



## Friendship Star Quilters March 2022

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# The Quiltline

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	<b>Last day to sign up for March guild meeting or to submit photos for Show &amp; Tell</b>
<b>Mar. 3</b>	
<b>Mar. 5</b>	<b>Registration opens at 10:00 am</b> for Mid-Appalachian Quilters Annual Educational Seminar at Gettysburg College <a href="http://maqonline.org/">http://maqonline.org/</a> .
	<b>FSQ Zoom Guild Meeting</b> Business meeting starts at 7:30.
<b>Mar. 7</b>	
<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>National Quilting Day!</b>
<b>May 19-21</b>	<b>Faithful Circle Quilters' Garden Party Quilt Show</b> 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD. <a href="http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com">www.faithfulcirclequilters.com</a>
<b>through May 23</b>	<b>Maryland Quilts!</b> Quilt Show at the U.S. Federal Courthouse, Greenbelt, MD

### Monthly Fabric Raffle – Will resume at our in-person meeting in April

Meetings	Service Projects	Executive Board Meetings
<p>Guild meetings are usually held 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 7 for more information.</b></p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>Monday Apr. 11 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

“When the groundhog casts his shadow  
And the small birds sing  
And the pussywillows happen  
And the sun shines warm  
And when the peepers peep  
Then it is Spring”  
- **Margaret Wise Brown**

At my house, we have spring peepers and snowdrops, and the daffodil leaves are starting to appear. Thank goodness!

March is National Quilting Month, and National Quilting Day is March 19 this year. It's also National Crafting Month, for those of us who are craft hummingbirds. March 19 is also National Chocolate Caramel day, so I will be sure to indulge my love for caramel M&Ms.

We are still in need of someone to volunteer as Program Chair. If we want to keep having amazing programs for our meetings, we need someone (or a group of someones!) to step up and take over this position for the guild. Cathy Miller has done an outstanding job, and although she is not able to continue as Chair she is willing to help new people learn the position. FSQ is a volunteer organization, and we cannot operate without volunteers. If you are new to the guild, volunteering is a GREAT way to get to know fellow members better.

Yours in Quilting,

Michele



## February 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 January FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report – Kathy Swartz

Kathy reported that, beginning February 20<sup>th</sup>, Sun Trust will become Truist Bank and will be charging new fees. FSQ will have to pay a monthly fee if the account balance drops below \$5000 (has not happened in recent history). There will also be a fee for mailing paper statements. Kathy will opt for the online statements, however, that can be changed at any time.

The Church of the Nazarene has been paid through June, but Kathy has not yet paid for the gym in June, although they are holding it for us. Kathy also asked about the annual donation to Fairhaven Church. Anne Weaver responded that this annual donation was approved for every year in the future, and she will be sending in a request for the payment soon. Kathy also thanked everyone for sending her information for the FSQ guild document. A draft should be ready to send out by next month.

### 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

#### Sewing Machines Plus Virtual Quilt Fest – Michele Barnard

Michele announced the Sewing Machines Plus Virtual Quilt Fest with prizes for the Viewer's Choice Winners. She gave the dates for photo submissions, voting and live-streaming events. The information came too late for the Newsletter, but Judy Walsh sent out a blast email with the details. Judy subsequently learned that a number of people did not get the email and asked anyone who did not receive it to let her know so she could give a list of names to Heller Information Services, who manage our email, and ask for help rectifying the problem.

#### Fiber Arts Show – Nicki Lynch

Nicki announced that the Fiber Arts Show is open through February 23 at the Artists and Makers Studios on 11810 Parklawn Drive in Rockville. The hours are Monday to Friday 10 AM to 4 PM.

Liz Adams also mentioned that a quilt show is going on at the Greenbelt Courthouse.

#### Program Chair News – Michele Barnard

Cathy Miller has announced that she has to step down as program chair. Cathy has done a stellar job in finding great speakers and in moving programs over to Zoom during the pandemic. We all

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really thank her for her efforts. She has said she is willing to help with the transition to a new program chair. A volunteer (or two) is needed to take over this important position. Speakers have already been arranged through May 2022, and a potential speaker lined up for August. Someone is needed soon to begin scheduling the rest of the 2022-2023 membership year. Zoom speakers are not difficult to get but in-person speakers are.

