

# Friendship Star Quilters May 2022

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## The Quiltline


 <b>May 1</b>	<b>Registration is now open for the FSQ Annual "Quilters Unsupervised" Sewing Retreat at Bon Secours. See page 7 for more information.</b>
 <b>May 2</b>	<b>FSQ In-person Guild Meeting</b>
<b>May 8</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

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**May Fabric Raffle:** "Ugly" fabrics – one person's trash is another's treasure.

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

“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.”

**--John Muir**

It's the season of quilt shows again! I went to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show this past Friday. I've greatly missed going to shows. What's not to love? Beautiful quilts to be inspired by, new supplies to play with. Just in this one show, I found a new way to set crumb blocks, discovered a few new border ideas, and came home with a new fat quarter for my bookcase quilt-in-progress. Going to a show gives me a warm fuzzy glow that lasts for a few days and inspires me to continue working on my own projects. To everybody who's been sharing the dates of upcoming quilt shows, THANK YOU! They're being added to my calendar- I may not be able to make it to all of them, but I appreciate knowing what is going on.

My challenge quilt projects (the Service Projects Medallion challenge and my mini-group challenge) are both underway. As always, the **real** challenge is trying to make my vision into reality. On a few rare occasions, I've met or even surpassed the idea I started with; some of the others I can only appreciate that they are valuable as learning experiences.

I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful weather we have here in Maryland in the spring. Outside time cuts into sewing time, but it's also an inspiration.

And last but not least- I just made the most amazing blueberry pound cake – I can highly recommend.

<https://altonbrown.com/recipes/blueberry-pound-cake/>

Yours in Quilting,

Michele



## April Guild Minutes

Peggy Weidman

President Michele Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and asked any new members or guests to introduce themselves. There were two guests.

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

### Treasurer's Report – Kathy Swartz

Kathy is expecting the raffle quilt permit to arrive soon. She also noted that it is budget preparation time so those who need to do so should be preparing their budget numbers for submission. She will send out a reminder later this month. There was no additional news.

### 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.

### Nominating Committee – Michelle Barnard

Michelle gave a pitch for volunteerism. The guild currently needs a Nominating Committee. One person has volunteered but 2 more were needed. Liz Plantz and Heidi Oestreicher volunteered, with Peggy Weidman being the third.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Retreat Committee – Colleen Biasco

Colleen and her co-chair, Jennifer Rossmere, are making plans for next year's retreat. The retreat will be January 13-15, 2023. The two night option (Friday to Sunday) will cost \$328 and the three night option (Friday to Monday) will be \$492. There is only space for 34 attendees. To make it fair to everyone, the application will be accessible online on May 1.

#### Yard Sale Committee - Peggy Weidman

The yard sale will be held at the June FSQ meeting as usual. The committee will be collecting at all of the Service Projects meetings through May and at the May FSQ meeting. She thanked everyone who made donations. If you arrived too late to transfer your donation to a car in front of the church before the meeting, there is a box in the lobby.

#### Library Committee - Rosie Hormuth

The silent auction of Jinny Beyer's Album of Patchwork Quilting and the Quilters of Gee's Bend books begins tonight. Starting bids will be \$45 for the Jinny Beyer's book, and \$35 for the Gee's Bend book. The winners will be announced at the June Yard Sale.

#### Anniversary Celebration – Harriet Sheinson

Harriet appealed for members to donate to the committee any FSQ guild memorabilia they might have, such as bags and t-shirts, as well as photographs.

## **The Quiltline – May 2022**

### **Quilt Marketing – Harriet Sheinson**

We will soon have the raffle permit and tickets. Volunteers are needed to show the quilt for raffle sales at other guild meetings. It generally helps to have two people to get the quilt up but is otherwise not difficult to do.

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

Next month will start the FSQ membership renewals.

### **Service Projects – Michelle Barnard**

Anne Weaver sent a report. In addition, to the many places we donate items, we are now also giving quilts to St. Mary's Center in DC where they do home visits to new mothers. There are two service project dates in April: April 7 and April 14. Judy Hoffman reported that service projects have collected many placemats and are still collecting. The last day to turn in placemats for Meals-on-Wheels is at the May 5 Service Projects Workshop. There are kits and batting in the back. Judy recently took quilts and hats to Children's Hospital and everyone was delighted with them.

### **Service Projects Challenge – JoAnne DuChez**

This year's challenge theme is a medallion quilt. JoAnne explained that a medallion quilt is one where one block, usually in the center of the quilt, is the focus, and it is usually surrounded by multiple borders. The center focus can also be multiple blocks. The quilts can measure 40 inches square up to twin size, and must be quilted and bound. They are due at the September meeting where members will vote on three winners, who will receive prizes of Yard Sale Bucks. All of the quilts will be given to service projects. There are packets of fabric in the lobby and you can take as many as you want or mix and match. It's hoped that everyone will participate.

### **Program – Cathy Miller**

Cathy introduced the March speaker, Karen Kehl.

### **Program Speaker – Karen Kehl “The Science of Color”**

### **Fabric Raffle – Liz Plantz and**

The raffle bags of period fabric were won by Judy Newton and Elaine Villforth. The raffle bags of 9-patch blocks were won by Ellen Robinson, Judy Walsh, Liz Adams, Carmen Sesevold, and Michelle Barnard. All the 9-patch blocks were donated to Service Projects.

### **Door Prize**

The FSQ door prizes were donated by Karen Kehl and won by Judy Newton, Ihsia Hu and Kathy Cottom.

### **The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM**

The next meeting will take place at 7:30 PM on May 2, 2022 (in-person).

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Weidman, Secretary



## Programs

Cathy Miller

This month our speaker will be Nancy Bills. She shares the following information about herself and her upcoming lecture:

“I'm a quilt designer, teacher, and speaker living in beautiful South Central PA. I make and teach all types of patterns and have many techniques that I've developed to make piecing more accurate and scrap friendly. I particularly love getting additional quilts from leftover pieces and design many of my patterns to make this happen. Almost nothing gets thrown away. In fact, my newest endeavor is making my own fabric from all kinds of leftovers including scraps, orphan blocks, and more.

“My current trunk show titled "**What to do with things that you don't know what to do with**" is unlike most of the trunk shows that you typically see. I feature over 30 quilts all designed by me... made either partially or entirely from scraps, orphan blocks - both mine and vintage - antique quilt tops, antique linens, doilies, tablecloths and even things like old postcards and printed recipes.

“I give ideas to help deal with borders and settings that are uninteresting or just aren't working, as well as using buttons, lace, trims, zippers, and more. It's been fun getting creative and using up things that might otherwise be discarded or just shoved away in drawers. Not to mention the fact that I'm using a lot of my own UFO's before they become vintage! “

**Editor's note: Many thanks to Cathy Miller for the outstanding work she's done on our programs for the last 3 years!**



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

Anne Flaggs

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.flaggs@gmail.com](mailto:anne.f.flaggs@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 in making this such a successful program.



## Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects has been especially busy this month, delivering **15 quilts to Mary's Center** for their Family Support Program, **30 quilts to Project Linus** and **100 pillowcases to Ryan's Case for Smiles**. Not only that, but FSQ members have outdone themselves, donating **180 9-patches** during our recent fabric raffle and, so far, **182 placemats for Meals on Wheels** (and we haven't even reached the deadline yet)! We are just overwhelmed with your generosity!

If you are still working on placemats, please keep them coming. We are in touch with other Meals on Wheels locations and know we will find a good home for all of them. You can turn them in at either the May guild meeting on Monday, May 2 or at the Service Projects workshop on Thursday, May 5. We will deliver them during the week of May 9.

May Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, May 5, and Thursday, May 12, from 9:30 am until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28). Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver if you have questions. Please join us if you can!



## Got Scraps?

I do not drive at night and therefore I cannot collect scraps at the guild meeting. If you give your bags of scraps to Judy Hoffman at the May guild meeting, they can bring them to Service Projects on Thursday, May 5th, and I'll pick them up there.

I live in Kensington, so if it's easier to bring the scraps to me, let me know and we can coordinate a drop off directly to my car. I'll take them to a Sewing Guild friend in Leisure World who takes them somewhere in PA where they are used as stuffing for pet mats.

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## **FSQ Retreat**

Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere

### **FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS**

### **2023 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS**

**JANUARY 13-16, 2023**

### **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for FSQ's 23<sup>rd</sup> annual "Quilters Unsupervised" sewing retreat.

The retreat is open to all FSQ members. The maximum number of participants is 34 and a wait list will be maintained. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

Bon Secours has beautiful facilities including a large conference room (our sewing space) with natural light coming from a wall of windows. Bring your sewing machine and your projects and treat yourself to a long weekend without the distractions of home.

Lodging and meals are included. All rooms are single-occupancy. 2-night and 3-night options are offered.

2-Night Option: Friday Jan. 13 thru Sunday Jan.15 (5 pm) \$328.

3-Night Option: Friday Jan. 13 thru Monday Jan. 16 (5pm) \$492.

Complete details are on the Registration Form. Follow this link to the form:

[Registration Form for January 2023 Retreat](#)

Please email any questions to [retreats@friendshipstar.org](mailto:retreats@friendshipstar.org)

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere, co-chairs



## Medallion in the Middle Service Projects 2022 Summer Quilt Challenge JoAnne DuChez

Are you up 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 NOT be available at the May meeting because someone - that would be me - left the bin at Fairhaven Church. 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. 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!



## BUY RAFFLE BASKET TICKETS AT THE MAY MEETING!

The Yard Sale Committee is putting together 3 raffle baskets that will be awarded at the Yard Sale in June. This year features lovely handmade baskets donated by the Deer Creek Basketry Guild!

You can start buying your tickets at the May meeting (so you don't miss out on any shopping time at the Yard sale!) Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. (Separate tickets sold for each basket). **Cash, checks and CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.** You don't have to be present at the drawing to win. Proceeds go to support guild activities.

