

# Friendship Star Quilters June 2021

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## The Quiltline

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 **June 3rd - Last day to register for our June Zoom guild meeting AND the last day to submit photos for Show & Tell.**

 **June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Quilters' Unlimited Online Quilt Exhibit.** For more information, go to <https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show-2/>

 **June 7<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 held from 9:30 am - Noon at</p> <p>Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD</p> <p><b>Face masks will be required. See page 7 for more information.</b></p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>Monday June 14<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

**“June is bustin' out all over  
All over the meader and the hill  
Flowers bustin' out on bushes  
And the roughen river pushes  
Ev'ry little wheel that wheels beside the mill  
June is bustin' out all over  
The ocean is full of Jacks and Jills  
With the little tail is swishing'  
Ev'ry lady fish is wishin' that a male would come  
And grab 'er by the gills  
Because it's June, June, June, June  
Just because it's June, June, June!”**

— Oscar Hammerstein, from *Carousel*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCCuhpp3bb0>

It's cicada time in my yard right now! I don't remember having this many 17 years ago – maybe my aversion to pesticides is having a positive effect. Is anybody making a cicada quilt? I'm considering it for my bug-loving daughter. However, keeping up with the weeding is cutting into my quilting time.

I'm still working on my Service Projects Rainbow Challenge quilt, though. (As well as the unfinished Monochromatic Challenge from a couple of years ago.) How is yours coming along? I have blocks done, and am slowly putting them together.

I love summer, and the start of summer gives my spirits a huge lift. That usually means my UFO pile gets bigger. It's worse this year – my telework station sits on top of the machine I usually quilt with! There's a long weekend coming up, so I may see if I can get some things sandwiched and quilted. Miniature quilts are SO much easier to deal with, both when quilting and storing, and are more tempting for that reason.

See you all on Zoom until we can meet in person, hopefully soon!

Yours in quilting,  
Michele



**May Guild Minutes**  
Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were no new members or guests.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Colleen Biasco - Nothing to report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Officer Nominations – Barbara Kilby**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Barbara Dryden, Judy Walsh and Barbara Kilby, Barbara presented the slate of candidates for the 2021-2022 membership year: Michele Barnard for President, Judy Hoffman for Vice-President, Peggy Weidman for Secretary, Colleen Biasco and Kathy Swartz for Co-Treasurers. The election will be held at the June meeting. Four of the nominees are running for a second term, however, anyone is welcome to run in this election. Please contact Michele Barnard if you would like to run for one of these positions.

**The 2022 Quilt Show – Michele Barnard**

It is time to start thinking about the quilt show and finding a chairman. The last chairman was Connie Ross and she has provided a detailed description of what the position entails with a timeline. An abbreviated version will be emailed to the membership. Briefly, the Quilt Show Chairman is responsible for the overall management of the show and keeping track of the committees who do the work. It is also possible to have Co-chairs for the position.

**Member News – Nicki Lynch**

Marie Quattrociocchi is moving to Florida and downsizing. She is giving away large bags of fabric scraps. If anyone would like a bag of scraps, contact Nicki. Several people volunteered to take bags and cut them into squares for service projects. Nicki also has a large number of succulent plants to give away.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership – Brenda Knopp**

Brenda reminded members that June is the beginning of the 2021-2022 membership year. Brenda is collecting dues by mail and will notify members when their checks arrive. Checks for \$35 made out to FSQ should be sent to Brenda's home mailing address, which is on the renewal form available on the FSQ website. Submitting a renewal form is not necessary unless any of your contact information

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has changed. It was suggested that members submit their dues as soon as possible to make it easier for Brenda.

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

The number of signups per half hour appointment has been increased from 2 to 3 because of the decline in Covid cases in Montgomery County. There are still openings for May 6 and 20th. Kits for baby-sized and larger quilt tops are available, as well as quilts to be bound. Go to Signup Genius to sign up for a time slot or contact either Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan.

