



Friendship Star Quilters August 2021

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The Quiltline

<p>August 2 – IN-PERSON Guild meeting!! Rainbow Challenge Quilt turn-in and voting. See page 9 for more information</p>
<p>August 12, 2-4 pm Seniors can turn in their “Home Arts” entries for the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair</p>
<p>August 13-18 – 72nd Montgomery County Agricultural Fair at the Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg</p>
<p>August 17 – Senior (62+) Day (free admission until 5 p.m.) at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair</p>
<p>September 13 – our next Guild meeting (due to Labor Day holiday). The meeting will be held via Zoom.</p>

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Monthly Fabric Raffle – Will resume in October! – see page 7 for more information

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meetings
<p>Guild meetings are usually held on the 1st Monday of the month at</p> <p>Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD</p> <p>Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm, business meeting & program at 7:30 pm.</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>Face masks are required. See page 8 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday Aug. 16th 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

“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

--Henry James

I have to agree with Henry. I'm happiest during the summer, when the afternoons stretch into the evening. More light for quilting! More competition from the weeds!

I'm currently failing MISERABLY at getting my sewing area in any kind of order, and have not sewn nearly enough to get happy feels from fabric (so it's a good thing that it's summer).

My husband and I are hitting the road this month to visit his family in Indianapolis, and the Dairy Barn in Athens, OH is on the way, so I'll be able to stop for my every-other-year opportunity to see the quilts that are in Quilt National: <https://dairybarn.org/quilt-national/>

It's a good five-to-six hour drive to Athens, so a little far for a day trip, but if you're in the area? Totally worth it. I always leave inspired and filled with wonder.

REMINDER ABOUT COVID PROCEDURES AT THE CHURCH

The Church of the Nazarene is our host for FSQ meetings, and we have agreed to follow their requirements to meet. These are:

- masks are not required for vaccinated people;
- masks are required for unvaccinated people.

You are on the honor system to wear a mask if not vaccinated. We do NOT require proof of vaccination.

Please do not assume people wearing masks are not vaccinated; they may just be more comfortable still wearing one, particularly with the increasing rates of infection with the Delta variant of the virus and the occurrence of breakthrough infections.

Yours in quilting,

Michele



June 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 May FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Colleen Biasco

Colleen stated that it is audit time again and we need two volunteers to do it. The audit will be done in July. If you can volunteer, please contact Colleen. The new 2021-2022 budget will be presented to the Executive Board committee for approval next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Board Meeting – Michele Barnard

The next executive board meeting is Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7 PM. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Contact one of the FSQ officers to receive a Zoom link to the meeting.

Voting for 2021-2022 Officers – 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. Any additional nominations were requested, and none were forthcoming. All of the nominees were elected to serve for the upcoming year.

New Ownership of Capital Quilts – Michele Barnard

Capital Quilts has changed hands. The new owner, Marianne Losey, would like to invite any members of FSQ to an afterhours event Saturday 6/12 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This will be a meet and greet with Guild members only, the store will provide snacks. They will also offer a 30% discount if any attendees do happen to want to purchase fabric, patterns or notions. Marianne Losey would appreciate it if members would RSVP if they intend to attend.

The 2022 Quilt Show – Michele Barnard

It is time to find a chairman for the quilt show. Briefly, the Chair is responsible for overall management. Not doing everything, but making sure that the committee chairs are all on track for their tasks. There are some chair-specific tasks, but it's primarily a management position. The position doesn't need to be done by a single person – there have been co-chairs in the past and that works really well. A brief description is in the June Quiltline and a more detailed timeline was sent out over the listserv. Contact Michele Barnard if you would like a copy of the extremely detailed version Connie Ross originally provided and to volunteer for the position. The guild needs you!

The Quiltline – August 2021

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 in the FSQ directory and on the renewal form available on the FSQ website. Submitting a renewal form is not necessary unless any of your contact information has changed. It was suggested that members submit their dues as soon as possible.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver

Fairhaven United Methodist Church has reopened and in-person Service Projects workshops began on Thursday June 3. This is exciting news and something that everyone has been waiting for a long time. Workshops will be held from 9:30 am until noon, as before, and no sign-ups will be needed. There are no capacity or social distancing restrictions; however, masks are required while in the building, food and drink will not be served inside, bathrooms are restricted to use by one person at a time, and the room and its furniture must be disinfected after the meeting. Contact either Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan for more information.

