



Friendship Star Quilters December 2022

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The Quiltline

 Dec 5	FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom.
 Dec 12	FSQ Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
 Jan 9	FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom
Thru Jan 16 '23	Maryland Waterways - a juried exhibit to benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Benjamin Gaither Center, Gaithersburg

Fabric Raffle: Will resume at our next in-person meeting (March 5, 2023)

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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 ZOOM meetings will still be held.</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 Dec 1st and Dec 8th.</p>



Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, December 12th 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

I hope you all had many chances to let your family and friends know how thankful you are that they are in your life. Now we look forward to more celebrating for the next month or so.

If you have been busy with quilting projects remember that our FSQ quilt “Sunshine and Roses” is finished and already visiting a number of guilds. If you have not returned your raffle tickets to Jennifer Rossmere please keep in mind that you must play to win.

Speaking of Jennifer, here is her “How I got to quilting and FSQ”:

How I Got Into Quilting by Jennifer Rossmere

It was 1982. I had just purchased my own home. I bought a queen-sized bed and then wanted to make a quilt to cover it. I had done some sewing in Home Ec but that was it.

A good friend of the family was a quilter and she became my mentor. She sent me two books and I asked her lots of questions. She suggested I start with something smaller but since my goal was for something for my new bed, I didn't listen. I did do a sample block and then started on the quilt using cardboard templates and scissors.

After taking a one-night class on how to hand quilt, I was on my way. I finished the queen-sized quilt with my hand quilting getting a lot better as I progressed. That quilt was used for many years.

I was hooked, though I didn't get a lot of time to quilt while I was working. Once I retired, I took a complete quilting class at Capital Quilts which was very helpful. I also joined FSQ for the informative presentations and I gained a wonderfully warm community of quilters.

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November Guild Minutes

Barbara Van Den Berg

President Judy Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM and asked any new members or guests to stand and introduce themselves. There was one new member. She reminded all that the December, January and February meetings will be on Zoom. She announced that Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild was here selling tickets for their raffle quilt in the lobby.

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

Treasurer's Report – Trish McTighe and Kathy Swartz

Trish reported that she, Kathy Swartz and Barbara Kilby met to review and update QuickBooks to accommodate credit card acceptance and the various raffles. She announced that if anyone needs checks or reimbursements you can download the form from the guild's website and return it by e-mail. She will need you to provide the hard copy with signature to disburse the funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales – Jennifer Rossmere

Please see Jennifer to get tickets to sell or to turn in sold tickets and money.

Quilt Show 2023 – Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh

Trish announced that the show committee chairs will meet November 16 at 7pm. Others are welcome. Contact Trish or Judy for the Zoom link.

Quilt Raffle – Judy Hoffman

Judy announced that that she has two dates that need volunteers to go to other guilds to sell tickets. The dates are January 11 for the Southern Comforters in Bowie and March 1 for Everybody's Quilt Guild in Westminster.

Programs – Michelle Barnard, Judy Walsh, Stacy Ross

Stacy announced that our January Zoom speaker Eleanor Levie offers a weaving workshop via Zoom. Please reply to the SignUp Genius with a yes or no to indicate your interest.

Stacy introduced our speaker Lucinda Marshall who provided a presentation on poetry, improv quilts and story quilts.

Holiday Lunch – Kathy Swartz

Kathy asked if anyone is interested in gathering for a holiday luncheon, to please contact her. She will investigate potential dates and restaurants and communicate details via e-mail.

Show and tell was conducted.

Two door prizes were drawn, with Michelle Barnard and Rosie Hormuth winning.

The fabric of the month drawings were held. Ihsia Hu and Beth Stafford won.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary





Programs

Judy Walsh

We're looking for 2 more people to sign up for a Jan. 28th 9:30 am – 1 pm **Zoom workshop** **"Weave a Quilt with Me"** by Eleanor Levie on creating woven quilts, pillows, table runners, etc. No sewing machine is needed! Cost will be \$35 each if we have 10 participants. Learn more about the workshop [here](#) and contact Judy Walsh (programs@friendshipstar.org) if you'd like to sign up.

In **December Emily Taylor** will be sharing her techniques & tips for creating collage quilts.

Emily is a self-taught artist, fabric designer and quilter as well as a creative entrepreneur. She has been active in the home decor and quilt industries for over 20 years.

Emily has created over a dozen fabric collections has been featured on QVC for her wallpaper murals.

Her foolproof collage quilt patterns combined with enthusiasm for teaching her students the secrets of success have generated a loyal following. See more of Emily's work or contact her at CollageQuilter.com.

In **January** we hope you will join us for a presentation by **Eleanor Levie**, who will show us **"12 Ways to Rock Your Quilting"**. For a sneak peek of a few items in that lecture, visit her website at <https://www.eleanorlevie.com/speaker-topic-detail.php?ID=10>.

Or check out her lyrics for "12 days of Quiltmas".

<https://www.eleanorlevie.com/quilting-blog/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/12-Days-of-Quiltmas-3.pdf>

Upcoming speakers (in person unless otherwise listed)

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!



