

Friendship Star Quilters

March 2020

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The Quiltline

Feb. 27 – Mar. 1, 2020 – Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival
 Thu. – Sat. 10 am – 6 pm; Sun. 10 am – 4 pm

Hampton Roads Convention Center
 1610 Coliseum Dr
 Hampton, VA 23666

Our raffle quilt "After Midnight..." will be on display; please help sell tickets or white glove for at least 1 hour

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

March 6-15: Quilts Around the Bay Shop Hop
 Various shops along the Eastern Shore
<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltsAroundTheBay/>

During this event, our raffle quilt "After Midnight..." will be at Springwater Designs in Columbia on Sunday, March 8th from 12 - 5 pm

March 25-28, 2020: AQS Quilt Week - Lancaster Downtown
 Wed. – Fri., 9 am – 5 pm, Sat. 9 am-4 pm

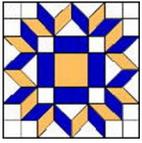
Lancaster County Convention Center
 25 S. Queen St
 Lancaster, PA 17603

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/>

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March -- Fat quarters in any shade of green

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meeting
<p>Next Meeting is March 2nd. 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>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, March 12th Thursday, March 31th</p>	<p>The next Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, April 13th at 7 pm at 400 Russell Avenue 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

One of the things I love about quilters is that they are always ready to share helpful information with their colleagues. Even after many years of quilting we are all still learning and sharing with each other. That becomes especially evident when a group of quilters come together to sew (think Retreats, Service Projects or Small Groups). It makes me happy to be a part of the quilting community.

I am pleased to see that as of this writing, **15 members volunteered to help Gerda Sherwood & Carol Carrier at Hampton** with either white gloving or ticket selling. **THANK YOU** for supporting our guild by going the extra mile (or the 380-mile-round-trip, as the case may be)!

Many thanks to Linda Duzick who appliqued the center of our 2021 raffle quilt. She came up with a lovely design that has some really special elements. We've just started assembly, and I can't wait to see the whole thing come together!

I'm looking forward to hearing what tips **Phyllis Reeves** has for us at our March meeting. I'm hoping her **"Scrap Sensible"** talk will help me make some sense of the bags & containers of scraps I've accumulated (or foolishly accepted in a weak moment). How about your sewing area – are your scraps also expanding in an attempt to take over?

Quilting tip of the month: How to ensure flatter seams in your blocks without an iron

A while back I was given a **Fabric Folding Pen**. It's a refillable "marker" that contains water and 4 to 5 drops of a special solution that is somewhat like a fabric softener. Its stated purpose is to "Make fabric easier to fold!" To be honest, I didn't think I needed help with that, so I set it aside and promptly forgot about it.

Fast forward almost 2 years later, when I saw the pen in use and realized it really would make my seams a lot flatter. And it would do away with the need to immediately press every seam as I was constructing a block.

Now that I am using it for almost all my piecing, I can attest to the fact that it's a "must have". Just run it across the line of stitching and gently finger press the fabric the way you want it to go. You won't have to wait for the iron if you're in a class!

It's also great for removing that stubborn center fold line on fabric from a bolt, or for changing the way seams have been pressed. I can also see it being used for applique, foundation and English paper piecing, and hemming. It just may be the most versatile tool a quilter can have.

Want to see one in action? Just search for "fabric folding pen" on YouTube.

Happy quilting!

Judy



January Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman, Acting Secretary

Vice-President Teresa Peterson served as Acting President

Membership Chair Peggy Weidman served as Acting Secretary

Teresa Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, welcomed everyone and introduced new members Brenda Knopp and Beth Amundson. She announced that the Southern Comforters were displaying their quilt in the lobby and requested that members support their fund-raising effort. She noted that Sabina & Carmen are taking our quilt to their guild meeting in May. The Minutes were approved as written. Members were reminded that the deadline for submission of Quilts of Valor is the April meeting, not the May meeting.

