

## Friendship Star Quilters January 2021

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# The Quiltline

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 **Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** - Last day to register for January Zoom guild meeting AND the last day to submit photos for Show & Tell.

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>



 **Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>** - 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 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 Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. See page 5 for more information.</b></p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>Monday February 8<sup>th</sup></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

**“It's a New Year and with it comes a fresh opportunity to shape our world.**

**So this is my wish, a wish for me as much as it is a wish for you: in the world to come, let us be brave – let us walk into the dark without fear, and step into the unknown with smiles on our faces, even if we're faking them.**

**And whatever happens to us, whatever we make, whatever we learn, let us take joy in it. We can find joy in the world if it's joy we're looking for we can take joy in the act of creation.**

**So that is my wish for you, and for me. Bravery and joy.”**

**---Neil Gaiman**

A new year, a fresh start. I know not everybody makes resolutions, but I find them to be a way to take stock of what I'm doing that works, and what doesn't.

Do you want to work on organizing your stash? That ALWAYS seems to be on my list, and it's slowly improving, but in the chaos of creation, it always looks like my fabric bins have vomited a rainbow! A lot of people seem to recommend the Bonnie Hunter method, but it doesn't really work for me to pre-cut squares, so I'm still tweaking my methods. I still seem to always have quilting supplies ALL over the house.

Do you want to work on finishing your UFOs? That always seems to be on the list as well! I am joining not one but TWO UFO-busting challenges this year (Stashbusters UFO Challenge on IO groups, and the American Patchwork & Quilting's UFO Challenge on Facebook).

Do you want to stretch yourself this year? Learn a new technique or step outside your comfort zone? Each year for the past few years I've participated in Kim Lapacek's Project QUILTING Challenge (<https://kimlapacek.com/2020/12/project-quilting-challenge-schedule-for-season-12.html>). I'm going to take part again this year. It's fun and fast - only one week to complete each challenge. I'm also hoping my mini-groups will have more fun challenges this year.

Do you just want SOMETHING to be different from 2020? I think a lot of us are experiencing pandemic fatigue, and just want for the virus to be OVER. As I write this, vaccinations are rolling out across the country. I'm a scientist at heart and by training (and I work at NIH!), and feel an immense sense of pride about how well the scientific process has worked to both improve treatment for COVID and to develop a vaccine. I am also tremendously grateful that ZOOM has allowed us to continue meeting virtually.

I wish you all the best in this coming year.

Yours in Quilting,

Michele



## **December Guild Minutes**

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and welcomed members and guests. Harriet Sheinson introduced her guest, Chava Kern. The November FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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 judgment for voting. She summarized the information to be provided with a nomination: charity name, location, mission, website, charity Navigator rating or similar information. Manna is the only suggestion received so far, and additional suggestions are welcome. Suggestions should be sent before the January meeting to Michele Barnard and Judy Walsh for posting in the newsletter. The nominees will be voted on at the January meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership – Brenda Knopp**

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 –**

No report. Michele Barnard noted that Anne and Nance have a great organizational set up and members were encouraged to make appointments to pick up/return quilt kits.

### **Award won – Suma Glassman**

Karen Kehl won a prize for a quilt design she submitted to EQ. Karen described EQ's monthly contest to design a quilt using specific fabrics, and how her quilt was selected by both the fabric designer and the manufacturer to win the prize last month. She will be publishing the quilt pattern in the spring. Congratulations were given.

### **Programs – Cathy Miller**

Some members are still having problems with getting emails from Signup Genius. Cathy reminded members to let her know immediately if an invitation email doesn't arrive 2 weeks before the next

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meeting. The problem can be fixed, but she needs to know who is still having problems. Cathy reminded everyone that next week's speaker will be Brita Nelson with "Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Block". She then introduced this month's speaker, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill.

