



# Friendship Star Quilters April 2022

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	<b>FSQ In-person Guild Meeting!</b>
<b>Apr 4</b>	
	<b>Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show</b>
	Clarke County Parks and Rec Center
<b>Apr 22-24</b>	225 Al Smith Circle Berryville, VA 22611 <a href="http://www.nsvquiltshow.com">www.nsvquiltshow.com</a>
	<b>Registration opens for the FSQ Annual "Quilters Unsupervised" Sewing Retreat at Bon Secours.</b> See page 7 for more information.
<b>May 1</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>May 19-21</b>	
<b>through May 23</b>	<b>Maryland Quilts!</b> Quilt Show at the U.S. Federal Courthouse, Greenbelt, MD

**Monthly Fabric Raffle** – Fat quarters of retro, historical or reproduction fabrics (Civil War, 1930s, William Morris, etc.) **AND** Service Projects' special 9-patch blocks

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 6 for more information.</b></p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on <b>June 13 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

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.”

— **Maya Angelou**

April is the month where it starts to feel like winter might actually be over. Spring may officially start in March, but it can still be dreadfully cold, like it has been this past week. When it's cold, I'm not so tempted by the garden – that will change when it gets warm! Until then, creativity rules inside rather than outside.

Do you think of yourself as creative? YOU ARE!!! I know you ALL are, because of all the beautiful quilts I get to see at show-and-tell.

I've been keeping up with my daily sewing practice. Some days, it's only a single seam, most days I get at least one (simple) block completed, and some days I have the luxury of focused sewing. I've finished a couple of UFOs, and some new starts as well. I'm also managing to use more stash than I've added to it, so I think that's a win as well. My quilting “helpers” are growing, and they're not always so helpful. I've learned I need to keep the pincushion hidden when I'm not using it.

Yours in Quilting,

Michele

### **Make a Difference – Volunteer!**

We need volunteers for the following Executive Board positions, since most of our current officers' terms will end at our June meeting:

**President** – Presides over monthly guild meetings and at bi-monthly Executive Board meetings.

**Vice President** – Fills in for the President when needed; is responsible for obtaining door prizes for guild meetings.

**Secretary** – Takes minutes at the guild and the Executive Board meetings. Maintains a notebook of important documents such as meeting minutes, speaker contracts, raffle licenses, etc.

**Co-Treasurer** – Will be trained by Co-Treasurer Kathy Swartz (who is staying on for a 2nd year) to keep the books, make deposits, write checks, file tax forms, etc. This person will also train the next Co-Treasurer.

Please support your guild by volunteering for one of these positions. Get a friend to share the position or to assume one of the other positions! The guild cannot continue without your support.



## March 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 or guests to introduce themselves. Cathy Cohn introduced herself as guest who is interested in possibly joining the guild and was welcomed to the meeting.

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

### Treasurer's Report – Kathy Swartz

Kathy did not have anything to report. She did mention that the transition from Sun Trust to Truist Bank is complete and she has been able to log in to the FSQ account.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Executive Board Meeting is Monday, April 11 at 7 PM by Zoom. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Contact one of the officers if you wish to attend.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Program Chair News – Michele Barnard

Cathy Miller is stepping down as program chair. New volunteers to fill her position are Michele Barnard, Stacy Ross, and Judy Walsh. Stacy and Judy introduced themselves and indicated their excitement about recruiting speakers for the next year.

#### Nominating Committee- Michele Barnard

All of the current officers have served 2 terms and must step down. A new slate of officers is needed. A volunteer is needed to head the Nominating Committee.

#### Anniversary Celebration – Ann Flaggs

Ann will be organizing a celebration of FSQ's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October. She has a small group to help and they will be meeting next week by Zoom. She asked people to send in photos of anything related to the guild because they plan to put together a photo presentation. They also want to recruit some people to talk about events. She welcomed anyone who wants to participate to join in. More details will be in the next newsletter.

#### Service Projects – Anne Weaver

Workshops are back in person again. The next one is March 24. In addition to working on the quilts at the meeting, kits for pillowcases, quilts, and placemats will be available for pickup. Service Projects is also currently working on a drive to make placemats for Meals on Wheels in Kensington. There was a question about whether pillowcases should be washed and ironed and submitted in plastic bags. Anne emphasized that this is done because many of the hospitalized children are immune compromised due to chemotherapy. It was also asked whether the instructions for placemats were posted on line. Anne indicated that they would be posted and a link to instructions at Capital Quilts would be provided.

**Service Projects Challenge –**

JoAnne DuChez was not present. Michele explained that the new challenge would be to make a medallion quilt; the details were presented in the newsletter.