### **Membership Chair – Charlene Danka**

Charlene reported that she and Brenda Knopp have not yet been able to get together yet, but that they should be transitioned by next month.

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

Anne reported that due to the Omicron variant outbreak, Fairhaven is closed but Service Projects is allowed to conduct pick-up and drop-off as in the past. A SignUp Genius email was sent out last week for the next date, February 21. There are small and large quilt top kits, quilts ready to be bound, and quilts for simple machine quilting ready to be picked up. She and Nancy will let everyone know as soon as they know what the plans are for March.

### **FSQ Facebook – Suma Glassman**

Suma announced that in early February, she started a new Facebook group for members to post their quilts. Even if you are signed up as a member of the Facebook page, you must sign up separately to be a member of this Facebook group. Suma and Ellen are still working things out, so things posted on the Facebook page may not appear on the group page and you may have to follow both. Some people have already signed up and posted pictures from their virtual retreat weekend.

### **Fabric Raffle – Liz Plantz**

The fabric for the March Raffle is anything green. Members may recall that the December 2021 raffle was supposed to be the Service Project Special, which was canceled when the meeting was changed to Zoom. It is now rescheduled for the March meeting as well. Liz reminded everyone that the Service Project Special raffle is for a 12.5 inch square 9-patch block, with juvenile themed fabric at the 4 corners and center and white solid fabric in the other squares. Bring one for the raffle and one for Service Projects.

### **Question about March Meeting – Michele Barnard**

We are scheduled for an in-person meeting in March. The speaker is Karen Kehl. Unless you hear otherwise, plan for an in-person meeting.

### **Program – Cathy Miller**

Cathy introduced the February speaker, Debbie Wendt.

### **Program Speaker – Debbie Wendt: “Egyptian Tentmakers Applique”**

**Show and Tell** – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 27 quilt photos submitted by 7 guild members who described their creations.

### **Door Prize**

The FSQ door prize gift card was won by Laura Markus.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM**

The next meeting will take place at 7:30 PM, March 7, 2022 (in-person).

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Weidman, Secretary



## **Programs**

Cathy Miller

**IMPORTANT: We need a new Program chair NOW.** Getting speakers for Fall, etc. takes time and the good ones get snapped up quickly. The job could be shared and I would be willing to help a little as well, if you choose. I will definitely help you get started, as JoAnne did for me and will be a resource going forward.

Please consider taking on part or all of the task; without it, there is no meeting. If you don't want to do the on-stage part, someone else can do it. I realize some people don't feel comfortable getting up in front. Form a small group, each doing the part you enjoy, be it organizing the paperwork, finding the speakers, helping the speakers present their quilts, etc.

**It has become necessary to switch our March and April speakers. Karen Kehl has some unanticipated family medical needs which require her attention. She will do her presentation in person in April.**

### **This month's meeting:**

Jane Hauprich will present Making Negative a Positive via Zoom. **Please be sure to sign up for Zoom no later than Thursday March 3.** Many have signed up late recently, and this could result in you not receiving the link.

Jane Hauprich describes herself in this way:

I am an award-winning quilter and quilt instructor. I live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

I first started piecing quilts in 1998. I have learned a lot since that time and most likely have a lot more to learn.

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I have had a Handi Quilter Sweet Sixteen and then upgraded to a Handi Quilter Avante. I now own a Handi Quilter Capri and a Handi Quilter Amara with ProStitcher.

I specialize in free motion custom quilting. All of my custom quilting is free motion. While I do tend to use my ProStitcher for quilting edge to edge customer quilts. My love of free motion stems from loving the creative side of quilting and you will more than likely find me at my long arm more often than I am piecing quilts at my regular sewing machine anymore.

My quilting philosophy is this.....I believe that each quilt is special and deserves quilting that accentuates its beauty and uniqueness.