**Presentation: Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill** "Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer"

**Show and Tell** – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 31 photos submitted by 15 guild members who described their creations.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM**

The next meeting will take place on January 4, 2021 at 7:30 PM. Members must register 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

Please be sure to sign up in Signup Genius before midnight Thursday Dec. 31. If you do not receive the notice from signup genius on Dec. 21 please contact Cathy Miller ASAP. The Zoom link will be sent to all attendees signed up on Sunday, Jan 3. Please don't wait until the meeting to let us know there is a problem. Hope to see you all there. The Zoom opens at 7 pm.

**Brita Nelson** is our speaker on Jan. 4, 2021. <https://questioningquilter.com>

Brita's lecture is "Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks." This is an interactive online lecture, demo and trunk show. Using 2 cameras, one on her and the quilts and one pointing straight down at the cutting mat, allowing her to show you how easy it is to turn simple blocks into beautiful complex patterns. Using the Zoom format you will be able to raise your hand and ask questions during the presentation. Brita will also show you how different block designs can be enhanced by color choices or slight modifications to make even more interesting full quilts.

**Jacque Gering** will be our speaker on Feb 1, 2021. <http://tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.com>

Her lecture is "Quilt as Desired....How Do I Quilt it?"



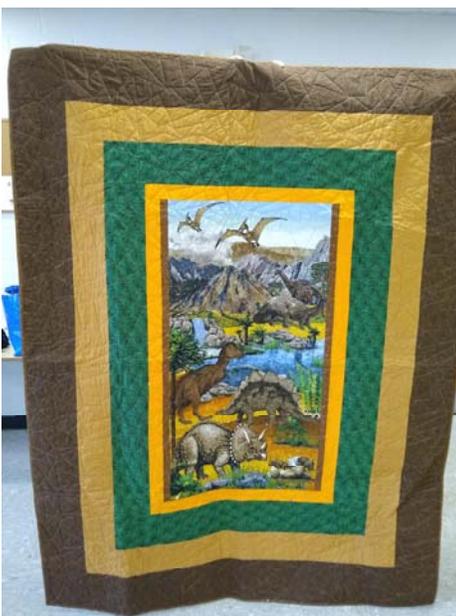
## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

This is the season of gratitude and giving and though it's been an extremely difficult year for all of us, Service Projects wants to express our sincere gratitude for such wonderful support from all of the members of FSQ who continue to use your talents to bring warmth, comfort and cheer to the members of our community. You've made masks and scrub caps for medical workers and nursing home residents, pillowcases for children receiving chemotherapy, placemats for families moving from homelessness to stable housing, and, of course, many, many quilts.

We're also grateful that we've been able to fulfill a special request from FSQ member, Karen Kehl, who wrote us before the pandemic shutdown to ask if we could help a colleague's family who had lost their home and all of their possessions in a house fire. She wondered if we would be willing to make bed quilts for the three children in the family. "Of course," we said, not realizing how long it would take, given the shutdown that soon followed. In the months that followed, tops were pieced, backing & batting were prepared, and the quilts were long-armed thanks to the tremendous generosity of FSQ members. We delivered the quilts to Karen earlier in December, just in time for Christmas (pictures are shown below). Many thanks to all the FSQ members who contributed to help this family through a tough time.

Service Projects pick-up and drop-off dates will continue after the New Year. January dates are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. You can sign up for a 20 minute time slot on SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service>. We hope to see you soon!





## Report of Board Resolution

Michele Barnard

At the FSQ Board Meeting held on Monday, December 14, 2020, the Board voted to make a \$500 donation to Manna Food Center. The Board's reasoning for this resolution was that as a guild we have historically supported community causes, there is a serious identified need, and we have sufficient funds. As a community group, the Board thinks it is important to help our neighbors in need.

(If you would like to make a personal donation as well, their website is <https://www.mannafood.org/> )



## Sunshine and Shadows

Ellen Robinson

Now that 2020 is nearly behind us, let's look forward to 2021 and celebrate our successes (Sunshine!). I know many of us are shy about ringing our own bell, so let me do that for you! This can be anything like a new baby or grandbaby, your fabulous quilt being accepted into a major quilt show, your latest professional paper being published, the quilt pattern you designed being published and/or gaining recognition. Well, you get the idea. Give me a little write up, include a URL link if applicable, and let me ring your bell to the FSQ membership.

Likewise, let us help comfort you when you have some sadness (Shadow) in your life. Usually this is a health issue or a family loss. I can help get the word out to our members for prayers, cards of comfort, and the like. Please let us be your support. If you know of someone going through a shadow event, let me know. If you're not comfortable with the guild knowing, that's ok. But the guild would like to send a card of comfort for these events.

I hope that we have much Sunshine in 2021 and minimal Shadow. You can send your Sunshine & Shadow items to me at this address: [sunshine@friendshipstar.org](mailto:sunshine@friendshipstar.org).



## Charity Nominations for 2022

Judy Walsh

It is customary for our guild to give a portion of the profits from the sale of our raffle quilt tickets to charity. Members nominate the charities and the guild votes on which one(s) to support. The nominations this year are:

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, 2.4% on administration, 4.5% on fundraising

Name: **Central Union Mission**

Location: Washington, DC

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

Established in 1884, the Central Union Mission is one of the oldest social service ministries in the United States. It administers a residential rehabilitation program that helps men to overcome drug and alcohol addiction and destructive behaviors.

The ministry's Spiritual Transformation program can have an enrollment of up to 50 men and involves them in systematic Bible study, biblical counseling, regular drug testing and work therapies. It also conducts English as a Second Language, literacy and general educational development classes, as well as provides instruction in computers.

The Central Union Mission's Hispanic ministry offers individual counseling and support services. In addition, it organizes several special events, such as luncheons, men's overnight birthday parties, walkathons, summer camps and Christmas day dinners. The Central Union Mission is located in Washington, D.C.

Charity Navigator Rating: 86.5/100; 82.6% of income goes toward programs, 4.4% to Administrative expenses and 12.9% to fundraising



## **BOM Quilt Along – Finishing Up**

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 next Quilt Show.

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

You can find a picture of the quilt and the original schedule on our website:

<http://friendshipstar.org/2020-bom-qal/>

I hope you will submit the photos of your completed quilts (or tops!) for our February Show & Tell.



## **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.



## **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.

## For Your Viewing Pleasure...

Thanks to Kay Campbell Anderson for sharing information about the following local exhibits!

### Delaplaine Art Center, Frederick, MD

Clustered Spires exhibit: **Trees**

Displayed in the gallery until Dec 29th.

Online only after the 29<sup>th</sup>: <https://prezi.com/view/kfCSiPsHfV8nHssCveBb/>

Art Matters Artist Talk (also from Clustered Spires):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sN0CZtxXYFI&list=PLqFj9cSf8SR-s8RvFTEkpxyUVIntbUznF&index=1>

### BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, MD

*(Editor's note: Kay is participating in this exhibit!)*

Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) exhibit: **Imagination: 1 x 4**

Online only: January 9 – February 20

<https://www.blackrockcenter.org/galleries/upcoming-exhibits/>



## Membership

Brenda Knopp

I hope you all had a great holiday season! Let's continue to hope that the vaccine will allow us to come together sooner rather than later.

During our guild meetings, 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 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 the website along with the mailing address to send your dues.

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp  
Membership Chair



### January Birthdays

Rosemary Hormuth - Jan 1

Colleen Biasco - Jan 4

Holly Trotter - Jan 7

Jan Baweja - Jan 10

Linda Gordon - Jan 11

Lynn Stieber - Jan 19

Judy Chandler - Jan 22

Elizabeth Brodsky – Jan 26



Elected Officers		
<b>President</b>	Michele Barnard	<a href="mailto:president@friendshipstar.org">president@friendshipstar.org</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Judy Hoffman	<a href="mailto:VP@friendshipstar.org">VP@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