

Friendship Star Quilters September 2019

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The Quiltline

September 21-22: Friendship Quilters of Linthicum and Eternal Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Linthicum, MD, Lindale Middle School

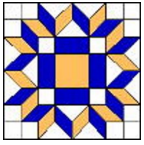
October 11-20: Quilters' Quest, <http://www.quiltersquest.org/> FSQ will be selling tickets for "after midnight" during Quilters' Quest.

November 1-3: Everybody's Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Westminster, MD

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September — Fat quarters of **yellows** in a tribute to the passing of summer sunshine

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meeting
<p>Next Meeting is September 9th. Guild meetings are at 7:30pm 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 http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/.</p>	<p>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: Thursday, September 12th Tuesday, September 17th</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held on Monday October 14th at 7:00 p.m. at 400 Russell Ave. in Gaithersburg, MD</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

School is back in session, so Fall will be here before we know it. Some of the 58-degree mornings we've had recently have already given us a reminder of what that will be like.

At our August Executive Board Meeting, we voted to donate 25% of the profits from "Oh My Stars!" to our designated charity, **Equipment Connections for Children**. Executive Director Jason Herring was – in his words – "...blown away by Friendship Star Quilters donation this year." I'll share his letter with you at our September meeting. Thanks to Barbara Kilby for delivering the check.

Our **2020 Raffle Quilt "After Midnight..."** won a first place ribbon at the county fair, with the judges marking us as Excellent in every category! Many thanks to all of you who participated in creating this lovely quilt.

Randy Finder was the winner of **FSQ's Best Beginner Quilt Award** at the fair this year. He plans to attend our September guild meeting and bring his quilt.

Also at our September guild meeting we'll be voting on which charity to support with the proceeds from "After Midnight..." On August 31st I sent out a blast email describing the 5 charity nominees and I hope you will take some time to learn more about them so you can make an informed choice.

We will all have lots of opportunities to volunteer to support our guild this year, even without having a quilt show. "After Midnight..." will be travelling to local guilds as well as to Quilter's Quest and – hopefully - the Hampton Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. Signup Genius lists will be created to gather volunteers for the various dates and times. **Please do your part and sign up to sell raffle tickets** at one or more of these events.

My **quilting-related tip** for this month: a wooden yardstick worked great as a "pressing stick" when I was making the sleeve for "After Midnight..." I was able to press open the 90 inch seam without removing the previously pressed lines that would ensure I had plenty of room in the sleeve. It was so easy to scoot the yardstick down the center of the sleeve while it was on the ironing board, and I was done in record time. Now if I could only figure out how to speed up sewing a sleeve on a quilt....

Happy quilting!

Judy



August Guild Minutes

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

President Judy Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:30, welcomed visitors and new members. Judy asked for a show of hands for those who had not received the email notification regarding the June Newsletter. She asked those who raised their hands to meet her after the meeting. Thus, the approval of the June minutes (part of newsletter) was tabled until the September meeting to give everyone a chance to read them before approving them.

Treasury report

Bobbie Draves provided an abbreviated report stating that all the bills were paid and all checks were deposited.

Service projects Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Nancy reminded that the next service project meetings are Aug. 8th & 20th. She also stated that there were quilt top kits available in the foyer.

Fat Quarter Drawing – Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson

Liz thanked all those that answered her request for ideas for monthly themes. She also reminded us that a member has to contribute a fat quarter as well as submit their name for a chance to win the monthly drawing. Monthly themes are as follows:

September – Yellows in a tribute to the passing of summer sunshine

October -- Pictorial or novelty prints of any kind

November – Batik in shades of blue, turquoise, aqua, etc.

December - Service Project Special. They request Juvenile themed fat quarters rather than a pre-made block. For every fat quarter you donate, please bring an extra to be given to Service Projects.

January –Geometric prints or plaids

February –Low-volume/light background fabric

March – any shade of green

April – Retro, historical or reproduction fabrics. (Civil War, 1930s, William Morris, etc.)