**Library Committee - Rosie Hormuth**

The library has a couple somewhat valuable donated books in its possession. One is Jinny Beyer's Album of Patchwork Quilting, which sells new for \$400 and for \$280 used. The other is the Quilters of Gee's Bend, which sells for \$90 used. The library committee would like to put each of these books up for silent auction beginning at the next in-person meeting. The winner will be announced at the June Yard Sale. Starting bids will be \$45 for the Jinny Beyer's book, and \$35 for the Gee's Bend book.

**Yard Sale Committee - Peggy Weidman**

Although the committee talked about having a weekend yard sale, there isn't enough time to plan it this year. So the yard sale will be held at the June FSQ meeting as usual. The committee has already started collecting donations and will be collecting at all of the Service Projects meetings and in-person FSQ meetings through May. The committee requests that donations of fabric, of books/patterns, and of notions/everything else be placed separate containers. They also request that donations not include books older than 2017, clothing, clothing patterns, clothing fabric, home decor fabric, or really small pieces of fabric. Email the Yard Sale Committee if you have questions.

**FSQ Facebook – Suma Glassman**

Suma said that the FSQ Facebook group for members has been growing every week and people are posting their own things.

**Fabric Raffle – Liz Plantz**

The fabric for the April Raffle is any retro, historical, or reproduction fabric. The many-times-deferred Service Project Special is now scheduled for April as well. The Service Project Special is a 9-patch block measuring 12.5 inches square with a request for juvenile themed fabric at the 4 corners and center, and solid white fabric in the other squares. It was further suggested that members bring one for the raffle as well as one for Service Projects.

**Membership Chair – Charlene Danka**

FSQ has 106 members as of the end of February.

**Program – Cathy Miller**

Cathy went out with a flourish and introduced the March speaker, Jane Hauprich.

**Program Speaker – Jane Hauprich “Making Negative a Positive”**

**Show and Tell** – Judy Walsh presented a slideshow of 20 quilt photos submitted by 7 guild members who described their creations.

**Door Prize**

The FSQ door prize gift card was won by Cathy Cottom.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Weidman, Secretary



## Programs

Cathy Miller

April 4, Karen Kehl will present the Science of Color (described below). We are also having dinner at the Dogfish Head Alehouse prior to the meeting. Please RSVP on SignUpGenius so we can let the restaurant know how many places to set for us.

### The Science of Color:

While there are numerous presentations on Color Theory, there is not much discussion of the science of color. There are numerous scientific studies on the physics, biology, psychology and sociology of color.

While this presentation includes the display of quilts as examples of color science principles, most of the presentation is focused on describing the science of color using a multi-media presentation (including short videos, pictures of functional MRIs showing how the brain reacts to color, etc.) and interactive experiences.

The presentation concludes with a discussion of how to incorporate the science of color into your quilts.



## FSQ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Anne Flagg

In 1981, twelve Montgomery County women decided to expand their small quilt group. They created Friendship Star Quilters and invited the quilting public in October 1982 to join them.

We are looking to have a program/celebration of our anniversary in the fall but we need your help to gather any pictures, articles or other memorabilia to help make this program successful.

If you have pictures related to FSQ meetings, quilt shows, retreats, mini groups, quilting related trips or even you and your awesome quilts please get them to me either through email at [anne.f.flagg@gmail.com](mailto:anne.f.flagg@gmail.com) or at one of our upcoming meetings. We would love to see photos from 40 years ago, 4 years ago or even last week. If you have you been published in a magazine or internet article, please send that to me also so we can celebrate our member achievements.

Thanks for your help to make this a successful program.



## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

As we think of spring, the first things that come to mind are cheery colors and bright flowery prints. What better fabrics to use for placemats for the clients of Meals on Wheels in Kensington? We will be collecting placemats (no need to make sets, singles are perfect) all through the month of April. This is a great way to put a dent in your stash! Colleen Biasco told us that it's a great way to use those orphan blocks you don't know what to do with. Limited fabric and batting/flannel will be available at Service Projects workshops on April 7 and 14, as well as at the guild meetings on April 4 and May 2. You can, of course, use any pattern you like, but here is a link (thanks to Capital Quilts) for a quick one, which finishes at 14" x 18" -

[https://media.rainpos.com/4674/charmsquareplacemats\\_20151019091959.pdf](https://media.rainpos.com/4674/charmsquareplacemats_20151019091959.pdf). They are due the first week in May at either the guild meeting on May 2 or the Service Projects workshop on May 5. A great way to celebrate spring by giving to others!

