



Friendship Star Quilters August 2022

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The Quiltline

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	FSQ Guild Meeting A brief meeting followed by QUILT-O! See page 5 for more information
Aug. 1	
Aug 11-12	Registration for Home Arts items in the Fair https://mcagfair.com/fair-catalog/ Thurs. 4-8 pm (Seniors may come at 2 pm) Fri. 2-8 pm
Sep 5	Labor Day – guild meeting is delayed a week
Sep 12	FSQ Guild Meeting
Sep 15-18	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza 100 Station Ave., Oaks, PA www.quiltfest.com
Sep 17	Four County Quilters Guild: Quilts in the Park 30 Martz Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784 (See page 6 for more information)

There is no Fabric Raffle this month.

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 8 for more information.</p>	<p>The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Aug. 8 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

Judy Hoffman

First, let me say thank you to Michele Barnard and all the other officers and committee chairpersons for your service to FSQ the past couple of years. We wouldn't be such a great group if it weren't for these volunteers. Again, thank you.

Thanks also to Jennifer Rossmere, Barbara Skelly and Kathy Swartz for ensuring that our yearly audit has been completed.

As the new president I am learning what is involved with the job and hope you all will be patient with me as I try to figure out what and when things should happen.

For those of you who don't know me, I was a high school art teacher for 39 years - now retired. I also worked as Dean of Students at the school for a major portion of that time. I have been married for the past 42 years with one each daughter, son-in-law and a very precious 7 year old granddaughter.

My studio area in college was fiber and weaving which may partially explain how I got to quilting. My mother was an expert seamstress so I too learned to sew. Being almost six foot tall I was forced to sew to find clothes that fit. Many years my summer job was working in a local fabric store. So my dreaming of sewing projects and collections of fabric began.

I look forward to getting to know more members of the guild and finding out how you got to quilting. Maybe we can feature members each month to find out how you got to love quilting.

I am looking forward to this coming year with hopefully less Covid, a chance to get to know you all and a creative productive quilting season.

Judy

Editor's Note: **Many thanks to Judy Hoffman** for her persistence in getting so many guild members to make autographed blocks for our "President's Quilt" for outgoing President, Michele Barnard.

In case you didn't get to see it at our June meeting, here is a picture of the quilt Judy designed and assembled. The picture doesn't do it justice - it was much prettier in person!





June 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 new member and several guests.

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

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Swartz

Kathy will be sending out the 2022-23 budget soon for approval at the June executive board meeting. Contact her if there any questions about the proposed budget.

Kathy then called for a vote on a proposed change to the By-Laws. In conformity with the Bylaws, the proposed change was communicated to the entire membership last month so that the vote could be called for tonight. It is proposed that the statement “Two (2) signatures shall be required on all checks exceeding an amount to be determined by the board.” be changed to “Two (2) signatures shall be required on all *check requests* exceeding an amount to be determined by the board.”. The change was approved by the membership.

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.

Election of New Officers– Peggy Weidman

Peggy Weidman introduced the 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. After requesting any nominees from the floor, Peggy requested an enblock vote for these nominees. The vote was unanimous.

Recognition of Officers and Committee Chairs – Michele Barnard

Michele acknowledged the members who had served as committee chairs and officers over the two years of her tenure as President. Members came forward to receive a thank you card and small gift.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Committee – Liz Lawrence

The silent auction winners of Jinny Beyer's Album of Patchwork Quilting and the Quilters of Gee's Bend books were due to be announced at this meeting but the decision was made to continue the silent auction during tonight's the Yard Sale. Thus, the winners will be announced at the August meeting.

Fabric Raffle – Liz Plantz

Two raffle bags of red, white, and/or blue fabric were won by Susan Baldwin and Heidi Oestricher.

The Quiltline – June 2022

Yard Sale Committee – Jennifer Rossmere, Peggy Weidman

Jennifer thanked the yard sale committee members and all of the FSQ members who had generously donated fabric and supplies for making the yard sale possible. Peggy explained how the yard sale pricing would work and reminded members that there were still raffle tickets on sale for 4 fabulous custom-made baskets filled with goodies. The winners will be announced at the end of the Yard Sale.

Gift for Outgoing Present - Judy Hoffman

Judy Hoffman delayed the sale long enough to award Michele Barnard a “Signature Quilt” with blocks signed by numerous FSQ members in thanks for her two years of service as FSQ President.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

The Winners of the Yard Sale Raffle Baskets – Heidi Oestreicher

The winners were: Ellen Robinson, Marlene Clark, Teresa Peterson, and Karen Kehl. The raffle generated \$345 for the guild.

The next meeting will take place at 7:30 PM on August 1, 2022 (in-person).

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Weidman, Secretary



Programs

Judy Walsh

In August, since many members are on vacation we have QUILT-O instead of a speaker at our guild meeting. This quilt-themed “Bingo” is a great way to ease back into our monthly meetings and to socialize with friends we haven’t seen in a while.

