

Friendship Star Quilters

April 2020

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The Quiltline

March 7: Registration begins for classes at MAQ
 Classes will be held July 10-12 at Gettysburg College
<https://www.maqonline.org>

April 16 - 18: Faithful Circle "Facets of Quilting" Show
 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045
 Thu. & Fri. 10 am - 6 pm; Sat. 10 am - 4 pm
 Admission: \$8 for 3 days; children under 10 free
<https://faithfulcirclequilters.com/category/quilt-show/>
 Postponed until October 15-17.. Stay tuned.

The Strathmore [SAQA/Muse Exhibit](https://www.strathmore.org/visual-arts/exhibitions/quilts) is now online, and extended through May.
<https://www.strathmore.org/visual-arts/exhibitions/quilts>
 Kay Campbell has 2 pieces in this show.

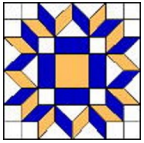
Quilters Unlimited May 29-31, 2020 Quilt Show is CANCELLED

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April – Fat quarters of retro, historical or reproduction fabrics. (Civil War, 1930s, William Morris, etc.)

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

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meeting
<p>Next Meeting is TBD. Guild meetings are at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month at: Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8921 Warfield Rd. Gaithersburg, MD</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 on https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/</p>	<p>Not Scheduled, TBD 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:</p>	<p>The next Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, April 13th at 7 pm via Conference Call.</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

Judy Walsh

It's amazing how our lives can change so quickly. Who would have thought that we would be experiencing an event like the 1918 influenza pandemic? Except that now - with people travelling all over the globe - the ramifications are even more serious.

I hope you all are well and staying home as much as possible.

I know I should be emptying closets and doing spring cleaning, but I find myself spending more time in my studio: making surgical masks, working on quilts and doing some general sorting (think Yard Sale!!). A shirt my niece gave me says it all: "**Life is just better when I'm quilting**".

The Executive Board will still be having our regular bi-monthly meeting on April 13th, but it will be via a conference call.

It's hard to know at this point whether we'll have our May guild meeting. We'll just have to wait and see what the next 30 days will bring.

I saw this post on Facebook that was attributed to John Tesh:

**When you can't control what's happening,
challenge yourself to control the way you
respond to what's happening
That's where your power is.**

I think that's something we can all take to heart.

Quilting tip of the month:

A Mr. Clean Magic Eraser is great for cleaning your iron. It will even remove adhesive that was accidentally deposited there while you were fusing raw edge applique (ask me how I know). Just be sure to wait until the iron is totally cool before you clean it.

Happy quilting!

Judy



March Guild Minutes

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

President Judy Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:30. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

Announcements:

The FSQ library has moved within the Church. Contact Rosie Hormuth for more information.

One of our members, Judy Newton, is in need of transportation. Please contact her to help out.

Judy Walsh reported that Kelly Elliott of Rockville recently passed away.

Judy Walsh requested volunteers for the nominating committee for next term's officers. Please contact her to volunteer.

Quilts of Honor – Karen Slayton has reminded us that the Quilts of Honor are due at the April meeting. She also asked that we enclose them in a large plastic bag (zip lock or other closing) to keep them clean during transport. If you want to go to the award ceremony please contact Karen first at 301-452-8083. In order to get on base you need to request a pass she will assist with these details.

Yard Sale- Karen Kehl announced that we are still accepting items for the yard sale and encouraged fabric donations to be larger than 5" by 5" (unless you are donating a charm pack).

2020 Raffle Quilt

Marketing- Gerda Sherwood reported Hampton Quilt show details. We sold 1070 tickets for a grand total of \$938.00 and volunteered more than 80 hours. We might be able to sell raffle tickets at the Quilters Unlimited Show May 29-31, at the Dulles Expo Center. If that becomes possible a SignUp Genius will be available to volunteer.

