



# Friendship Star Quilters October 2021

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## The Quiltline

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



**Oct 4 – Guild meeting** (in-person!)



**Oct 11 – Executive Board meeting** (via Zoom)

**Oct 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Needlework Emporium**  
9 am – 3 pm Women’s Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma  
Rd, Bethesda. Free admission and free parking.

<https://m.facebook.com/events/1400438410312577>

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## Monthly Fabric Raffle – Fat Quarters in Fall colors

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meetings
<p>Guild meetings are usually held 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>Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm, business meeting &amp; program at 7:30 pm.</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 are required. See page 9 for more information.</b></p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>Monday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.</b></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

**“The creation of a single world comes from a huge number of fragments and chaos.”**

--- Hayao Miyazaki

As I write this, we have no internet. FiOS is down for some reason, so we have no internet, no TV, and no “landline” phone. The Verizon technician is scheduled to come tomorrow, so hopefully we'll be back to normal fairly soon. It's odd to not have background noise from the TV, but also kind of nice.

It's amazing how dependent we are on technology. My youngest is still in high school, and this year MCPS decided that ALL students would be issued Chromebooks – which is fine until you have no internet, and wind up hanging out for an hour at Starbucks to do homework. Telework is more complicated - I can log in through a hotspot on my work phone, but it's s..l..o..w.

And still - we have tiny computers in our pockets which can do nearly all of the things. Those who are higher up the techno-ladder can probably do ALL the things!

So while I do appreciate technology, it's also nice to unplug. Handwork is a pleasant way to get away from the electronic world for a while. It's soothing and calming to sit and hand quilt, and I wonder every time I do it why I don't do it more.

Yours in quilting,

Michele Barnard



## September Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

### FSQ September 13, 2021 Zoom Meeting

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting.

October is scheduled to be an in-person meeting. Please check the newsletter for any updates on Montgomery County Covid guidelines for that meeting. Presently masks are required for everyone at the meeting.

There was one guest and one new member - Karen Helfert - who won FSQ's Best Beginner's Quilt Award at the Montgomery County Fair.

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

### Treasurer's Report: Colleen Biasco

There was nothing new to report.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Executive Board Meeting – Michele Barnard

The next executive board meeting is Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7 PM. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Contact one of the FSQ officers to receive a Zoom link to the meeting.

### FSQ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Michele Barnard

The Guild's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up in 2022 and it has been proposed that we have some kind of event to celebrate. A volunteer is needed to spearhead the planning and execution of this event beginning soon.

### Volunteers Needed – Michele Barnard

We are always in need of volunteers. New members are encouraged to volunteer as a great way to get to know other people in the guild. Most of the positions to be filled really don't take up much time. Open positions include: raffle quilt marketing, quilt pin sales, publicity chair, raffle quilt chair (to prepare the next raffle quilt), helpers for the Program chair, and quilt show chair for 2023. Michele is willing to serve as publicity chair when her term as President ends, but someone is needed to serve as interim chair until that time.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Yard Sale – Carmen Sesvold**

Carmen thanked all of the people who have been working hard on preparing for the yard sale, as well as all of those who donated so many wonderful things. The committee will still be accepting donations at service projects and at the October FSQ meeting. We ask that donors please separate their donations into fabric, paper, and other. If you can't make any of these drop off dates, contact anyone on the Yard Sale Committee to arrange a special drop off or pick up.

Since we have been collecting donations for 2 years, we have quite stockpile of goods to sell and are asking members to invite their friends to the sale so we can sell as much as possible. The committee is also asking for volunteers to donate 1 to 1 ½ hours on Sunday afternoon before the sale (October 31) to help load everything up for transport to the sale on Monday. Volunteers are also needed to come to the church 1 to 1 ½ hours before the meeting on November 1 to help unload everything and set it up for the sale. Contact anyone on the Yard Sale Committee to volunteer.

### **Facebook – Suma Glassman**

Not much is new, just trying to keep up with the latest news about quilt shows. We have over 530 followers at present.

### **Membership – Brenda Knopp**

Brenda was not present to report, but joined the meeting later. Michele reiterated that if you haven't renewed yet, now is time to do so. (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 (found on the renewal form on the FSQ website). The directory will be coming out in October.

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

Anne reminded everyone that the NICU at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital doesn't want the small preemie quilts anymore. They want 30-36 inch ones. Anne and Nancy are developing some guidelines for those and will post them on line and email them out. If you do have any small ones to turn in, please bring them to the September and October service workshops or the October meeting. After that they will no longer be accepted. Service project workshops will be held on September 23 and October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other items of interest**

#### **Wine and Chocolate Basket – Karen Slayton**

Karen's quilting mini-group is going to provide a wine and chocolate raffle basket to the yard sale to raise money for the guild. Tickets will be \$1 apiece or 6 tickets for \$5. They will be selling tickets at the October meeting and at the November Yard Sale. You do not have to be present to win.

## **The Quiltline – October 2021**

### **Quilt Show Announcement - Alice Washburn**

The Needle Chasers Guild of Chevy Chase will be holding their quilt show on October 1 and 2 at the Kensington Armory. Admission is \$7. There will be beautiful quilts to see, items to buy, and a Calico Elephant sale, which is equivalent to our Yard Sale. Alice invited everyone to attend.

### **Yard Sale Announcement - Maria Naito**

Bethesda Quilters are having a yard sale on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10-4 PM at the Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington.

### **Old Quilting Magazines – Jane Philips**

Jane has numerous quilting magazines that need a good home, if anyone is interested.

### **Programs – Cathy Miller**

Cathy thanked Lori Coston for posting information about the speakers on the website, and then introduced the evening speaker, Heather Kojan.

### **Presentation – Heather Kojan “Quilt Math: Triangles, Wedges and a Little Fibonacci for Fun”**

**Show and Tell** – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 27 quilt photos submitted by 8 guild members who described their creations.

### **Door Prizes**

The FSQ door prize gift card was won by Brenda Knopp.

### **The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM**

The next meeting will take place on October 4, 2021 at 7:30 PM. This will be an in-person meeting. Be sure to bring a mask to wear whether you are vaccinated or not.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



## Programs

Cathy Miller

Our August speaker, Rachel Derstine won Second place in the Innovative category of the Full Size Quilt Competition at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks. Her winning quilt “One Foot in Front of the Other” of her daughter hiking the Appalachian trail is stunning and we got to see it up close.





## The Quiltline – October 2021

Our speaker October 4, 2021 is Erin Underwood – Express Yourself! Originality and Creativity in Quilting. I had an opportunity to talk to Erin in person at the quilt show in Oaks. Her booth was loaded with beautiful quilts.

<http://www.erinunderwoodquilts.com>

Erin has been quilting since the early 1990's but sewing since her college roommate helped her make her first dress. In late 2003, she purchased a Gammill 26" Classic Long Arm and honed her quilting skills on customer quilts for 6 years. In 2016, Erin and her husband opened up the Blue Hen Quilt Shop in Newark, Delaware. What better way to develop a wonderful stash of fabric than to own the store!

Erin designs patterns that are traditional with a twist. She appreciates the many styles of quilting and has centered her classes around techniques that enable the quilter to create complicated quilts using simplified methods.

She also is a Ruler Designer with Creative Grids. Her five rulers (two 15-Degree Triangle rulers, the Diamond Dimensions 45-degree Ruler and two 22.5 degree triangles) keep her very busy designing and creating a myriad of patterns to accompany them. Both her rulers and original patterns can be found in quilt shops across the country as well as Australia and the United Kingdom.

Erin enjoys the opportunity to travel to guilds, retreats and quilt shops to share her love of quilting as well as exhibiting her quilts at local, regional and national shows. She is always delighted by the warm reception and eagerness of quilters to learn from each other and she continues to take classes herself.

On a personal note, Erin grew up as the youngest child in a military family and traveled extensively across the United States. She has been happily married for 30+ years to a man her mother hand-picked for her. They have three grown children - two sons and a daughter. She and her husband, assorted cats, dogs and chickens, currently live in Elkton, Maryland.



## 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](mailto:fabric@friendshipstar.com) if you have any questions.





## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

You may have read or heard that the Shady Grove NICU would like us to start making larger preemies than we have been donating. Since we have quite a number of the smaller quilts that we stored during the pandemic, we will continue to donate them until that supply is gone.

If you have any of the smaller preemies in a nook or cranny of your sewing room, we will accept them through the end of October, both at the October meeting and at either of the October Service Projects workshops on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>.

We want to be responsive to the needs of the organizations to which we donate, so have come up with some guidelines for the “new” preemies. If you need flannel to back them, we have a supply of 1 yard pieces. As we make up preemie kits, we will include some flannel backing for each. You can also request a piece of flannel for preemies you make at home. Please return completed preemies to us, either at a meeting or at a workshop.

### PREEMIE QUILT GUIDELINES

Preemie quilts are donated to area hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) and are given to families as a memento of the care their babies received while in the NICU. Below are some guidelines to consider as you are making a preemie quilt.

- Hospitals would like for them to be 30”-36”, either squares or rectangles.
- Use cotton, flannel or fleece for the top and flannel or fleece for the back.
- You don’t need to use batting. Two layers are fine for these little quilts.
- Using a 1/2” to 5/8” seam, finish them “envelope-style” and then topstitch around the perimeter. Use some light machine-quilting to hold the layers together. Don’t tie the quilts, as ties can be irritating to babies’ skin.
- Please attach an FSQ label if you have some. Otherwise, we’ll be glad to attach one.
- Please wash them before turning them in to remove dust, oils and pet hair (if you have pets) since these babies are quite vulnerable.

Thank you for taking the time to make a little quilt for these little babies and their families. They truly appreciate them!

October Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver with questions ([servproj@friendshipstar.org](mailto:servproj@friendshipstar.org)) . We hope you can join us.



## You've Got Mail!

Judy Walsh

Our guild uses a monitored broadcast list (i.e., listserv) for FSQ-related emails. While these emails are not frequent, they will inform you of guild-related items such as

- when the newsletter is available
- when there are sudden retreat openings
- who has a sewing machine for sale, etc.

In addition to receiving these “group” emails, any FSQ member can send an email to the entire group using one email address once they have subscribed to the FSQ listserv.

### To subscribe to the listserv:

1. Open your internet browser, enter the following URL address:  
<https://lists201d.his.com/mailman/listinfo/fsg>  
and then press the Enter key.
2. Scroll down the page until you see the “Subscribing to FSQ...” section and complete the items of requested information.  
Answer “NO” to the “daily digest” question to ensure you receive each email as it is sent.
3. Click on “Subscribe.”
4. Once your information has been verified, **you will be sent a confirmation email. Check your spam box since you MUST reply to the confirmation email.**
5. Follow the directions in the email to complete your subscription to the mailing list. **If you do not reply within 3 days your subscription will not be activated.**

To send an email to all FSQ list subscribers address it to [fsq@lists201d.his.com](mailto:fsq@lists201d.his.com).



## Yard Sale

Jennifer Rossmere

The Yard Sale Committee would appreciate your help. We have received a lot of donations! Now we need some help getting them to the Church. To move all the boxes from Carmen's house to the Church, we have rented a U-Haul truck.

We need:

- Hand trucks available for the committee to borrow to move boxes (both at Carmen's and at the church)
- Volunteers to help us load the truck at Carmen's house on Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Volunteers to help unload at the Church on Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> about 4:00 p.m.

**If you can help with any of the above, please email us at [Yard\\_Sale@friendshipstar.org](mailto:Yard_Sale@friendshipstar.org).**

The Yard Sale Committee will be collecting one more time at the October FSQ Meeting on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Several cars will be in front of the church so that you can put your donations immediately into our cars as you arrive. There will be a box in the foyer where you can leave your donations if you arrive a little later. If you have a large amount of fabric, we would really appreciate it if you could hold onto it for the next yard sale which will be in June of 2022.

Please help us out by separating your donations into containers/bags 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.

We thank all those members who have donated to make this Yard Sale a success! If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Rossmere at [Yard\\_Sale@friendshipstar.org](mailto: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 ([facebook@friendshipstar.org](mailto:facebook@friendshipstar.org)).



## 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

Yay! We are back in person again. It is nice to see “real” faces and not just boxes. Zoom has some benefits but so does meeting in person.

I am still accepting membership renewals and always accepting new membership in general.

Please be sure to sign in as you come into the meeting. I have plenty of name tags - please use them. Of course if you have your own, wear that one.

I must admit, I do not know most of you. I joined the guild in February 2020 and we went remote in March.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Brenda Knopp  
Membership Chair



### October Birthdays

Teresa Peterson	Oct 17
Alice Washburn	Oct 20
Veronica Smith	Oct 26
Michele Barnard	Oct 27
Harriet Sheinson	Oct 29



## Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

### Preventing Creases: How to fold a rectangular quilt on the diagonal

When folded quilts have been stored for months, they can end up with a lot of creases. If you fold a quilt on the diagonal (i.e., the bias) it results in less creasing. And it's even better to fold it so the quilt "top" is on the outside. That puts the "sharper" part of any crease on the back of the quilt.

Folding a square quilt on the diagonal is usually easy, but what about a rectangular quilt? There's always something hanging off the edge. What's the best way to handle that?

I found this video especially helpful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EopXCX2oy2c>

*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

Kay Campbell Anderson

Kay suggests the following books and notes that they are all available as e-books through our library:

**The Women of Chateau Lafayette** by Stephanie Dray

**Hamilton** by Ron Chernow

**A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles

**A Woman of No Importance** by Sonia Purnell

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



<b>Elected Officers</b>		
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<b>Committee Chairs</b>			
<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 & Colleen Biasco
<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>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	<b>Sunshine &amp; Shadows</b>	Ellen Robinson
<b>Programs</b>	Cathy Miller	<b>Web Master</b>	Lorie Coston
<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	<b>Yard Sale</b>	Jennifer Rossmere
<b>Quilt Show 2023</b>	<b>Volunteer(s) needed</b>		