Announcements and Committee reports:

- **The Church sanctuary will undergo renovation beginning the end of March.** As a consequence, there will no longer be room for our library books, which need to be removed by March 6th. The library co-chairs will need to develop new procedures for managing the library. Members were asked to return checked out books at the March meeting.
- **Raffle Ticket Sales:** Suma Glassman reminded members to sell and turn in their raffle tickets, and shared her secret for selling so many tickets. Around January each year she sends an email to all her friends and relatives with a photo of the quilt and invites them to buy raffle tickets by sending her a check made out to FSQ. She reminds them that if they are not thrilled with the quilt themselves, they can gift it to someone who would be. She encouraged everyone to get in the spirit, since this is one of the main ways the guild raises money for its projects and activities.
- **Quilt Marketing:** Gerda Sherwood stated that they desperately need more people to sell raffle tickets and white glove at the Hampton Quilt show. She stressed that it is a great show and worth putting a carpool together to attend for even just one day (and give a few hours of minding the store).
- **Yard Sale:** Karen Kehl thanked everyone for the overwhelming response on the first collection date. She introduced the members of the committee: Jennifer Rossmere, Peggy Weidman, Carmen Contreras-Sesvold, Wendy Bauman, and Mary Ann Bruce. If anyone has something too big to transport to the meeting, they can contact one of the committee members and they will arrange to take care of it.
- **Publicity:** Lorie Coston announced the details of the “quilt along” as described in the newsletter. Guild member Karen Kehl had already made a quilt using the chosen pattern and brought it so members could see how the finished quilt looks.
- **Service Projects:** Co-Chair Anne Weaver announced that there were quilt and pillowcase kits in the back of the room for volunteers to take home and assemble. She invited members to join the service project workshops on Feb. 13 and 25.



January Guild Minutes—continued

Peggy Weidman, Acting Secretary

- Thanks were given to Coralyn Colladay for taking the raffle quilt to Needle Chasers last month
- **Executive Board Meeting:** The executive board will meet at 7:00 pm next Monday 2/10 at 400 Russell Ave. in Gaithersburg.
- **Program Chair** – Cathy Miller introduced the guest speaker, Mary Koval, an expert in antique quilts.

After the break, the meeting resumed with show and tell. Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson presided over the Fabric Raffle Drawing. The winners of the raffle were Judy Newton, Ihsia Hu, Peggy Weidman, and Wendy Bauman. The awarding of Door Prizes included special gifts provided by the speaker, Mary Koval. These included one of her books, a magazine featuring her work, a packet of 3 dark blue antique fabrics, 2 fabric panels that she had designed from an antique quilt, and a certificate for a stay for 2 at her quilting conference center in PA.

The winners of these gifts were: Lorie Coston, Nicki Lynch, Liz Plantz, Kathy Brown, Rosie Hormuth, and Jane Philips. Mary Koval also announced that guilds that she visits are qualified for a discount at her conference center. The winners of the regular door prizes were: Tomo Beckman, Laura Markus, and, one of our new members, Beth Amundson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

Peggy Weidman, Acting Secretary



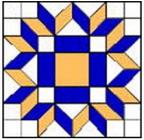
Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Although most of the quilts that FSQ members and friends make and donate go to several larger organizations, such as Project Linus and Mary's Center, we are always on the lookout for additional groups. We recently made a donation of 9 quilts to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, through our contact at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Here is the lovely thank you note we received from their Executive Director, Susie Sinclair-Smith.

Thank you! We truly appreciate your 2/6/2020 donation of 9 handmade baby quilts. Your generosity makes a direct impact on the lives of our clients. Watch videos of our clients sharing their inspiring stories at [youtube.com/mcchmd](https://www.youtube.com/mcchmd) and know that your support played a meaningful role in their journey towards ending their homelessness. Thank you for your partnership and commitment to helping your neighbors in need.