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

June –of Patriotic or Red, White and/or Blue

2020 Raffle Quilt – After Midnight

Judy Walsh updated us on the quilt status. She thanked Karen Moss for its quilting and Linda Duzick for hand sewing the binding. This quilt will be displayed at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and the September monthly FSQ meeting. Suma Glassman has volunteered to be the ticket coordinator. Gerda Sherwood has volunteered to be the Quilt Scheduler.

2020 Charity Nomination

Judy requested members to submit nominations for FSQ 2020 charity donation. Each year we donate a portion of the raffle quilt ticket sale profits to a charity. Please submit nominations to Judy Walsh by email at president@friendshipstar.org. We will vote on submissions at the September FSQ monthly meeting.

2021 Raffle Quilt Judy also asked that a FSQ “small group” coordinate the creation of the 2021 Raffle Quilt. This will include the quilt design and fabric acquisition as well as the coordination of: block kits (for members to sew), top completion, and quilt finishing. For more information please contact Judy Walsh.

2020 Yard Sale

Judy thanked Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell, and JoAnne DuChez for their chairmanship and coordination of the past yard sales and asked for volunteers to assist in the 2020 yard sale. She suggested that individuals be

responsible for coordinating an item category to share in the preparation for sale. Karen Kehl, Jennifer Rossmere, Wendy Bauman, Peggy Weidman and Carmen Sesvold volunteered.

Membership Peggy Weidman

Peggy introduced herself as the new Membership Chair and asked for those that had not paid their membership dues to do so. Joy Dorman reminded us that 2020 retreat attendees must be members in good standing.

Communication / SignUp Genius

Lorie Coston announced that FSQ now has unlimited SignUp Genius lists available for event planning or volunteer coordination. Susan Spencer suggested that other uses might include carpooling to a quilt show or shop hopping.

The next **Executive Board meeting** will be held on Aug 12th at 7:00 PM at Asbury Methodist Village, 400 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877. All FSQ members are welcome to attend.

Other announcements

- Mary Moore Payne made request for her friend Mary Campbell. Mary is looking for sewing machines to send to Kenya for AIDS widows. Your old machine might be perfect as they need machines that are mechanical rather than computerized and with the all-metal gearing found in most machines before 1970. Even hand-cranked machines are prized in Kenya. The widows co-operative has a contract to sew school uniforms and could use these reliable sewing machines to support themselves and their villages. If you have a sewing machine to donate or want more information please contact Mary Campbell at mcampscomp@aol.com.
- PA National Quilt Extravaganza will be held on Sept 12th –15th Brochures are available on the front table. If anyone interested in organizing a bus trip please contact Judy Walsh.
- Original Sewing and Quilt expo in Fredericksburg, VA will be held Oct 3rd -5th. Brochures are also available on the front table.

Door Prizes

Winners of the August prizes were Barb Morten, Vontina Collick, and Elaine Villforth.

Program Quilto led by Barb Morten

Our meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carmen Sesvold, FSQ Secretary



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

For the past several years, we have been asked to piece and complete a quilt made from squares created by family members in memory of their baby in the NICU at Holy Cross Hospital who did not survive. Families use colorful fabric markers to write touching messages and then decorate them with foam shapes. The quilt is then hung, along with past years' quilts, for an annual memorial service. It's been a real privilege to be able to participate in the grieving and healing process for these families. We were especially pleased to receive this thank you from the Holy Cross chaplain Nancy Guttendorf.

Dear Friends,

Each year the Remembrance Quilt is a highlight of the Perinatal Loss Service at Holy Cross. So much love, longing, and heartfelt emotion goes into each individual square as our families appreciate having a tangible way to remember and honor their precious babies. Many thanks to each of you for making this possible!



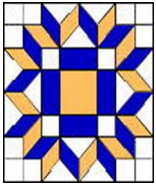
The September Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, September 12, and Tuesday, September 17. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver for more information.