### **Yard Sale - Peggy Weidman**

The Yard Sale is set for the November 1 FSQ meeting. The committee is thinking about making some changes this year to streamline things. One possibility being considered is to charge for fabric by the pound, instead of by the piece, so that it will not be necessary to label each piece. It would also save time at checkout, since you would only have to weigh your fabric and get a receipt. The committee plans to start collecting donations again in August and September in the parking lot of Fairhaven United Methodist Church during the scheduled mornings of service project pickup and drop off. In addition, they will also collect at the September and October FSQ meetings. If these are not in person meetings, other arrangements will be made for donation drop off in evenings or on weekends for those who can't make it during the day. If you have suggestions or questions, you can email Jennifer Rossmere or Peggy Weidman.

### **Barbara Cline Class – Lorie Coston**

Lorie has setup a Signup Genius for a Zoom Class with Barbara Cline, last month's speaker. Information about the class is available in Signup Genius. In answer to a question, Lorie indicated that you do need to purchase the book for the class.

### **Programs – Cathy Miller**

Next month's speaker will be Peter Byrne from Toronto, Canada. Cathy then introduced this month's speaker, Bethanne Nemesh.

### **Presentation: Bethanne Nemesh “Walk a Creative Path”**

**Show and Tell** – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 14 quilt photos submitted by 9 guild members who described their creations.

**Door Prizes** - The FSQ door prize gift card was won by Barbara Kilby

### **The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM**

The next meeting will take place on June 7, 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

Be sure to pay your dues - you don't want to miss next year's speaker line up. Here's a sneak peek: Rachel Derstine "Artful Couching : Texture and Definition", Heather Kojan "Quilt Math: Triangles, Wedges and a Little Fibonacci for Fun!", Erin Underwood "Express Yourself! Originality and Creativity in Quilting.", Karen Combs "Quilts of Illusion", Jane Hauprich "Making Negative a Positive", and our own guild member Karen Kehl "The Science of Color."

June 7 our speaker is Peter Byrne. He is an international award-winning, published modern quilter and teacher with a deep passion for innovation and design. While attending QuiltCon 2020, his quilt titled '**Starring You**' won Best in Show and his quilt titled '**Cityscape**' won Best Machine Quilting Frameless.

Peter describes his goal as innovation, his passion is creativity and he is thrilled to have opportunities to share new techniques within the quilting community.

Peter states: "After 25 years working as a stylist and salon owner I retired, and then had time to explore new creative outlets. I started making quilts in 2009 and to further my quilting experience, in 2017 I joined the Toronto Modern Quilting Guild and when I walked into that first guild meeting, I had never quilted a quilt!

"It was at this time, I became a full time student of the craft and 2 years later, I designed and made Starring You and Cityscape. "I'm very excited to share my quilts, dreams and ambitions with you and look forward to meeting you at my Trunk Show!

"Here are all the places you can find me!

Email: [petersquilts@gmail.com](mailto:petersquilts@gmail.com)

Instagram @petersquilts

Facebook under Peter Byrne

"I invite you to check out my website at [www.peterbquilts.com](http://www.peterbquilts.com)."

## Call for Quilt Show Chair

The quilt show Chair is a critical role for a successful quilt show - but it's important to remember that you don't have to do EVERYTHING. The Chair serves as the “CEO” or “General” of the quilt show. There are a number of capable and experienced Committee Chairs and enthusiastic volunteers who are ready and willing to do the work for the quilt show, but they need someone to keep them on track.

As Chair, you organize the meetings and make sure that the Committee Chairs are keeping up with their responsibilities. There are also phone calls and emails to arrange some services for the show. The quilt show has had co-Chairs in the past, and this works really well if you and a friend are willing to take it on together. Past Chairs are available to give you plenty of advice, including a detailed timeline.

**Please consider taking on this responsibility.** Your guild is nothing without our volunteers.



## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

### EXCITING RE-OPENING NEWS!

We just received word that Fairhaven United Methodist Church is re-opening and so we will start having in-person Service Projects workshops once again, starting on Thursday, June 3. This is such exciting news and something that all of us have been waiting for for a long time. Workshops will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon, as before, and no sign-ups will be needed.

We've been working through the logistical requirements of Fairhaven's Re-opening Committee. The guidelines for our workshops are summarized below.