For the cost of \$2 and 2 fat quarters, everyone gets 2 QUILT-O cards. Additional cards are \$1 and 1 fat quarter each. The fabric everyone brings becomes the prizes and the money collected goes toward the M&Ms we use as markers and the extra church set up.

It’s a lot of fun and there are many chances to win! Standard “Bingo” games of horizontal, vertical and diagonal will be played, as well as some interesting variations. Once “QUILT-O!” is called and the card is checked, the winner receives a stack of fat quarters.

Come join us for the fun - you might be one of the lucky winners!

In September we’ll be treated to a presentation on Story Quilts by Dr. Angela Lanier:

While quilts were often created for practical or decorative purposes, many women have crafted story quilts to share their voices on religious, political, and personal topics. Dr. Lanier’s presentation will focus on the anatomy of a story quilt and will highlight story quilts created by a diverse group of women, as well as quilts she has made

A self-taught quilter who fell in love with the craft as an adult, Angela developed a tendency toward improvisational quilting, preferring instinct instead of structured patterns. In 2012, she joined the [Uhuru Quilters Guild](#), and has since made close to 100 quilts of varying sizes and styles.

Dr. Lanier has shared her work at trunk shows and exhibits in the Washington, DC area, including the Sandy Spring Museum in Sandy Spring, and Montpelier Mansion in Laurel.

During the pandemic, one of her works was included in the [Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality](#) exhibit at [The Textile Center](#) in Minneapolis, MN and at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, OH.

In addition, Dr. Lanier has led several quilting-related presentations at Montgomery College, where she has worked as an instructional designer since 2014.



FSQ 40th Anniversary

Anne Flaggs

At our October meeting we will celebrate Friendship Star Quilters' 40th Anniversary! Their first public meeting was held in October of 1982.

We are planning a look back at some of our history along with a round-table discussion by several members of the guild. The celebration will include a parade of quilts from past challenges, Presidents' quilts and quilts members share from their own quilting journeys.

The party will continue with some trivia games and a snack table to add to the fun.

We hope you will join us to review the past, see the present and look towards the future. We're excited to be able to celebrate this milestone together!



2022

Quilts in the Park

September 17 10 AM - 3 PM
Free admission to quilt show

- Members' Quilts on Display
- Wildlife Quilt Challenge
- Quilting Crafts available
- Demonstrations throughout the day

Piney Run Park -- Pavilion #4
30 Martz Road, Sykesville, MD 21784
www.pineyrunpark.org

Four County Quilters Guild
www.fourcountyquilters.org
Bring your picnic to the park!

Park Admission:
Carroll County Residents \$6/vehicle
All others: \$12/vehicle, Free Admission over 62



2023 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Jennifer Rossmere

We are ready to start selling raffle tickets for our 2023 Raffle Quilt, *Sunshine and Roses*. It's a lovely quilt in soothing yellow, blue and green with beautiful quilting. The raffle drawing will take place at the June 5, 2023 FSQ Guild meeting and a portion of the profits will go to our chosen charity this year which is Manna Food Center.

Along with selling raffle tickets when we bring the raffle quilt to other guilds, we also ask each FSQ member to either sell or purchase 30 tickets though it is purely voluntary. The prices haven't changed: they still are 6 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$1 (30 tickets for \$25).

I have taken on the job of Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales coordinator. I will be in the lobby at the August FSQ meeting with envelopes of 30 tickets. Please come and see me so you can get your envelope with the raffle tickets, letter explaining the process, along with a picture of the raffle quilt if you want one. The ticket stubs and money are to be returned to me at a guild event or by mail. If you want additional tickets, I will have those for you as well.

Don't forget, the seller of the WINNING ticket is always rewarded with a gift and the TOP three ticket sellers are eligible for prizes. I look forward to your support for this endeavor which supports all the guild activities. Please let me know if you have any questions



Center portion of **Sunshine and Roses**

Note the 3-D yellow rose buds, thanks to member Linda Duzick
Quilted by Maria O'Haver



Service Projects

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Our Spring placemat drive for Meals on Wheels was an overwhelming success! FSQ members made 205 placemats which were donated to Meals on Wheels programs in Kensington and Rockville for elderly clients who are homebound. The director of the Kensington program wrote us a thank you and said:

“Thanks SO MUCH to you and your group for making the Spring time placemats for our clients. (They) are very beautiful and our clients loved getting them.”

Many thanks to all of you who participated in this special project!

Service Projects workshops will resume in August. We will meet on Thursday, August 18, and Thursday, August 25, from 9:30 until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28).

We look forward to seeing all of you and can't wait to see what you've been busy working on over the summer!

Questions? Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver.



Medallion in the Middle

Service Projects 2022 Summer Quilt Challenge

JoAnne DuChez

Just a reminder that your medallion quilts for our Summer Service Projects Challenge are due at our September meeting by 7:15 pm.

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.

Voting will take place before the meeting and during the first 10 minutes of the break. Winners will be awarded the coveted Yard Sale Bucks.

We can't wait to see what you amazing artists create!



