

Friendship Star Quilters October 2020

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The Quiltline

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 The next guild meeting will be held via Zoom on **October 5th**. **You must register for the meeting by September 28th**. Unfortunately, late registrations cannot be accommodated.

Country Roads 9th Annual Shop Hop
Oct. 14th – 17th at 8 shops in PA and 1 in western MD.
Passports can be purchased at any of the shops.
See page 13 for more information.

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 will be held on Oct 8th and 22nd. 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 or to receive the Zoom link for the meeting.</p>



President's Message

Michele Barnard

“The creation of a single world comes from a huge number of fragments and chaos.”

--- Hayao Miyazaki

This describes my sewing area perfectly. I have no natural inclinations towards organization or order, and those disorganized tendencies, plus my need to have more than one project going on at a time, definitely leads to chaos. And yet - it works for me. I'm perfectly happy with fat quarters needing to be put away and strips to be sewn piling up on my kitchen table. (At this moment in time, I have at least eight quilts in progress. We won't talk about the yarn or embroidery projects.)

This method of work would horrify some people. The ones who work on ONE thing at a time, from start to finish. The ones who put their fabric away once they are done with cutting. The ones who cut out a whole quilt before they start sewing!!! I admire these people, but recognize that it's not something that would work for me.

It would just feel like work, not play.

That big pile of chaos is my island of calm. I can plunk my computer down on the dining room table, tune in to a British murder mystery or Studio Ghibli movie, and escape the very real chaos of our reality these days and turn those scraps of fabric into a new creation. There's color, texture, and pattern to focus on. (If you have a Montgomery County Library card, you can access Acorn through their website. LOTS of British murder mysteries! And HBOMax has the Ghibli movies.) And eventually I do have to put things away when I can't find my rotary cutter.

What is your quilting style? Are you a finisher or a serial quilter? Do you like to sew in silence, or do you have background noise from TV, music, or audiobooks?

Whatever you choose, I hope that your sewing time brings you as much peace and joy as it brings me.

Yours in quilting,
Michele



September Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and welcomed members and guests. The August FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

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

1. Zoom meeting presentations have been confirmed through the end of the Guild year (May 2021). If circumstances change such that members feel safe meeting in person, that option will be considered.
2. The 2021 Quilt Show has been postponed to 2022, depending on the status of the covid-19 crisis and whether we think we can meet safely.
3. Member input is always welcome. Call or email any Officer with your comments or to receive the link to attend the Zoom Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Joy Dorman

There was not much to report since there was minimal activity since the last report. We had a successful audit.

FSQ Retreat Report – Joy Dorman

Joy reported that there are 2 days left before the deadline to pay for the retreat and only 11 persons had paid, 2 more were expected, but the majority of members who signed up indicated they would not be going (19). Since 24 persons are needed, the retreat will be canceled and refunds issued to those who paid in full. Those who have paid a deposit can elect to put it toward the next retreat in 2022 or receive a refund. Joy will email each participant about their options.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Proposed Change to By-laws –

Proposed changes to the bylaws were sent to members via the FSQ listserv a month ago. At the Executive Board meeting on August 10, 2020, acting on a recommendation from this year's auditors, the Board voted to amend the FSQ Bylaws, under Fiscal Matters, from:

"The checking account shall have three (3) authorized signatories (President, Treasurer, and one other member of the Executive Board)."

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to: "The checking account shall have a minimum of three (3) authorized signatories (President, Treasurer(s), and one or more Elected Officers)." This change will allow all of the elected officers to be included as signatories on our bank account.

This change to the bylaws was approved.

2. Drawing for the 2020 Raffle Quilt – Suma Glassman.

Suma reported that we sold more than 5000 tickets and collected between \$4200 and \$4300. The top three raffle ticket sellers for the year were Connie Ross (3rd place), Carol Carrier (2nd place), and Gerda Sherwood (1st place). The winner of the Raffle Quilt was Beth Thompson, who bought her ticket from Susan Spencer.

3. 2021 Raffle Quilt

The Executive Board decided that the raffle quilt already prepared for 2021 will be raffled in 2022. This decision was made due to the difficulty of selling raffle tickets during the pandemic. Volunteers are needed for Raffle Quilt marketing chair and ticket sales chair, since the current chairs are stepping down. Each of these positions can be filled by a single person or two persons acting as co-chairs. Contact Michele Barnard if you would like to volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Membership – Brenda Knopp.** Members were reminded that they need to renew their membership in order to participate in Zoom calls with paid presenters. There is a one-meeting grace period for attending without paid membership. Guests will be permitted to attend one meeting for free, space permitting, but after that will have to join FSQ to attend meetings. Guests need to register with Kathy Miller and Brenda Knopp to be put on the Zoom email list.
2. **Service Projects – Message from Anne Weaver.** Service Projects has had several very successful pick-up and drop-off sessions in July and August. We will be continuing them during the fall. FSQ members can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service> for a 20 minute appointment to pick up supplies and/or drop off finished projects. Service projects will meet on September 24, October 8 and October 22.

