


Friendship Star Quilters September 2020

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The Quiltline

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 The next guild meeting will be held via Zoom on **September 14th**. You must **register for the meeting by September 7th**. Unfortunately, late registrations cannot be accommodated.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020
International Hang a Quilt Outside Your Home Day

A grassroots idea to help ease the void of missing our local quilt shows, state fairs, exhibitions, etc. because of COVID-19. Display one or more of your quilts outside (weather permitting) or inside through a window, so people passing by can enjoy your art. Share your joy in quilting!

Monthly Fabric Raffle – Postponed until we meet in person

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meetings
<p>Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month at</p> <p>Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD</p> <p>Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.</p>	<p>Service Projects Workshops are usually held from 9:30 am - Noon at</p> <p>Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD</p> <p>Pick up and drop off sessions are being held at this time. See page 6 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday October 12th at 7:00 pm.</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

Michele Barnard

“Yet what is a magician but a practicing theorist?”

— **Obi-wan Kenobi**

On the good days, quilting really does feel like magic. When your work actually turns out like the vision in your head, when the points don't get cut off, when the seams line up – MAGIC. And that's what our ZOOM meeting felt like last month – MAGIC!

I hate that we can't meet in person, but I'm grateful that the technology exists today that lets us meet virtually. Be sure to read Cathy's instructions in the Programs section about signing up for meetings ahead of time in SignUpGenius, and important Zoom etiquette.

At the last board meeting, we came to the difficult decision to postpone the 2021 quilt show. We are currently looking at potential dates for spring 2022. Although this is disappointing, I'm sure it's not surprising. The poll results were overwhelmingly in favor of postponing the show, and there were too many uncertainties for anybody to feel comfortable moving forward for next year. As a part of this, it was also decided to use the 2021 raffle quilt for the 2022 show, since it can't be taken around to other guilds or shows. We'll be looking for a Quilt Show committee starting up next year!

Keep sewing so we have plenty of magic to share at our next show. And even on the bad days? When it's not so much magic as comedy? Quilting keeps us sane, and grounds us in this crazy world we're experiencing these days.

Challenge of the month: Just for fun, here's a challenge. What quilting-related thing do you hate to do? For me, it's paper-piecing. It's not fun, so I don't do it. And yet- there are SO MANY awesome patterns out there that are paper-pieced. Why not join me this month in doing something you hate – just to see if you hate it a little less after some practice.

Yours in quilting,

Michele



August Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michelle Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and welcomed members and guests. The March FSQ meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The 2019-2020 FSQ President, Judy Walsh, was presented with a thank you gift for her service: a fabric bundle, a gift card to Capital Quilts, and a paper weight.

President's Update on the impact of COVID-19 on FSQ Meeting and Quilt Show schedules:

1. The meetings in September and October will be Zoom presentations and have been confirmed.
2. Meetings for the remainder of the year will be discussed at the August 10 Board meeting. It is extremely unlikely that we will have in-person meetings in the remainder of 2020.
3. Whether or not to hold In-person meetings for 2021 meetings will also be discussed by the Board, but it is questionable whether it will be possible since it depends both on Montgomery County and church policies for large gatherings, as well as membership willingness.
4. The 2021 Quilt Show may have to be cancelled. The board will consider the options and whether or not to poll the membership on this question.
5. Member input on any of these topics is welcome. Call or email any Officer to receive the link to attend the Zoom Board meeting.

Committee Reports

1. **Ticket Sales – Suma Glassman.** Members were reminded to return their money and ticket stubs. The Drawing for the raffle will be held at the September Meeting, so this month is the last chance to turn them in.
2. **Membership – Brenda Knopp.** Members were reminded that September is the deadline for paying 2020-2021 dues to make the October directory. She also reminded members that they need to renew their membership in order to participate in Zoom calls with paid presenters. FSQ also has a new member, Sandra Koubek, who was referred by Karen Moss.
3. **Service Projects – Anne Weaver** reported that Service Projects are open on a limited basis by appointment only. Members can turn in assembled kits/quilts and pick up new kits for quilts, premie quilts, and pillowcases, as well as fabric. Although many of our normal recipients are not accepting donations at this time, some organizations are. These include Comfort Cases and A Wider Circle. A Wider Circle put in a request for 39 pairs of placemats by August 8 to give to homeless men/women/families who would soon be transitioning to apartments. Anne was

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pleased to announce there would be no difficulty meeting that request thanks to the many people who had offered to help. If anyone would like to come in and pick up kits or batting/fabric to complete quilts, they can register for a day and time in Signup Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090848adad2ba0f85-service>).