Ticket sales- Suma Glassman reported that updated total numbers were not available yet. She also requested that members get their ticket packets to sell.

Scheduling- Judy Walsh thanked those that volunteered for Hampton. She also reported details for the next 2 ticket selling events: Nimble Fingers Meeting - Barbara Skelly, Spring Water Designs – Judy and Teresa Peterson.

Service Projects - Nancy Brennan reported that there will be 2 workshops in March the 12th and 31st. She also said that there were preemie, quilt top, and pillow kits available. (Pillowcases need to be washed and returned in their original sealed plastic bag).

Programs - Cathy Miller reminded us that there was a SignUp Genius for attending the speaker dinners. She then introduced our speaker Phyllis Reeves and her presentation "Scrap Sensible".

Fat Quarter Drawing – Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson announced our winners as Liz Lawrence, Heidi Oestreicher, Elaine Villforth, Tomo Beckman and Ginny Leake.

Door Prize awardees were – Cathy Miller, Holly Trotter, and Mary Anne Bruce.

It was announced that the next monthly meeting will be 4/6/20 at 7:30PM in the Life Center, due to the remodeling. The next Executive Board meeting will be held on 4/13/20 at 7:00 PM at Asbury Methodist Village, 400 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877. All FSQ members are welcome to attend.

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmen Sesvold, FSQ Secretary



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

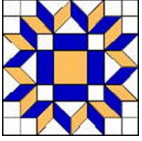
The COVID-19 pandemic is currently challenging us in many ways and we have been so impressed with the way many people around the world have risen to the occasion, from serenading and applauding hospital staff from apartment windows as they go in and out of hospitals, to rallying to make masks for medical staff whose access to supplies is limited.

Though you know that Service Projects workshops are on hold during this emergency, many guild members have been asking how they can help. The Service Projects committee is not able to coordinate a guild-wide response, due to both logistics and the stay-at-home order, but, if you'd like to make masks, here are a couple of possible resources. Different facilities have different requirements, so please check to be sure you are making masks that the facility needs and will be able to use.

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center is posting opportunities to help. Here's a link to one that involves making masks. https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=509458. The Volunteer Center has also posted other opportunities to help.

In addition Capital Quilts has a link on its home page to both local facilities which are asking for masks, as well as a national database with similar requests.

In difficult times like this, we all tend to feel a little lost and helpless. It's empowering to know we have skills we can put to use to help our "village" pull through. Stay safe and healthy!



FSQ Officer Nominations

Barbara Kilby

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present these candidates for election to one-year terms of office:

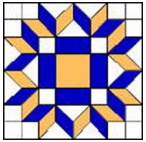
President	Michele Barnard
Vice President	Judy Hoffmann
Secretary	Peggy Weidman
Co-Treasurers	Joy Dorman and Colleen Biasco

Additional nominations are normally accepted from the floor at the May Guild Meeting. Since the Corona-Virus lockdown may still be in effect, we will be happy to accept additional candidates, provided that your nominee agrees to run AND you contact one of us by Monday, May 4, 2020. Our phone numbers and emails are listed below.

The Election of Officers is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020. If we can't meet at the church in person, the Board will arrange for electronic voting. Early voting will be allowed and indeed encouraged.

Thank you,
The Nominating Committee:

Anne Flaggs	301-641-4785	anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com
JoAnne DuChes	301-926-4314	jaduchez@yahoo.com
Barbara Kilby	301-216-4458	bkilby@verizon.net



Programs

Cathy Miller

This month's scheduled speaker, Erin Underwood, is being rescheduled for November.

