



## Friendship Star Quilters April 2021

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# The Quiltline

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 **Apr 1<sup>st</sup> - Last day to register for April Zoom guild meeting AND the last day to submit photos for Show & Tell.**

 **Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - Zoom guild meeting, 7:00 pm.** Business meeting will start at 7:30.

**Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** – Two free tree seedlings will be available at Black Hill Regional Park from 8 am – 12 pm. Visit <https://montgomeryparks.org/special-events/> for more information and to register for this event.

**Apr 17<sup>th</sup>** – Two free tree seedlings will be available at Olney Manor Recreational Park from 8 am – 12 pm. Use the link above for more information and to register for this event.

**Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Earth Day – Hug a tree!

## 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 Apr 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. See page 7 for more information.</b></p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>Monday April 12<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

**“When the groundhog casts his shadow  
And the small birds sing  
And the pussywillows happen  
And the sun shines warm  
And when the peepers peep  
Then it is Spring”  
— Margaret Wise Brown**

The spring peepers are loud and insistent in my neighborhood, the daffodils are blooming, and things are starting to green up. Quilting time has to compete with gardening time at this point in the year, but it's worth it. I'm not a fan of the cold at all, and knowing that soon I get to be warm all the time is exciting!

This time last year, our April meeting was cancelled due to COVID. I'm so happy that we've been able to adapt and move to Zoom meetings over the past year. I miss that in-person feeling, though, and really look forward to the day – hopefully soon – when we can all meet and be able to actually see our presenters' quilts up close and personal. And maybe share a hug or two. I'm so happy for all of my friends that have been able to get their vaccines so far, and am VERY excited that I will be eligible myself soon. The pandemic has impacted my quilting space as well - since I've been working from home my “desk” has been the top of the machine I normally use for quilting. (Yes, I did write a different version of this paragraph in my last letter!)

I've been reading books on habit formation recently. I have some bad habits I'd like to get rid of, and some new habits I'd like to establish. A couple of years ago, I decided to try to sew every day – and that's a habit I've mostly been able to keep up. Some days, that means I sew one seam. Other days, that one seam turns into blocks. The next quilting habit I'd like to work on is to clean/tidy as I sew. The bad habit is throwing all of the fabric I've pulled and cut from into a big pile on the end of the cutting table – which then becomes a HUGE chore to fold and put away. The first step I've decided to work on is at least FOLDING what needs to go back to the stash. Hopefully your quilt habits work for you!

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

Yours in quilting,

Michele



### **March Guild Minutes**

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and welcomed members and guests. New member Liz Adams introduced herself. New member Abbe Levine was also welcomed.

**Meeting Minutes:** The February FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report: Joy Dorman**

Joy stated that her two-year term is over at the end of this membership year. She explained that now that we have co-treasurers with offset terms, the transition process and job are much easier. Colleen will be staying on as co-treasurer and will initially do the bulk of the work as the new co-treasurer learns the job. Then the new co-treasurer will take over with Colleen as backup. In this way, there is always an experienced treasurer to assist the new treasurer. An important skill for a treasurer is experience with either QuickBooks or Quicken, or strong software-savvy skills. Book keeping experience is not needed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Nominating Committee - Michele Barnard**

Michele solicited volunteers to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. It should be easy since there is only one treasurer position to be filled. The other current officers have all agreed to continue for a second year, provided there is a vote of confidence from the members. It was noted that the Quicken/QuickBooks software for a PC is provided by the guild. There were no volunteers, so Michele indicated she would specifically call members within the next week to ask them to volunteer for the nominating committee.

#### **Quilts Accepted to National Shows – Michelle Barnard**

Two FSQ members have had quilts accepted into National Shows. Maria Naito had two quilts called Vintage Rose and Cattails accepted by the Mid-Atlantic Quilt show. Karen Kehl's quilt, Ante Meridiem, has been accepted by QuiltCon. Congratulations were given.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Facebook – Suma Glassman**

Suma thanked Maria Naito for sending photos of her quilts to post. They have received a lot of attention on the site. She reminded members that the Facebook site is public and you don't need to have a Facebook account to visit and view the postings. She also invited members to send photos

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of quilts or events to be posted. We have over 500 likes and followers on the page, which is more than other similar guild sites.