4. **Yard Sale –Jennifer Rossmere** reported that the yard sale for 2020 has been canceled in response to the results of the committee's member survey. She asked members who had things to donate to hold on to them. The committee will reconvene in early 2021 to discuss the possibility of holding the yard sale in June 2021.
5. **Programs – Cathy Miller** reported that the FSQ meetings in September and October are going to be Zoom presentations. The speaker in September will be Joyce Hughes and the title of her presentation is "My Journey into Quilting - Creating Art Quilts with Panels". The October speaker is Carol Lyles Shaw who will be presenting "What Is a Modern Quilt? The Myths and the Magic!". Cathy suggested that members may want to visit their websites beforehand and prepare any questions they might want to ask for the Zoom meeting.

Presentation: Judy Walsh presented members' "Show & Tell", the products made by members during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

The next meeting will take place on September 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Members must register for the meeting in SignupGenius in order to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



Programs

Cathy Miller

For September and all future Zoom meetings it is critical that you plan ahead and sign up with SignupGenius. **Signup will close several days before the meeting** and we will NOT be able to accommodate last minute requests. It is also critical that you do NOT share the Zoom meeting invitation with anyone and you do NOT record the meeting. Here is the link to sign up for the September meeting. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-september>

Joyce Hughes will be our speaker on Sept 14. <https://joycehughesoriginals.com/>

Joyce is an Award Winning self-taught quilter, fiber artist and author. Her first quilt was a tee-shirt quilt, which she enjoyed making, but felt limited in the ability to express her artistic capabilities. Within several months, she began to design pictorial landscape quilts using raw edge applique, thread painting, and a variety of embellishments. Never knowing the “rules” she broke a lot of them, but with exciting results!

Amazingly, her first art quilt, “Mother’s Day”, was entered into a National Show and won a Blue Ribbon. This has led to numerous awards, recognition and opportunities in the quilting world. Several proud accomplishments for Joyce are; “McCall’s Quilt Designer 2012 – Professional Category” for McCall’s Quilting Magazine; also an endorser and sample maker for Northcott and Timeless Treasures fabrics, and Ambassador for Mettler Threads and Brother Sewing.

Her lecture is entitled “My Journey into Quilting - Creating Art Quilts with Panels” –working with Fabric Panels to create dimension and texture with threads and embellishments- Creating a style of your own!



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects has now conducted two months of very successful pick-up and drop-off sessions at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. By making an appointment on SignUpGenius, FSQ members have been able to stay stocked-up with kits for quilt tops, premie quilts and pillowcases. They have also been able to get fabric for borders, binding, and backing, as well as drop off finished projects. We have even been able to fill email requests and have them available to curbside pick-up or ready to be taken home by a friend who has signed up. It's been so nice to see and catch up with our friends, even for a brief time!

Meanwhile, several area organizations are now accepting donations again! We've made a socially-distanced delivery to Healthy Families Montgomery, which serves first-time at-risk parents. While they are now using Zoom to do their "home" visits, they have been dropping off supplies to their families as needed and, of course, each family gets one of our quilts too.

We were able to fulfill the request from A Wider Circle for placemats for 39 apartments for clients moving from homelessness to secure housing. In fact, your hard work produced quite a few extra, which they were happy to receive for their other clients. In addition, they are thrilled to receive baby quilts from us.



Many thanks for your support of our community in this increased time of need. We need that spirit of giving now more than ever and we are proud to have your support!

If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch with Nance or Anne at servproj@friendshipstar.org



FSQ Retreat - January 15-18, 2021

Joy Dorman

Each year FSQ holds a “Quilters Unsupervised” retreat at Bon Secours Conference and Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD. It is a great chance to spend time with fellow guild members, see what everyone else is doing and work on your projects.

At this point we have numerous openings available for the retreat. The registration form and pricing information are available at: <https://friendshipstar.org/retreats/2021-retreat/>

Payments are non-refundable unless you find a replacement to attend in your place or unless Bon Secours cancels the retreat.

If you are interested please contact Joy Dorman or Nancy Colladay at retreats@friendshipstar.org.

Full payment must reach me by September 15, 2020. I will not cash any checks until we know whether we have the minimum number of people required to go forward with the retreat.



Raffle Ticket Sales

Suma Glassman

Don't forget that the date of the drawing for the raffle quilt has been moved to the Monday September 14th guild meeting. I would like to urge you to return your money and sold ticket stubs to me. And don't forget to put your name on the back of the stub.

I know it is a challenge right now to sell tickets, but you can ask friends and neighbors. You can easily send out an email to your own contacts, tell them about the raffle, and ask them to send their check (made out to FSQ) to you at home.

You fill in the stubs for them, put your name on the back, and send it all on to me.



Online Quilting Classes with Bethanne Nemesh

Judy Walsh

Quilters' Unlimited Guild has contracted with award-winning Bethanne Nemesh to hold **live**, over-the-internet free motion quilting classes for their guild members, and they are inviting non-guild members to join them!

Three 2-hour classes will be held November 13-14 via Zoom. The “early bird” cost is \$25 per class (good through Sept 30th), or \$35 if you register between Oct 1st – Nov 11th).

The classes are appropriate for both longarm and domestic machine quilters and will be lecture/demo rather than hands on. During class, you will be drawing, so bring a sketchbook, but you will not need your machine.

Zoom classes being offered are:

Friday Nov 13, 10 a.m. – Noon: Freehand Florals

Friday Nov 13, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Fancy Feathers for Freehand Quilters

Saturday Nov 14, 10 a.m. - Noon: Quilted Texture from A to Zen

There is also a free lecture for class attendees on Saturday afternoon, but don't worry if you have to miss it. Bethanne will be presenting that same lecture to our guild on May 3, 2021.

For more information or to register, go to <https://quiltersunlimited.org/home-2-2-2/fall-event-2/>.



Freehand Florals



Fancy Feathers



Quilted Texture

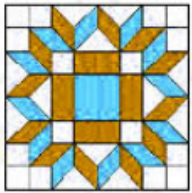
To learn more about Bethanne Nemesh and see further examples of her amazing work, visit her website at <https://www.whitearborquilting.com/>



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

Ladies, sorry to say the FSQ Library remains closed for the foreseeable future. If you have borrowed books in your possession, please continue to enjoy them and return them when we reopen.



FSQ Web Site Update

Lorie Coston

“When will the website work on my iPad or my phone?” There is good news for all of us who would like to see the website on our phone or tablet.

FSQ has asked Holly Knott Designs to submit a proposal to update the software underlying our website that makes viewing it with different devices possible. Holly created our site in 2013 which is only seven years ago but believe it or not that is considered ancient by technology standards. Our site should not even be working! Our underlying software is several versions past its expiration date and I’m afraid to do too much updating for fear of crashing the site.

Yes, we are past our expiration date and changes are coming but Holly’s changes will not be visible. The site will look almost the same since few cosmetic changes will be made. Do look for a blog on the Home page. This is a common feature on websites of guilds of our size. Finally, some of the site’s pages will be updated due to the software change so they will display in new ways which will be fun.

As always, look for *The Quiltline* link and the Programs & Speakers 2020-2021 link right from the Home page. If you are wondering where to find another copy of the BOM QAL pattern, that’s on the Home page too. In the next few months, you’ll be able to use these links from your tablet or your phone!



BOM Quilt Along

Lorie Coston

The outside temperature measured 95 degrees F. at my house today! I have to chuckle that our Quilt Along pattern is called Snowy Day Sampler. The pattern is free and you can get it from our website. But here we are in September stitching Block 7.

This is a sampler quilt with very large blocks that finish quickly and are perfect for scrap busting. The plan was to have a finished quilt in time to be counted as a Quilt Show entry in a category of all Snowy Day Sampler quilts. So push along and keep sewing your blocks.

Below is the BOM QAL schedule as a reminder (or a nudge) to give it a try. The blocks are large enough that you can get a pillow form at JoAnn's and not have wasted your time if you end up just hating it. You can always gift a pillow out of your life. But you won't! You will love it and want to make all the blocks!

Here's 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

Post your own pictures to Instagram using these specific hashtags:

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

And post your pictures to our guild's Pinterest board "Quarantined but Still Creating!" while you're at it.



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/](https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipStarQuilters/) .

If you aren't on Facebook, the page is "public" so you can still view it just by going to the link above.

We will be posting meeting reminders and other items that might interest to you. If there is something you think might be interesting to others - quilting related of course - please contact us at

facebook@friendshipstar.org and we will get it posted.



Pinterest

Lorie Coston

Ellen Robinson has done a splendid job curating the guild's Pinterest account for three months despite work and family obligations. El created the board entitled "Quarantined but Still Creating!" to which we all were invited to join as members of FSQ. I hope you did join and that you added your pins! There are lovely pieces posted to this board deserving of admiration. If you haven't done so yet, please add your creations to this board. We are guessing how each other's projects are coming along, curious to see them finished, and wanting to be inspired. El has added a number of boards and pins and the account is better for her choices.