2020 Retreat

Joy Dorman and Pat Vasaió

The 2020 FSQ Retreat (Jan 17- 19/20) at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, Maryland is currently full. We usually have cancellations as we get closer to the date. If you would like to be placed on the wait list please send us an email at retreats@friendshipstar.org.



Programs

Cathy Miller

In September we welcome Mary Mahoney. <https://thetelltaleartist.com>

Mary Mahoney, Self-Taught Fiber Artist

Mary has been an avid quilter for over 25 years, creating countless quilts for her children, her home, her nieces and nephews, friends, for weddings, births, graduations. Building on this passion, for the past ten years she has been exploring the field of fiber art.

In 2009 Mary began to make "quilted home portraits" of houses, using a technique she developed and perfected. By 2012 Mary was creating portraits of people and entering art shows. She has won awards and competitions and sold pieces locally and around the country.

In October we will have Julia Graves will be speaking on Color Exploration and Gem Quilts (<https://soquilts.com>)

Snippy Bros Dick Storh, who sharpened our tools at our quilt show, will also be at our October meeting. Bring your scissors, knives or small garden tools for sharpening. Each tool costs \$5.00 CASH. Some garden tools may be a little more. Please sign up in SignUp Genius for each tool you want sharpened. We have 40 slots available - use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-sharpening>

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

October 7, 2019	Julia Graves	Color Exploration and Gem Quilts
November 4, 2019	Maria Rogers	Life in Japan and Japanese quilt shows
December 2, 2019		Holiday Potluck
January 6, 2020	Ginny Brown	Studio 180 Instructor
February 3, 2020	Mary Koval	How to make your quilts more valuable
March 2, 2020	Phyllis Reeves	Scrap Sensible: Organizing scraps
April 6, 2020	Erin Underwood	Blue Hen Quilt Shop Trunk show
May 4, 2020	Barbara Cline	Designing inside different block layouts



Membership

Peggy Weidman

Membership cards are finally in! If you would like one, ask at the membership desk when you sign-in at the September meeting.

We have 6 new members so far this year! Please take time to introduce yourself, welcome them, and answer their questions. They are:

Laura Chasky (Clarksburg, MD)

Brenda Douglas (Clarksburg, MD)

Judy Hoffman (Silver Spring, MD)

Ruthi Richardson (Landsdowne, VA)

Lynn Stieber (Laytonsville, MD)

Liz Troutman (North Potomac, MD)

Membership renewal update: The bad news is, thus far, we have lost 5 members who are not renewing for various reasons...but the good news is that 7 members have renewed by mail and 4 more plan to review at the next meeting.

There are still a few former members who have not committed one way or the other to renew. Just a reminder: the September 9th guild meeting is the last chance to pay in person and September 31 is the last chance to pay by mail before the October Membership list is finalized and sent out. If you like to participate in guild activities, like the retreat, quilt raffle, yard sale, etc. please consider renewing your membership.



We have seven member birthdays in September. Happy Birthday to our quilting friends!

Phyllis Eddy	Sept 1
Jean Farrell	Sept 1
Barbara Kilby	Sept 5
Connie Ross	Sept 6
Judy Hoffman	Sept 12
Cathy Miller	Sept 13
Mary Ann Bruce	Sept 25



Yard Sale

Jennifer Rossmere

A Yard Sale Committee has been established with volunteers per the August FSQ meeting. This Committee is going to plan the Yard Sale which is usually held at the June FSQ meeting. The first meeting of the Yard Sale Committee will be held on October 16, 2019 at 7:00.

If you are interested in being on this committee, attending this meeting, helping out with the yard sale in any way, or have some ideas about the yard sale or have any questions in relation to this issue, please contact Jennifer Rossmere at jayrossmere@gmail.com.



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

Books may be borrowed. Still time before the holidays to get projects started with a little help from our excellent FSQ library resources.



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	Bobbie Draves and Sabina Lindley	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	Open
Pins	Susan Spencer	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Program	Cathy Miller	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere
Publicity	Lorie Coston		