



Friendship Star Quilters October 2022

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The Quiltline

Sep 29 - Oct 1	Sewing & Quilting Expo, Fredericksburg, VA
 Oct 3	FSQ Guild Meeting celebrating our 40 th anniversary!
Oct 9	Four County Quilt Guild – Quilt Bingo 1008 Twin Arch Rd., Mt. Airy, MD (See page 17 for more info)
 Oct 10	FSQ Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
Nov 4-6	Everybody's Quilt Guild – Quilt Show Westminster, MD

October Fabric Raffle: Fat Quarters in Fall
inspired colors or prints



Guild Meetings	Service Projects
<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>If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings will also be cancelled. MCPS cancellations are posted on montgomeryschoolsmd.org/.</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.</p> <p>Workshops this month are Oct 6th and Oct 13th.</p>

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, October 10 at 7:00 pm.**

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

Judy Hoffman

Greetings,

Our 40th Anniversary party is almost here. We will have a quick business meeting then it will be time to celebrate. I understand there may be treats for all. I hope you all can attend.

Here is another member to tell us how she got to quilting.

Peggy Weidman

Although many women in my extended family were seamstresses, no one was a quilter. I did a little sewing in high school but after that, my sewing was largely limited to repairing things. After a long career as a cell and molecular biologist, I retired and took up macro photography as a hobby.

Then one day I saw an advertisement for a class on making T-shirt quilts. I have a large collection of T-shirts and thought that would be a great thing to do with them. So I signed up for the class.

I followed all the pre-class instructions and purchased all of the supplies with help from the ladies at Capital Quilts (I didn't even know what a rotary cutter was). I was psyched! Wouldn't you know it, the day before the class, the instructor hurt her leg and they cancelled the class.

I was so disappointed! I went back to Capital Quilts and asked what I could do. They found a book on making t-shirt quilts for me and I started making the t-shirt quilt on my own, with occasional trips to Capital Quilts for advice and help. By the time I finished, I was hooked!

Numerous quilts later, I'm still in love with the creativity and of quilting and cherish my first quilt, flaws and all.



September Guild Minutes

Barbara Van Den Berg

President Judy Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and asked any new members or guests to stand and introduce themselves. There were three new members.

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

Treasurer's Report – Trish McTighe

Trish reported that the budget was approved in June and is higher than the previous year due to COVID. Please see her if you have any deposits to be made or checks to be issued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Raffle Tickets – Ellen Robinson reported for Jennifer Rossmere

Ellen reported she has tickets tonight for the drawing in June 2023. She has packages of 30 tickets along with pictures of the raffle quilt. Members who buy tickets only need to put their name and phone number on the front. Tickets that are sold to others should have the selling member's name on the back. There will be prizes for the top three sellers and the seller of the winning ticket. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the guild and Manna.

Small Groups – Peggy Weidman

Peggy reported she is holding a meeting with an overview of small groups on Wednesday via Zoom. There is likely enough interest to form a day group and a night group.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver

Anne reported that the service projects continue to meet twice a month at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. In October the meetings are on the 6th and 13th. All are welcome.

FSQ 40th Anniversary Celebration – Anne Flaggs

Next meeting is our 40th Anniversary Celebration. There will be a parade of quilts, bring a quilt with a short explanation to participate. Please invite friends or previous members. The following help is still needed: Photographer (Kathy Swartz volunteered); food table; and donations/loans of old issues of the FSQ Quiltline (prior to 2000).

Membership – Charlene Danka

Charlene reported they now have special name tags for new members. Our membership currently stands at 119.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FSQ awarded Lindsay Kennedy (not present) with the cash prize and one year FSQ membership for winning the Best Beginner Quilt at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.

Two FSQ members shared their quilting stories in this month's Quiltline.

The Quiltline – October 2022

The Raffle Committee still needs a volunteer quilt marketer. Charlene Danka will help with scheduling.

The guild needs help with greeters at future meetings to welcome new members and visitors.

Heidi Oestreicher is collecting donations for fillers for raffle baskets. She suggested perhaps the mini groups would challenge each other to create baskets – perhaps with Yard Sale Bucks as a prize for best basket.

Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh updated the guild on the upcoming Quilt Show to be held April 21-23, 2023, with a set-up day on April 20. The first meeting of the 2023 Quilt Show Committee Chairs will be held on September 21 at Asbury Methodist Village to update information and procedures for the new venue. A SignUp Genius survey was sent out to members to see who is interested in submitting a quilt for the show, please respond if you haven't.