I teach free-motion quilting classes using your home machines, mid-arms, or long-arms. These classes enable quilters to finish their own quilts. In each level of classes (beginners, intermediate or advanced) I teach designs that include all over patterns, and designs that will fit into squares, triangles and sashing, so that when you are done with a class you will be able to quilt one of your own quilt tops using what you have learned in class. My virtual classes have been a huge success!!

I also offer private long arm quilting lessons.

I am a Handi Quilter Ambassador, an Island Batik Ambassador and a Superior Threads Certified Threadologist.

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Download a free quilt pattern to celebrate National Quilting Day!

Thanks to the **Quilt Alliance** partners below, click on a link to view free downloadable patterns and projects:

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[Indygo Junction by Amy Barickman](#)



## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

First, the wonderful news! **Starting on March 1, workshops are back in person with no signups!** We are excited to see everyone again and to be able to spend the morning doing what we love to do – making quilts for others. Dates for upcoming workshops are listed below.

More placemats! We've had a request for about 75 placemats for clients of Meals on Wheels in Kensington and we were happy to say yes. We would love your help to fulfill this request.

The plan is to deliver them at the beginning of May, so anything cheery with a spring/summer look would be wonderful. Keep in mind that most of the clients are elderly women.

Suggested size is 14" x 18" but they can be larger too. Use cotton for tops and backs, and either batting or flannel for the middle layer. No need to use binding; you can just sew them envelope-style, and finish them with topstitching and light quilting to hold the layers together. Many of you already have patterns for placemats, but in case you want to try something different, here is a link you may find helpful. [https://media.rainpos.com/4674/charmsquareplacemats\\_20151019091959.pdf](https://media.rainpos.com/4674/charmsquareplacemats_20151019091959.pdf)

Of course, you can also make a quick placemat using two fat quarters, one for the front and one for the back, with batting or flannel in between.

Service Projects has a limited supply of fabric and batting to share. We will have it available at the March and April workshops (March 3 & 24 and April 7 & 14), as well as at the guild meeting in April. The placemats will be due the first week of May, either at the guild meeting on May 2 or the Service Projects workshop on May 5.

Service Projects workshops are held from 9:30 am until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard HS. Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver for questions or directions. See you there!



## Service Projects Quilt Challenge

JoAnne DuChez

Are you up for a challenge? This year the Service Projects Challenge is to create a medallion quilt.

The quilt should focus on an obvious medallion - usually centered - although you're free to be creative.

The final product must be quilted and bound, between 40" square and twin size. As in the past, all quilts will be donated to Service Projects.

Fabric bundles will be available at the April and May meetings, although you are free to use your stash.

Finished quilts are due at the September 12<sup>th</sup> guild meeting by 7:15 pm. Voting will take place before the meeting and for the first 10 minutes of the break.

Yard Sale Bucks will be awarded to the three quilts with the most votes.

We can't wait to see what your imaginative spirits create!





***The 2022 FSQ Yard Sale will be held on June 6th  
at our monthly FSQ meeting!***

Jennifer Rossmere

The Yard Sale Committee is ready to start collecting your wonderful donations again!

**Collecting at in-person FSQ Meetings** – April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>

To collect your donations, several cars will be in front of the church before the meeting so that you can put your donations directly into our cars as you arrive. If you come later, we will have a box in the foyer where you can leave your donations.

**Collecting at Service Projects** - Fairhaven United Methodist Church: March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>, as well as April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

Since the Church has reopened for in-person workshops, please come into the building and ask for Wendy Bauman, Peggy Weidman or Jennifer Rossmere. We will transfer your donations directly to our cars (no need to carry them into the church). **Please be aware that masks are still required when entering Fairhaven Church.**

**If you have a large donation**, please contact Carmen Contreras-Sesvold ([carmen.sesvold@gmail.com](mailto:carmen.sesvold@gmail.com)).

**Donations** - It would be wonderful if you could help us by separating your donations into containers with fabric only, paper only (patterns, books, etc.), or notions/other items.