### **Membership – Brenda Knopp**

Brenda reported we have two new members, bringing us up to 109 members.

### **Service Projects – Anne Weaver**

The numbers of donations last year were just reported in the Newsletter. It was expected that they would be low compared to previous years because of the pandemic, but they are not. As of the end of February, Service projects donated 429 quilts, 286 pillow cases, 189 placemats, and 27 bibs. This is in comparison to 405 quilts and 97 pillow cases in the same period last year. Thanks and congratulations were given to all the members who have contributed. Although hospitals are still not accepting donations, there are many social service organizations that are happy to have these donations.

### **Website update – Lorie Coston**

Lorie reported that Holly Knott is updating the site. It will be getting a fresh new look and members will be able to view it on tablets and cell phones. It is a slow process because the current software hasn't been updated for 8 years, and she has to update it step by step as she goes. It is a lot of work and there isn't yet a time estimate for when it will be completed.

### **Programs – Cathy Miller**

Next month's speaker is Barbara Cline speaking on "Designing Inside Different Block Layouts".

Cathy then introduced this month's speaker, FSQ member Karen Kehl, who will be speaking on considerations for making quilts for the sick.

### **Presentation: Karen Kehl "A Nurse's Perspective on Sick Day Quilts"**

**Show and Tell** – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 41 quilt photos submitted by 23 guild members who described their creations. This included 9 quilts from a MiniMini minigroup Challenge.

### **Door Prizes**

Karen Kehl donated 2 prizes: two hand-dyed rainbow fat quarters won by Michele Barnard, and 3 pale blue and green fat quarters won by Alice Washburn. The door prize from FSQ was a Patches gift card that was won by Lynne Stieber.

### **Last minute announcement**

Cathy Miller said that the Truth and Hope group in Poolesville would appreciate any T-shirts you no longer want. They can be any color, have small stains or holes. They use them to make cloth diapers for places like Peru, Mexico, etc.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM**

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The next meeting will take place on April 5, 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

**Barbara Cline** is our speaker on April 5, 2021. <https://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.

She has enjoyed entering and placing in the Paducah quilt contest "New Quilts from Old Favorite" – Seven Sisters and Dresden Plate. The Paducah Quilt show, Quilt Odyssey, Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival XVII, and Hoffman Challenge have displayed a wall hanging.

Barbara comes from a close-knit Mennonite family of quilters. Every year the women gather for a sewing retreat, where they quilt, sew, and follow other creative pursuits. The family members and their quilts were featured in the Virginia Quilt Museum's exhibition Five Generations of Mennonite Quilts.

2018 Barbara taught in Dubai and Kuwait and has also taught on an Alaskan Cruise by World of Quilts Travel.

Barbara has offered door prizes so be sure you stick around after show and tell.

### **HELP WANTED**

Your Guild needs a volunteer to step up and fill the position of Co-Treasurer when Joy Dorman's term expires on May 31.

There are two co-treasurers with offset terms. This makes the transition process and the job much easier. Colleen Biasco will continue as co-treasurer for one more year. She will initially continue to do the bulk of the work as the new co-treasurer learns the job. Then the new co-treasurer will take over with Colleen as backup. In this way, there is always an experienced treasurer to train and assist the new treasurer.

The job requires only a few hours of work each month. The Guild uses QuickBooks, which makes record-keeping a snap. It is helpful if you have experience with QuickBooks or with Quicken, but if you are software-savvy in other commonly-used computer programs, you will be able to learn QuickBooks. This is a PC-based program and the software will be provided by the Guild.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact any officer.

Friendship Star is your guild and relies on the generous help of its members to continue to be successful.



## Service Projects

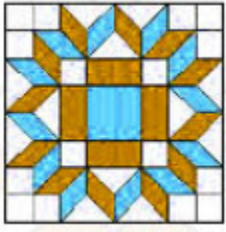
Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Have you started on your Rainbow Challenge quilt? We've seen sneak previews of several and they are stunning! So much talent and creativity in this guild! If you're still in need of a starter pack of rainbow fat quarters, you can pick one up at any Service Projects pick-up and drop-off session or you can contact JoAnne DuChez or Anne Weaver to pick up from one of their houses. They are due in August and if you need to review the requirements, they are on the home page of the FSQ website: <http://friendshipstar.org>. We're excited to see what everyone comes up with!