For just a couple of dollars you can have a great chance to win a basket of wonderful surprises!

### The Yard Sale Committee

HINT: Bring those free return-address labels you get in the mail to label your tickets and save time!





## One month until the 2022 FSQ Yard Sale on June 6! Jennifer Rossmere

If you have things to donate, we will be collecting three times in May.

### **Collecting at in-person FSQ Meetings** – May 2nd

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: May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<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

The 2022–2023 membership year will be an exciting time to be a member of Friendship Star Quilters as we celebrate 40 years as a quilting guild.

Our membership year begins in June. We will begin collecting dues at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Dues will remain the same at \$35. For the first time, you will be able to charge your dues at guild meetings. Or you may pay by check or with cash in the exact amount.

Renewal forms and new member application forms will be available at the Membership table when you sign in. Please include your name and if there are no other address or phone updates you may write: No Change. We have added the line, *Year you joined FSQ*, on the form. Please indicate the approximate year you joined FSQ.

If you are not able to attend guild meetings, the Renewal Forms are online [here](#) and you may mail the completed form along with a check to me at the address listed on the form. New member application forms are online [here](#).

Hope to see you at the May meeting.

Charlene Danka  
Membership Chair



## May Birthdays

Beth Amundson – May 1

Ginny Leake – May 7

Freddie Berg – May 13

Jennifer Rossmere – May 13

Trish McTighe – May 19

Laura Chaskes – May 20

Wendy Bauman – May 23

Sue Thornton – May 31



## Sunshine and Shadows

Ellen Robinson

I want to send out a Thank You to members who have sent me notes to alert me of happy and sad events in the lives of our members. Without your help, I would not be able to send out sympathy and get well cards to our members experiencing sad events. I wouldn't have been able to "toot the horn" on the happy celebrations. So, **Thank You!**

I want to remind all members to continue to send me events that need a Sunshine or Shadows card or shout-out. Congratulations are frequently in order, but we, as artists, are sometimes too modest to toot our own horns. So let me do it for you. Sometimes we have sad times in our lives or need some cheering up. If you know of someone who is in need, let me know.

What events are appropriate? Well, just about anything: Acceptance into a major quilt show (AND if you win an award!!), marriages, births, professional recognition (in the quilt field, or in your professional field!). Sad news: health events, bereavements. I think you get the idea.

Please, let's celebrate our achievements, and console each other on our sorrows and shadows. Likewise, if you know of someone else's sunshine or shadow news, let me know. Lorie was kind enough to set up an email address to get the information directly to me:

[Sunshine@friendshipstar.org](mailto:Sunshine@friendshipstar.org).

Thank you all, in advance, for sharing your sunshine and shadows.

**View winning quilts from the American Quilter's Society Quilt Week at Paducah:**

<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/aqs-quilt-contests/past-winners/paducah-2022-award-winners>





## Tips & Tricks

Jennifer Rossmere

Looking for an educational or inspirational lecture? **Textile Talks** features weekly presentations and panel discussions from the International Quilt Museum; Quilt Alliance; the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles; Studio Art Quilt Associates and the Surface Design Association.

The programs are held online at 2 pm Eastern (11 am Pacific) each Wednesday and last approximately one hour. The presentations are recorded and are posted later to the [Textile Talks YouTube playlist](#).

To participate in one of these webinars in real time you'll need to pre-register, which you can do at the following link: <https://www.saga.com/resources/textiletalks>.

*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

Ellen Robinson

Having a membership to Amazon Prime gets me a very recently published e-book free each month. These usually are newer authors that I've found to be VERY good. The book I am sharing is one of those books.

### **The Raven Spell: A Novel (A Conspiracy of Magic Book 1) by Luanne G. Smith**

The story is set in Victorian England. A detective is found unconscious from a blow to the head. Upon awakening, he is extremely confused and suffering from amnesia. He connects with two witches, sisters, who help him regain his memories and help to solve his current case.

I am looking forward to checking out the subsequent books in this series. Unfortunately, it is not available via the MoCo public library. I got this e-book from Amazon, and it is also available via Amazon's Unlimited subscriptions.

*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.*



## Quilting at Mount Vernon

*FSQ Member Cecil Marzulli has been demonstrating quilting at Mount Vernon, and made a reproduction of a quilt made by Martha Washington. Cecil shared the following about her work:*

Mt Vernon wants me to give lectures on Martha Washington and her needlework, and have my quilt hanging on a frame next to me.



Martha's original is 102 inches square and mine is 103 square. The difference is the size of a border print /stripe. Martha's original border print is 3/4 inches wide and mine is slightly over an inch. That put everything off. But still the difference of one inch with 222years difference is pretty darn close.

Quite a few of the fabrics I used were from the French General line or came from fabrics that Marcus Brothers makes for Colonial Williamsburg. The inside border print is from Jinny Beyer.

They built a new section in the museum at Mt Vernon and 2 weeks ago I got to see the case where my reproductions of Martha's needlework will be displayed.

How cool is that - I get my own museum showcase. My reproduction won't be going in the case for another 2 months.



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