2023 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Jennifer Rossmere

It is the season of getting together with family and friends. You may want quilt raffle tickets for family gatherings or you may want to tuck a few quilt raffle tickets into a stocking. You will be supporting the guild, Manna Food and your family members will have the possibility of owning a beautiful quilt, our lovely Sunshine and Roses quilt.

Since we will not be meeting in December, if you would like some quilt raffle tickets, please let me know. I will gladly get you tickets for you to sell to your friends and family. The prices haven't changed: they still are 6 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$1. I will also gladly pick up ticket stubs and money.

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.



Sunshine and Roses – photo by Peggy Weidman



2023 Quilt Show Update

Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh

The planning for our **“Celebration of Quilts”** quilt show is continuing and the committee chairs are enthusiastically working to make the show a great success. The committee met via Zoom on November 16 to discuss updates and procedures for the new venue at the Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg.

Prior to the show, volunteers will be able to pre-register with the Asbury gatehouse on Odendhal Avenue to ensure quicker entry. We will send out a document in April to use for this easy pre-registration.

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

Quilt Turn In will take place on Wednesday, April 19 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at the Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village.

Set-up for the show will be on Thursday, April 20.

“Celebration of Quilts” will run from Noon, April 21 to 4:00 PM on April 23.

Future meetings of Quilt Show committee chairs will be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 18 and Wednesday, March 15.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

There's a definite chill in the air. No icy precipitation yet, thankfully, but it's still a good time to stay inside and quilt! We've certainly been busy doing just that. As we finish 6 months of our guild year (June 1 to November 30), Service Projects is pleased to announce we have donated the following:

- 177 quilts for babies, children and teens
- 79 preemie quilts for babies in area NICUs
- 95 preemie hats, either knitted or crocheted, also for NICUs
- 33 placemats

November has been especially busy with deliveries. We took 26 to Project Linus which will give them to area hospitals, to the county Department of Social Services and to a refugee family. A Wider Circle received 30 for formerly homeless families who are newly established in housing. Finally we delivered 12 preemie quilts and 26 preemie hats to the NICU at Children's Hospital. Many thanks to ALL the FSQ members who helped us in this effort!



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! Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, December 1 and Thursday, December 8, from 9:30 until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. We hope you can join us. If you have questions, please contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver. See you there!



FSQ Retreat

Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2023 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

JANUARY 13-16, 2023

SPACE AVAILABLE

Space is available for FSQ's 23rd annual "Quilters Unsupervised" sewing retreat. 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



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.



Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

We extend a warm welcome Kelly Bauer who joined FSQ at our November meeting. We now have 110 members.

We are meeting via Zoom, and not in person, during December, January, and February.

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 also online [here](#).

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom at the December 5 meeting.

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber
Membership Chairs



December Birthdays

Barbara Van Den Berg	Dec. 4
Deborah Chubb	Dec. 5
Nicki Lynch	Dec. 9
Barbara Morten	Dec. 18
Bobbie Draves	Dec. 20
Judy Walsh	Dec. 23



Tips & Tricks

Jan Drass

Here's a video by Missouri Star that tells you everything you need to know about ripping seams quickly and easily.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgwjV7zqTKA>

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

Judy Walsh

In 2014, Schmetz - the company that has been making sewing machine needles since 1851 – began issuing a publication entitled “Inspired to Sew”.

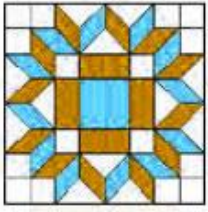
What began as a quarterly magazine eventually became a monthly electronic publication covering a wide variety of subjects and spotlighting numerous people involved in the sewing and fabric arts communities.

Did you know that Walter Hunt actually built the first American sewing machine around 1833? But Isaac Singer is generally thought of as the inventor because he patented his invention (in 1851), and Hunt hadn't patented his.

That's just the tip of the iceberg in Issue #83 of “Inspired to Sew” which focuses on the partnership of Isaac Merritt Singer and Edward Cabot Clark. While Singer lived an openly scandalous life, Clark was a quiet, well-respected lawyer who was the guiding force of their business.

Check out all the issues of “Inspired to Sew” here: <https://issuu.com/schmetzneedles/docs>. You're bound to find a lot of interesting reading!

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.



Members in the Spotlight

Sheryl Walker and Kay Campbell Anderson

Sheryl Walker

My entry, "Searching for Ponies on Assateague", the only fabric piece in the juried Maryland Waterways Exhibition, has SOLD, and some of the proceeds will be donated to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

The works of fine art will be on display at the Benjamin Gaither Center Gallery through January 16, 2023.



Kay Campbell Anderson

My small group's quilt, *Pollinators*, was judged into the Pictorial-Large category at the Houston Quilt Festival. Seven of us each depicted a pollinator for the quilt.

My pollinator? The Lesser Long Nose Bat, pollinator of the Saguaro cactus in the Sonoran desert.





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