


Friendship Star Quilters March 2021

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The Quiltline

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 **Feb 25th - Last day to register for February Zoom guild meeting AND the last day to submit photos for Show & Tell.**

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

Mar 4th (& 18th) – Fabric packets are available for the Rainbow Challenge. See page 7 for more information.

Happy St. Patrick's Day
Lot's of laughter to cheer you,
and those you love near you.



Mar 17th

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 Mar 4th and 18th. See page 7 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday April 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

“That is one good thing about this world...there are always sure to be more springs.”

--- Lucy Maud Montgomery

As I write this at the end of February, there is about a 6-inch layer of ice on my patio. And yet- March 20 marks the first day of spring in 2021. Looking at the weather forecast, there are highs above freezing every day for the next 10 days! Winter takes a toll, but there is light at the end of winter.

Do you know what else is celebrated March 20 this year? National Quilting Day! What are you doing to celebrate? Hopefully you have some time to create in your happy place.

And if it's going to be spring, do you do spring cleaning? The house, not so much, but I do like to get out in the yard and play in the dirt, cleaning up in the garden. It's almost as much fun as playing with fabric.

We've all been dealing with COVID for over a year now, and it's just so exhausting. Zoom is wonderful, but I want to see all of you in person, and I'm seriously hug-deprived. (I grew up in the south. Even those of us who are introverts have a certain hug quotient that needs to be met.) I miss our in-person meetings terribly, while at the same time being thrilled that we've been able to move to Zoom. I can also see a light at the end of COVID – I haven't been able to get a shot yet, but a number of my friends have, and I am SO happy that they have been vaccinated.

Until we can meet again, I'll see you on Zoom.

Yours in quilting,

Michele



Items from the Executive Board

Michele Barnard

Donation to Church of the Nazarene

Because of the cancellation of in-person guild meetings due to Covid-19, FSQ has a credit with the church for prepaid rent in the amount of \$550. It was suggested to the Executive Board that FSQ convert this prepaid rent to a donation. This would benefit the church without requiring an additional outlay of cash. A motion in favor of the donation was made and approved. The treasurers were instructed to notify the church of the board's decision to convert the prepaid rent to a donation.

Discussion of Ways to Generate Future Income

The guild has not been able to market the raffle quilt nor have the annual yard sale due to the pandemic. While the guild is currently in good financial condition, if this continues for another year it may be necessary to come up with other ways to generate income. Lorie Coston suggested we might consider a fund-raiser class, taught by an FSQ master quilter.

If you have an idea of ways to generate income, please share it with any of our officers.



February Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and welcomed members and guests. New members Kathy Swartz and Barbara VanDerBerg, and guests Linda Hunter and Kim Jalette introduced themselves.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Long time FSQ member Barbara Bean

Barbara Bean's stepson passed away recently, after having also lost her son last year. If anyone would like to reach out to her, Ellen Robinson has her contact information.

Charity for Raffle Quilt

Voting is underway for the charity to receive the 2022 raffle quilt monetary donation. The two nominees are Manna Food Center of Montgomery County and Central Union Mission based in DC. If you did not receive the link to vote, please contact Michele Barnard.

Officer Nominating Committee

FSQ officers serve for a term of one year and are eligible to serve a second year. We have one member who is finishing her second term and must be replaced. The nominating committee is usually established in March, nominees announced in May, and voting occurs in June. Volunteers for the nominating committee should contact Michele Barnard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Brenda Knopp

No report.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver

No report. The Signup Genius for February pickup and drop off dates is out. If there are any questions contact either Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan.

Service Projects Challenge – JoAnne DuChes, Anne Weaver

The service challenge called "Over the Rainbow" is due at the August meeting. There is a description outlining the rules and requirements in the February newsletter. Fabric packets can be picked up outside the building during service project pickup and drop off times. If anyone would like a

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packet but can't pick it up during those times, contact JoAnne or Anne to arrange a pickup at one or the other's homes.

Website update – Lorie Coston

Updating of the FSQ website is awaiting delivery of the contract to the web contractor. Since it was mailed two weeks ago, hopefully it will arrive soon.