Yard Sale – Jennifer Rossmere

The Yard Sale is set for the November 1 FSQ meeting. The committee will collect donations in August and September in the parking lot of Fairhaven United Methodist Church during the scheduled mornings of Service Project workshops. Donations will also be collected at the September and October FSQ meetings. If these are not in person meetings, other arrangements will be made for donation drop off for those who can't make it during the day. Contact Jennifer Rossmere or Peggy Weidman for more information.

Programs – Cathy Miller

An August speaker has yet to be finalized while we wait to find out whether the church will be open for in person meetings then. Cathy introduced this month's speaker, Peter Byrne from Toronto, Canada.

Presentation - "Behind the Seams with Peter Byrne"

Show and Tell – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 35 quilt photos submitted by 12 guild members who described their creations.

Door Prizes - The FSQ door prize gift card was won by Liz Lawrence.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM

There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will take place on August 2, 2021 at 7:30 PM. Members must register in Signup Genius by midnight on Thursday before the meeting in order to receive the link if we have a Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



Programs

Cathy Miller

Our speaker in August will be Rachel Derstine (<https://rachelderstinedesigns.com/>) whose topic will be “Artful Couching: Texture and Definition”. This will be a PowerPoint lecture presentation showing the many ways couching can be used to take your art to the next level. Instruction in specific technique on how to couch will also be shown. Rachel will bring examples of how couching can be added to garments and bags as well as quilts.

Artist Statement

“Having spent my first 15 years in Japan as a child of missionaries, I find myself drawn to images and art reflecting Japanese ideals. I have lately been collecting images of “washitsu” – Japanese style rooms which look out onto lovely outdoor gardens. These portray the peaceful safety of the indoors but also the opportunity to gaze toward the lovely outdoor landscape.

“My ‘Window’ series is about interior and exterior, the safety of being unexposed or hidden and the risk of being exposed and vulnerable. My art is an exploration of my world and my experience of trying to find a place of belonging. What are the costs of remaining in the safety of isolation? What do I learn from stepping out and allowing myself to be vulnerable? I obsess about this... I tend to over analyze my interactions with people and worry what they think of me, experiencing frustration that I can’t get beyond it.

“I primarily use hand dyed or painted cottons, silks and non wovens but also have a love of Asian fabrics and kimono silks, incorporating these ancient traditional fabrics into my compositions. Use of sheers, couching and color values gives a sense of depth and texture. Slightly curving lines portray gracefulness and circles are often present representing wholeness and creativity.”

Our speaker in September will be Heather Kojan (<http://www.heatherkojan.com/>) who will speak on “Quilt Math: Triangles, Wedge and a little Fibonacci for Fun! “

Please note: the September meeting will be held via Zoom.



Treasurer's Report

Colleen Biasco

At our June 14th meeting, the Executive Board approved the proposed budget for our current business year (June 1, 2021 – May31, 2022). I will have some copies available at our August guild meeting.

If you would like a copy of the budget, please email me at Treasurer@friendshipstar.org.



Announcements

Fabric Scrap Collection – Alice Washburn

September is National Sewing Month and to promote this, members of The American Sewing Guild will be at G Street Fabrics during Labor Day weekend. A member will be collecting fabric and batting scraps on Sunday afternoon of Labor Day Weekend, probably between 2:00 and 3:00pm. Look for a car in the parking lot with its trunk open! **Please bring your scraps in a 13-gallon kitchen drawstring bag.** Thank you!

Quilts4DC Challenge – Michele Barnard

Friendship Star is sharing information about the Quilts4DC Challenge without attaching any value judgment to the cause they are promoting. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization; if this is not your political cup of tea, just ignore the challenge.

The Quilts4DC Challenge asks quilters everywhere to share their creativity and lift the message of full representation and voting rights for fellow Americans residing in Washington, DC.

Information can be found at: <https://www.lwvdc.org/quilts4dc>.



Monthly Fabric Raffle

Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson

Our monthly fabric raffle is a voluntary activity held at in-person guild meetings. One or both of us will be at the back of the church to collect fabric before the meeting starts. We will collect a slip with your name on it for each fat quarter or block you contribute. Names are drawn at the end of the meeting. You may contribute as many fat quarters or blocks as you wish, but you can only win once per meeting and **you must be present to win.**

2021-2022 Schedule

September - Virtual meeting, no raffle

October -- Fat quarters of seasonal Fall colors

November -- Fat quarters of conversation/novelty prints of any kind

December - Service Project Special. 12 ½ inch Nine Patch Block (12 inch finished when sewn into a quilt). Please use juvenile print fabrics in the center and corners, with white (solid or tone on tone) in the other 4 squares.