We were reminded recently that "once an FSQ member, always an FSQ member" when we received an email from Eleanor Bragin, a former member who is now in Florida. She said she was continuing to sew and wondered if she could send us some quilts. Of course! We just received several beautiful, bright children's quilts and preemies that we can't wait to donate to children who will love them. Take a look at the photos of two of them below. We are so grateful for her generosity.

We continue to offer twice-monthly pick-up and drop-off sessions at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. April sessions will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can sign up for a 20 minute time slot at <https://signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service>. In addition to dropping off finished projects or picking up fabric for borders, backing or binding, we also often have quilts that need machine quilting (either on a domestic machine or a longarm) or quilts to bind (binding comes with them). Please check with us ahead of time to be sure we have some for you to work on and we will set them aside for you. Many thanks!





## Website

Lorie Coston

Hi everyone! Wow have we got great news. Holly Knott LLC has been working very hard to get our site updated and ready for cell phone and tablet use. The site now has a new look but there is still a wee bit more to do, most of which is behind the scenes.

Notice the new header and footer! It's familiar since it was a recent raffle quilt and a very popular and beautiful quilt. The previous brown batik artwork couldn't be found and what a wonderful disappointment since we have a fresh and beautiful header now.

Notice also the Blog item on the first line of menu choices. That's new and our first entry is from the guild president, Michele Barnard. The president's message will appear there every month as well as other guest's entries.

Look for a fuller list of changes in next month's *The Quiltline*. But while you're thinking about it, click to the website and take a peek - perhaps from your tablet!



## 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:// facebook.com/FriendshipStarQuilters/](https://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. However, Liz has the following suggestions if you're looking for some "cozy" quilt-related reading:

Carol Dean Jones is the author of a dozen quilting cozy books. She was a guest at Capital Quilts in 2018 to introduce her books and chat about her new life as an author at the age of 70+. Each book cover quilt, except one, is made by the author and its short pattern is in the book. During crazy 2020, all these books were a great comfort to read: a family of characters to enjoy in a light mystery with shared quilting moments. They are available on Amazon. They can be read as a standalone book, but the series is an even better read. She does have a blog and shares photos of her numerous quilts. <http://caroldeanjones.com>

Another author I met, back in 2011 at the Quilters Unlimited show, is Marie Bostwick. She has a quilting cozy series plus many women's fiction books. Cobblers Quilt series books were at our FSQ Yard Sale a few years ago and a few of us managed to share the books. Marie has a newsletter and website announcing her new books, recipes, quilts and seasonal projects. <http://mariebostwick.com>

*Editor's note: Some of Carol's books are available in e-book form through the Montgomery County Library via Hoopla. Some of Marie's books are also available on Hoopla in both e-book and audiobook format.*



## Membership

Brenda Knopp

Happy Spring! We have settled with 109 members for our 2021-2021 year. Starting in May we will begin renewing for the 2021 -2022 year. This is very hard to believe!! Stay tuned for more information about the renewal process.

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](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



### April Birthdays

Kay Campbell Anderson - Apr 4  
Gerda Sherwood - Apr 9  
Jill Frank - Apr 18  
Joy Dorman - Apr 19  
SherriJoyce King - Apr 22  
Suma Glassman - Apr 25  
Anne Flaggs - Apr 28  
Gayle Sunde - Apr 28



## Now You See It, Now You Don't

Judy Walsh

If you attended our January meeting, I suspect you were also impressed by the many options Brita Nelson shared using various “disappearing” block designs.

I'm glad I signed up for her monthly newsletter because she recently started a series on disappearing blocks, beginning with a new one: Moroccan Tiles, shown below. It also looks great as a two-color quilt.



Eventually her patterns from this series will be put into a book, but why wait until then? Go to Brita's website (<https://questioningquilter.com>) and sign up for her monthly newsletter so you can view the series as it unfolds.

Afterwards, search her website for **Moroccan Tiles** to find the instructions for creating the block that makes this fabulous quilt.



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>
<b>Co-Treasurers</b>	Colleen Biasco & Joy Dorman	<a href="mailto:treasurer@friendshipstar.org">treasurer@friendshipstar.org</a>
<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