Our speaker for May is Barbara Cline, who will be speaking about "Designing inside different block layouts" and her website is <https://www.delightfulpiecing.com/>

Barbara is a quilt designer, author and teacher who loves to share her techniques with others. She started creating quilts in her teens and has over 36 years of experience quilting and teaching classes. She has 5 books published by C&T Publishing and also has other quilt patterns. We have at least one of her books in our library. Barbara currently teaches classes nationally and internationally. She placed in the Paducah quilt contest "New Quilts from Old Favorite" - Seven Sisters and Dresden Plate. The Paducah Quilt show, Quilt Odyssey, Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival XVII, and Hoffman Challenge have displayed a wall hanging of hers and quilts of hers and family members were featured in the Virginia Quilt Museum's exhibition Five Generations of Mennonite Quilts."

If our meeting is canceled, we will attempt to reschedule Barbara for a date in early 2021.

Below is a list of upcoming FSQ 2019-2020 Programs and Events

May 4, 2020	Barbara Cline	Designing inside different block layouts
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Membership

Peggy Weidman

There is nothing new to report. In between making face masks, the chair is working on a new quilt, missing her quilting friends, and getting a little bored. But that's not news to any of you!



Quiltline Newsletter needs a new Editor

Liz Brodsky

Hi all,

I have been editing Quiltline for the last 4 years. The process is really not that difficult. Microsoft Publisher is needed to make use of the newsletter template. I currently get a yearly license from Microsoft Office 365 for 69.99 a year. This license includes the office suite and publisher.

Each month, I put out a request to everyone to send in articles and try to publish the newsletter one week before the meeting.

I would be more than happy to train the next editor on the process and the tool.

My term ends in June and would like to find a replacement by then.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Thanks.



Mini Mini Group meeting in the era of Covid-19

Michele Barnard

The coronavirus couldn't stop the Mini Minigroup from meeting – virtually!!

One of our members, SherriJoyce King, had been scheduled to host and volunteered her Zoom account instead. She spent some time ahead of the meeting helping the other members who hadn't used Zoom before get acquainted with it. Ten out of our eleven members were able to join for at least part of the meeting.

We also had a drop-off and pickup of swap fabrics (and snacks) on SherriJoyce's porch ahead of time.

We had show-and-tell and virtual help with quilting problems, along with regular non-quilting talk about solving all the world's problems. It wasn't as good as an in-person meeting – we couldn't pass around finished projects and ooh and aah up close - but it was a much-needed couple of hours break from the real world.



Yard Sale News

Jennifer Rossmere

Save Your Donations for the 2020 Yard Sale, hopefully we will have it in June.

There will be a bin in the atrium labeled “YARD SALE” for donated items. Please comb through your sewing rooms to find fabric and quilting-related items for donation (UFOs, patterns, tools, books, etc.). These items are just taking up space that could be used for new quilting goodies! Let someone else love your orphaned fabrics and unused tools to create their own masterpiece. **Our success depends on your generosity.** As always, proceeds go to support the Guild’s programs and service projects.



Pinterest Guest Program

Lorie Coston

The guild has a Pinterest account as you know. You can find it by searching in Pinterest for Friendship Star Quilters and look for Gaithersburg, MD. The quickest way to get there is to launch the Pinterest icon found on the side or in the footnote of any page on our website. The site has about 1,400 monthly viewers and more than 1,800 pins! Those pins are on now on 58 boards. There will likely be something that captures your interest or gives you a boost of inspiration!

Popular boards include Log Cabin, Lori Kennedy Designs/The Inbox Jaunt, English Paper Piecing, Quilt Math, QOV, Rulers, and Scrappy. Each Mini-Group has a board for their groups’ use alone. There is Board Variety...

Our FSQ location on Pinterest has been “curated” by a different FSQ member each month. I’m so excited that **SherriJoyce King** agreed to be the hostess for December and January. We see a bit of SherriJoyce’s quilting personality and tastes in her pins. Thank you, SherriJoyce.

Ellen Robinson has agreed to be the next Curator and I’m looking forward to her pins.

If you are willing to be curator for a month, let me know. It can be a lot of fun. This social media tool helps give the guild a broader audience and may be attractive to new members or even attracting new members. The site now runs exactly like your personal Pinterest account.

If you haven’t already, “Follow” the Friendship_Star_Quilters account on Pinterest! The quickest way to get there is to launch Pinterest from the icon found on the side or in the footnotes of any page on our website.



2020 FSQ Block of the Month/Quilt Along

Lorie Coston

What is a Block of the Month /Quilt Along?

Each month participants sew one block along with their fellow guild members. Blocks can be brought to guild meetings and shared or participants can wait and bring a quilt top or wait until the BOM/QAL concludes and bring a finished quilt! There are really no rules as this is meant to be fun and a stash buster and possibly a skill builder.

Our **free** pattern is by Andrea Smith of Happy Cloud Creations entitled “Snowy Day Quilt Sampler”. Click the link to see the quilt in color, the required yardage and detailed instructions. This is not a Mystery BOM/QAL so go ahead and look it over, kick the tires and test the seats! Think ahead to the next quilt show and consider making this one of your entries.

[Free Pattern and Directions](#)

Below is the schedule:

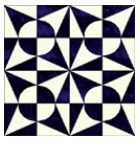
February 2020	Choose and Cut Fabric
March	Block 1
April	Block 2
May	Block 3
June	Block 4
July	Block 5
August	Block 6
September	Block 7
October	Block 8
November	Block 9
December	
January 2021	Assemble Quilt
February	Bring to Guild Meeting Show & Tell

Yes! Blocks brought to guild meetings will likely show up on the guild Instagram account! Or post your own pics. The specific hashtags to follow are:

#fsqQAL2020 #fsqBOM2020 #fsqStashBuster #fsqQuiltShowEntry2021
#snowydayquiltsampler #makemodern

If your small group wants to challenge its members, competition might be extra fun! Each month there will likely be a short encouraging note and this schedule in the newsletter but that’s it!

This is meant to be a fun stash buster so have a good time with it. Cut loose and sew!



Raffle Quilt Tickets

Suma Glassman

I hope everyone is healthy and staying safe. And that you are sewing up a storm. Afterall, we have a quilt show in 2021.

With the advent of social distancing and the Stay at Home orders, we have not been able to take our raffle quilt to other guilds to sell tickets. I know how tough it is to think about selling tickets right now. And I understand the financial pressures some of you might be facing.

The sale of tickets for our raffle quilt is a major fund raiser for FSQ. The money made goes in various amounts to charity, service projects, speakers for meetings, and other expenses encountered by the guild. In these grave times, I would like to encourage you to return any tickets that you have already picked up. These can be mailed to me at home.

If you have a chance, why not send out an email to friends and relatives with a picture and a link to Comfort Cases (our chosen charity), <https://www.comfortcases.org/>.



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

We hope all FSQ members are taking advantage of the broad selection of quilt-related books stored in the library. Not only will you find dozens of pattern ideas but also topics from appliqué and embellishment to history and art. In addition there are a few videos and ruler books available as well (see the complete list of titles on the FSQ Web site). Stop by the table on your way into the next meeting, browse at your leisure, and check out a selection or two. Our return policy is 1 to 2 months. Please let us know if you have a suggestion to add to the stock.



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.



Elected Officers		
President	Judy Walsh	president@friendshipstar.org
Vice-President	Teresa Peterson	VP@friendshipstar.org
Treasurer	Joy Dorman	treasurer@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Carmen Contreras-Sesvold	secretary@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson	Raffle Quilt Marketing	Gerda Sherwood
Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Suma Glassman
Field Trips	open	Retreats	Joy Dorman and Nancy Brennan
Holiday Party	Michele Barnard	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Library	Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Membership	Peggy Weidman	Summer Challenge	Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell, JoAnne DuChez
Newsletter	Liz Brodsky	Sunshine and Shadows	Ellen Robinson
Pins	Susan Spencer	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Program	Cathy Miller	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere
Publicity	Lorie Coston		