Lynn Stieber has just taken on the challenge of adding fresh content to our sunny spot on Pinterest also known as "Friendship_Star_Quilters". Lynn has already added a board featuring the work of famed New England quilter and appliqué artist Jo Diggs, a relative of Lynns! Google "Jo Diggs" and you'll find a slew of articles and YouTube entries. Lynn has added another board entitled "Landscape Quilts". Stop by there too! You'll be glad that you did since these pins are soothing and beautiful. Lynn is doing a great job and we are all better for it.

When we meet as a guild, all Curators will receive a pin in recognition of the time spent maintaining the guild's Pinterest site. The pin consists of a large pair of scissors (!), a charm with the letter "P" and four red stones, a charm with the year they were Curator, and a smaller pair of scissors for each month they were Curator. Please contact me if you would like to curate the guild's account. This is an on-going project and everyone is welcome to participate.



Instagram Around the World – Part 2

Lorie Coston

Have you wondered what quilters in other countries sew? Wondered how they see their projects? What patterns they choose? Who they make for? I'm always wondering these things! And I'm curious and often delighted at the creativity displayed in vivid color on Instagram.

Don't have an IG (as the kids say) account yourself? That's OK! You probably have a Facebook account and that will work since Facebook owns Instagram. Login with your Facebook password and skip over to "@fsq_publicity" to see who we "follow".

Nadra of @EllisAndHiggs in **Germany** shares super sweet fabric and story paper pieced blocks, all of which she designs. She's hosting a QAL right now. Not too late to join the fun.

@Iryna.Khodak.Quilt is from Kharkov, **Ukraine**, I think, but I'm not sure, because she posts pictures from locations in North America and Europe too. She is a pattern designer and mother of two with a penchant for HSTs! Her blocks make me tired.

@uncuartodecostura from somewhere in **Mexico** posted a poignant picture of a Gee's Bend Alabama quilter and two young girls. I was deciphering the Spanish before using Translate simply awed me. Is the quilting world large or small?!

There are dozens of accounts from places that I haven't stopped to identify. Most of the accounts the guild follows are from here in the USA. There is exciting quilting happening in small towns on the opposite coast, in the mid-west, and Texas. And @fsq_publicity follows many of them too.

Why is any of this "News"? Oh, none of it is news. I just thought it was important to highlight the different places we can still go during quarantine that are quilt-related and see for ourselves the joy and accomplishments of others. We can see beauty and art. And it can make us smile and feel inspired or something unexpected.

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**RENEWAL
REMINDER**

Membership
Brenda Knopp

Welcome back everyone!

We might not meet face-to-face for a couple more months due to COVID, but it looks like we will be zooming! I look forward to “seeing” you then. Note that we are still planning to meet and that we do have speakers lined up for the coming months using Zoom.

We would love for you to continue joining us, so please remember to renew if you have not yet done so! As noted in the SignUpGenius invitation, join and sign up by Sept 7! Any membership dues can be sent to me at 14418 Saturn Way, Boyds, MD 20841. Please let me know at that time if there are any changes to your information (new address, email...)

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp
Membership Chair



September Birthdays

Jean Farrell - Sep 1
Brenda Knopp - Sep 4
Barbara Kilby - Sep 5
Connie Ross - Sep 6
Judy Hoffman - Sep 12
Cathy Miller - Sep 13
Mary Ann Bruce - Sep 25



Elected Officers		
President	Michele Barnard	president@friendshipstar.org
Vice President	Judy Hoffman	VP@friendshipstar.org
Co-Treasurers	Colleen Biasco & Joy Dorman	treasurer@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Peggy Weidman	secretary@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	Raffle Quilt Marketer	Volunteer needed
Facebook	Suma Glassman & Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Volunteer needed
Holiday Party	Barbara Kilby	Retreats	Joy Dorman & Nancy Colladay
Library	Rosie Hormuth & Liz Lawrence	Service Projects	Anne Weaver & Nancy Brennan
Membership	Brenda Knopp	Small Groups Coordinator	Nicki Lynch
Newsletter	Judy Walsh	Summer Challenge	Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell & JoAnne DuChez
Pins	Susan Spencer	Sunshine & Shadows	Ellen Robinson
Programs	Cathy Miller	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Publicity	Lorie Coston	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere