



Friendship Star Quilters November 2021

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The Quiltline

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Oct 31 - Yard Sale Preparation!

Meet at Carmen's house at 1:00 PM to help load the rental truck with items for the Yard Sale. Contact Yard_Sale@friendshipstar.org for more information.



Nov 1 - Guild Meeting and YARD SALE! There will NOT be a Fabric Raffle, Show & Tell nor a Door Prize drawing so we'll have more time to shop!

Don't forget to bring bags to hold your non-fabric Yard Sale items. Bags will be provided for all fabric purchases.

Nov 5– Regional Textile Showcase (thru 12/30) and Artists Boutique (thru 11/23)

Thursdays – Mondays 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Montpelier House Museum
Laurel, MD

Monthly Fabric Raffle – No raffle this month due to the Yard Sale.

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meetings
<p>Guild meetings are usually held the 1st Monday of the month at</p> <p>Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD</p> <p>Face masks are required. 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 7 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday Dec. 13th 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

“If you wish to make an apple pie truly from scratch you must first invent the universe.”

— *Carl Sagan*

Happy November, friends!

As much as I dislike fall, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. And yes, I often make an apple pie, although my “scratch” version doesn't go to the extreme that Carl's does. I make other pies as well- Thanksgiving is the one day where everybody gets their favorite pie if they want it, even if that means making many pies. Turkey is optional; pie is essential. My Grandma D. was FAMOUS for her pies!

In terms of quilting, I'm thankful for rulers and rotary cutters. My grandmother – either one - would have been **thrilled** to have those tools at her disposal. I'm grateful I had women in my life who taught me to sew and the love of fabric. I'm happy I have friends who I can hang out with that understand the quilting life.

This year I'm thankful for this hobby that's helped keep me sane over the past year and a half. Hopefully next year we'll have even more to be thankful for.

Yours in quilting,

Michele





October Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The speaker requested to speak before the business meeting because she had a long drive home to make. Cathy Miller introduced the speaker, Erin Underwood.

Presentation – Erin Underwood “Express Yourself! Originality and Creativity in Quilting”

Business Meeting

Michele asked any guests or new members to identify themselves. There were two guests and one new member.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Colleen Biasco and Kathy Swartz

Colleen reported that the transition to Kathy Swartz as main treasurer was complete. Kathy asked everyone to send their reimbursement requests and other treasurer business to the FSQ mailbox (FSQ, P.O. Box 8051, Gaithersburg, MD 20898), but to also send her an email so she knows it is coming and can go to pick it up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Board Meeting – Michele Barnard

The next Executive Board Meeting is Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7 PM by Zoom. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Contact the Zoom host Teresa Peterson to receive the Zoom link to the meeting.

Volunteers Needed – Michele Barnard

Michele again made a plea for volunteers. Open positions include: raffle quilt marketing, publicity chair, raffle quilt chair (to make the next raffle quilt), and quilt show chair(s) for 2023. (Note: Volunteers are also needed for a committee to plan a celebration of the Guild’s 40th Anniversary in spring 2022.)

Linda Belecki has volunteered to chair the FSQ quilt pin sales. Michele is willing to serve as publicity chair when her term as President ends, but a volunteer is needed to serve as interim chair until then. If you enjoy the FSQ guild speakers and activities, please consider volunteering. (Please keep in mind that most of these positions involve committees and the chair is not responsible for everything!)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Yard Sale – Peggy Weidman

Peggy thanked all the people who have donated goods and who have been working hard on preparing for the yard sale. Peggy reminded everyone that the yard sale is a major source of income for the guild, and we have not had any income except membership dues since the beginning of the pandemic. The yard sale will take place after the Nov. 1 FSQ business meeting. A couple of things are different this year. Firstly, approximate fabric yardage will be coded by colored tape on the fabric (signs indicating approximate yardage and tape color will be posted). Secondly, fabric will be charged by weight at \$7 per pound (approximately 4 yards = 1 pound). We have paper bags for you to put your fabric in. Please bring your own bags for other non-fabric items. Before you check out, you just stop at the weigh station and get a receipt with the weight of your fabric bag. When you check out, you turn in your receipt, no need to handle all the fabric again! Thirdly, you will receive one book and one pattern of your choice for free when you purchase from the yard sale. Since we have a very large amount of goodies and don't want to have any leftovers, we encourage everyone to invite a friend or friends to the meeting and yard sale. Please remember that ONLY CASH OR CHECKS are accepted for payment!

There are so many things for the yard sale, it's become necessary to rent a large truck to transport it from Carmen's house to the church. A few people have already volunteered to help with the moving but we can always use more. We especially need hand trucks, preferably with a person to use them! Carmen and her family have gradually moved the stockpile to a main floor room in her house, and have provided ramps for the few stairs to be negotiated and to the truck. The more people we have, the faster it will go! (You will not be asked to do anything you are unable/unwilling to do.) The truck will be loaded starting around 1 PM on Sunday October 31. Volunteers are also needed to come to the church around 4:00 PM before the meeting on Monday, November 1 to help unload everything and set it up for the sale. Email the FSQ Yard Sale Committee to volunteer. We'd LOVE to hear from you!

Membership – Brenda Knopp

Brenda reminded everyone that June was the beginning of the 2021-2022 membership year, and now was the time to pay dues if you haven't already done so. 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 2021-2022 membership directory will be coming out in October.

Service Projects – Nancy Brennan

Nancy reminded everyone that Shady Grove NICU will not accept the small preemie quilts as of the end of October, and will only take 30-36 inch quilts. Anne and Nancy have developed new guidelines (posted by FSQ email, in the October Newsletter and on the website). She displayed some examples of the new quilts. Kits for these and other quilts/pillow cases were available in the lobby. If anyone has any small preemie quilts left, please turn them in at the service workshops on October 14th and 28th.

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Acknowledgements to former FSQ Officers and Chairs– Judy Walsh

Judy was President of FSQ prior to Michele Barnard. She had wanted to officially thank all the officers and Committee Chairs who had served with her that year but before she could, the pandemic intervened. Judy took this opportunity to name all of those who served with her and provided each a thank you card and small gift.

Programs – Cathy Miller

Cathy reminded everyone that, because of the November Yard Sale and the December holiday party, the next speaker will not be until the January meeting, and this meeting will be on Zoom.

Show and Tell

Four FSQ members presented their quilts. Our newest FSQ member and winner of the FSQ's Best Beginner's Quilt Award at the Montgomery County Fair - Karen Halfert - and her daughter Kathy also presented their winning quilt.

Fat Quarter Exchange – Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson

The winners of the FSQ fat quarter exchange were Tomo Beckman, Judy Newton, and Ginny Leake.

Door Prizes

The FSQ door prizes were won by Linda Belecki and Trish McTighe.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

The next meeting will take place on November 1, 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.

Note: The Yard Sale will occur after the November business meeting. Please remember to bring a friend(s), cash or a check, and an extra bag for non-fabric purchases.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



Programs

Cathy Miller

The guild voted 52 to 18 to have a speaker by Zoom for our December meeting instead of Quilto. Remember to watch for the SignupGenius notice 2 weeks before the meeting.

In December our speaker will be Veruschka Zarate of Pride & Joy Quilting from California. She'll be talking about her quilting journey from traditional to "falling in love with Foundation Paper Piecing"

Have fun at the Yard Sale!





Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

FSQ members have been sewing up a storm and the Service Projects committee has been hard at work delivering the fruits of your labor to area nonprofits and agencies.

We recently delivered 163 pillowcases to our contact for Ryan's Case for Smiles. Effie was thrilled to receive so many colorful pillowcases for pediatric oncology patients at Children's Hospital, Fairfax Inova Hospital and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Just in time for Thanksgiving, FSQ members completed 63 cheerful, fall-themed placemats for delivery to Iona House in Washington, D.C. They will be included with the hot meals they deliver to their shut-in clients.



Many thanks to all the FSQ members who attend workshops, sew at home, give generously of their time, and make the world a better place, one stitch at a time.

November Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, November 4, and Thursday, November 18.

We meet at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

For more information, contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver.



YAY! THE YARD SALE IS FINALLY HERE!

Jennifer Rossmere

The sale will take place on Monday November 1st - after a short business meeting - at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene.

After gorging on Halloween sweets, take a break and feast your eyes on our quilter's dreamscape!

We have a stash of wonderful fabrics including batiks, solids, blenders, retro/modern, geometric, patriotic, reproductions, novelty, holiday and so much more. Panels, precuts, packages, and kits are also available.

We have a literal library of quilting/sewing books, CDs, patterns and an unbelievable variety of notions including thread, rotary cutters, rulers, templates and sewing gadgets galore.

For the quilting artist, we have embellishments; buttons, ribbons, embroidery floss, charms and stabilizers/interfacing.

There are also bigger items like a serger, rolling sewing machine cases, hand quilting/embroidery frames and irons.

You name it, and you'll probably find it! All electrical (AC/battery) items have been tested to ensure they are in working order.

BEST OF ALL, PRICES ARE ROCK BOTTOM!

EVEN BETTER, you get to choose a free book and pattern with your purchase!

TO TOP IT OFF, tickets for three delightful gift baskets will be sold during the Yard Sale! (The winners to be announced at the end of the sale and you don't have to be present to win.)

All fabric (yardage, panels, scraps, precuts, UFO's, etc.) will be sold by the pound (\$7/pound, ~1.75/yard).

We will provide paper bags for weighing your fabrics. Look for the color-coded tape on each piece of yardage that indicates its approximate size.

Books and CD's: 2/\$3 and 4/\$5

Patterns: \$1 each

Bargain table items (notions, embellishments, anything that will fit in a zip-lock bag): \$1/quart bag and \$3/gallon bag.

Miscellaneous other items as marked

ALL YOU NEED TO BRING IS:

- A mask
- A bag (or several bags!) for non-fabric goodies
- **Cash or a Check** (sorry no credit cards or electronic transactions)
- As many of your quilting friends as you like! (We don't want any left overs!)

We are really excited it's finally happening and hope you are too! See you there!

The Yard Sale Committee (Yard_Sale@friendshipstar.org)



Raffle Baskets at the Yard Sale

Karen Slayton

I am happy to announce that there will now be 3 Baskets to Raffle off at the Yard Sale on November 1, 2021. Two of the baskets are Wine and Chocolate and the third basket was put together by the Yard Sale Committee and is a basket of Exceptional Items.

Tickets will be on sale at the Yard Sale at \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. You do not need to be there to win but your name and phone number are needed on the back of the ticket so we can contact you.

All proceeds are going to the guild and "Thank You's" go out to The Sewfisticated Ladies Mini Group and the Yard Sale Committee for their help in putting the baskets together.



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).



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

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no article this month.



Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

Selecting fabrics or colors for a quilt can sometimes be challenging. Jen Kingwell - a master of quilts with lots of different fabrics and colors - shares her selection process in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laQB195ICMs>

All members are invited to contribute to this column. Please share a sewing/quilting tip you've found helpful by sending in a brief write-up for our next newsletter.



Readers' Corner

Linda Duzick

I recently finished a book that others might enjoy.

Miss Benson's Beetle

By Rachael Joyce

No, it isn't about a Volkswagen bug but about a woman searching for a rare beetle.

The book begins in London in 1950 with all the continued deprivations of rationing in post WWII England (England didn't completely eliminate rationing until 1964. The House of Lords thought it instilled discipline in the working class.). The story quickly moves to Indonesia where the search for a rare beetle takes place.

Odd storyline? Yes, I picked this up when I was in a reading rut and wanted something different. What I didn't expect was a story that had great depth and character development. I found myself cheering them on and couldn't wait to read what happened next in their adventure.

All members are invited to contribute to this column. Please share some of the books or authors you've enjoyed by sending in a brief write-up for our next newsletter.



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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	Volunteer needed	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	Linda Belecki	Sunshine & Shadows	Ellen Robinson
Programs	Cathy Miller	Web Master	Lorie Coston
Publicity	Volunteer needed	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere
Quilt Show 2023	Volunteer(s) needed		