt with a sequence of pieced panels. Strip piecing, rotary cutting, and mitered corners yield a traditional style quilt in a fraction of the time. Visit Bettina’s website at www.bettinahavig.com.

Monday, March 6 – Lecture by Bettina Havig, “Carrie Hall – the Blocks, the Woman, and the Work”. Insights into the woman who undertook the daunting project of actually constructing a block from every known and published pattern of her era.

Looking Ahead

MONDAY, APRIL 3 - 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. Limit five cards until all players have received cards. All chocoholics will be winners, too, as, traditionally, the markers are M & Ms.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21-SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - Forever Friends, Quilt Show 2006 workshops featuring Bonnie Lyn McCaffery, Lois Smith, and Juanita Canfield. Class description and registration forms in this newsletter.

See Coralyn Colladay or Kim Jalette at the meetings to sign up for a workshop. Between meetings, call or e-mail them.

Location of Meetings and Workshops

Friendship Star Quilters normally meets 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. Directions to the center are provided with the supply list for the workshop.

Entertain our Guest Lecturer

FSQ hosts the speaker for dinner at Ruby Tuesday’s, Lakeforest Mall, at 5:30 PM before the guild meeting. All are welcome to join us.

Margaret Hartranft’s Quilts at Strathmore Mansion

Margaret Hartranft’s quilts will be backdrops for a musical performance of works by composer Mark Martin at the Strathmore Hall Mansion, Music Room, on **Sunday evening, March 5th at 7:30 pm**. The performance is free and open to the public; arrive early, seating is limited. Works include “Drawn to the Light” for piano, “Winterscape” for Harpsichord and Baroque Cello, and arias from the opera “Fading Reflection” for soprano, piano, and cello.

BAS Celebrates Quilts in Timonium

Baltimore Appliqué Society presents A Celebration of Quilts! Sunday, March 19th at the MD State Fairgrounds, donations \$18 (purchased ahead, none sold at the door). Includes activities such as a “Quilt Walk” (think old-fashioned cake walk at the fair) and games of chance. All prizes are appliquéd, and 3/4 of them are hand-quilted! Additional special prizes available, like Jim Shore figurines. Contact Illona Hull, listed in hard copy of Mar 06 *Quiltline*.

Kim Jalette

Snow Plan

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.

Daytime activities also follow the MCPS snow decisions.

Newsletter Deadline March 15

Please submit articles and calendar information to:
Newsletter Editor
Mary Moore Payne

Quilt Show 2006

Forever Friends, the 2006 FSQ Quilt show, is rapidly approaching! Thank you to all of the show committee members who have given of their time and talents to bring us to this point. We have a signed contract from the Ag Center. Brochures are making their way into the hands of potential attendees. Classes are scheduled and filling. The show web-site is up and running. A picture of our new show pin is on pg 1 of the newsletter. Available for \$5 each, this new item is sure to be popular not only with pin collectors but all quilt lovers! And this is only a short list of what work has already been completed.

Now it is time for the general guild membership to get involved. Sign-up for volunteering to work setting up, during the show, and breaking down the show began at the February guild meeting and will continue till all positions are filled. Look for Carole Weikert and her posters at the March meeting. Also at the March meeting watch for many other committee chair people who will be out in the lobby with sign up sheets for classes, advertising in catalog, brochures, tickets for the raffles, and boxes for raffle basket donations.

Suzanne Brown

Quilt Registration and Turn In:

Registration forms are due no later than the March 6 guild meeting. You can still mail them to Linda August but they must reach her by March 6 as well. Please make sure that you completely fill in the forms. Be sure to put a value on your quilt. This is used for insurance purposes and is required information.

Quilt turn-in is on Saturday April 8 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm at the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, Montgomery Village. If you cannot drop off your quilts on that day, you must arrange to have someone else drop them off for you. That is the only time we are collecting quilts. When you drop off your quilts, you will be given a receipt (the top part of your registration form) which you must present at the end of the show in order to retrieve your quilt.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Registration Committee

Brochures:

Thank you to all of you who have agreed to adopt a shop and deliver quilt show flyers to quilt shops. A gentle reminder/request: PLEASE don't take quilt show flyers to any quilt shops unless you have signed up with me to do so. We depend on the good will of shop owners to allow us to distribute our flyers through their store, but they can get weary of multiple (well intentioned) FSQ members asking them to display our flyers. Thank you for your understanding.

At the next meeting I will be asking for people to sign up to deliver flyers to public libraries and other locations (think doctor's office, hair dresser, senior centers).

Barbara Kahla

Hospitality:

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to staff or to donate items to the Hospitality Room. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March and April meetings for donations of snacks and assorted goodies for our instructors, vendors, and all-day volunteers. We also need large coolers and ice. We will be collecting non-perishables at the April meeting. Can't make it to a meeting? Email/call Kay to donate or to arrange pickup of your donation.