Thanks to all FSQ members and Service Projects volunteers who make it possible to continue providing warmth and comfort to our neighbors in need. March Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, March 12, and Thursday, March 31. We meet from 9:30 am until about noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Questions? Contact Nancy Brennan or Anne Weaver.



Programs

Cathy Miller

This month our speaker is Phyllis Reeves an avid quilter with more ideas than she has time. She teaches at shops and guilds. Phyllis keeps her classes informative, relaxed, and most importantly, fun! Her specialty is using the Studio 180 rulers and Scrap and String piecing.

Phyllis' informal Sew and Chats, as well as her sold-out retreats, have helped to form the vibrant quilting community in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Phyllis will present "Scrap Sensible" a one hour lecture which covers organizing scraps, deciding what size scraps to keep, pre-cutting scraps or leaving them as is for storage. She will address these questions and many more during this lecture/trunk show.

Join us for Dinner with the Speaker at 5:30 prior to the meeting.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-dinner2>

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

April 6, 2020	Erin Underwood	Blue Hen Quilt Shop Trunk show
May 4, 2020	Barbara Cline	Designing inside different block layouts



Membership
Peggy Weidman

At the February meeting we had 64 members attending, two of whom were new members. Please join me in welcoming Beth Amundson from Silver Spring and Brenda Knopp from Boyds to the FSQ Guild. We also had two guests at the meeting.

March is a big birthday month for FSQ members. Happy Birthday to all them!

Désirée Anspach	Mar 1
Susan Spencer	Mar 1
Carmen Contreras-Sesvold	Mar 3
Laura Markus	Mar 3
Cathie Shelton	Mar 3
Lorie Coston	Mar 10
Kate Foley	Mar 10
Kathleen Young	Mar 10
Carol Carrier	Mar 12
Diane Heller	Mar 15
Heidi Oestreicher	Mar 16
Linda August	Mar 18
Karen Kehl	Mar 21
Carol Millman	Mar 21
Elaine Villforth	Mar 28
Pat Vasaio	Mar 29





Yard Sale News

Jennifer Rossmere

Bring Your Donations for the 2020 Yard Sale to the March Meeting

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 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'm sure you are now aware that I am chair of Raffle Tickets Sales for the annual quilt. For new members, annually we raffle off a guild made quilt to support our activities. The speakers you enjoy, and Service Projects, are among them.

We are currently in the midst of our ticket selling and I encourage everyone who has not picked up packets to do so at the next meeting. This is a **major fundraising effort** for us, and I encourage you to participate. Buy them yourself and ask friends and relatives to take a chance. Tell them that a portion of the proceeds goes to a charity that the membership selects each year. This year, the charity is **Comfort Cases** (<https://www.comfortcases.org/>), which supports foster kids.

I also want to remind those that have taken packets to return them. If you need more tickets, I always have them at the meetings. You can let me know before-hand and I will have the extras. Members are all asked to sell a minimum of 30 tickets each to help. At 6 tickets for \$5 that would be \$25. You can sell them individually also for \$1 for 1 ticket.

As an incentive, the top three ticket sellers will receive a prize. By writing your name on the back of all the tickets you turn in, you also stand a chance to win another prize if a ticket you sold is selected as the winner.

It is important that you participate if you can. Stop by at meetings to get tickets or let me know via email and I will get them to you.

Thank you!



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.



We got another Gig!

Lorie Coston

FSQ In The Library got another 'display case opportunity' at Quince Orchard Library for the month of March. We will be stocking the shelves the first week of March and will remain stocked through the end of the month. Librarian Irene Liu has been a guild cheer leader for a few years now and we like her enthusiasm and always supportive comments about our displays. Other Librarians at QO also love our quilts and books displays and aren't shy to tell me their quilting stories and those of patrons who've shared comments after viewing our display. We're happy to share our beautiful quilts in more ways than one!

If you get a chance this month, stop in and see beautiful quilts on loan from Service Projects.



Elected Officers		
President	Judy Walsh	president@friendshipstar.org
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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		