1) There will be no capacity restrictions or requirements for social distancing. However, **masks are required and must cover your mouth and nose completely** while inside the building.

2) We ask that everyone read these screening questions and please stay home if you answer yes to any of them:

- *“Do you feel sick (fever, coughing or shortness of breath) or are you living with someone who feels sick?”*
- *“Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or live with someone who has tested positive in the last 14 days?”*

3) We are required to maintain, for the purposes of contact tracing, the names and contact information of everyone who comes to a workshop. We will have a sign-in sheet at the front door and will ask that everyone sign in when they enter. There will be hand sanitizer available.

4) For the time being, out of an abundance of caution, we won't be making tea and ask that no one bring snacks. We also won't be staying for lunch.

5) Only one person at a time is allowed to use the restroom.

6) We will need to clean and disinfect all surfaces (including tables, chairs, bathrooms, and door handles) at the end of the morning. We have Lysol spray and paper towels. We ask that everyone pitch in and help so it goes quickly.

We will be taking down the SignupGenius page for Service Projects by the end of the month. If you signed up and gave us a specific request, we will still get your request ready on June 3.

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We have all missed face-to-face contact over these many months and are quite excited to welcome everyone back. If you have any questions about the re-opening, please get in touch with Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan.

Upcoming workshops will be on:

- Thursday, June 3 and Thursday, June 17
- Thursday, July 1 and Thursday, July 15
- Thursday, August 5 and Thursday, August 26

### WE MADE OUR GOAL!!!

Despite the pandemic and ongoing shutdown for donations of many hospitals and social services organizations, Service Projects is thrilled to announce that we have made the goal of **completing and donating more than 500 quilts** since June 1 of last year! We couldn't have done it without the support and generosity of all of the members of FSQ! The complete numbers for the year are:

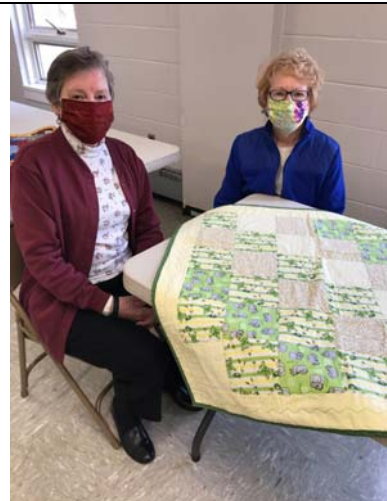
- Quilts: 515
- Pillowcases: 286
- Premie quilts: 44 (38 of which went to Johns Hopkins NICU)
- Placemats: 189
- Baby Bibs: 27

### SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE NEWS

One of the groups that is receiving donations from FSQ is **A Wider Circle** in Silver Spring. Their mission is to help individuals and families move from homelessness into stable housing by providing free access to what they need for their apartment or house. We have been donating quilts, placemats, and bibs to them through the pandemic. We were excited to see that our efforts were featured in their recent e-newsletter!

Thank you, Friendship Star Quilters, for creating the following special items for the people we serve!

- 123 quilts
- 7 afghans
- 4 shell crocheted blankets
- 19 baby hats
- 6 masks
- 189 placemats
- 27 baby bibs





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Recently there was a Facebook post from the **NICU at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore** asking for quilts or blankets for families whose baby was were treated there. They were asking for blankets of about 30” square, but when we contacted them about our supply of preemie quilts, they were happy to receive the ones that are 16” square. This photo says it all!



Thanks to Suma Glassman who drew the Facebook post to our attention.

Here's hoping that local hospitals will start to collect preemie quilts again soon. We have quite a stockpile just waiting to deliver. If you are making preemies, please hold onto them if you can until we receive word that they are collecting again. Thank you.



## Rainbow Challenge Update

JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell

How is your rainbow challenge quilt coming along? We're starting to see some photos of beautiful and creative quilts. We can't wait to see them in person!

The original due date was the August meeting. We've revised that slightly, and **quilts will now be due at the first in-person meeting of the guild**. It will be a real celebration! We'll be seeing each other face to face and will also get to see - and judge - all of these beautiful rainbows.

