

Friendship Star Quilters September 2021

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The Quiltline

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 **Sept. 9 – Last Day to sign up for the Sept. Guild meeting AND to submit photos for Show & Tell**

Sept 12 – Quilting in Today's Japan by Maria Rogers-Naito at Capital Quilts in Gaithersburg, MD from 3–4:30 p.m. (in store \$15 and via Zoom \$10) Call 301-527-0598 to reserve a seat.

 **Sept. 13 – ZOOM Guild meeting!** Sign in early to chat. Business meeting starts at 7:30.

Sept. 18 - The Four County Quilters Guild “Quilts In The Park” from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m, at Piney Run Park & Nature Center, 30 Martz Rd, Sykesville, MD

Oct. 1 & 2 - NeedleChasers Quilt Show Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD

Monthly Fabric Raffle – Will resume in October with Fat Quarters in Fall colors.

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 Oct. 11th 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

“In many ways, September feels like the busiest time of the year: The kids go back to school, work piles up after the summer’s dog days, and Thanksgiving is suddenly upon us.”

— [Brene Brown](#)

Boy howdy. Halloween stuff is already stocked in the grocery stores! Summer never lasts long enough for me, so fall is not my favorite season.

I had a wonderful day at the fair this year. I spent a lot of time in the Home Arts building, looking at all of the wonderful quilts that were entered. I saw a number of familiar names.

As I told everybody it was likely that our quilt show would be pushed back- it has been. The Board voted last month to cancel the 2022 show at the fairgrounds, for a number of reasons: COVID resurgence, difficult recruiting vendors, lack of a quilt show chair, and declining participation. We would still like to have a show in 2023, so we'd still like a volunteer for quilt show chair!

We have a number of volunteer opportunities in the guild. For new members, it's a great way to get to know people. For long-term members, it's a way to make sure that our guild continues to thrive. I'm working on combining a couple of outdated “procedures” documents that define each of these roles, and members that have served in these roles will be invited to provide input.

- Quilt Show Chair
- Pins
- Programs Co-Chair – Cathy Miller has been doing an AWESOME job with Programs, and is willing to continue- as long as she has some help.
- Publicity – Lorie Coston would like to hand off this position
- Raffle Quilt Marketing

September also feels like a mini New Year, and all of my resolutions get rebooted this month. Have you kept any of your resolutions, or do you not make any? Mine are...not going well, but new starts are a blessing.

Yours in quilting,

Michele



August Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

FSQ August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone to the guild's first in-person meeting since the beginning of Covid infections. The September meeting will be Zoom due to a speaker conflict. October is scheduled to be the next in-person meeting. Three Guests introduced themselves. Members were reminded that if they haven't voted in the Service Project Rainbow challenge, they will have 5 minutes to do so at the short break. The Needle Chaser Guild is selling tickets for their raffle quilt in the lobby.

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

Treasurer's Report: Colleen Biasco

The new 2021-2022 budget was approved by the Executive Board committee and copies are available on request if anyone would like one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Board Meeting – Michele Barnard

The next executive board meeting is Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7 PM. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Contact one of the FSQ officers to receive a Zoom link to the meeting.

Montgomery County Fair – Michele Barnard

Michele announced that the Fair will be held from Friday August 13 to Friday August 20. The FSQ Raffle quilt is being entered in the quilts competition. Member's entries can be registered on August 12th and 13th.

Volunteer Positions Available – Michele Barnard

There are a large number of positions in the guild that need to be filled. A few people have asked for more information about them, however, Michele discovered descriptions of what these positions entail is not readily available. Michele asked potential volunteers to reach out to the person(s) currently holding the position for more information while she tries to gather further information.

Open positions include: raffle quilt marketing, quilt pin sales, publicity chair, and raffle quilt chair (to prepare the next raffle quilt). The Board has provisionally decided to move the quilt show to 2023 and keep the current quilt for that show. There was a discussion about obtaining photos of the current raffle quilt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Yard Sale – Peggy Weidman

Members of the Yard Sale Committee had cars out in front of the church to collect donations before the meeting and they were all filled up! Donations will also be collected in the daytime at the August and September Service project meetings, and also before the October FSQ meeting. The Yard Sale is set for the November 1 FSQ meeting. Contact Jennifer Rossmere for more information.

Membership – Brenda Knopp

Brenda reminded members that June was the beginning of the 2021-2022 membership year. Members can pay their dues at the meeting or by mail. Checks made out to FSQ for \$35 should be sent to Brenda's home mailing address. Submitting a renewal form is not necessary unless your contact information has changed.

Fabric Raffle – Liz Plantz

The optional fabric raffle is being restarted at the October FSQ meeting and will continue for the in-person meetings. How the fabric raffle works is described on the website and the list of fabric themes for each month is posted there. There will also be a service project special in December where the donation is two Nine Patch blocks, one for the raffle and one for Service Projects. Liz showed a sample of the block layout.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver

In-person Service Project Workshops at Fairhaven United Methodist Church will be held on Thursday August 5 and 26. Members who would like to know more about service projects were invited to talk to Anne or Nancy during the meeting break. There are quilt top and pillowcase kits in the back of the church that can be taken home and completed. Anne reminded members to vote for a challenge quilt at the break.

Show and Tell

There were technical difficulties in getting the projection set up for the speaker. The meeting proceeded with Show and Tell of non-challenge quilts. 11 guild members displayed and described their creations.

Door Prizes

The FSQ door prizes were won by Ginny Leake and Anne Weaver.

Programs – Cathy Miller

There were still some technical difficulties. Cathy introduced the speaker who bravely began without her presentation slides, which came up half way through her presentation, thanks to considerable help from the church's media specialist.

Presentation - Rachel Derstine, “Artful Couching: Texture and Definition”

Service Project Challenge – DeVeda Powell and Meg Tison

There were 31 entrants in the competition. Quilt makers paraded their quilts on stage, then DeVeda and Meg announced the winners: Third Place: Wendy Bauman, Second place: Ginny Leake, and First Place: The Piece Makers, Laura Chaskes, Carmen Contreras-Sesvold, Lorie Coston, Charlene Danka, Heidi Oestreicher, Lynn Stieber, Elaine Villforth, and Peggy Weidman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

The next meeting will take place on September 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM (second Monday due to the Labor Day Holiday). This will be a Zoom meeting. Members must register in Signup Genius by midnight on Thursday before the meeting in order to receive the link.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



Programs
Cathy Miller

Please consider giving me, Cathy Miller, a hand with programs. I especially need assistance when helping the speaker set up and to display quilts during the lecture. If you don't want to help every meeting, consider offering a date where you will help.

The speaker for our **Sept. 13th** meeting will be Heather Kojan, who will present **“Quilt Math: Triangles, Wedge and a little Fibonacci for Fun! “**

Please note, this meeting will be held via Zoom.

Artist Statement:

I've been sewing since my teens and quilting for more than 25 years. My first quilt was an Eleanor Burns Quilt in a Day. Since I had a king sized bed, it made sense to me to make a king sized quilt. Go big or go home, right? That quilt was in shades of mauve and dusty blue (hello mid '80's!) Let's just say my fabric tastes have changed since then!

Programs, cont.

I consider myself a modern quilter with traditional roots. I'm the founder of the Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild and love speaking to different groups and sharing the modern aesthetic. I'm foremost a teacher. I teach modern quilting classes in local shops, guilds and shows across the country.

I'm a contributing author to the book *Classic Modern Quilts* and a featured quilter in *The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters* by Sherri Lynn Wood, and 50 Little Gifts published by Lucky Spool. You can frequently find my work in Quiltmaker's 100 Blocks Magazine, Modern Patchwork Magazine and Curated Quilts Magazine.

Let's connect! You can find me on my blog: <http://www.heatherkojan.com> or on Instagram @heatherkojan.



Announcements

Fabric Scrap Collection – Alice Washburn

To promote September as National Sewing Month, members of The American Sewing Guild will be inside G Street Fabrics, 12220 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville during Labor Day Weekend. On Sunday, September 5th, a member of ASG will be collecting fabric and batting scraps 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!



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 were excited to learn recently that the NICU at Shady Grove Hospital has begun accepting donations again. However, we also learned that they prefer getting quilts that are larger than the preemie quilt size (16 – 18” square) that we have been making. They would prefer quilts that are in the 30 – 36” range. They continue to give them to the families as a memento of the care they received in the NICU and they say that the families are quite grateful for them.

We have many, many of the smaller preemie quilts in storage since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, which we will continue to donate (and they will continue to use) until our supply runs out. However, since we always try to adapt our efforts to the needs of the organizations to which we’re donating, we will begin to shift our focus to the larger size they prefer.

We know that many of you still have some of the traditional preemie quilts that you have made but have held onto. We don’t want your generous efforts to be in vain so we will continue to accept them during the September and October Service Projects workshops, as well as at the October guild meeting. If you can’t make it to any of these events, please either give them to a friend to deliver or get in touch with Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan and we will arrange a way to get them.

Many thanks for your understanding and continued generosity to FSQ’s service outreach efforts!

September Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 23rd. We meet from 9:30 am until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

Want to know more? Contact Nance or Anne for more details (ServProj@friendshipstar.org)



Rainbow Challenge A Great Success!

JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell

Thanks to the many FSQ members who made quilts for the Rainbow Challenge. The August guild meeting was the big “reveal” of 31 beautiful quilts and was also the evening when members could choose their favorite. With all of the talent in our guild, it was no surprise that it was a difficult decision! Yard sale bucks were awarded to the top three vote-getters:

1st Place – The Piece Makers: Elaine Villforth, Lorie Coston, Lynn Stieber, Charlene Danka, Carmen Sesvold, Peggy Weidman, Heidi Oestreicher and Laura Chaskes (who was unable to attend the meeting).



2nd Place –
Ginny Leake



3rd Place –
Wendy Bauman



The quilts have all been donated to area organizations, including Comfort Cases and the Shady Grove Hospital Pediatric unit. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to them and to all those who donated a quilt!

More fantastic Rainbow Challenge quilts will be found on the next page.

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January 2022 Bon Secours Retreat

Joy Dorman and Colleen Biasco

Retreat Web Page – Click link: [2022 Retreat 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 continues to welcome your wonderful donations. Since the September FSQ Meeting will be via Zoom, please hold your donations until the October FSQ Meeting on October 4th. 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 September Service Project days at the Fairhaven United Methodist Church: September 2nd and September 23rd. 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

It was great seeing many of you in person last month. I hope we can keep attending in person. This month we are on Zoom again, which has its privileges as well.

Please remember if you have not yet renewed to do so soon. 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. 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!

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Brenda Knopp
Membership Chair



Phyllis Eddy	Sep 1
Brenda Knopp	Sep 4
Barbara Kilby	Sep 5
Connie Ross	Sep 6
Judy Hoffman	Sep 12
Cathy A Miller	Sep 13
Mary Ann Bruce	Sep 25



Tips & Tricks

Peggy Weidman

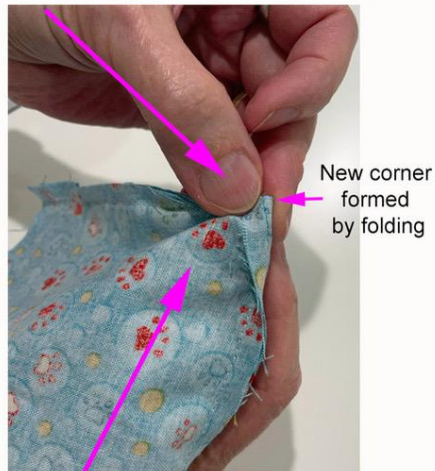
How to Turn a Sharp Corner

Have you ever gone to turn the corner of a pillow cover right side out and accidentally pushed a hole in the corner in the process? I learned this really fantastic method for turning a square corner in a Craftsy class.

First you put your right thumb inside the corner to be turned.

With your left hand, you fold one seam allowance over your right thumb and then fold the other seam allowance over the first one, holding the folds between the thumb and fingers of your left hand.

Left hand holds folded seam allowances.



New corner
formed
by folding

Right thumb is pushed into the corner

Place the fingernail of your right index finger on the tip of the new corner created by the folded seam allowances, and then push the corner inward, turning it right side out.

Without any fuss, you get a sharp corner!



Nice sharp corner

Use the right index finger to push
the corner right side out.

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



Readers' Corner

Linda Beleki

There's lots of love in this book, plus a happy ending. It's a good summer read.

The Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs

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	Volunteer needed	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere
Quilt Show 2022	Volunteer(s) needed		