



Friendship Star Quilters February 2021

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The Quiltline

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 **Jan 28th** - Last day to register for February Zoom guild meeting AND the last day to submit photos for Show & Tell.

 **Feb 1st** - Zoom guild meeting, 7:00 pm. Business meeting will start at 7:30.

Feb 2nd



Feb 4th & 18th – Fabric packets available for Rainbow Challenge quilts. See page 5 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 Feb 4th and 18th. See page 5 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday February 8th 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 beauty of winter is that it makes you appreciate spring.”

--- Lucy Maud Montgomery

Today has been one of those grey, dreary, cold, sleety days that plague January. It's the worst part of winter, when it feels as if it will never end. Those are the days when all you can do is eat soup and dream of spring. And quilt with bright colors to drive away the grey. It's too early even to start seeds!

But there are “quilt seeds.” I have a bag of orphan blocks that I'm using as quilt seeds for challenges this winter. Challenging myself, and whittling down the stash. Do you have orphan blocks? Do you keep them, use them, donate them or throw them away? I love it when my quilt seeds blossom into beautiful quilts.

Anyway- February is, at least, the shortest month, and spring will arrive in good time.

And last but not least, Happy Valentine's Day to all of my quilting friends!

Yours in quilting,

Michele



January Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and welcomed members and guests.

Meeting Minutes: The December FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charity for Raffle Quilt

Michele will send out a poll to the members regarding the charities that have been proposed. There are two nominees. Michele nominated Manna Food Center whose mission is to end hunger in Montgomery County. Mary Lou Dungan nominated Central Union Mission based in DC but with outlets in Maryland with a mission to help the homeless, treat addiction problems, offer counseling, and provide shelter. Links to the charities are in the December Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Brenda Knopp

No report.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver

The Signup Genius for January pickup and drop off dates is out. If there are any questions contact either Anne or Nance.

Question from the Floor – Maria Naito

Maria asked how much money is typically raised for charity from the Raffle Quilt. The answer was \$600 to \$800.

Programs – Cathy Miller

Cathy reminded everyone that next month's speaker will be Jackie Gering presenting "Quilt as Desired...How Do I Quilt it?" She then introduced this month's speaker, Brita Nelson.

Presentation: Brita Nelson "Now You See It, Now You Don't; the Magic of Disappearing Blocks". Brita asked that people leave their microphones on to ask questions during the presentation unless they have too much background noise to do so.

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Show and Tell: Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 41 photos, including 5 from the Piece Makers Mini-group Challenge on the theme of “20”. The photos were submitted by 18 guild members who described their creations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM

The next meeting will take place on February 1, 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 RSVP in SignupGenius before midnight Thursday Jan. 28 to attend the meeting. If you did not receive the notice from SignUpGenius on Jan. 18, please contact Cathy Miller ASAP. The Zoom link will be sent to all attendees signed up on Sunday, Jan 31. 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.

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?” Jacquie states that her goal is “to rethink quilting by finding and articulating my own voice. Ultimately it is about me, alone in my studio, creating my own process and expressing my preferences in my work.” She uses simple, bold graphics and has authored 2 books on machine quilting with your walking foot, as well as a book on modern quilting techniques for improvisational quilts.

Karen Kehl will be our speaker on Mar 1, 2021.

Karen is a Friendship Star Quilters guild member and will present a lecture on making a Sick Day quilt. Many quilters make special quilts for family and friends who are experiencing an illness, but these quilts are not always well-suited to the purpose. Karen's presentation will incorporate scientific findings on the health effects of various fabrics, washing techniques and battings; the knowledge and experience of a nurse regarding issues to consider for sick day quilts; a display of sick day quilts; and ideas for design and execution of sick day quilts that will be treasured long after the illness is over.



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We are almost one month into the New Year and, as always, new years bring new possibilities. We're looking forward with optimism that the year will bring some sense of calm after a truly stormy 2020. Our spring challenge, "Over the Rainbow", is an exciting opportunity to use our creativity to envision what we see over that rainbow. JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell have come up with a terrific challenge and we're excited that already 22 starter packets of rainbow fabrics have been picked up! We can't wait to see what you come up with.

If you missed the email blast with challenge guidelines, please see JoAnne's article in this newsletter. Details are also available on the FSQ website, thanks to Lorie Coston's quick work and catchy graphics. Thanks to all who have created, and are spreading the word about, the challenge!

