

Friendship Star Quilters

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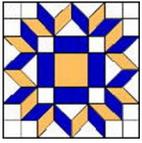
The Quiltline

Events are canceled or postponed due to Covid-19 and the restrictions on people gathering

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Will resume at our next meeting.

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meeting
<p>Next Meeting is August 3rd. 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: Will be scheduled when church is available and group limitations from the pandemic are lifted.</p> <p>If you can, plan to join us for lunch afterward.</p>	<p>The next Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, June 8th 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 or want to participate on the call.</p>



President's Message

Judy Walsh

What a strange end to an otherwise busy and interesting guild year! It certainly will be one we will all remember. Who would have guessed we'd cancel 3 guild meetings due to a pandemic? Hopefully we will all continue to be safe during the "reopening" so we don't overwhelm our health care systems.

I'd like to thank the team of elected officers who have served with me this past year: Teresa Peterson (Vice President), Joy Dorman (Treasurer) and Carmen Sesvold (Secretary). It's been a pleasure to serve with you! Thanks must also go to Sabina Lindley and Bobbie Draves who handled the Treasurer duties prior to November 2019.

Congratulations are in order for our incoming officers: **Michele Barnard (President), Judy Hoffman (Vice President), Peggy Weidman (Secretary) and Co-Treasurers Colleen Biasco and Joy Dorman.** Let's give them the hearty round of applause they deserve when we meet again in August. I know they will do a great job.

We need 2 volunteers to audit the guild's financial reports for the 2019-2020 business year. Those who are current elected officers or committee chairs are not eligible. This only takes a couple of hours and is not as daunting as it might sound. It can be done remotely, and instructions will be provided. I know Joy Dorman will have everything in good order. Please contact her at treasurer@friendshipstar.org to learn more or to volunteer to help out with this task.

Our 2021 raffle quilt has been delivered for quilting. Thanks to Colleen Biasco, Joy Dorman and Anne Weaver for sharing the assembly with me. You'll get to see it at our September 14th meeting, when we will also draw the winning raffle ticket for our current raffle quilt "After Midnight...".

I look forward to seeing all of you again at our August 3rd guild meeting, when we are planning to hold our Yard Sale instead of having "Quilto". I know the Yard Sale Committee will keep us updated on that over the summer.

Quilting tip of the month:

Here's a link to 1075 free downloadable quilt patterns (yes, really!). The best part is that you can choose to view 12-100 pictures of the quilts on each page.

<https://bearcreekquiltingcompany.com/shop/category/free-patterns/>

I love having the pictures because it's easy to decide if I want to download the file or not. It's also almost like going to a quilt show, but without the crowds and – sadly – without a friend along. I hope you enjoy seeing them, too.

Stay safe, keep smiling, and Happy Quilting!

Judy



Guild Minutes

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

There were no meetings in April, May and June due to Covid-19 and shelter in place restrictions.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Although the Covid-19 pandemic has brought a halt to our Service Projects workshops for almost three months, our numbers for the year are some of the highest ever! Since June 1 of last year, we have made and donated

537 babies and children's quilts

398 preemie quilts

113 preemie hats

187 children's pillowcases

Though we haven't been meeting for several months, we know that FSQ members have been hard at work making and donating masks, scrub caps, and gowns to medical facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, relatives, friends, neighbors, and so much more. Many thanks to the guild members who advertised needs they knew of, either through personal contacts or requests they had, through neighborhood listserves, or through the MoCo HoCo Mask Makers. The quilting community is a generous one and it has been gratifying to be able to provide some tangible help during this difficult, uncertain time.

At this point, until we hear that Fairhaven United Methodist Church is open again for groups to meet there, Service Projects workshops will be on hold. We'll be in touch as soon as we get the go-ahead. Stay safe and keep sewing!



Masks, Masks, Masks

Alice Washburn

Thanks to the FSQ mask-makers who have answered the plea from Holy Cross. They're still collecting masks toward a goal of 9,000 so they can provide two masks to every employee at both hospitals. For the Silver Spring location my niece, an infectious diseases physician, picks up the masks from my house and delivers them directly to Dr. Jolissaint, who heads the procurement department.

All styles are accepted...and I'm offering to pick up masks for those who prefer not to venture out.

If you've searched for black fabric at Capital Quilts, G Street Fabrics and Ellicott City Sew & Vac to no avail, I have found some at Patchwork Plus, in Dayton, VA (near Harrisonburg). www.patchworkplus-quilting.com; phone: 540-879-2505. It is a good quality fabric for \$7.99/yard plus 2-day shipping fee.