Michele Barnard shared that the Maryland Register has an article about our guild.

Gerda Sherwood asked who has the raffle quilt as she will be taking it to the Baltimore Applique Society.

Lorie Coston will create a SignUp Genius for scheduling the raffle quilt.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Angela Lanier who made a presentation about story quilts. She will share her PowerPoint presentation by e-mail.

JoAnne DuChez announced the winners of the Service Projects quilt challenge. First place was Judy Walsh, second place was Linda August and third place was Collen Biasco. A parade of the challenge quilts was held.

The door prize was drawn, JoAnne DuChez was the winner.

The fat quarter drawings were held.

Show and tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary



FSQ Fabric Raffle 2022-2023

Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson

Fabric of the Month is a purely voluntary activity held at in person guild meetings. Liz and/or Harriet will be at the back of the hall to collect fabric before the meeting starts from anyone who wants to participate.

A slip with your name on it will be collected for each fat quarter you contribute. You may contribute as many fat quarters as you wish, but you can only win once per meeting. Names are pulled at the end of the meeting and you must be present to win.

Please contact us at fabric@friendshipstar.org if you have any questions.

October	Fat quarters of Fall inspired colors or prints
November	Service Projects Special: Children's/juvenile themed fat quarters Bring one for the raffle and one for Service Projects
December	Virtual Meeting, no raffle
January	Virtual Meeting, no raffle
February	Virtual Meeting, no raffle
March	Fat quarters in shades of red/burgundy
April	Fat quarters of Floral prints to make you think of Spring
May	Fat quarters of "Ugly" fabric - one person's trash is another's treasure
June	YARD SALE!! No raffle scheduled



Programs

Judy Walsh

In **October** we will finally have our **40th Anniversary Celebration!!**

Many thanks to Anne Flaggs, Michele Barnard, Joy Dorman, DeVeda Powell and Harriet Sheinson for coordinating this upcoming event.

In **November** we hope you will join us for a presentation by Lucinda Marshall.

[Lucinda Marshall](#) is a poet as well as an artist and quilter. She will be sharing some of her poems about quilting, including several that were recently published in *QuiltFolk* and *Uppercase* magazines. One of her quilts has also been published in *Curated Quilts*.

In addition to sharing her poetry, Lucinda will show some of her quilts and talk about her approach to improv quilting.

Upcoming speakers (in person unless otherwise listed)

December – Zoom: Emily Taylor – Collage Quilting

January – Zoom: Eleanor Levie – 12 Ways to Rock Your Quilting

February – Zoom: Dana Jones – The Quilts of Caohagan Island

March – Barbara Korengold – Trunk show of award winning applique quilts

April – Deb Franklin – What Does a Quilt Judge Looks For?

May – Alicia Thomas – Bring the Virginia Quilt Museum to You

June – Yard Sale!



FSQ 40th Anniversary

Anne Flaggs

The time has finally arrived for us to celebrate 40 years of Friendship Star Quilters at our meeting in October.

We are planning a look back at some of our history along with an interview of Jane Phillips, a founding member of the guild. The celebration will include a parade of quilts from past challenges and quilts members share from their own quilting journeys.

There will be cupcakes for all and if you would like you can bring a shareable finger food type dessert.

We would love to see members old and new - even those who have moved on from the guild. Everyone is invited.

We hope you will join us to review the past, see the present and look towards the future. Remember to bring any memorabilia you have to share and quilts for our parade of Quilts. We're excited to be able to celebrate this milestone together!



Small Groups Update

Peggy Weidman

An orientation to small groups was held on Zoom September 14, 2022 and a recording of the orientation made available to those who could not attend. Although a few small group vacancies were available and have been filled, there is great demand for a small group that meets in the evening. This demand can only be met by starting a new small quilting group!

The first meeting for this evening quilting group will be a dinner on Thursday, October 13, at 7PM. An invitation has already been sent to those who expressed a desire to join. If you did not receive an invitation but want to join in, contact Peggy Weidman at small_groups@friendshipstar.org.

I also have a request to find out if there are any FSQ members who would be interested in a small group focused on machine embroidery. If you have an embroidery machine, this might be a group for you! If you are interested, contact Peggy Weidman and/or Dottie Acton.