We may be asking for more specific items in April. We'll give you a friendly reminder. And...bring your calendars! Volunteering your time is important, too! THANKS!

Kay Campbell Anderson

Block of the Month

Spring Showers

Applique an umbrella of your own design on an 8.5 square inch beige/tan background fabric. Orient the umbrella "point" to the upper left hand corner and cover approximately 1/2 of the square diagonally.. Add flowers or plants under the umbrella to coordinate with the theme.

Fabrics: Background tan or beige 8.5" block (Finished 8")
Umbrella and flowers: "springy" fabrics

Cathy Afable



Reminder: Bring Cake Stand Basket to March Meeting
Directions were in February *Quiltline*.

Membership Information

Welcome New Members

Kate Dunn

Twila Blume

Rebecca A Stake

Julie Thomas

Quilt Show Committe Chairs

POSITION	NAME
Co-Chair	Suzanne Brown
Co-Chair	Burt White
Advertising	Nancy Colladay
Bloomin' Challenge	Margreta Silverstone
	Coralyn Colladay
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Brochure Control	Barbara Kahla
Catalogue	Darlene Summers
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	Marie Quattrociochi
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Hospitality Co-Chair	VACANT
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	Margaret Natoff
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Staging Set-up	Juanita Canfield
Treasurer	Ruth Cohen
Vendors	Patty Hayes
	Karey Herriman
	Nicki Lynch
	Margreta Silverstone
Viewers Choice	Lynne Hines
Volunteers	Sandy D'Angelo
	Carole Weikert
Workshops	Kim Jalette
	Coralyn Colladay



Show Pin 2006

Quilters Making the World a Better Place

Preemie Quilts 12" X 12" to 14" x 14" are being collected by Marian Fox for the Neonatal ICU at Holy Cross Hospital.

Service Project Workshops

Come help us baste, tie, quilt, and bind quilts for the ABC Quilt Project. Workshops in March will be 2nd Thurs, March 9, Stedwick Recreation Center, 10101 Stedwick Rd, Montg'ry Village. 3rd Tues, March 21, Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown, MD. Workshops are from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

In June I will be turning the service project coordinator job over to Anne Weaver. She is looking for someone to co-chair this position. If you have some time and are interested in lending a hand, please contact Anne Weaver

Nancy Newcomer

Calendar

now through 25 Mar, Sat, Gaithersburg Arts Barn Gallery: Artists in Residence Show **Lauren Kingsland** and Anthony Glander

5 Mar Sun, FSQ Workshop with Bettina Havig, "Village Commons"

5 Mar, Sun 7:30 pm Concert Strathmore Hall Mansion, Music Room, Composer Mark Martin with **Margaret Hartranft's** quilts

6 Mar, Mon Quilt Show Registration Deadline
FSQ Meeting: Lecture by Bettina Havig, "Carrie Hall – the Blocks, the Woman, and the Work".

9 Mar, Thurs, 9:30- Noon Serv. Project Work Day @ Stedwick Center, Montgomery Village
Date TBA 7:30 FSQ Board @ home of pres.

19 Mar, Sun Baltimore Applique Society @ Md St. Fairgrounds

20 Mar, Mon, Quilt Show Meeting
6:30 Dinner La Madeline Rest
7:00 Meeting

21 Mar, Tue, 9:30- Noon Serv. Project Work Day @ Fairhaven U. Methodist Church

Silent Auction of Small Quilts

Friendship Star Quilters Presents:
Forever Friends
April 21, 22, 23, 2006

Quilts and other items for the Silent Auction may be delivered at Guild meetings or delivered directly to Silent Auction Committee members Margaret Natof, Mary Lynch, JoAnna Kruse and Gayle McClelland.

Registration and delivery deadline is April 8, 2006. If you have questions call Mary Lynch

Guidelines:

1. The Silent Auction accepts only items made by FSQ members. (See our website at www.friendshipstar.org for a membership application.
2. Please complete a separate registration form for each item.
3. The Silent Auction is primarily miniature and small quilts and wall hangings. Pillows, clothing, stuffed animals, purses, table runners, placemats, Christmas stockings, and other quilted items are also accepted.
4. The maker sets the minimum bid price for the item(s). No item will be sold for less than the minimum bid price.
5. The maker receives 70% of the final bid on an item; the Guild receives 30%.
6. Please provide a photo of your item to be used in the bid book. Photos should not exceed 4 inches by 6 inches.

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

2006 Silent Auction Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

What is the title of this quilt or item? _____

Item dimensions _____ inches wide X _____ inches long

Item description _____

Set minimum bid at \$ _____

Additional forms may be found on the FSQ website at www.friendshipstar.org.