Quilts will be displayed before the meeting and members can vote for their top three choices. Prizes will be "Yard Sale Bucks" for use at the November yard sale, as we have done in the past.

Questions? Contact JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison or DeVeda Powell. We're looking forward to seeing you and all of the beautiful rainbows!



## 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 until we meet again in person.



## Membership

Brenda Knopp

Happy June! June begins the start of the 2021-2022 renewal season. The goal is to do our best to gather in person during this next year! To renew for the next year, you can fill out the renewal form found on the FSQ website and mail your check written out to “FSQ” to the address provided. If there are no changes to your address and phone number just the check and a quick note saying “No changes” will be acceptable. There will be more to come about how the meetings will be held when we do return to in person gatherings.

Currently, during our Zoom 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.

I cannot wait to meet everyone again in person!

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp  
Membership Chair



## June Birthdays

Maria Rogers - June 5

Kathy Brown - June 12

Danee Wilson - June 13

Jan Drass - June 17



## Yard Sale

Jennifer Rossmere

The Yard Sale is set for the FSQ meeting on November 1st at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. We will start collecting donations again at the August and September service project events at the Fairhaven United Methodist Church. If people do not feel comfortable going into the Church, we will collect items in the parking lot. In addition, we will also collect at the September and October FSQ meetings. If these are not in-person meetings, other arrangements will be made for donation drop offs in the evenings or on weekends for those who can't make it during the day.

Thank you for holding on to your donations and we look forward to getting them from you starting in August. If you have any suggestions or questions, you can email Jennifer Rossmere or Peggy Weidman.

Thank you,  
The Yard Sale Committee



## For Your Viewing Pleasure

Judy Walsh

Congratulations to FSQ member Kay Campbell, whose quilt is being shown at the McLean Textile Gallery as part of the SAQA exhibit **Imagination 1 x 4**.

Kay's quilt is entitled *On the Verge*. Watch the virtual tour to learn more about her quilt and to enjoy the other quilts in the show.

<https://www.themcleantextilegallery.com/current-exhibition>





## Readers' Corner

Anne Flaggs

I am always looking for good books to listen to, and I started using Hoopla last year after Cathy Miller brought it up. I also use the Overdrive/Libby App to listen to books; it is available through the county library. It was a bit harder to get working but I now have it mastered and have both apps on my phone. I find they carry different books, and on Libby I often have to get in line for a book, and it may take weeks for it to drop in my queue.

I have been “stalking” book clubs for good books to read and follow Jenna Bush Hager’s monthly book, but I also find good ones recommended in other places. I have to admit I love James Patterson, Vince Flynn and David Baldacci, and since I listen while walking, driving, sewing, etc., I seem to always have something queued up.

Books I have enjoyed recently:

- The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate
- The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
- This is How it Always Is by Laurie Frankel

I also enjoy most “beach reads” where the story is quick and easy.

*Editor’s note: All members are invited to share books they like to read. Please share some of the books or authors you’ve enjoyed by sending in a brief write-up for our next newsletter.*



**Tips & Tricks**  
Peggy Weidman

**Threading a Needle**

Most sewists moisten the thread when threading a needle. Did you know it works better if you moisten the needle? It works like this:

Moisten one side of the eye of the needle with your tongue. Turn the needle so the moistened side is facing away from the thread and push the thread towards the eye. The thread will go through the eye like magic!

The first time I tried it, I thought it was a fluke but it continues to work every time I do it. It's almost as though the tip of the thread is attracted to the moisture on the other side of the eye. That's the trick. If you try this with the moisture on the side facing the thread, it doesn't work.

This method will also work to thread a sewing machine needle. Simply moisten the eye on the back of the needle and push the thread through from the front. Try it - I think you will be amazed!

*Editor's note: All members are invited to share sewing & quilting ideas they have found helpful. Please share a tip you've found helpful by sending in a brief write-up for our next newsletter.*



Elected Officers		
<b>President</b>	Michele Barnard	<a href="mailto:president@friendshipstar.org">president@friendshipstar.org</a>
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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
<b>Quilt Show 2022</b>	<b>Volunteer(s) needed</b>		