For every block you make for this raffle, please make a second block to be given to Service Projects. If you need a pattern to follow see: <http://www.quilterscache.com/N/NinePatchBlock.html>.

January - Zoom Meeting, no raffle

February - Zoom Meeting, no raffle

March - Fat quarters in any shade of green

April - Fat quarters of retro, historical or reproduction fabrics. (Civil War, 1930s, William Morris, etc.)

May - Fat quarters of "Ugly" fabric - one person's trash is another's treasure

June - Fat quarters of Patriotic or Red, White and/or Blue

Please contact us at fabric@friendshipstar.com if you have any questions.



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We are SO looking forward to our August 2nd guild meeting, our first in person meeting in well over a year, plus the added opportunity to see all of your beautiful rainbow challenge quilts up close and in person! Come early, register your challenge quilt, pick up a ballot, and spend some time browsing the colorful rainbows displayed on the pews.

We will also have ready-to-go kits available for baby quilt tops (36" square), larger tops, and pillowcases. Patterns are included. Please pick up one or more kits at our meeting. Before returning completed items, please wash and iron the pillowcases and reseal them in the zip lock bag, since the children who will receive them are immuno-compromised (chemotherapy patients). We will be located at the back of the church where you can also drop off finished items and any donations.

August Service Projects workshops will be held on August 5 and 26 from 9:30 am until noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, about 1/2 mile west of Quince Orchard HS.

Questions? Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver at ServProj@friendshipstar.org. We would love to welcome you!

Below is a group of quilts and placemats we recently donated to A Wider Circle. Thanks to everyone who helped us make that happen!





Rainbow Challenge Update

JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell

Here's a reminder of the procedures for the Rainbow Challenge at our August meeting.

1. Quilt turn-in by 7:15.
2. Quilts displayed on pews.
3. Ballot submission begins at 7:20.
4. Balloting continues for the first 5 minutes of the break.
5. Ballots tallied after polls closed during break
6. Parade of Challenge Quilts after Show and Tell.
7. Winners will be announced while quilts are on stage.

We can't wait to see all of your beautiful rainbows!

Questions? Contact JoAnne DuChez, DeVeda Powell or Meg Tison.



January 2022 Bon Secours Retreat

Joy Dorman and Colleen Biasco

Retreat Web Page – Click link: [2022 Retreat Web Page](#)

We are pleased to announce **FSQ's 23rd annual sewing retreat, a fun gathering of Quilters Unsupervised.** The retreat will be held Jan 14 – 16/17. We will be returning to the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours (RCCBS) in Marriottsville, MD, which has beautiful facilities including a conference room (our sewing space) with natural light coming from a wall of windows. Treat yourself to a long weekend without the distractions of home. Bring your sewing machine and projects you want to work on and Sew! Sew! Sew! Enjoy the company of other quilters and receive inspiration and guidance from fellow FSQ members.

Questions? Email Joy Dorman or Colleen Biasco at retreats@friendshipstar.org.

To register, please completely fill out the registration form and send it along with a deposit of \$50 by check made payable to FSQ. The deposit and final payment are nonrefundable unless you can find an FSQ guild member to replace you. We can take a maximum of 30 and we will maintain a wait list. The balance must be paid no later than Oct. 1, 2021 due to our contractual obligations with Bon Secours. Additional details about the weekend - including directions to RCCBS - will be provided after January 1st, 2022.



Yard Sale

Jennifer Rossmere

The Yard Sale Committee is ready to start collecting your wonderful donations again! At the August 2nd FSQ Meeting, several cars will be right in front of the church so that you can put your donations immediately into our cars as you arrive. If you come later, we will have a box in the foyer where you can leave your donations.

We will also be collecting donations at the two August Service Project days at the Fairhaven United Methodist Church: August 5th and August 26th. Please come into the building (there will be a sign on the door) and find Wendy Bauman, Peggy Weidman or Jennifer Rossmere and we will take your donations from your car to ours (no need to carry them into the church). Please be aware that masks are still required when entering Fairhaven Church.