**We specifically want quilting supplies and are NOT accepting:**

- really small scraps of fabric (less than about 5 inches square)
- home décor or clothing fabric
- clothing patterns
- books published before 2017

If you have any questions, please email the Yard Sale Committee at [Yard\\_Sale@friendshipstar.org](mailto:Yard_Sale@friendshipstar.org).



## Facebook

Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson

As of January of this year, we now have a Facebook Group in addition to our regular page on that platform. Please like the page and join the group. The group will allow you to share pictures of your work with other members. Both pages are public so you can still view them just by going to the links. We post various items of interest to both areas.

The regular Facebook page is located at <https://facebook.com/FriendshipStarQuilters/>

The Facebook Group is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421870746339372>

If you have any questions, you can contact either Ellen or Suma individually, or send an email to [facebook@friendshipstar.org](mailto: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 you and get your creativity flowing.



## Membership

Charlene Danka

Let's begin by thanking Brenda Knopp for her dedicated service as membership chair for the past two years! Brenda was a new member when she took on this responsibility just as the pandemic began. She did an outstanding job even though our meetings were on Zoom and we only had several "in person" meetings. On a personal note, I appreciate Brenda's help in training me for this position.

During our Zoom guild meetings, we are allowing members to bring a guest one time (without cost) as long as there is available space. Some lectures may have space limitations and we do need to be mindful of that. For the most part this is not an issue and we would love to keep seeing new faces.

Our March meeting will now be a Zoom meeting. If you would like to bring a guest, please note the guest's name in the SignUp Genius. Please also email me at [mbrshp@friendshipstar.org](mailto:mbrshp@friendshipstar.org). In the Subject, note "FSQ Guest". Send your name, the guest's name and the guest's email address. Please do NOT give out the Zoom link sent to you for the meeting. We will send the link to the guest.

Anyone wanting to renew membership or join the guild can find the registration forms on the website along with the mailing address to send your dues.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom at the March meeting.

Charlene Danka  
Membership Chair



### March Birthdays

Carmen Contreras Sesvold - Mar 3	Heidi Oestreicher - Mar 16
Laura Markus - Mar 3	Linda August - Mar 18
Elizabeth Brigham - Mar 8	Julia Street - Mar 20
Dianne McCutcheon - Mar 8	Karen Kehl - Mar 21
Lorie Coston - Mar 10	Carol Millman - Mar 21
Kate Foley - Mar 10	Elaine Villforth - Mar 28
Carol Carrier - Mar 12	Pat Vasaio - Mar 29
Diane Heller - Mar 15	



## Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

Is your iron messy because you forgot to use a top sheet of parchment paper when preparing fabric for some fusible applique?

If so, a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser will remove all evidence of your mistake. Just be sure your iron is cool, and dampen the eraser before you clean the soleplate.

*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

Judy Walsh

I'm currently reading my way through the "**Coffeehouse Mystery**" series by **Cleo Coyle** (which is the collaboration of Alice Alfonsi and her husband Marc Cerasini writing under a pseudonym).

The main character manages a high-end coffeehouse in New York City. In addition to watching each murder mystery unfold – and learning more about coffee than you thought there was to know - at the end of each book the reader is treated to recipes for some of the drinks, main dishes and desserts that made their appearance at various events throughout the story.

There are 19 volumes in the series, but each story stands on its own and the characters are reintroduced if you can't start with volume 1. Our county library has almost all of the books (volume 3 is missing), and many volumes are available in written, audio- and e-book versions.

The stories have lots of twists and turns, so if you like cozy mysteries I think you'll enjoy these, too.

*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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<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>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	<b>Retreats</b>	Colleen Biasco
<b>Library</b>	Rosie Hormuth & Liz Lawrence	<b>Service Projects</b>	Anne Weaver & Nancy Brennan
<b>Membership</b>	Charlene Danka	<b>Small Groups Coordinator</b>	Nicki Lynch
<b>Newsletter</b>	Judy Walsh	<b>Summer Challenge</b>	Meg Tison, DeVeda Powell & JoAnne DuChez
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<b>Quilt Show 2023</b>	<b>Volunteer(s) needed</b>		