We have discovered that several local organizations have now resumed collecting donations of quilts and pillowcases. We have successfully donated to Healthy Families Montgomery, A Wider Circle, and Comfort Cases (42 quilts last week!) in the past two months. Our contacts at Project Linus have let us know that local hospitals are not accepting donations yet, so we are suspending collection of preemie quilts for the time being.

Thanks so much for your support of FSQ's service outreach. If you have any questions, please contact either Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan.

3. **Programs – Cathy Miller** reported that the October speaker is Carol Lyles Shaw who will be presenting "What Is a Modern Quilt? The Myths and the Magic!". She asked people to let her

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know if they had any problems with Signup Genius. Cathy then introduced the evening's speaker, Joyce Hughes.

Presentation: Joyce Hughes “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!”

Show and Tell – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of photos submitted by 12 guild members who described their creations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM

The next meeting will take place on October 5, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Members must register for the meeting in Signup Genius in order to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



Programs

Cathy Miller

For the October and all future Zoom meetings it is critical that you plan ahead and sign up with SignUp Genius. **The deadline for signing up is September 28th**, and we will NOT be able to accommodate last minute requests. Here is the link to sign up for the Oct. meeting.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4DACAF2AA02-october>.

It is also critical that you do NOT share the Zoom information with anyone and you do NOT record the meeting

Carole Lyles Shaw will be our speaker on Oct. 5. Blog: www.CaroleLylesShaw.com

She is a modern quilt designer, author and workshop teacher who has been an active member of the quilt and fiber art community for over twenty years. Carole always takes a modern, improvisational approach to her quilt designs. Carole's passion and focus is on designing quilts for the modern quilt movement. She lectures about modern quilting and teaches modern workshops for beginning and experienced quilters from all backgrounds and styles. Carole served on the Board of Directors for The Modern Quilt Guild [2015-2017]. She cofounded and served as the first President of the Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild in Sarasota, FL. Many of Carole's quilts have been exhibited in museums and art shows in the U.S. and internationally. Her modern quilt designs were published in Modern Patchwork Magazine and Fat Quarterly eZine. Carole is the author of two books on modern quilting: Madly Modern Quilts and Patriotic Modern Quilts. Both are available on Amazon and in local quilt shops. She has also launched a series of modern quilt patterns available on her website and in local quilt shops.

Carole's lecture is "**What Is a Modern Quilt? The Myths and the Magic!**" This lecture and trunk show introduces quilters of all backgrounds to the modern quilt movement. Are you intimidated by modern quilts or just confused or curious about this emerging trend in quilting? Carole dispels some of the myths and misunderstandings so you can understand and appreciate this new style of creative quilt expression! There will be lots of time for questions and answers. In addition to the lecture (slides), she also shows some of her quilts 'in person' on her design wall and table.

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Timna Tarr will be our speaker Nov. 9th. Her web site is www.timnatarr.com

Timna will present the “Flying Colors Trunk Show.” She comes from a long line of quilters but did not begin quilting until after studying art history in college. She bought her first longarm in 2001 and began quilting clients' quilts shortly thereafter. Timna's own nationally award-winning quilts are in private and corporate collections. They have also been seen in numerous exhibits, magazines, and books as well as on *The Quilt Show* and *Quilting Arts TV*. Timna is an in-demand teacher and speaker, traveling across the U.S. She lives in South Hadley, MA and works out of her studio in Holyoke, MA.

Timna describes her work as follows: “My work is about color and small compositions. Each block in a quilt is made as its own element, independent of the other blocks. After all of the blocks are constructed, my goal is to arrange the small compositions to play off each other and work together to create a larger whole. What keeps me engaged is watching how the project changes and transforms with the addition of each color and texture.

The resulting quilts are contemporary works, set in this time and place, which reference the rich tradition of quilt making.”



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Pick-Up and Drop-Off sessions are continuing this month for Service Projects. This is a great way to get ready-to-go kits for quilt tops (small and large) and pillow cases, pick up fabric for borders, backing and binding, or drop off finished projects.