The next Service Projects pick-up and drop-off sessions will be on **February 4 and 18**. Sign up for a 20 minute appointment at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service>. You can pick up or drop off projects, as well as getting fabric or borders, binding or backing. Kits are available for pillowcases, baby quilt tops and larger tops. Additionally, we have sandwiched quilts to machine quilt or tie (we can provide a needle and crochet cotton). If you have a specific request you can note it in the comments section of the sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact either Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver.



Over the Rainbow Quilt Challenge

JoAnne DuChez

Come one, come all and participate in the next Friendship Star quilt challenge. Now is your chance to determine what "Over the Rainbow" is. Hopefully, 2021 will be better than 2020 and we can finally reach the calm after the storm. Who knows, maybe someone will actually find that pot of gold! Well, in case you haven't been able to guess, the theme of the quilt challenge is "Over the Rainbow". As in the past, the challenge is to benefit our Service Projects mission by providing rainbow quilts for donation.

The primary challenge is to make a rainbow or scrappy quilt with at least one block which contains all colors of the rainbow, or ROYGBIV. In case anyone skipped the rainbow lesson in 3rd grade, ROYGBIV is a mnemonic for the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Sadly, I have noticed that now, some rainbows include only 6 colors. The rainbow flag excludes indigo. Crayons and markers for little children do not always include indigo. I've even seen

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the rainbow with green and lime but no indigo. Poor indigo. Poor children who do not know the delights of all 7 colors. Please do not make that mistake.

The guild will provide starter packets of ROYGBIV fat quarters. Members may add their own fabric or request limited fabric from the Service Projects fabric room. Packets may be picked up at Service project workshops in January or February. We will have a "drive by" table in the church parking lot so members can pick up a packet without having to register on SignupGenius. However, if a member wants to come in the building to pick up or drop off, then she must make an appointment on SignupGenius. Please only take 1 packet for yourself, although you may pick up packets for friends/mini group members, etc. Anne Weaver and JoAnne DuChez are also offering their front porches for pick up. For this service you must email Anne or JoAnne regarding day and time of pickup.

Regarding the size of your challenge quilt, the minimum size is 40" x 50" up to twin size. This is a change from prior challenges. In the past the smaller size has been 36" x 36", however, some of the organizations to which we donate have requested larger quilts for children and teens.

We are hoping to be able to display the quilts at the August 2021 meeting. Hopefully, there will be one. Only time will tell. If we cannot get together by then, we will make alternative arrangements. Most likely we will request photos of the quilts and provide an online slideshow with online voting. Winners will receive Yard Sale Bucks for the next guild yard sale.

"Over The Rainbow" Quilt Challenge Requirements.

- Quilt must include at least 1 block containing all rainbow colors (ROYGBIV).
- Quilt must include all rainbow colors. Colors other than ROYGBIV are not allowed. One additional background color may be added.
- Quilt may be traditional rainbow sequenced quilt, scrappy, or other. Be imaginative.
- Size from 40" x 50" up to twin size quilt.
- Quilt must be sandwiched, quilted and bound. No tied quilts will be accepted.
- Turn in date: August 2021 meeting. If we are still holding virtual meetings, a photo slide show will be provided. Details will be available at a later date.

Rainbow Fat Quarter Packet Pickup at Fairhaven Methodist Church:

- Thursday **Feb 4**, 2021
- Thursday **Feb 18**, 2021

If you cannot come to Fairhaven you may contact Anne Weaver or JoAnne DuChez directly, to make an appointment for a front porch pickup. You'll find our contact information in our member directory.



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 items in your possession, please continue to enjoy them and return them when we reopen.



Membership

Brenda Knopp



Happy February! We just welcomed a new member. We are up to 105 members. If you know a member that has not been joining us on our zoom meetings, reach out and invite them. I think it has been fun to be able to still “get together” and we have had some great speakers!

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 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 the website along with the mailing address to send your dues.

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp
Membership Chair

February Birthdays

Liz Troutman - Feb 2

Marilyn C Moses - Feb 5

Barbara Skelly - Feb 8

Ginger Peebles - Feb 10

Susan Sandler - Feb 19

Charlene Danka - Feb 22

Mary Moore Payne - Feb 24

Margaret Natof - Feb 27





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