2023 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Jennifer Rossmere

I have lots of quilt raffle tickets for you to sell to your friends and family for a chance to win our lovely Sunshine and Roses quilt. I will be in the lobby at the October 3rd FSQ meeting with envelopes with 30 raffle tickets, a letter explaining the process, along with a picture of the raffle quilt if you want one. It would be great if each FSQ member could either sell or purchase 30 tickets, though it is purely voluntary.

I will also have additional tickets for those who want them and will be collecting any ticket stubs and money. The prices haven't changed: they still are 6 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$1 (30 tickets for \$25).

Remember, 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. 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



2023 Quilt Show Update

Judy Walsh and Trish McTighe

2023 FSQ Quilt Show

Set-up: Thursday April 20, 2023

Show Dates: April 21, 22, 23, 2023

[Asbury Methodist Village](#)

Rosborough Cultural Arts and Wellness Center

At our kickoff meeting on Sept 21st, we decided to call our show “Celebration of Quilts”. The show will close at 5 pm on Friday and Saturday, since the 5-6 pm time slot has had few visitors in the past.

Viewer’s Choice voting will close at the end of the day on Saturday so the ribbons can be displayed all day on Sunday rather than just for the final hour of the show.

Quilt Show Committee Chairs will be touring the Rosborough building on Tuesday October 11th.

Please remember to bring new or gently used items to our guild meetings for the Quilt Show Raffle Baskets. They can be placed in the pink box that will be available in the lobby.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS FOR ALL FSQ MEMBERS TO DO TO SUPPORT THE SHOW:

- ❖ If you haven't already, please start now on your quilts for the show. We're looking for about 80 quilts, as the venue is smaller than in past shows. Think: smaller venue, smaller quilts. Quilted items such as clothing, wall hangings, table runners or bags are also eligible.
- ❖ Think about and begin making items for the Boutique. These can be any quality craft items. In the past, pottery, jewelry, note cards and cat toys have been popular, as well as placemats, bowl cozies, table runners and other quilted items. Makers receive 90% of the after-tax sales price, and the guild receives 10%.
- ❖ Start to identify and make things that can be sold at the Silent Auction. This is another fund-raising effort for our guild. 30% of the after-tax sales price goes to the guild, and the maker receives 70%.
- ❖ Encourage your friends or small group to create a Raffle Basket for the Quilt Show.



Quilt Show Boutique

Peggy Weidman

One of the favorites of the Quilt Show is the Boutique where FSQ members can show off and sell their handicrafts. Handicrafts include just about anything you make yourself: from pot holders to sparkling ornaments, from baby bibs to handbags, from greeting cards to pillows.

If you make it you can sell it! You set your own prices, FSQ gets only 10% and you help mind the shop during the show. Not a bad deal!

So put on your crafty hat and get started!





Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Fall has arrived. Temperatures are moderating, leaves are beginning to turn, and Service Projects is back in full swing! FSQ members were busy over the summer making quilts and pillowcases and we've also been busy delivering them to various locations.

In September we delivered 42 quilts to Project Linus as well as 25 quilts to Healthy Families Montgomery for their home visiting program. They were very grateful; Project Linus even posted a picture and a thank you on their Facebook page!



Project Linus Montgomery County Chapter

August 29 at 10:21 PM · 🌐

Special appreciation to our great friends with Friendship Star Quilters for sharing their beautiful art with children in need in Montgomery County. Thank you all so much!



We were also pleased to see nine beautiful medallion challenge quilts displayed at the September meeting. Several people said they were almost finished theirs and would get them to us later. Thanks to ALL who participated. They are all gorgeous.

October Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, October 6, and Thursday, October 13, from 9:30 am until about noon. We meet at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road.

Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver for details or with questions. We hope to see you there!



FSQ Retreat

Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2023 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

JANUARY 13-16, 2023

WAITLIST AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that FSQ's 23rd annual "Quilters Unsupervised" sewing retreat is now **SOLD OUT!!!**

JOIN THE WAITLIST

Even though all 34 spaces have been sold, as we all know, life happens and sometimes quilters who have signed up find that they must withdraw. There is a good chance that if you are on the Waitlist, an opening will become available.

If you would like to be on the Waitlist, please fill out the registration form and send it in, with a deposit check for \$50. We will not cash your check until a space becomes available. We will contact you to verify that you still want to participate. If you no longer wish to participate, we will return your check to you and offer the space to the next person on the Waitlist.