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 23rd 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

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere, co-chairs



News About Small Groups

Peggy Weidman, Small Groups Coordinator

As we start a new guild year, I'm changing hats! While on the Officer Nominating Committee, I received comments from several new members about how they didn't feel they were made welcome into the guild. Although the pandemic and absence of in-person meetings contributed to that, I and others remember similar feelings when we first joined. So the guild is going to change this situation.

The first step has been already been completed by our intrepid co-treasurer, Kathy Swartz, also a relatively new member. She has written an informational document that describes/explains all of the guild activities, as well as what the Officers and various Committees do. No more puzzling over what is the "Yard Sale" or what is "Quilto"? She spells it all out! This document will be sent out to all members soon.

The second step will be gathering suggestions - especially from new members - on what they would like to see that would have made them feel welcome, and then to implement changes to make things better for everyone. **All suggestions will be welcome!**

The third step will be to organize more small quilting groups, so that everyone who would like to be part of a small group will have the opportunity to do so. Although the guild already has many small groups, they can't keep taking new members all the time or they won't be small groups anymore! One solution is to make more groups. Interested members will be invited to join one of several Zoom meetings to discuss what small groups are like and considerations for forming small groups. I will then serve as coordinator to bring members together into groups and help them get going.

If this interests you, watch for my FSQ email blasts in the coming weeks. If you have not signed up for FSQ email now is the time to do it! You're missing a lot of good guild information without it! For instructions on how to sign up, contact me at Small_Groups@friendshipstar.org or the Membership co-Chairs at mbrship@friendshipstar.org , and one of us will send you instructions.



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.



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

The library will be open for all FSQ in-person meetings and returned books will be gladly accepted!

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 bidders will be announced at the August meeting. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Proceeds will go to FSQ.



Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

Becoming a member of our guild provides opportunities to meet other quilters, make friends, get inspired, and join in our service projects workshops. Monthly meetings, in-person or on Zoom, provide opportunities to show your work and to hear from a variety of speakers and see their amazing work.

Dues for 2022–2023 are \$35. We will be at the Membership table at our meeting and can accept cash and checks or you may pay electronically.

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 made out to FSQ to the name and address listed on the form. New member applications are online (here).

We hope to see you at the August meeting and look forward to playing *Quilto!*

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber



August Birthdays

Maryjean Spencer	Aug. 10
Linda Duzick	Aug. 14
Sheryl Walker	Aug. 16
Anne Weaver	Aug. 21
Cathy Cottom	Aug. 23
Lizabeth Lawrence	Aug. 24
Elizabeth Rice	Aug. 27
Sandy Koubek	Aug. 29
Denise Dewhurst	Aug. 30



Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

To help prolong the use of your cutting mat, turn it over and cut on the back side. It's almost like having a new mat!

If you're squaring up a bunch of blocks, move them around so you're not always cutting in the same place on your mat.

If your rotary blade isn't cutting quite as well as you'd like, take it out and turn it over. Since cuts are usually made at a slight angle it may cut better on the other side, extending its life a bit longer

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

Liz Lawrence

The Maryland Register of July/August has a Capital Quilts coupon, 15% off total purchase till 8/31/22. Many Maryland and Delaware shops advertise in the Register, which comes out 6x a year. I picked up a bunch of copies of the Register at the Maryland Welcome Center located on 270 South, a mile or two after the PA border. And that Visitor Center is very nice with all sorts of pamphlets, maps and travel info and very nice rest rooms. I recently stopped in a few months ago even though this Center has been there for some years. I was driving and made the command decision to stop at the Center.

You can find the Maryland Register at www.TheMarylandRegister.com or check at other states Visitor Center or Rest Stops. I found the New Jersey Register available at a rest stop along 95.

The Maryland Quilt Guide in the MD Register lists our guild and also those in Carroll County. There are articles and recipes and assorted interesting information.

You can also sign up for the E-newsletter at www.TheMarylandRegister.com.

All members are invited to contribute to this column. Please share something you've enjoyed reading by sending in a suggestion or brief write-up for our next newsletter.



Elected Officers		
President	Judy Hoffman	president@friendshipstar.org
Vice President	Karen Kehl	VP@friendshipstar.org
Co-Treasurers	Kathy Swartz and Trish McTighe	treasurer@friendshipstar.org
Secretary	Barbara VanDenBerg	secretary@friendshipstar.org

Committee Chairs			
Fabric of the Month	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	Raffle Quilt Marketer	Harriet Sheinson
Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Jennifer Rossmere
Holiday Party	Volunteer needed	Retreats	Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere
Library	Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence	Service Projects	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
Membership	Charlene Danka and Lynn Stieber	Small Groups Coordinator	Peggy Weidman
Newsletter	Judy Walsh	Summer Challenge	JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell
Pins	Linda Belecki	Sunshine & Shadows	Ellen Robinson
Programs	Michele Barnard, Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh	Web Administrator	Lorie Coston
Publicity	Michele Barnard	Yard Sale	Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Sesvold
Quilt Show 2023	Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh		