




## Friendship Star Quilters December 2020

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# The Quiltline

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<p> <b>Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> - Last day to register for December Zoom guild meeting AND the last day to submit photos for Show &amp; Tell.</p>
<p> <b>Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></b> - Zoom guild meeting, 7:00 pm. Business meeting will start at 7:30.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b> – National Brownie Day</p>
<p> <b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b> – FSQ Executive Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>Dec 16<sup>th</sup></b> – National Anything Covered in Chocolate Day</p>
<p><b>Dec 28<sup>th</sup></b> – National Fruitcake Day</p>
<p><b>Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b> – National Champagne Day</p>

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at</p> <p>Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD</p> <p><b>Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.</b></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><b>Pick up and drop off sessions will be held on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. See page 6 for more information.</b></p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>Monday December 14th</b> 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

**“If you can't be cheerful, be as cheerful as you can.”**

— Lucy Maud Montgomery, [Anne of Green Gables](#)

It will be past Thanksgiving when you receive this newsletter, and we'll be moving on to the winter holidays, but it's never a bad time to reflect on gratitude. It's been a difficult year, to be sure, but I know I have a lot to be grateful for and hope that you have been able to find some moments of happiness in the deluge of awfulness that has been 2020.

So let's talk about resolutions! By the time you get the **next** newsletter, we'll be done with Christmas here at the Barnards and be barreling towards 2021. Do you make New Year's resolutions? Do you keep them? I highly recommend the book “Atomic Habits” for thinking about ways to help you form a new habit, which is really all a resolution is.

Last year's resolution was “sew every day” and I have, for the most part, actually done it. ANY sewing counts- even if it's just an inch or two- and I find that if I sit down to just do a little bit, I'll sew a bit more.

I think 2021 will be a “Year of Finishing” to add to the sewing every day- that's a habit now, and I don't plan to stop. I'm not banning any new starts – I'm not crazy- but I really want to focus on all of the UFOs that are lurking around the house.

We haven't had additional nominations to choose a recipient of a portion of the proceeds for our 2022 raffle quilt, so will have a brief discussion at our meeting on whether people have additional candidates they would like to nominate. There's not a huge rush, but on the other hand, there's no need to drag the process out indefinitely. Please send your candidates 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. As a reminder, 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 hope all of you had a lovely Thanksgiving - as different as it may have been this year- and maybe got a little sewing in as well.

Yours in quilting,

Michele



## **November 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Quilts of Honor – Karen Slayton**

Karen thanked all of the quilters who contributed Quilts of Honor for the returning servicemen of the 459th Air Force Medical Unit. She noted that there were more quilts than needed but the extra quilts will still be going to worthy recipients. Two quilts were given to other military personnel. The rest will go to the Red Cross for distribution at Walter Reed Hospital. The Commander of the unit called Karen with a personal thank you and said that this is the only unit on the base that receives quilts when people return from deployment. Karen hopes that we will be able to do this again in the future and expressed her thanks to everyone for their support.

Peggy Weidman added that the presentation was recorded on Zoom for those who couldn't attend and she will distribute the link as soon as possible. Michele thanked Karen for organizing the Quilts of Honor for the guild.

#### **Raffle Quilt**

Michele reminded everyone that the 2021 raffle quilt has been moved to 2022. She reiterated the need for members to suggest a charity to be the recipient of a portion of the raffle profits. If members think a charity is worthwhile, they are asked to submit the name and sufficient information for members to make a judgement for voting. She summarized the information to be provided with a nomination, as outlined in the November Newsletter. Suggestions should be sent before the December meeting to Michele Barnard and to Judy Walsh for posting in the newsletter. The nominees will be voted on at the December meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Membership – Brenda Knopp**

Brenda reported that we now have 103 members, with most of last year's members now renewed. Brenda also welcomed a new member, Alison Leukefeld. Members were reminded that there is one free Zoom meeting with a speaker allowed for guests/non-members and that membership is required to attend more than one meeting.

**Service Projects – Anne Weaver**

Anne reported the Service Project pickup and drop off program has been highly successful and they are scrambling to get enough kits together to satisfy demand. If anyone has a special request for materials, please let them know when you signup and they will have them ready for you when you come. In spite of the pandemic, the need is still there for quilts and pillow cases. People can register on Sign Up Genius for November 12 and 19 pick-up and drop-off sessions, and more will be set up for December. Contact either Anne or Nance with questions.

**Programs – Cathy Miller**

Cathy reiterated the details of the standardized Zoom meeting signup procedure and timetable that will be used in the future, as outlined in the November Newsletter. The evening's speaker, Timna Tarr, was introduced.

**Presentation: Timna Tarr** "Flying Colors Trunk Show."

**Show and Tell** – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of photos submitted by 9 guild members who described their creations.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



## Programs

Cathy Miller

Here is a reminder of the timeline regarding registration for our Zoom guild meetings:

- Two weeks prior: Invitation to sign up is emailed to all members
- One week prior: Reminder is sent to any member who has not signed up
- Four days prior: Signup ends at midnight on Thursday
- One day prior: Zoom Link is sent to all registered members on Sunday

**Please let Cathy Miller know immediately if you don't receive an expected email.**

FSQ offers guests free attendance at one Zoom speaker presentation. To register as a guest, email Brenda Knopp at [mbrshp@friendshipstar.org](mailto:mbrshp@friendshipstar.org) with the Subject line indicating "FSQ Guest". See the Membership article on Page 11 for additional information.

Please do not share the Signup Genius link or the Zoom link with anyone else. If someone asks you to do so, direct them to contact Cathy Miller.

If you have more than one email address, please let Cathy know which one you will use to monitor for emails from FSQ.

**Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill** will be our speaker on Dec. 7. Her web site is [wholecirclestudio.com](http://wholecirclestudio.com)

Sheri is a designer, quilt pattern publisher, award-winning quilter, educator, and creative entrepreneur. As a trained and practicing graphic designer, her quilts start with a concept and research shapes the design. Her work is inspired by her everyday life and experiences.

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.

Sheri's quilts have gained international recognition, including awards from QuiltCon, International Quilt Festival, Quilt Week/Paducah, the Quilt Alliance, and the Modern Quilt Guild. Additionally, her work has been featured at art centers and galleries around the country.

Sheri was awarded the first annual Craftsy Quilt Designer Fellowship in 2016. This fellowship enabled her to debut Whole Circle Studio's first booth at International Quilt Market in Houston, Texas in October 2016.

Sheri enjoys giving presentations and teaching nationally. Most recently, she filmed an hour-long online course in collaboration with the Missouri Star Quilt Company.



## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

During this season of giving, it's always gratifying to see how guild members continue to sew and donate generous numbers of quilts and pillowcases to local organizations through Service Projects.

In November, we delivered 157 pillowcases to our contact at Ryan's Case for Smiles. They will be given to Children's Hospital and Fairfax Inova Hospital for children who visit their pediatric oncology outpatient clinics. What a great way to brighten a child's day during a very difficult time for them.

Just this week, we delivered 30 baby quilts, a double bed-sized quilt and 8 placemats to A Wider Circle for individuals and families moving from homelessness to stable housing.



We are so grateful to be part of such a generous group!

The next Service Projects pick-up and drop-off dates will be on Thursday, December 3 and 17. You can sign up for a convenient time at

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

Questions? Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver at [servproj@friendshipstar.org](mailto:servproj@friendshipstar.org)



## Quilts of Honor Ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base

Judy Walsh

If you missed the ceremony awarding our Quilts of Honor to the 459<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Squadron, we have a few photos from the ceremony to share with you. Thanks to Michele Barnard for capturing these images!





## BOM Quilt Along – Where Are We Now?

Judy Walsh

Lorie Coston got us excited last February to begin a “Quilt Along”, with the idea that the resulting quilts would be part of a Challenge category at our 2021 Quilt Show.

Since our quilt show has been postponed to 2022, there’s still *plenty* of time to start and/or complete the quilt and have it ready for our show!

Here’s a link to the original schedule: <http://friendshipstar.org/2020-bom-qal/>

This month of December is a “time off” to either enjoy the holidays or to finish up the blocks for those who joined late or fell behind.

January is slated for assembling the quilts so they can be shared with the guild in February.

I look forward to receiving the photos of your completed tops or quilts for our February Show & Tell.



## Cocktail Quilts!

Judy Walsh

**Congratulations to Karen Kehl**, who won the “Good Vibes” design challenge from EQ/Benartex for her quilt “Singapore Sling”. This is the first in a series of cocktail quilts that Karen will be designing, based on the Drunkard’s Path block. Her quilt is shown below along with the collection of “Good Vibes” fat quarters she won as her prize. Karen expects to release her pattern (in 5 different sizes!) in March. You can learn more about Karen’s quilt on her blog: <https://betterdonequilts.com/blog/>.







## 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.



## Membership

Brenda Knopp

We currently have 104 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 SignUp Genius. Please also email me at [mbrshp@friendshipstar.org](mailto:mbrshp@friendshipstar.org). In the Subject line 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 <http://friendshipstar.org/membership/> along with the mailing address to send your dues.

Thank you and Stay Safe!! Have a fantastic holiday season!!

Brenda Knopp  
Membership Chair



### December Birthdays

Deborah Chubb - Dec 5

Nicki Lynch - Dec 9

Gail Ullrich - Dec 15

Barbara Morten - Dec 18

Bobbie Draves - Dec 20

Judy Walsh - Dec 23

Jeanne Burke - Dec 31

**For Your Viewing Pleasure...**

**Virtual Quilt Show Winners  
from Mancuso Show Management**

After clicking on each link below, click on the first large image to read the notes that accompany the quilt. From there, click on the arrow at the right to see the remaining quilts.

**Online Quilt Festival - Visuals #1  
WINNING ENTRIES**

Quilts were entered in the Innovative, Traditional, and Mid-Century Modern Quilt Categories, or the Wall Quilt Competition.

<https://www.onlinequiltfestival.com/visual1winners>

**Online Quilt Festival - Visuals #2  
WINNING ENTRIES**

Quilts were entered in the Full-Size Competition Innovative or Traditional Categories, the Mid-Century Modern Quilt Competition, or the Wall Quilt Competition.

<https://www.onlinequiltfestival.com/visual2winners>



Elected Officers		
<b>President</b>	Michele Barnard	<a href="mailto:president@friendshipstar.org">president@friendshipstar.org</a>
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<b>Secretary</b>	Peggy Weidman	<a href="mailto:secretary@friendshipstar.org">secretary@friendshipstar.org</a>

Committee Chairs			
<b>Fabric of the Month</b>	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	<b>Raffle Quilt Marketer</b>	<b>Volunteer(s) needed</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	Suma Glassman & Ellen Robinson	<b>Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales</b>	Gerda Sherwood
<b>Holiday Party</b>	Barbara Kilby	<b>Retreats</b>	Joy Dorman & Nancy Colladay
<b>Library</b>	Rosie Hormuth & Liz Lawrence	<b>Service Projects</b>	Anne Weaver & Nancy Brennan
<b>Membership</b>	Brenda Knopp	<b>Small Groups Coordinator</b>	Nicki Lynch
<b>Newsletter</b>	Judy Walsh	<b>Summer Challenge</b>	Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell & JoAnne DuChez
<b>Pins</b>	Susan Spencer	<b>Sunshine &amp; Shadows</b>	Ellen Robinson
<b>Programs</b>	Cathy Miller	<b>Web Master</b>	Lorie Coston
<b>Publicity</b>	Lorie Coston	<b>Yard Sale</b>	Jennifer Rossmere