



## Friendship Star Quilters December 2021

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# The Quiltline

- Dec 2 – Last day to sign up for the guild meeting AND to send in photos for Show & Tell
- Dec 6 – FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom at 7 pm.  
Business meeting starts at 7:30.
- Dec 13 – FSQ Executive Board Meeting via Zoom at 7 pm

*Happy Holidays!*



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### Monthly Fabric Raffle – 12.5" Service Project blocks - due in March

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meetings
Guild meetings are usually held the 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD  <b>Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm; business meeting &amp; program at 7:30 pm.</b>	Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 am - Noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD  <b>Face masks are required.</b> See page 6 for more information.	The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>Monday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.</b>  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.



## President's Message

Michele Barnard

"At this season of the year, darkness is a more insistent thing than cold. The days are short as any dream."

— E.B. White

Our house recently is in even more chaos than usual, but for a good reason. Just before Thanksgiving, we adopted two kittens from the Montgomery County shelter. Starburst and Snickers are...busy. It had been a long time since we had a kitten in the house, and I'd forgotten just how inquisitive they are! So I'm currently on a mission to put away all of the pincushions- because pins were a discovery.



Starburst



Snickers

And it **is** dark these days – time to start putting in time with the light box in the morning. Those light exposure minutes are a good time to do some mindless sewing and inventorying of UFOs. It was NOT a great year of finishing here in the Barnard household, but I hope (as always!) to make a bigger dent next year.

In this holiday season, please enjoy whatever holiday(s) you celebrate. I treasure this guild, and am thankful for it each and every year. Our celebrations this year are a little different (again), but I'm happy that we're all here to celebrate.

Yours in Quilting,

Michele



## November Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, welcomed everyone to the Yard Sale meeting, and announced that the business meeting will be kept short so there will be more time to shop. The December meeting will be on Zoom. Michele asked any new members to introduce themselves and one new member did. The Membership Chair was not available and Michele asked anyone with membership applications to mail them in. Guests were welcomed and invited to talk to FSQ members about the Guild.

### **Business Meeting**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MidAtlantic Quilt Festival -Michele**

The MidAtlantic Quilt Festival will be from February 24 to 27 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Gerda Sherwood and Carol Carrier have manned the Raffle Quilt table in previous years, but will not be able to do it on their own this year, so volunteer helpers are needed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Fabric Raffle – Liz Plantz**

The December Raffle was to be for service projects, but since that will now be a Zoom meeting, the service project raffle will be moved to the next in person meeting (March).

#### **Programs – Cathy Miller**

December, January, and February meetings will be by Zoom. There are some great speakers signed up, Veruschka Zarate in December, Karen Combs in January, and Debbie Wendt in February. Cathy reminded members that it is necessary to sign up in advance for Zoom meetings. If a friend would like to attend, send Cathy their email address and she will make sure they get the Zoom link. Guests get 1 free meeting. It is \$5.00 for additional meetings.

#### **Email Hack – Jane Phillips**

Jane apologized for a recent hack of her email account that resulted in spam email being delivered to many FSQ members. She has taken measures to ensure it doesn't happen again. Members were reminded that it is important to change your email password and empty your server email trash when your account gets hacked.

## The Quiltline – December 2021

### **Yard Sale – Jennifer Rossmere and Peggy Weidman**

Jennifer thanked everyone who helped in so many ways from donating to moving the donations in order to make the Yard Sale happen. She was really impressed by the volunteer spirit and generosity of so many. She also acknowledged several large donations. These came from Ray Parrok and his wife Franny, Nimble Fingers, and Lee Ewing on behalf of his wife Renee. Jennifer also acknowledged the tireless efforts of the Yard Sale Committee and especially Carmen Sesvold, who stored most of the donations in her home for almost 2 years.

Peggy Weidman then gave a few reminders about the Yard Sale: Masks are required, only cash or checks are accepted, all fabric items are being sold by the pound, keep fabric separate from everything else, yardage is color coded and the codes posted on the tables, take your fabric bag to be weighed, and don't forget to take a free book and pattern before checking out.

### **The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM**

The next meeting will take place on December 6, 2021 at 7:30 PM. This will be Zoom Meeting. Be sure to sign up in advance when you receive the invitation.

**Note:** The next Executive Board Meeting is Monday, December 13, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Weidman, Secretary



## Programs

Cathy Miller

Don't forget to signup for the Zoom call. I want to thank Lorie Coston for her suggestions for this month and Feb. speakers.

Veruschka Zarate of Pride & Joy Quilting will be our Zoom speaker on Dec 6, 2021.

Veruschka began her quilting journey in 2016, shortly after having her two sons. She decided to dedicate herself to the education and raising of her two precious boys and set aside her professional career in Marriage & Family Therapy. Along the way, she developed a love of quilting and later a passion for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP).

Wanting to integrate her calling to uplift others, she dedicates herself to developing and creating FPP pieces that inspire, encourage and empower. Veruschka greatly enjoys teaching FPP techniques via her modern patterns.

Her presentation will detail the quilting journey and upcoming projects of Pride & Joy Quilting. From traditional quilt piecing to falling in love with FPP; she will explore how she is using FPP to bring about fresh and modern pieces for quilters to make. Veruschka will discuss her development as a quilt maker and designer, sharing all sorts of tips, tricks and techniques she has learned along the way. She will also do a trunk show of her large-scale FPP pieces as well as upcoming projects.

### For Sale

Handi Quilter Sweet Sixteen Accessories, gently used:

- HQ Sweet Sixteen Table Overlay. (Originally over \$80.)
- HQ Sweet Sixteen TruStitch stitch regulator. (Originally over \$800.)
- HQ Sweet Sixteen 18" Table Extension. (Originally over \$200.)

**\$500 for all three items, which work well together. Will deliver.**

May also fit and be compatible with Baby Lock 16" sit-down Tiara.

Contact [KayCampbellAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:KayCampbellAnderson@gmail.com)



## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

November was a busy month for Service Projects, with 2 workshops and 2 quilt deliveries. We delivered 25 quilts to Comfort Cases, to be included in backpacks going to children entering foster care all over the United States, as well as 23 quilts to A Wider Circle, which provides household goods and furnishings to families moving from homelessness into stable housing.

FSQ members' generosity has enabled us to emphasize the "giving" in Thanksgiving, not only in November, but all year along. Thanks to all of you!

We are halfway through our "quilt year" which runs from June 1 through May 31. So far, in the past 6 months, we have made and donated the following:

**305** quilts

**272** preemie quilts

**100** preemie hats

**163** pillowcases

**80** placemats

Everyone is welcome at Service Projects workshops. We meet twice a month, from 9:30 am until noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard HS. You can either bring a sewing machine or just bring yourself. There's always plenty to do.

Our December dates are Thursday, December 2, and Thursday, December 16. Bring a friend!

Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver for questions or more details.

## FREE

### **John Flynn Multi-Frame Quilting System**

For machine or hand quilting. No pinning or basting needed.

Includes instructional DVD. <https://www.flynnquilt.com/>

Contact [KayCampbellAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:KayCampbellAnderson@gmail.com)



## **Yard Sale Thank You**

**The Yard Sale Committee:** Wendy Bauman, Mary Anne Bruce, Carmen Contreras-Sesvold, Jennifer Rossmere and Peggy Weidman

The Yard Sale was a huge success!!!! We sold lots of fabric and notions, and there was a fun atmosphere as people marveled at all the wonderful items for the taking. There were lots of visitors finding treasures and we hope you did as well. Also, we are thrilled to announce the Yard Sale made \$5,185 for the guild.

It was with your help that we had such a wonderful Yard Sale. We thank you so much for generously donating fabric and other items, measuring and labeling fabric, storing fabric at your house, sorting, carrying countless boxes loading and unloading the U-Haul, making sure everything was set up and organized, being cashiers, shopping at the Sale and helping to clean up; even taking all the cardboard home with you to recycle. We have been touched and amazed by how many of you have helped us along the way, offering your time and efforts to support this endeavor.

A huge thank you to Carmen and her family for storing the bulk of the items at their house for almost two years.

I also want to acknowledge and thank JoAnne DuChez, DeVeda Powell and Meg Tison for laying the groundwork for the Yard Sale. We built on what they had done in the past and appreciated all their guidance.

It is a testament to just how wonderful this guild is that so many people have helped to make this Yard Sale a success. Thank you.



## **Raffle Baskets Update**

Karen Slayton

The winners of the Yard Sale Raffle Baskets were Donna Dunn, Cathy Miller and Ellen Robinson. The baskets raised a total of \$274.00, with all proceeds going to the guild. Thanks again to the Sewfisticated Ladies mini group and the Yard Sale Committee.



## A Huge Heartfelt Thank You

Cathy Miller and the Truth & Hope group in Poolesville

A huge “Thank you” to all of Friendship Star, and an especially big “Thank You” to Joanne, Meg, Anne and Nance of Service Projects and to Jane Phillips. Your donations are put to good and charitable use.

As many of you know I have been collecting used T-shirts and fabric donations to be used by the Truth & Hope group. We are very grateful for all the things you’ve sent our way. I just wanted to let you know the things we’ve been able to do with your donations and the generosity of others.

Our items are mostly carried by missionaries to second and third world countries. In 2019 the items listed in the following paragraphs were sent to Peru, India, Mexico, Kenya, Burundi, Honduras, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, the Middle East and to local children in Montgomery and Frederick counties.

In 2019, we sent: 71 comforters/quilts/afghans, 611 kit/tote bags, 76 backpack bags, 5 baskets of toys, 5 homemade soaps, 41 baby bundles (which include diapers made from T-shirts), 8 pairs of eye glasses, 66 school packs, 60 health kits, and 11 pieces of luggage. (We pack old luggage, which is taken by volunteers to distribute the items. That’s cheaper than shipping them.)

In addition, we have sent items to the Cumberland Valley Relief Center in Marion, PA for their charitable efforts. In 2019 we sent 20 bags, 12 boxes and 5 bolts of fabric, 2 bags of denim for rug making, 3 bags of batting, 2 boxes and 1 bag for their thrift shop and 4 tied quilts.

Despite the travel restrictions due to COVID we have sent the following items in 2020 and 2021 to the Middle East, Peru, Philippines, Western Upper Montgomery County Org. (WUMCO), Operation Christmas Child, Frederick County, Colombia, Uganda, India, and Rockingham County (Virginia): 125 kit/tote bags, 2 baskets of toys, 49 baby bundles, 10 health kits, 3 carryover cookers\*, 33 comforts, 2 boxes children's clothing, 1 set of curtains, 3 comforts with stuffed animals, 150 health kits, 23 suitcases, 21 packs of toddler clothing, 25 toddler comforts, 9 small afghans, 22 blankets, 100 school packs, 107 pillowcases, 14 boxes of crayons, 61 street packs (kits bags with fleece blankets and a small toy for street children in India), and 7 baby quilts.

Thank you again for all you've contributed.

\*(Note: A carryover cooker is a large bag that is used to reduce cooking time over the fire. A pot of food is brought to boiling and then put into the carryover cooker, which has been insulated with local materials (even leaves!). It will finish cooking in the bag, thus saving fuel, exposing the women to less smoke and allowing them to spend less time tending the pot.)



## 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/>.

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

Hi!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much turkey! Do you believe it is December already? The holidays are here and I wish everyone Happy Holidays. We won't be seeing everyone in person for a couple months but I enjoy seeing everyone on Zoom. I am still accepting membership renewals and always accepting new membership in general.

Happy Holidays to all and Happy Birthday to the special people born in December.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in their respective boxes!

Brenda Knopp  
Membership Chair



## December Birthdays

Barbara VanDenBerg	Dec 4
Deborah Chubb	Dec 5
Nicki Lynch	Dec 9
Bobbie Draves	Dec 20
Judy Walsh	Dec 23
Jeanne Burke	Dec 31



## Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

We've probably all heard the words Synthrapol, Retayne and Color Catchers in relation to fabric bleeding. But how many of us know what each one does and when to use it?

The following article will enlighten you on the differences between the 3 products, and how to use them:

<https://lonestarquiltworks.com/blogs/blog/are-they-the-same-or-different-retayne-synthrapol-color-catchers>

*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

With Christmas approaching, two holiday themed mysteries that I've reread several times are:

### **A Rumpole Christmas by John Mortimer**

Horace Rumpole, the classic British curmudgeon greets the holiday with his typical sour disposition - with delightful and heart-warming results.

### **Silent Night, a Spenser Holiday Novel by Robert B. Parker and Helen Brann**

Spenser and Hawk are hot on the trail of a drug kingpin as the holiday approaches. Yes, I envision Robert Urich as Spenser every time I read this. Parker's Spenser novels are always classic morality tales of good fighting evil. This one is no exception.

*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.*

## The Quiltline – December 2021



Elected Officers		
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## Committee Chairs

<b>Fabric of the Month</b>	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	<b>Raffle Quilt Marketer</b>	Volunteer(s) needed
<b>Facebook</b>	Suma Glassman & Ellen Robinson	<b>Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales</b>	Gerda Sherwood
<b>Holiday Party</b>	Volunteer needed	<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>	Linda Belecki	<b>Sunshine &amp; Shadows</b>	Ellen Robinson
<b>Programs</b>	Cathy Miller	<b>Web Master</b>	Lorie Coston
<b>Publicity</b>	Volunteer needed	<b>Yard Sale</b>	Jennifer Rossmere
<b>Quilt Show 2023</b>	Volunteer(s) needed		