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Minutes FSQ Meeting Feb 6, 2006

President's Announcements

JoAnna Kruse called the meeting to order. New members and visitors were recognized and welcomed. The deadline for sending newsletter items to **Mary Moore Payne** is February 15th.

Quilts made by **Margaret Hartranft** will be backdrops for a musical performance of works by composer Mark Martin at the Strathmore Hall Mansion, music room, on Sunday evening March 5th at 7:30 pm. The performance is free and open to the public. Arrive early, seating is limited.

Patterns to paper piece the Block of the Month that was in the February 2006 newsletter are available at the front of the meeting room for you to pick up during our break.

Quilt Show Announcements

Susan Schwarz, Quilt Marketing, informed us we still need a few people to white glove at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Feb 23-26, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. We provide the show with white glove services in exchange for the privilege of showing our quilt and selling raffle tickets. The ASG Bowie Chapter has a bus trip going to this show on Sat. February 25th. Cost is \$40. Susan has details, applications, and can put you in touch with **Helen De Roo** of the Bowie guild.

Jane Campos, Boutique, stated that the forms for submitting your handwork for sale in the boutique are in the newsletter. This year the boutique is also responsible for sales of quilts hanging in the show. There is a form, also in the newsletter, if you wish to sell your show quilt.

Nancy Colladay, Advertising, is selling space in our quilt show book. Her goal is to sell enough advertising to pay for the printing of the book. Advertisements from all sources are accepted. Nancy has forms if you or someone you deal with would like to place an ad.

Barbara Kahla, Brochure Control, needs people to distribute brochures for the show to some specific shops in Northern Virginia and eastern Maryland. See Barbara if you are willing to travel to shops to stock the brochures.

Minutes Continued

Ruth Cohen, Quilt Show Treasurer, has forms for you to fill out if you need money or reimbursement for quilt show related expenses. She also needs the 2005 quilt show books audited. **Judy Lundberg** stepped forward to Ruth's request for a volunteer to do the audit.

Jeanne Shaw, Vice-Pres. and Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales, has tickets for folks to sell. If you have sold tickets in the past month be sure to turn them in to be included in the monthly prize drawing. Jeanne also has a survey for those who attended the retreat.

Suzanne Brown, Quilt Show co-Chair, reiterated pertinent dates for the show. Monday, March 6th at the March FSQ meeting, is the last day to turn in registration forms for hanging your quilt in the show. Forms are in the newsletter. A true-to-life color photo must accompany the registration form. Quilts will be turned in on April 8th at the North Creek Community Center in Montgomery Village. The show is open to the public on Friday at noon April 21st and closes at 5:00pm on Sunday, April 23rd.

Suzanne also reminded us to get small projects ready to be included in the Silent Auction. Please also bring in any "goodies" you'd like to donate to fill our raffle baskets.

Many hands make light work, and so Carol Weikert is signing up volunteers at the table in the hall. Four hours of volunteer work at the show will get you into the show free!

Kim Jalette and **Coralyn Colladay** have the workshops lined up for the show and are available at a table in the hall for you to register for the classes of your choice.

Lynn Lee has our Featherweight with her this evening and has tickets for sale for the raffle. She is looking for volunteers to sew on the machine at the show.

We still need someone to chair Security for the show. Security is a job open to relatives and friends of quilters. Volunteers usually work a 2-hour. Those working security get to wear whistles, badges, and/or hats, and watch the crowd as well as the quilts.

General Announcements

June Hubley thanked everyone who had made quilts or place mats for the Veterans located at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. She has over 120 that will be delivered on February 25th. Please see June if you'd like to participate.

Nancy Newcomer, Service Projects, will no longer be this chair as of June. A volunteer is needed to co-chair this position with Anne Weaver. Flyers for the ABC quilts workshop are available. The next one is Tuesday February 21st at Fairhaven United Methodist Church in Darnstown. Contact Nancy if you are interested in participating.

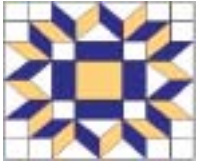
Coralyn Colladay, Programs, announced that there was still room in the March 5th. Bettina Havig, workshop "Village Commons". Coralyn then introduced the speaker for the evening, **Carol Blevins**, and invited those who participated in the Sunday workshop "Jacobean Interfaced Appliqué" to show their work from the class. Carol's lecture was "Tips, Tricks, & Tidbits". After the lecture, Coralyn presented Carol with a FSQ Guild pin.

Show and Tell followed a short break. Winners were drawn for door prizes and Block-of-the-Month squares.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Hartranft, Secretary

The minutes posted here will serve as the reading of the minutes at the next guild meeting.

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