




# Friendship Star Quilters June 2022

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## The Quiltline

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 <b>June 6</b>	<b>FSQ Guild Meeting</b> A brief meeting followed by the <b>Silent Auction Winner</b> announcement, the <b>Yard Sale and Raffle Basket drawings!</b> ( <b>face masks are highly recommended</b> )
<b>June 10-11</b>	<b>Celebration of Quilts &amp; Flower Show</b> York College of Pennsylvania Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center 899 S. Richland Ave., York, Pa. 17403 <a href="http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/">http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/</a>
 <b>July</b>	<b>No FSQ meeting</b> (or newsletter)
<b>Thru July 2</b>	<b>Manhattan Quilters Guild 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Exhibit</b> , Westminster, MD (Free admission!) <a href="https://carrollcountyartscouncil.org/event/manhattan-quilters-guild/">https://carrollcountyartscouncil.org/event/manhattan-quilters-guild/</a>
 <b>Aug 1</b>	<b>FSQ Guild Meeting</b> – Come for the meeting and join us afterward for <b>Quilto!</b> (Quilt Bingo). Fat Quarters are prizes for those who win.

### June Fabric Raffle: Fat quarters of Patriotic or Red, White and/or Blue

<p><b>Meetings</b></p> <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>Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm; business meeting &amp; program at 7:30 pm. <b>There is no meeting in July.</b></p>	<p><b>Service Projects</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>Face masks are required. See page 7 for more information.</p>	<p><b>Executive Board Meetings</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>
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## President's Message

Michele Barnard

See You Later, Alligator!

---Robert Guidry

Original version by the songwriter here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0VQ0OyX\\_Fk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0VQ0OyX_Fk)

More popular cover by Bill Haley & His Comets here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Hb66FH9AzI>

Wow, two years just flew by! I want to thank everybody in the guild for helping to make things run smoothly, and generally keeping me on track where possible. Serving as president during the pandemic years had its challenges, and it's only through the efforts of our members that we made it work.

A BIG thank-you to my fellow officers and committee chairs. I almost always learn something from our guild meetings, even when I don't think I will. I have full confidence that the proposed slate of new officers will be successful - with the guild's continued support.

I'm looking forward to the yard sale, despite my robust stash. I have a lot of little pieces, but there are gaps I'm looking to fill. Everybody get your checkbooks or credit cards ready!

There's a long weekend ahead to work on sewing and organizing all the crafty bits. I've posted my yearly rant on Facebook about not confusing Memorial Day with Veterans Day or Armed Services Day, so I can enjoy my day off work with gratitude. Peace to all of you.

Yours in Quilting,

Michele



## May 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 was one guest.

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

### **Treasurer's Report** – Kathy Swartz

Kathy will be presenting the 2022-23 budget for approval next month and has asked all committee chairs to submit their budgets to her by May 15th. She also asked for 3 to 4 volunteers to help at the checkout desk for the Yard Sale next month. Anyone interested should see her at the break or after the meeting.

Kathy explained an upcoming proposal for a change to the By-Laws. Currently two signatures are required on all checks over \$300. The Truist bank verifies only one signature on checks and ignores the other. To accommodate this banking change with the intent of the By-Laws, it is proposed that the By-Laws be changed to state that the check request submitted to the treasurer be required to have two signatures, and the check only need one signature. If you have questions about this she will be happy to answer them at the break. In accordance with the By-Laws, any proposed change to such is to be submitted to the membership 30 days in advance of a call for a vote. Thus, this announcement tonight, which will be followed this week by an email to the entire membership, gives notice that a vote will be called for the above change at our June 6 meeting.

Kathy has been successfully using "Square" for credit card charges at this meeting. She will be available for charging membership fees and raffle tickets for the baskets at the break. Kathy explained that there is a charge to FSQ for credit charge transactions, but it is against the law to increase an item/product charge for those using a credit card in order to cover the fees. However, several people have asked if they might add a donation to their charge for this purpose, and this is fine. The charge for a \$35 transaction is ~\$1. People are welcome to donate \$1 in addition to their \$35 membership fee if they would like to, but it is certainly not required, nor expected. For now, while we are still testing it, the fees will simply be deducted from the income generated by membership renewals, raffle ticket sales and yard sale purchases. Credit cards won't be used for the retreat, since the price of the retreat had been set before the decision to take credit cards and the fees would be greater than needed to cover the costs of the retreat. The Executive Board will later evaluate whether prices need to be increased to balance the effect of credit card fees on income. Kathy's experience is that income increases when charge cards are introduced.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Executive Board Meeting is Monday, June 14 at 7 PM by Zoom. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Contact one of the officers if you wish to attend.

### **Quilting Demonstrations-** Michele Barnard

Michele has been talking to the woman who runs the quilting exhibit at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, August 12-20, 2022. She asked the membership if there was any interest in having

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an FSQ demonstration booth at the fair, and several hands were raised. She will firm up plans in the near future and get back to the membership.

### **2023 Raffle Quilt** – Michele Barnard

The Raffle permit has been applied for (a second time since the first was lost in the mail) and quilt raffle tickets are ready to be ordered. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the June 2023 meeting. For newer members who might not know about the Opportunity Quilt Raffle, Michele explained that raffle tickets are given to members to sell, although it's not required they do so. Generally, \$25 in raffle tickets are provided to each member and the member is welcome to sell them (and can get more if desired), purchase the tickets themselves, or, if unable to sell or purchase, may turn them back in. We do this because the quilt raffle is an important part of the revenue stream for the guild. We also pick a charity to receive a portion of the proceeds, and this year Mana Food Center was chosen. Later this year, the quilt coordinator will be asking for volunteers to take the quilt to the meetings of other guilds or different locations to sell tickets.

### **2023 Quilt Show** – Michele Barnard

We hope to have a quilt show next spring. Barbara Kilby, Karen Moss, Judy Walsh, and Teresa Peterson did a lot of leg work to identify a site at Asbury Methodist Village that would be suitable for a show at reasonable cost. Barbara will continue pursuing arrangements there. The tentative dates are April 21-23.

### **Nominating Committee** – Peggy Weidman

The Nominating Committee, Peggy Weidman, Liz Plantz, and Heidi Ostreicher, were relieved and delighted to announce their slate of Officer Nominees for the 2022-23 year. The nominees are: Judy Hoffman for president, Karen Kehl for vice-president, Barbara VanDenBerg for secretary, and Trish McTighe for co-treasurer. Each was awarded a bag of chocolates by Liz Plantz and a round of applause for their volunteer spirit.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Retreat Committee** – Colleen Biasco

Colleen and her co-chair, Jennifer Rossmere, have already shared the plans for the retreat by email and newsletter. Colleen asked if anyone had any questions. There were none. She then said that she had received so many applications that night that they had nearly half of the openings filled and more would be coming in. She was confident there would be no cancellation this time.

### **Yard Sale Committee** - Peggy Weidman

The yard sale will be held at the June FSQ meeting. In addition to the sale, the committee is also offering 4 raffle baskets, one ticket for \$1 and six for \$5, credit cards accepted. These are very special handmade baskets, donated by the Deer Creek Basketry Guild. Each is filled with patterns, tools, fabric, books, chocolate bars, and, in one case, pancake mix and maple syrup. The winners will be announced at the end of the Yard Sale.

### **Library Committee** – Liz Lawrence

The silent auction of Jinny Beyer's Album of Patchwork Quilting and the Quilters of Gee's Bend books is ongoing. There's still time to enter a bid. The winners will be announced at the June Yard Sale.

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### **Anniversary Celebration** – Harriet Sheinson

Harriet reminded everyone that October is when we will be having the Anniversary Celebration. She appealed for donations of any FSQ guild photographs and memorabilia. She specifically asked former presidents who received a quilt at the end of their service to send a picture of the quilt.

### **Membership** – Michele Barnard

Charlene was unable to attend. Michele reminded everyone that it was time to renew their FSQ membership.

### **Service Projects** – Michele Barnard

If you have placemats, you can hand them in to Judy Hoffman tonight or bring them to the Service Project workshop on Thursday, May 5, which is the last day to turn in placemats for Meals-on-Wheels. Service Projects dates this month are May 5 and 12.

### **Programs** – Cathy Miller

Cathy introduced the May speaker, Nancy Bills.

Program Speaker – Nancy Bills “What to do with things that you don't know what to do with”

### **Fabric Raffle** – Liz Plantz

The raffle bags of ugly fabric were won by Stacy Ross, Ellen Robinson and Ishia Hu.

### **Door Prize**

The FSQ door prizes were won by Carmen Sesvold and Liz Plantz.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

The next meeting will take place at 7:30 PM on June 6, 2022 (in-person).

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Weidman, Secretary



## Programs

Judy Walsh

In lieu of a speaker this month we are having a Yard Sale after the June business meeting. See page 11 for more information.

For our new members: **There is no guild meeting or newsletter in July.**

In August, after our business meeting we will play **Quilto!** (a quilting-themed Bingo) using M&Ms for markers and awarding Fat Quarters to the winners. More information about that event will be available in a few weeks.



## 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 completed another banner year, with some new projects and a new donation location! The numbers of quilts and pillowcases donated continues to be impressive, thanks to the generous contributions of all of the FSQ members who attend workshops, work on projects at home, or donate materials.

This year, in response to a request from local NICUs, we changed the size of the preemie quilts we make and are now making them in the range of 30” to 36”. Details are at [friendshipstar.org](http://friendshipstar.org) under the Service Projects tab.

We are now donating again to Mary’s Center for their home visiting program. We also had an extremely successful drive to make placemats for local Meals on Wheels programs and FSQ members outdid themselves by making 205 placemats. It’s been a very busy year!