Programs – Cathy Miller

The Sew What mini-group is hosting a workshop with last month's speaker, Brita Nelson, for 15 people on Wed. March 3 from 10:30 - 4:30 via Zoom. There are a few openings left, so Cathy will email the announcement to the membership. Cathy then introduced this month's speaker Jacquie Gering.

Presentation: Jacquie Gering "Quilt as Desired....How do I Quilt it?"

Show and Tell – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of quilt photos submitted by 13 guild members who described their creations. This was followed by photos of 5 Snowy Day Quilt Samplers from participants in the Block of the Month Quilt Along initiated by Lorie Coston last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM

The next meeting will take place on March 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 Signup Genius before midnight Thursday Feb. 25 to attend the meeting. If you do not receive the notice from signup genius before Feb. 25, please contact Cathy Miller ASAP. The Zoom link will be sent on Sunday, Feb. 28 to all attendees who signed up. 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.

Karen Kehl will be our speaker Mar 1, 2021. <https://betterdonequilts.com/>

Karen is a Friendship Star Quilters guild member and brings us a lecture entitled "A Nurse's Perspective on Sick Day Quilts". 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. This presentation incorporates 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.

Barbara Cline is our speaker on April 5, 2021. <https://www.delightfulpiecing.com>

Barbara's lecture is "Designing inside Different Block Layouts". Barbara is an international quilt designer; author and teacher who loves to share her techniques with others. Barbara started creating quilts in her teens. She has had over 37 years of experience in quilting and teaching classes. Her whole family has shared a passion and reverence for the tradition of quilt making through the generations. She has 5 books published by C&T Publishing. She currently teaches classes at local quilt shops and gives lectures, trunk shows and teaches nationally and internationally. She loves to design and piece quilts from her home in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia.



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects has continued to have very successful pick-up and drop-off sessions twice a month at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Slots have filled up for each date and members are bringing in beautiful quilts and pillowcases they have made, or have collected from friends and mini-group members to bring. Your generosity and creativity are amazing! Despite (or maybe because of) being stuck at home for many months, our numbers are quite impressive. We are mainly donating to Comfort Cases and A Wider Circle and here are the numbers we have donated since June 1.

- 377 quilts
- 286 pillowcases (for Childrens Hospital and Fairfax Inova for pediatric chemotherapy patients)
- 27 baby bibs
- 189 placemats

Hospitals are still not accepting preemies, so please hang onto them for now. We are hoping that they will start up again in the not-too-distant future.

We're hearing from FSQ members that they are quite excited about the **Rainbow Challenge**. We've even received a photo of a finished quilt! Hooray! You can find guidelines for the challenge on the FSQ website (<http://friendshipstar.org/2021-over-the-rainbow-challenge/>).

If you need a starter packet of fat quarters, you can pick one up at a Service Projects pick-up and drop-off session in March, or at JoAnne DuChes's or Anne Weaver's houses (please email them first).

March pick-up and drop-off sessions will be held on **March 4 and 18** at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. You can sign up for a 20 minute time slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service>. We can't wait to see you!



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 and we 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.



For Your Viewing Pleasure

Best in Show at QuiltCon (Feb. 11-22): <https://www.quiltcon.com/quiltcon2021-winners>



Membership

Brenda Knopp

Winter is almost over! Hopefully the weather will believe winter is over as well. We are currently at 108 members. There are joining slowly but surely! If you know someone who 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 SignUp Genius. 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



March Birthdays

- Susan Spencer - Mar 1
- Carmen Contreras-Sesvold - Mar 3
- Laura Markus - Mar 3
- Lorie Coston - Mar 10
- Kate Foley - Mar 10
- Carol Carrier - Mar 12
- Diane Heller - Mar 15
- Heidi Oestreicher - Mar 16
- Linda August - Mar 18
- Karen Kehl - Mar 21
- Carol Millman - Mar 21
- Elaine Villforth - Mar 28
- Pat Vasaio - Mar 29



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