



Friendship Star Quilters February 2022

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The Quiltline

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	Feb 3 – Last day to sign up for the guild meeting AND to send in photos for Show & Tell
	Feb 7 – FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom at 7 pm. Business meeting starts at 7:30.
Feb 17	National Random Act of Kindness Day
Feb 24-27	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA
Mar 5	Registration opens for Mid-Appalachian Quilters Annual Educational Seminar at Gettysburg College. See page 7 for more information.

Monthly Fabric Raffle – will resume when we meet again in-person

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>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 6 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday Feb. 21 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

“A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.”

- **Carl Reiner**

We're bracing for yet another winter storm. According to the forecasts, it won't be that bad here, but if it is, I I have PLENTY of fabric for busting the stash and PLENTY of UFOs I can work on. Not to mention the new projects started this year already! Last month, I didn't get much de-cluttering of the sewing areas done, but I did (I think) make a little progress. At least I don't think I made things worse!

I finished my vision board, actually finished a small UFO, and completed the first two Project Quilting challenges. I have more PQ challenges and a mini-group challenge to look forward to.

The kittens continue to bring joy and chaos to the house. Unlike other cats I've had previously, they seem to be interested in the pins in the pincushion, so I've had to hide that. Sewing on binding is more challenging now as well. Well worth the extra effort! They make the winter blahs a little easier to deal with.

All of your beautiful quilts in show-and-tell also help with those winter blahs! So, keep them coming, it's always my favorite part of guild meetings.

Yours in Quilting,

Michele



January Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and asked everyone to mute their lines if not speaking. She then asked any new members to introduce themselves and there was no response.

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

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Swartz

Kathy reported that all of the retreat cancelation checks have been mailed out. She also reported that she is working on the summary document of what the Guild and Committees do. She is making two draft documents, one with a brief description of the functions of officers and committees, and one with a more detailed job description for Officers and Committee chairs. She will send them out to the membership as drafts for comments at the end of the month. Kathy indicated that she is also preparing to send a check to the church for the March to June meetings, but wanted input since there is a possibility that the April meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Karen Kehl asked if the speaker would be willing to switch to March as a Zoom meeting and Karen could do April as an in-person meeting. Cathy Miller will check. Joy said that the church has been very flexible about allowing us to carry over a payment if we have to cancel. Kathy will wait to find out whether the speaker will switch dates before sending a payment for 3 months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Executive Board Meeting is Monday, February 21 at 7 PM by Zoom. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Contact one of the officers if you wish to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Chair – Brenda Knopp

Brenda reported that she will have to step down in a few months. She is willing to help a new person to transition to membership chair. Charlene Danka volunteered to take the position. Brenda also reported that we now have 105 Members.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Anne Weaver reported that due to the Omicron variant outbreak, service projects will be canceled January 6, 2022.

FSQ 40th Anniversary in October – Michele Barnard

Michele reminded members that the 40th anniversary of FSQ is coming up in October 2022 and asked whether there is any interest in having a special anniversary program, perhaps having long time members talk about the history of the guild. There was a positive response. Jane Phillips agreed to talk about the history along with Liz Brodsky, Susan Schwarz, and Harriet Sheinson, but the program still needs a chair.

The Quiltline – February 2022

Retreat Committee: Colleen Biasco

The 2022 Retreat has been canceled due to the Covid surge and the deposit has been carried forward to January 13-16, 2023.

Program – Cathy Miller

Cathy introduced the December speaker, Karen Combs.

Program Speaker – Karen Combs: “Quilts of Illusion”

Show and Tell – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 23 quilt photos submitted by 14 guild members who described their creations. The Mini-Mini group presented the results of their recent challenge to make a mini-quilt with a churn-dash in it. After the slideshow, Alice Washburn also showed a pillow she made of her brother’s shirts for his widow. Liz Brodsky also showed a recent quilt she has been quilting. There was a question of whether people could post their quilts on the FSQ Facebook page. All one needs to do is send a picture to Suma Glassman for posting, or to post on FSQ Instagram or Pinterest.

Door Prize

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM

The next meeting will take place at 7:30 PM, February 7, 2022 by Zoom. Be sure to sign up in advance when you receive the invitation.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Weidman, Secretary



Programs

Cathy Miller

Debbie Wendt (wendtquilting.com) is our Zoom speaker on Feb 7, 2022 and will present **Egyptian Tentmakers Applique**.

Here is how she describes herself:

Debbie has combined her passion for sewing, quilting and teaching into a business that is truly on the go; Wendt Quilting. She is a home economics teacher by profession. This Midwest girl began quilting in 1986 after taking a Continuing Education class. Sewing has always been at the top of her list of what defines her. Growing up she was enthralled with her grandmothers and their abilities as seamstresses. When fitting clothes took the fun out of the sewing, she turned to quilting. It was a great way to collect fabric and continue using her sewing skills.