Here are our numbers for this year, from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

**522 quilts**

**642 preemie quilts**

**261 pillowcases**

**449 preemie hats**

While we don’t often get feedback from those who receive our quilts, we want to share a note that was posted on FSQ’s Facebook page by the mother of a child who was treated at Shady Grove Hospital:

*Just wanted to say thank you. Our son had an unexpected surgery at Shady Grove. There was a quilt on his bed from Friendship Star Quilters. Thank you, for that little piece of love and comfort.*

June Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, June 2, and Thursday, June 16. We will take a break in July because Fairhaven United Methodist Church is hosting daytime camps and Vacation Bible School. We will resume workshops in August.

Have a safe and relaxing summer. Keep quilting! Nancy Brennan and Anne Weaver

## Have We Got Raffle Baskets!

Four beautiful handmade baskets, courtesy of Deer Creek Basketry Guild, are chock-full of goodies and just waiting to be won by you! Gourmet chocolate bars included with each basket!



\$1 per ticket or \$5 for six. (Sorry no credit cards.) Bring your cash and old address labels to affix to your tickets!

Tickets will be on sale during the Yard Sale. Pick your favorite basket or buy tickets for all 4 baskets! Winners will be chosen at the end of the Yard Sale. You don't need to be present to win.

**Raffle baskets are hosted by the Yard Sale Committee and Elaine Villforth.**





## **FSQ Retreat**

Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere

### **FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS**

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

**JANUARY 13-16, 2023**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

**A FEW SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

We are pleased to announce that registration is 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 June meeting** as we want to focus on the yard sale event. Bundles will be available at the June 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. 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!



## The Yard Sale is Here!

Jennifer Rossmere

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** is the time to shop for the fabulous goodies that have been so generously donated. We have fabric, patterns, books, notions, and more. Prices are rock bottom. The Yard Sale will open after a brief business meeting.

As with the last Yard Sale, fabric will be sold by the pound (\$8 pound, approximately 4 yards per pound). This price applies to all fabric, including fat quarters, quilt kits, panels, UFOs and fabric scraps. Each piece of fabric larger than a fat quarter is color-coded with tape. There will be signs on each fabric table showing the tape colors and associated approximate yardage.

Please keep all fabric items in a separate bag from your other goodies while shopping (paper bags will be available for fabric).

When you are ready to checkout, take your fabric bag(s) to be weighed at the weigh table. Other items will be priced as follows.

*Patterns:* \$1.00

*Books:* 2 for \$3.00 or 4 for \$5.00

*Bargain tables: Fill a zip-lock bag with mixed items:*

*Quart bag - \$1.00*

*Gallon bag - \$3.00*

*Miscellaneous items: Priced as marked*

*BONUS GIFTS! Your choice of two free items with a sale: handmade mask, luggage tag kit, Christmas stocking kit, or key chain.*

We accept cash, checks (made out to FSQ), and credit cards as payment.

***Please invite your sewing/quilting friends to the Yard Sale!***

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

**NOTE: BRING A MASK** IN CASE MASKS BECOME REQUIRED BY THE CHURCH ON THE DATE OF THE SALE. EVEN IF NOT REQUIRED, MASKS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!



## 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. Please take note that we have reduced the volume of books available for immediate loan in order to lighten the weight of our storage cabinet. All books copyrighted from 2005 to 2010 are still available upon request. The complete inventory can be found on the FSQ WEB site.

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 at 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

We're off to a great start for 2022–2023 with more than half of our membership renewing early! I'll be at the Membership table at the June meeting and can accept cash and checks or you may pay electronically. If you are not able to attend, please mail me your check made out to FSQ. Thank you!

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 June meeting.

Charlene Danka  
Membership Chair



### June Birthdays

Kathy Brown – June 12

Danee Wilson – June 13

Jan Drass – June 17

Tomo Beckman – June 29

### July Birthdays

DeVeda Powell - July 8

Carole Weikert – July 15

Nancy Zachik – July 21

Rosemary Spezzano – July 22

Ihsia Hu – July 23

JoAnne DuChez – July 26



## Tips & Tricks

Peggy Weidman

I discovered this great white marker in a class on free motion feathers given by Patsy Thompson.

The remains of a bar of soap, shrunken to a thin slab or even broken pieces, can be repurposed for a marker by shaving with a vegetable peeler to get a sharp edge.

Any kind of bar soap will work but those that contain lotion like Dove soap give a nice smooth line and don't crumble.

Unlike most white markers, you can see it immediately and it is easily removed by spraying with a bit of water or ironing it with steam.

*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

In the Nov. 2021 Quiltline, Linda Duzick recommended **Miss Benson's Beetle** by Rachael Joyce.

I checked out the e-book from the MoCo library and really liked it. I really think it would not have been a book that I would have selected on my own, so I thank Linda for sharing the information.

I am "seconding" the recommendation on this book.

*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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<b>Fabric of the Month</b>	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	<b>Raffle Quilt Marketer</b>	Harriet Sheinson
<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 & 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
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<b>Programs</b>	Cathy Miller	<b>Web Administrator</b>	Lorie Coston
<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	<b>Yard Sale</b>	Jennifer Rossmere
<b>Quilt Show 2023</b>	<b>Volunteer(s) needed</b>		