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



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.



Gee Whiz: Gee's Bend at the National Gallery of Art

Judy Newton

The new exhibit “Called to Create: Black Artists of the American South”, now open at the National Gallery of Art, showcases a group of artworks made from diverse materials by modern artists working to transform mundane ingredients into expressions of their souls.

Among them are nine Gee's Bend quilts. The oldest, dated 1942, was made from the quilter's husband's work clothes as a way to memorialize him while creating a practical item to literally provide comfort. Others are more contemporary. They all display a capacity to surprise the viewer by subverting quilting conventions (either by design or necessity), freely adapting traditional patterns and materials, and fearlessly transgressing the rules of straight seam lines and consistency.

Several were made from scraps of corduroy leftover from a commercial contract to produce pillows for Sears. If you look up close, you can see that the bindings on several quilts were sewn by machine. I feel personally justified in my belief that the needle-sticks involved in hand sewing bindings are not worth it!

The last room (of four) contains the latest thing in museum exhibit design – an immersive video projection installation, which includes documentary footage of a Gee's Bend quilting bee.

This is a great chance to examine Gee's Bend quilts up close. These pieces are part of an acquisition by the National Gallery of Art from the Souls Grown Deep Foundation, and will become part of the permanent collection.

There are also several events scheduled around the exhibit. One lecture on November 1 will feature Mary Margaret Pettway, a Gee's Bend quilter, in person. The exhibit closes March 26, 2023.



Curator Harry Cooper, oldest quilt on right



Blocks and Strips quilt by Mary Lee Bendolph



Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

Many thanks to all the members who renewed and who will be listed in the new membership directory, scheduled to be emailed to current members the first week of October. We currently have 102 members who have renewed or joined for 2022-2023.

At the September meeting, we had three new members join and we want to welcome them to FSQ:

Mary Legge

Ellen Parkinson

Monica Spilis

We have nametags for guests and also welcome folders and badges for new members. Please be on the lookout to give them a friendly greeting. We are also looking for members to sign up to welcome guests and new members each month. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Membership table.

FSQ will meet via Zoom for December, January, and February. If you are not able to attend guild meetings, the [Renewal Forms](#) are online 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 also online.

See you at the Membership table when you sign in on October 3.

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber
Membership Chairs



October Birthdays

Sabina Lindley	Oct 1	Nancy Colladay	Oct 14
Janet Scalese	Oct 1	Judith Newton	Oct 16
Ellen Robinson	Oct 4	Teresa Peterson	Oct 17
Karen Moss	Oct 5	Alice Washburn	Oct 20
Susan Schwarz	Oct 7	Veronica Smith	Oct 26
Marylyne Clarke	Oct 9	Michele Barnard	Oct 27
Meg Tison	Oct 11	Harriet Sheinson	Oct 29



Tips & Tricks

Suma Glassman

When I got a new cover for my big board, I used a ruler to add a line with a couple of mark for length. It helps me kept a straight line and to get approximate lengths. It's not fancy but it works.



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

I've enjoyed these 2 recent mysteries from author Ruth Ware. Both are page turners.

One by One – a group of co-ed workers go to a French ski retreat.

The IT Girl -- a new class of students arrive at Oxford University. Almost each chapter is a “Before” and an “After” in their lives

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.

QUILT BINGO

FOUR COUNTY QUILT GUILD
fourcountyquilters.org



Sunday, October 9, 2022

Ticket includes Lunch: \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door

Lunch provided by Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary

Location: Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company—Reception Hall
1008 Twin Arch Rd.
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Features

20 Regular Games
(included with ticket)

4 Specials
Jackpot
Basket Raffles

Door Prizes

Doors open at 12:00 PM
Lunch 12:30 PM
Bingo starts at 2:00 PM



Lunch

Choice of Sandwich:
Barbeque or
Chicken Salad
Choice of Two Sides:
Macaroni & Cheese
Potato Salad
Coleslaw
Beverage

TICKETS ON SALE

JULY 13

Cash, PayPal

Or Check (FCQG)

marilyn-whalen@comcast.net

301-363-5419

SEATING

Reserved seating for
parties of 8 or more
available when tickets
are purchased
Reserve early!

Desserts

&

Bingo Daubers

Available for purchase



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