Her quilting passion grew when she moved to Egypt after the marriage to her prince charming, Bob Wendt. Learning more advanced quilting skills from dear friends, Chris and Leslie, she gained a foundation. They began a quilting group that was later named “*Quilters in deNile*”. A move to Monroe, LA broadened her knowledge with guidance and encouragement from the Tuesday Bee’s and the North Louisiana Quilters Guild. She and Bob moved back to Egypt where she was able to step right back into the quilting group she had started. With teaching quilting now her favorite pastime, her students included expats as well as Egyptians and Sudanese refugees living in Cairo. “**Teaching the World to Quilt**” was the article she wrote about teaching the refugees, published by AQS in the **American Quilter Spring 2004**.

A fortunate meeting in Barbara Chainey’s “**Quilt It**” class led to a friendship and an opportunity to make the quilt *Accuracy Does Madder* for Barbara’s book ***Fast Quilts from Fat Quarters***. Debbie also longarm quilted many quilts for the book.

Now a resident of Massachusetts, Debbie continues in many quilting endeavors. She is an active member of Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild and Blackstone Valley Heritage Quilters Guild. She owns a Nolting 18” Longarm quilting machine and quilts for others. Her love of teaching quilting now includes the “machine” quilting world.



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Great news! We've just heard from Fairhaven United Methodist Church that, although they are still closed for church services and large group activities, FSQ Service Projects can return to the ***pick-up and drop-off sessions*** we offered previously. We're so excited at the possibility of starting to see you again!

February sessions will be held on Thursday, February 3, and Thursday, February 17. As we did before, you will need to sign up for one of the 20 minute time slots on SignUpGenius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084fa5ad2baafd0-service>. We will have quilt top kits, pillowcase kits, quilts to bind (with bindings included) and spray-basted quilts to lightly machine quilt. We will also happily accept any items you have completed. If you have a specific request for something (backing fabric, bindings, kits, etc.), send one of us an email and we will have your request ready.

At the request of the church we will be asking you to sign in on the contact tracing form when you arrive and wear a mask when you are in the building. We'll have hand sanitizer available. Please don't come if you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has Covid.

We are grateful to Fairhaven for allowing us to begin meeting again in this limited capacity. Hopefully, as infection numbers continue to decrease, the church will reopen and we'll return to in-person workshops in the near future.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan. We're looking forward to seeing you soon.



Sunshine and Shadows

Ellen Robinson

As we work to make it through these COVID-19 times, I am happy to share that the Mid-Appalachian Quilters (MAQ) Educational Seminar is scheduled to occur this year July 15-17 after a 2 year hiatus due to COVID. Classes are held at Gettysburg College and are currently posted at <http://maqonline.org/>. And registration for everyone begins 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5th.

And more Sunshine! Our very own Karen Kehl is an instructor at MAQ this year! Congratulations, Karen!

I also noticed that several past lecturers at FSQ are also instructors, including Barbara Cline who was our speaker via zoom during spring 2021.

Hope that some of us are able to go to MAQ this year.



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 will be 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!

Happy Valentine's Day! It is nice to sit in our warm homes during meetings in January and February. It has been quite cold outside! Hopefully we will be getting together in March. Until then, I look forward to seeing everyone on zoom this month!

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone in their perspective boxes!

Brenda Knopp
Membership Chair



February Birthdays

Barbara Skelly	Feb 8
Ginger Peebles	Feb 10
Susan Sandler	Feb 19
Charlene Danka	Feb 22
Mary Moore Payne	Feb 24



Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

If you want to end up with a 6” finished Square-in-a-Square block, what size should you cut the inner square?

If you’ve decided to set your 9” blocks on point, what size should your setting-triangles and corner-triangles be?

Find the answers to these and other “Quilters’ Math” issues by using the online calculators created by **Quilter’s Paradise**. Click on the links below to see a few of the options available.

[Backing and Batting Calculator](#)

Determines how much yardage is needed to make a backing given a quilt's dimensions. It also may be used to determine how much batting is needed given a quilt's dimensions.

[Binding Calculator](#)

Calculates the binding length and the amount of fabric required to bind your quilt given the quilt's dimensions (width and length).

[Piece Count Calculator](#)

Determines the number of fixed-sized pieces of fabric that may be cut from a larger piece of fabric.

[Pieces to Yardage Area Calculator](#)

Determines how much fabric is needed if you want to cut a given number of fixed sized pieces.

[Square in a Square Calculator](#)

Calculates the size of the triangles to fit on a square given that square's size.

[Set in and Corner Triangle Calculator](#)

Calculates the size of the set in and corner triangles given the size of the finished square.

See all the calculators they have to offer at <https://www.quiltersparadiseesc.com/Calculators.php>.

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

Michele Barnard

I've been reading the **Inspector Gamache** mysteries from Louise Penny. Not too grisly and quite elegant writing.

Others I've also enjoyed are **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman and the **Ruth Galloway** mysteries by Elly Griffiths

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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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	Colleen Biasco
Library	Rosie Hormuth & Liz Lawrence	Service Projects	Anne Weaver & Nancy Brennan
Membership	Brenda Knopp & Charlene Danka	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 Administrator	Lorie Coston
Publicity	Volunteer needed	Yard Sale	Jennifer Rossmere
Quilt Show 2023	Volunteer(s) needed		