Last time I checked, Capital Quilts had plenty of 1/8" and 1/4" elastic both black and white. Masks have been a good stash-buster...I also discovered an unopened bolt of muslin, a good backing for masks. Another box yielded unused drapery lining from many years ago...I washed it and I'm cutting it up for backs of masks.

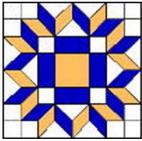
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FSQ Yard Sale

Jennifer Rossmere

The FSQ Yard Sale Committee met recently to discuss ways we might possibly hold a yard sale. We discussed many options and decided we want to ask the FSQ membership what they might be comfortable with in this time of social distancing. We will be sending information in an email soon so please be on the lookout for this communication.



2020 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Suma Glassman

Hello Guild Members –

In case you haven't already heard, the guild has moved the date of the drawing for the raffle quilt to September 14th. This will hopefully allow us to get the quilt out to some other guilds and sell tickets.

It is important for you to return your sold tickets to me. As I have mentioned to you in the past, the profit that we make on this goes to support many activities of the guild. First and foremost is the donation to this year's charity selection, Comfort Cases. Other activities include paying for the speakers who come to the meetings, supplies for Service Projects, and other guild related costs.

I know it is a challenge right now to sell tickets but you can ask friends and neighbors. In the past month two of my distant friends have sent me money for their chances. 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, send it all on to me. Or arrange for either pick up or drop off.

A number of you had not picked up your packets of tickets. Again, contact me and we can arrange for you to get them.

For more info on Comfort Cases, who we are donating money to, check out their website, <https://www.comfortcases.org>.

Also, if you need a picture of the quilt, I can email one to you.



Membership

Peggy Weidman

Membership renewal is continuing at a slow but steady pace. As of 5/29/2020, 55 quilters have renewed for the 2020-2021 year. YEAH! Unfortunately, there are 120 members on the 2019-2020 roster, so half of you are in danger of being delinquent on your dues! OH NO! While dates for future FSQ meetings is up in the air, they will return in one form or another. Do you really want to miss out? Get that check in the mail today! No renewal form is needed unless your contact information has changed. Fire your check off by USPS to Peggy Weidman, 609 Ridgemont Ave, Rockville, MD 20850.

I regret to say that we are losing one of our members, Kathleen Young. Kathleen is moving to Maine soon, to take up a new Job. We wish her all the best in her new home and job.

I am pleased to report that we have a new Membership Chair lined up for 2020-2021. Brenda Knopp will be picking up the reins. Please join me in welcoming and thanking Brenda for taking on this volunteer FSQ position. She will start carrying membership forward at our first meeting, hopefully this fall. Until then I will continue to collect membership renewals, since I still have all the membership paperwork.

This summer I have been really remiss in announcing birthdays. I apologize to all the Birthday Girls I missed and hope you had a happy birthday in spite of my negligence. Here are our Birthday Gals for June and July. Please join in wishing them a special day.

Peggy Weidman, Retiring Membership Chair

Maria Rogers	Jun 5
Jane Nugent, MD	Jun 7
Kathy Brown	Jun 12
Danee Wilson	Jun 13
Jan Drass	Jun 17
Tomo Beckman	Jun 29
Christina Ginsberg	Jul 2
Janice Coston	Jul 3
Linda Belecki	Jul 7
DeVeda Powell	Jul 8
Julie Arnsberger	Jul 11
Carole Weikert	Jul 15
Nancy Zachik	Jul 21
Rosemary Spezzano	Jul 22
Ihsia Hu	Jul 23
Eileen Malloy	Jul 24
JoAnne DuChez	Jul 26



2021 Retreat Registration is Open

Joy Dorman and Mary Ann Bruce

Registration for the Jan 15-18, 2021 retreat is now open!

The registration form is on our web page: <http://friendshipstar.org/retreats/2021-retreat/>

Please note that due to an increase in prices at Bon Secours, our prices have been increased by \$4 per night. A deposit check for \$50.00 made payable to FSQ, is due with your registration. Please mail your registration form and deposit to Joy Dorman, 5342 32nd St. NW, Washington, DC 20015.

I will send you an email when I receive your check and registration.

Please remember that to attend the retreat you need to renew your guild membership. The renewal form is available under membership on our web page.



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!



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
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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		