Just sign up for a convenient 20 minute slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service>.

If you have a specific request, put a note in the comment box when you sign up and we will have it ready for you. Our sessions in October will be on Thursday, the 8th and the 22nd.

If you can't visit us in person, you are welcome to have a friend to a pick up or drop off for you.

We've really enjoyed having the opportunity to visit with some of our Service Projects regulars and are thrilled to have met some new friends! Hope to see you soon.

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



Update on the Quilts of Honor

Karen Slayton

The Quilts of Honor made by many members of our guild will be presented to the returning service members of the 459th Aeromedical Squadron in either November or December of this year.

However, due to COVID-19 our guild members will not be able to attend the ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base this time. The 459th is a medical reserve unit, and the majority of people in this unit also work in the medical field. They do not wish to take the chance of exposing any of us to this epidemic.

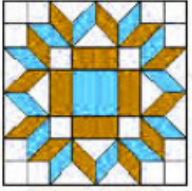
Another reason the quilts are being given out at this time is that many of the returning members are either retiring, separating from the service or moving on to another base. In order for our guild members to attend the ceremony, a Zoom meeting will be set up by Andrews Air Force Base. As soon as I have information as to the date and time of this ceremony, it will be forwarded to the guild.



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

Snowy Day Sampler is a free pattern that you can download from a link on our website. Here we are in October stitching Block 8.

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 2021 Quilt Show entry in a category of all Snowy Day Sampler quilts. Our quilt show has been postponed until 2022, so there is plenty of time to create your version of this 56.5 x 56.5 quilt!

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 did 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.



Membership

Brenda Knopp

We are so glad to see that many people have renewed their membership or in some cases rejoined. Welcome!

We are allowing members to bring a guest one time (without cost) as long as there is available space. Some lectures have space limitations and we do need to abide by them. For the most part this is not an issue and we would love to keep seeing new faces.

If you would like to bring a guest, please note the guest's name in the SignUp Genius. Please also email me (mbrshp@friendshipstar.org) with the email Subject as "FSQ Guest". Send your name, the guest's name and the guest's email address. Please do NOT give out the zoom link sent to you for the meeting. We will send the link to the guest if space is available at the end of the signup period.

The renewal or new member registration forms can be found on the website along with the mailing address to send your dues.

The Membership Directory will be sent out via email to all registered members, so please look for an email from me soon.

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp
Membership Chair



October Birthdays

Sabina Lindley - Oct 1

Coralyn Colladay - Oct 3

Pat Current - Oct 3

Ellen Robinson - Oct 4

Karen Moss - Oct 5

Susan Schwarz - Oct 7

Meg Tison - Oct 11

Nancy Colladay - Oct 14

Judith Newton - Oct 16

Teresa Peterson - Oct 17

Alice Washburn - Oct 20

Veronica Smith - Oct 26

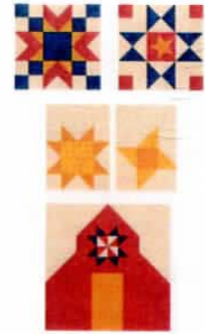
Michele Barnard - Oct 27

Harriet Sheinson - Oct 29



COUNTRY ROADS

NINTH ANNUAL SHOP HOP



Dear Guild Members,

We would like to invite your members and friends to our ninth annual Shop Hop. This year's quilt theme is "Barn & Barn Stars".

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 ~ 8am - 8pm

Thursday, October 15, 2020 ~ 8am - 8pm

Friday, October 16, 2020 ~ 8am - 8pm

Saturday, October 17, 2020 ~ 8am - 5pm

Passports can be purchased beginning August 8, 2020!

Country Roads Shop Hop can be completed in one day and is a relaxing route over country roads and through fall foliage, with very little traffic.

Please contact our traffic coordinator, Lowell Martin, 814-623-2413 to register your bus to ensure enough staff will be on hand. He will even help you lay out your best route if you'd like.

We look forward to seeing you during the hop!

Creative Fabrics & Quilt Shop ~ Ebensburg, PA

Four Seasons Stitchery ~ Grantsville, MD

Quilt Patch ~ Mt. Pleasant, PA

The Quilt Peddler ~ Johnstown, PA

Schraders Fabrics by Barb ~ Johnstown, PA

Sew Special ~ Uniontown, PA

Sewing Solutions ~ Bedford, PA

The Sewing Box Quilt Shop ~ Somerset, PA

Connie's Collectibles & Quilt Shop ~

Duncansville, PA



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President	Michele Barnard	president@friendshipstar.org
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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
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