

Friendship Star Quilters November 2020

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The Quiltline

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Nov. 1st 

Nov. 5th - Last day to register for Nov. 9th
Zoom guild meeting AND the last day to submit photos for Show & Tell

Nov. 7th - Presentation of Quilts of Honor
 See page 8 for more information.

Nov. 9th - Zoom guild meeting, 7:00 pm.
 Business meeting will start at 7:30.

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 Nov 12th and 19th. See page 7 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday December 14th 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

“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

---Booker T. Washington

If this is true, then all of you who participate in Service Projects must be truly happy people. I am continually impressed by how much we are able to accomplish together. Now to finish that challenge quilt for Service Projects that got put on hold last year....

And in the spirit of giving, it's time to choose a recipient of a portion of the profits for our 2022 raffle quilt. Members nominate charities and then the guild votes on who will get a share of our profits.

It's time to make nominations. Please send them to me AND to Judy Walsh, so that she can include them in our next newsletter. If it's worth it to you to nominate a charity, it's on you to do some research for the membership. I'm providing my nominee below, so you can see the format and what information is useful.

Name: Manna Food Center

Location: Gaithersburg, MD

Website: <https://www.mannafood.org/>

Mission: Manna's mission of ending hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education and advocacy is the guiding force of all we do.

Manna's vision is that our community is a place where all people at all times have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food in order to lead fulfilling lives and contribute to making Montgomery County, Maryland a place where all live in dignity.

Charity Navigator Rating: 94.1/100; 93.0% of funds spent on program expenses

I know many of you love fall, and for those of you that do – enjoy it. I am not a fan, and will be grumpy until spring.

I look forward to a bunch of beautiful quilts at each guild meeting to pull me out of my funk!

Yours in quilting,
Michele



October Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

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

Member input is always welcome. Call or email any Officer with your comments or to receive the link to attend the Zoom Executive Board meeting. The next meeting is Monday, October 12, at 7 PM.

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Biasco

Colleen introduced herself as co-treasurer with Joy Dorman. Colleen will now be taking over the day to day matters of the treasurer, with Joy serving as advisor. Check requests should be mailed to Colleen at her home address in the membership directory, or the FSQ post office box (takes longer to arrive). Also send an email to her when you mail something so that she can know something is coming and keep an eye out for it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of a member

The passing of FSQ member Brenda Finch was announced. Brenda had been a member for many years and was always very involved with the quilt show. Check her online obituaries for information about donations in her name. An "In Memorium" exhibit in her honor will be planned for the quilt show in 2022.

Raffle Quilts

The 2020 raffle quilt was won by Beth Thompson of Rockville, a friend of Susan Spencer, who sold her the winning ticket. Joy Dorman delivered the quilt to her on September 17th.

The 2021 raffle quilt has been moved to 2022. This decision was made due to the difficulty of actually selling tickets during the pandemic.

People are still needed to volunteer for Quilt Marketing and Ticket Sales in 2022. The current committee chairs have indicated that they will not be able to continue, so we need somebody to step up for these roles. Gerda Sherwood volunteered to take over Ticket Sales. A volunteer(s) is still needed for Quilt Marketing. This role can be filled by one or two persons. Judy Walsh has been a lot of help and has a lot of information to share about showing the quilt.

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It was suggested that other guilds be contacted about showing the quilt in their Zoom meetings. It was then pointed out that it is illegal to send raffle tickets through the mail, which poses problems for delivering tickets to buyers and members to sell. Emailing scans of the tickets may or may not fall under the definition of mail. One possibility is to contact buyers on Zoom to get their personal information so they know the tickets are filled out correctly. More research needs to be done.

Door prize

It was announced that there would be a door prize drawing at the end of the meeting. The prize is an electronic download of a quilt pattern designed and donated by Karen Kehl. The winner must be present at the end of the meeting to win.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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.

Service Projects – Message from Anne Weaver

People can register on SignUpGenius for October 8 and 22 pick-up and drop-off sessions. Contact either Anne or Nancy with questions.

Quilts of Honor Update – Karen Slayton

The Quilts of Honor will be given out on Saturday, November 7, 2020, time TBA. A Zoom conference will be set up for members who want to see the presentation. Information will be sent out closer to the date.

Programs – Cathy Miller

The November speaker will be Timna Tarr who will present the “Flying Colors Trunk Show.” Members were reminded that they are required to register for Zoom meetings on SignUpGenius. Invitations to register are sent out multiple times by multiple methods. If you don’t get one, please contact Cathy Miller. The evenings speaker, Carol Lyles Shaw, was introduced.

Presentation: Carol Lyles Shaw “What Is a Modern Quilt? The Myths and the Magic!”

Door Prize Drawing – The door prize was won by Susan Sandler.

Show and Tell – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of photos submitted by 9 guild members who described their creations. A photo of the 2022 FSQ Raffle quilt was also shown.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM

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The next meeting will take place on November **9**, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Members must register for the meeting in SignUpGenius before midnight on Nov. 5th in order to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary





Programs

Cathy Miller

We want to make the Zoom meetings as convenient for members as possible and are attempting to standardize the process so you know what to expect and won't miss them. We will send out the SignUpGenius notice 2 weeks before the meeting. One week before the meeting a second notice will be sent to those who have not signed up. **You must sign up before midnight on Thursday Nov. 5th.** On the Sunday before the meeting, the Zoom link will be sent to all who have signed up.

In case you wonder why we require paid members to sign up in advance, it is because of the speakers' contracts and the number of participants allowed. The speakers are the Zoom hosts for these meetings (not FSQ). We greatly appreciate your cooperation. If you have trouble with the signup, please contact Cathy Miller at program@friendshipstar.org. **If you signed up but did not receive the Zoom link, contact Peggy Weidman at least one hour before the meeting at secretary@friendshipstar.org.**

Timna Tarr will be our speaker Nov. 9 <http://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."

Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill will be our speaker on Dec. 7. <http://www.wholecirclestudio.com/>

Sheri's lecture is entitled "Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer." She explains that our own life experiences can play a big role in our work as quilters. In this presentation and trunk show Sheri will share how she applies her graphic design training and practices to design quilts while showing a selection of her award-winning quilts.



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Slowly but surely the organizations to which we donate quilts and pillowcases are opening back up and with your generous support we have quite a supply to pass along! This week we donated 48 quilts and 6 children's knitted hats to Comfort Cases and, earlier this month, we donated 39 quilts to A Wider Circle and 8 quilts to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Prince George's County. Not only that, but we also delivered more than 100 pillowcases to Ryan's Case for Smiles to be distributed to children's oncology units at Children's Hospital and Fairfax Inova Hospital. Way to go, FSQ!

A quick request...we've noticed that a number of panel kits from the last Service Projects challenge haven't been returned. If you still have one and haven't had a chance to work on it (we know how that goes!), we'd love to have it back. Many thanks.

Packing kits, filling requested orders, prepping quilts to be tied or machine quilted, and staffing the pick-up and drop-off days takes extra time and dedication and we couldn't do it without a team effort. Many, many thanks for the FSQ members who are showing up faithfully to do all of these tasks, along with several others who are doing them at home. Our pick-up and drop-off days are running quite smoothly thanks to them. We've even heard from a couple more people who are willing to come and help fill in when we need additional hands. What a great group!

Our November pick-up and drop-off days will be on November 12 and 19. You can sign up on SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service>. If you have questions, feel free to contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver. Happy Quilting!



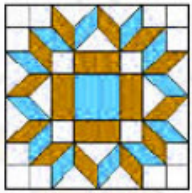
Quilts of Honor Ceremony

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 on Saturday, November 7th.

The ceremony will be available through Zoom, and FSQ members will be invited to view it. The exact time of event is not yet known, but we know it will be somewhere between 2 and 4 p.m.

As soon as I have information as to the time of this ceremony, it will be forwarded to the guild.



FSQ Web Site Update – Temporarily Postponed

Lorie Coston

As discussed in previous newsletters, we've been taking steps to update our website. The Executive Board agreed at their last meeting to sign the contract and have Holly Knott update our website to current standards and to make it tablet and phone accessible. No news here, we expected this to happen.

While Holly is happy to perform the job for her long-time client, her family has experienced tragedy as so many have in 2020. On September 11 her healthy father-in-law passed away. On September 22 her healthy *father* passed away. Everyone is reeling from this tremendous and unexpected loss of family. Holly and her husband are trying to help their moms through this while managing their own grief and supporting each other. It's all-consuming.

Holly has put her clients on hold until the New Year in an attempt to heal and be able to function in the creative way her work demands. We understand. Our site can wait.



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 November stitching Block 8 – the final block!

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.



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.



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 will get it posted.



Instagram
Lorie Coston

Instagram? Oh my goodness, can she speak of nothing else?

Well, no actually, I'm kind of stuck using the tools of the Publicity trade which are a bit skewed in Covid 2020. I was thinking that perhaps it might be fun, gentle readers, to see for yourselves what's actually on the guild publicity Instagram account.

How to do that, oh how to do that?! Well, I'm going to give you the username and password if you ask me for it. I'm not brave enough to publish it in The Quiltline which gets posted online. Nope, not that brave. Send me an email and I will reply.

The steps are

1. Open Google and type `Instagram.com` and hit enter
2. Type the username and password you got from me and hit enter
3. Scroll through the pictures to your heart's content

What will you see first thing? Across the top will be pictures in circles. Click on one you find interesting. Typically, a little video plays for less than a minute. The next one will start automatically. Click the X to get out of that loop.

Already know how to use IG and just curious who we're following? Click on the guild logo, let the new page settle and click on 383 following. YES, we've got our mouse pointed at Capital Quilts (and the other Quilter's Quest shops), Aurifil, Bernina et al., a dozen fabric houses, famous long-armers and pattern makers and as many guild member's accounts as I can figure out who has an account! Give me a heads up and I'll follow you too (could that be a future article? seems promising!).

Future speaker and guild member Karen Kehl of #BetterDoneQuilts is having a sew-along. A number of us are sewing along on Instagram with Karen! It's never too late to join. Her stuff always turns out nice.

We are following all the future speakers and as many of the past speakers as have accounts. We are following all past Quilt Show vendors. We're happy to show some love and loyalty in their direction. Plus, it's a familiar connection when so much has changed for us and them.

Instagram is a fun and useful tool, but I like my rotary cutter better (not the ending you expected is it?).



Membership

Brenda Knopp

We currently have 102 paid members in the guild! Welcome (back)!

We are allowing members to bring a guest one time (without cost) as long as there is available space. Some lectures may have space limitations and we do need to abide by that. 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 SignUpGenius. Please also email me at mbrshp@friendshipstar.org . In the Subject note "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.

Anyone wanting to renew or join the guild can find the registration forms on our website along with the mailing address to send your dues.

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp
Membership Chair

November Birthdays

Karen Slayton - Nov 5

Peggy Weidman - Nov 14

Sandra Chin - Nov 15

Mary Lou Dungan - Nov 15

Marie Quattrociocchi - Nov 18

Nancy Brennan - Nov 24

Barbara Dryden - Nov 26

Dottie Acton - Nov 27

Jane Phillips - Nov 27

Elizabeth Plantz - Nov 28





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(s) needed
Facebook	Suma Glassman & Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Gerda Sherwood
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