Service Projects workshops are held 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 High School. The April workshops will be held on Thursday, April 7 and 14. We love to welcome newcomers! For details, contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver.

## Got Scraps??

Some members have asked me what to do with their fabric scraps. Although I do not have storage space in my small apartment, I can keep the bags in my car and deliver them to my Sewing Guild friend who lives in Leisure World. (She takes the scraps somewhere in Pennsylvania.)

Bring your fabric scraps in a **kitchen-size drawstring bag** to the April 7th Service Projects Workshop and I'll collect them there and take to Leisure World.

I live in Kensington, so if it's easier to bring to me directly that would be great! Send me an email to coordinate a drop-off directly to my car.

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## **Medallion in the Middle** **Service Projects 2022 Summer Quilt Challenge**

JoAnne DuChez

Are you up t for the next Service Projects Summer Quilt Challenge? This year the challenge is to create a medallion quilt. The quilt should focus on an obvious medallion, usually centered, surrounded by several borders. Check out Pinterest for examples of traditional and modern medallion quilts.

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 and at Service Project Workshops. If you would rather, feel free to use your own stash for your creation.

Finished quilts are due at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting by 7:15 pm. Voting will take place before the meeting and during 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. Have fun and good luck!



## **FSQ Retreat at Bon Secours** **January 13-16, 2023**

Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere  
[retreats@friendshipstar.org](mailto:retreats@friendshipstar.org)

On May 1, 2022, the Retreat Committee will begin accepting registrations for our annual “Quilters Unsupervised” sewing retreat at Bon Secours Retreat Center. The retreat is open to all FSQ members. The maximum number of participants is 34 and we will maintain a wait list.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. The registration form will be available on the FSQ website on May 1. Watch this space in the May Newsletter for further information.



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

Jennifer Rossmere

The Yard Sale Committee is continuing to collect your wonderful donations.

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

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: 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.

As a bonus for the Guild, we have been gifted with a like-new, hard-back copy of “The Quilter’s Album of Patchwork Patterns” by Jinny Beyer (2009). If purchased new through Amazon, the cost is \$424.98; used copies are from \$281. You will have the opportunity to bid for it starting at \$45 via a silent auction beginning with the next in-person FSQ meeting.

At the same time we will be offering the FSQ Library hard-back copy of “The Quilts of Gee’s Bend” starting at \$35. Used through Amazon starts at \$90.

The highest bidder will be announced at the June meeting before the yard sale opens. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Proceeds will go to FSQ.



## Membership

Charlene Danka

It's been quite a while since we have all gathered together in person for our guild meeting. Please remember to wear your nametag but if you can't find it after all these months or you don't have one, pick up a temporary tag at the Membership table when you sign in. It's so helpful for greeting other members and guests.

We currently have 104 members. Starting in May we will begin the renewal process for the 2022-2023 membership year. Stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter.

Hope to see you at the April meeting.

Charlene Danka  
Membership Chair



### April Birthdays

Kay Campbell Anderson - Apr 4

Gerda Sherwood - Apr 9

Jill Frank - Apr 18

Joy Dorman - Apr 19

SherriJoyce King - Apr 22

Suma Glassman - Apr 25

Anne Flagg - Apr 28

Gayle Sunde - Apr 28



## Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

Did you know a Universal needle can be used to sew both woven and knit fabrics? That's because it has a slightly rounded point - though not as rounded as a jersey ball point needle.

If you're using a heavier thread, you might want to try a Topstitch needle, which has an extra-long eye to help you achieve straight lines and even stitches when using a straight stitch plate.

Have you've ever tried a self-threading sewing machine needle? If so, I'd love to hear how well it worked.

You can find all this information and more on the Schmetz web site:

<https://schmetzneedles.com/household-sewing-machine-needle-chart>

They also have an app to help you choose the right needle for your application. Just click on the following link to get the correct app for your device: <https://schmetzneedles.com/schmetz-app>

*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

Anne Flaggs

Need a book recommendation? I recently listened to **The Second Mrs. Astor** by Shana Abe.

This is an historical fiction novel that is based on the true love story between Jack Astor and Madeline Force.

It's a Titanic story, so not all happy endings, but I found that it was both easy to listen to and interesting.

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



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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>	Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere
<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>	JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison & DeVeda Powell
<b>Pins</b>	Linda Belecki	<b>Sunshine &amp; Shadows</b>	Ellen Robinson
<b>Programs</b>	Cathy Miller	<b>Web Administrator</b>	Lorie Coston
<b>Publicity</b>	Volunteer needed	<b>Yard Sale</b>	Jennifer Rossmere
<b>Quilt Show 2023</b>	Volunteer(s) needed		