It would be wonderful if you could help us out by separating your donations into containers with fabric only, paper only (patterns/books etc.), or notions/other items. Please, no really small scraps (less than about 5 inches square), home décor items, or clothing.

If you have a large donation, please contact Carmen Contreras-Sesvold.

Thank you for your donations and if you have any questions, please email Jennifer Rossmere at Yard_Sale@friendshipstar.org.



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

The library is open for all FSQ in-person meetings! Please drop by our tables, page through a few books, and make a couple selections to take home for a month. We have lots to inspire and get your creativity flowing.



Membership

Brenda Knopp

Wow it is August already! It will be exciting to be back in person this month. I can't wait to see everyone (or as many that are able to come.) I will be available at 7 for sign-in and sign ups! If you have not renewed already, it will be the perfect time to do so. If you are unable to make it I am still accepting dues via mail. 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 on the form. If there are no changes to your address and phone number just the check and a quick note saying "No changes" will be acceptable.

Guests are definitely welcome! I cannot wait to meet everyone again in person!

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp
Membership Chair



July Birthdays

Nancy Zachik - Jul 21
Rosemary Spezzano - Jul 22
Ihsia Hu - Jul 23
Eileen Malloy - Jul 24
JoAnne DuChez - Jul 26
Abbe Levine - Jul 30

August Birthdays

Jane Campos - Aug 8
Linda Duzick - Aug 14
Anne Weaver - Aug 21
Cathy Cottom - Aug 23
Lizabeth Lawrence - Aug 24
Sandra Koubek - Aug 29
Denise Dewhurst - Aug 30



“Let Us Do Good” Quilt Drive

Judy Walsh

Stephen Siller was a 34-year old firefighter who gave his life saving others at the Twin Towers on 9/11. He lived his life following St. Francis of Assisi’s words: **“While we have time, let us do good.”** The **Tunnel to Towers Foundation** (<https://t2t.org>) was established in his memory.

Tunnel to Towers (T2T) is a non-profit organization with the highest rating ^{**} (4 star) from Charity Navigator. It pays the mortgages or provides homes for families of military and first responders killed or severely wounded in the line duty. T2T provides help to three groups. Gold Star members (families of fallen soldiers); Fallen 1st Responders, and wounded vets/first responders.

One of the events to mark the 20th anniversary of Tunnel to Towers is constructing a 110-home "Let Us Do Good Village" in Land O'Lakes, FL. The project will include homes for families of the deceased as well as “Smart Homes” for those who were wounded and now have special needs.

Nanci O’Brien - a member of Four County Quilters - is coordinating the effort to provide one quilt for each of these 110 homes. Twenty (20) homes will be completed early in 2022, so the need is imminent. Nanci says “They prefer the quilts are made of red, white and/or blue and no bigger than lap size. Something for the receiver to snuggle under, toss over a couch or hang on a wall. “

If you would like to help by making any size quilt and/or offering long arm services, please contact Nanci at nancijean1@gmail.com or 301-829-2490.

^{**} Charity Navigator uses a 17 metric system in rating charities, and Tunnels to Towers is outstanding in all metrics. 93% of every dollar raised goes to its programs. The majority of its staff volunteer, and their programs receive assistance from major companies such as Home Depot to offset costs.



Tips & Tricks

Anonymous Member

How to Choose the Best Colors for Your Quilts

This free 14-page downloadable PDF-format booklet published by National Quilters Circle discusses the basic principles of color theory and how we can apply them to our own quilts.

http://s3.amazonaws.com/tnmarketing/nqc/Quilting-Color-Theory-NQC.pdf?utm_source=reg_onboarding&utm_medium=email

Art Gallery Fabrics has a lot of beautiful fabrics as well as some unique patterns. Why not try one of their patterns in totally different colors, using the tips you gained from the National Quilters Circle Color Theory booklet?

<https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/free-quilting-patterns/>

Editor's note: All members – including those who wish to remain anonymous – 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.



Readers' Corner

Michele Barnard suggests we might enjoy these books:

- Day Zero by C. Robert Cargill
- The Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths

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.



Elected Officers		
President	Michele Barnard	president@friendshipstar.org
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Co-Treasurers	Colleen Biasco & Kathy Swartz	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 & Colleen Biasco
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	Volunteer needed	Sunshine & Shadows	Ellen Robinson
Programs	Cathy Miller	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Publicity	Lorie Coston	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere
Quilt Show 2022	Volunteer(s) needed		