

Friendship Star Quilters January 2023

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The Quiltline

 Jan 9	FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom.
 Jan 13-16	FSQ Annual Sewing Retreat Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center Marriottsville, MD
 Jan 18	FSQ Quilt Show Meeting via Zoom
Mar 29 – Apr 1	Lancaster Quilt Show Wyndham Resort & Convention Center 2300 E. Lincoln Hwy, Lancaster, PA https://www.facebook.com/LancasterQuiltShow/

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 Jan 5th and Jan 26th.</p>



Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, February 13th 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

There was an article in the December 23, 2022 Washington Post titled "For the Homeless a Little Warmth". It tells about an elementary school teacher who wanted to combine her fifth grade geometry lesson with quilting. The class ended up making 2 quilts that they donated to charity.

The teacher has become an advocate for the homeless in Pennsylvania and organized a blanket drive. She said, "There's an amount of love in that handmade blanket that did not come from a store, that whole idea that somebody made you a handmade blanket just because you matter."

As a member of FSQ we all have a chance to do just that. Even if you are not able to attend Service Projects that meets twice a month during the day, you can pick up kits to complete at home. Or by just being a paid FSQ member, part of your dues contributes to materials for so many different size blankets.

For that I say "THANK YOU" and look forward to witnessing your generosity and creativity in 2023.

Help Needed!

We need 2 volunteers to take our "Sunshine and Roses" quilt and sell raffle tickets to:

Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
Christian Community Presbyterian Church
3120 Belair Dr.
Bowie, MD 20718

Date: January 11, 2023

Time: 6:45 p.m.

If you can assist with this, please contact Judy Hoffman at president@friendshipstar.org ASAP!

The money we make from selling raffle tickets helps to pay for our speakers, so **please do your part by volunteering for these events**. As a bonus, you'll get to enjoy the speaker at another guild!

The speaker at Southern Comforters that night will be T. Carter, who will talk about Eclectic Embellishing. <https://www.historyoutsidethebox.net/lectures-workshops>.



December Guild Minutes

Barbara Van Den Berg

Vice-President Karen Kehl called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

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

Treasurer's Report – Trish McTighe and Kathy Swartz

Trish reported that they continue to track money in and out. The Executive Board will meet next Monday where the complete financial report will be reviewed and discussed. She reminded all that the forms for requesting checks for guild business are on the FSQ website for download.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quilt Show 2023 – Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh

Trish reported that the Quilt Show committee chairs met November 16. Important dates for the show are in the Quiltline, such as the quilt turn in date which is Wednesday April 19 from 3 – 6 pm in the Rosborough Building. The contract with Asbury is in the signature process. The cost is \$936 for 5 days. The committee needs volunteers for outdoor signs. If you're interested, contact Trish for a copy of the job description. She reminded everyone to wear fabric wristlets so when people ask about them you can tell them about our upcoming show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Board Meeting – Kathy Swartz

Kathy announced that the FSQ Executive Board meets December 12. If you are interested in attending, e-mail Kathy for the Zoom link.

GUEST SPEAKER

Stacy Ross introduced the guest speaker, Emily Taylor. Emily provided a presentation on Collage Quilting.

Show and tell was conducted.

The door prize was drawn and Lynn Stieber won a \$10 gift card to Capital Quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary



Programs

Judy Walsh

It's not too late to join the Zoom workshop "Weave a Quilt with Me" by Eleanor Levie on creating woven quilts, pillows, table runners, etc. The workshop will take place Jan. 28th 9:30 am – 1 pm. No sewing machine is needed!

Learn more about the workshop [here](#) and contact Judy Walsh (programs@friendshipstar.org) if you'd like to sign up.

In **January Eleanor Levie** will be showing us "12 Ways to Rock your Quilting". Using various techniques, she'll give us ideas to make our quilts original and more uniquely personal.

Upcoming speakers (in person unless otherwise listed)

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

A Happy New Year to everyone. Since we will not be meeting in person in January, if you would like some quilt raffle tickets, please let me know. I will gladly get you tickets so you can 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



2023 Quilt Show Update

Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh

“Celebration of Quilts”

Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg

Online Quilt Registration: Mid-February – March 12

Quilt Turn-In: Wednesday, April 19, 3-6 PM

Set-up: Thursday April 20

Show Dates: April 21, 22 and 23

The next meeting of the Quilt Show committee chairs will be held on Wednesday, January 18 on Zoom at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Walsh or Trish McTighe by January 17 to request the link. The last committee chair meeting via Zoom will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM.

The Quilt Show budget was approved by FSQ Executive Committee at the Zoom meeting on December 12th.

Registration for the Quilt Show is expected to open in mid-February and the last day to register will be March 12th. Registration will be done online, like it was for our 2019 show. As before, a digital photo of the item must be uploaded with the registration form.

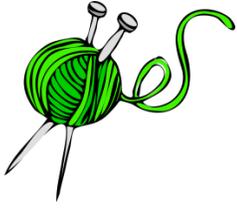
Quilts tops must be completed and registered by March 12th, but they do not need to be sandwiched, quilted and bound by that date. You will have until April 19th (Turn-in day) to complete your quilt. All quilts must be labeled with the maker's name and quilt name (temporary labels are acceptable).

Note: If your quilt is over 90" long it will touch the floor, but to keep it clean the floor will first be covered with brown paper

Any quilt that is queen size or larger must have a 4" sleeve on the back. As mentioned previously, we will not be able to take many quilts that are this large.

Quilt Turn-in will be from 3:00-6:00 pm at the Rosborough building, 301 Odendhal Ave. in Gaithersburg. If you will not be available for turn-in you may have a friend bring in your *previously registered* quilt. More information will be available later.

Please continue to work on your show quilts, boutique items and silent auction creations, as April will be here before we know it.



Quilt Show Boutique

Peggy Weidman

Calling all Handcrafters: Get ready for the Quilt Show Boutique!

Hope you are saving up your handcrafted goods to sell in the boutique at the FSQ Quilt show on April 20-23, 2023! If you make it, you can sell it at the boutique!

Important dates to keep in mind:

Registration forms will be made available soon and will be due by April 3.

Registered participants can sign up to work in the boutique in Signup Genius starting April 3.

All participants must be signed up to work before Thursday, April 20.

Your goodies and an inventory of them will be due on Thursday, April 20.

Further information and instructions will be sent out as the time approaches.

If you have questions, contact Peggy Weidman at mjweidman104@verizon.net.



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Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Are you planning to go to the FSQ retreat at Bon Secours in January? Would you like spend a couple of minutes making a pillowcase or preemie quilt for Service Projects? Both are quick projects that are fun to do for a warm-up or a break from the projects you brought with you. Kits for both will be available at the retreat and directions will be included! Plan to choose your favorite, stitch it up and return it to Colleen Biasco or Jennifer Rossmere when it's finished. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Where do we donate those beautiful quilts and pillowcases that our guild members make? Below is a current list and you can also go to the guild website, <https://friendshipstar.org>, for links to a description of each organization.

Quilts:

- Comfort Cases
- A Wider Circle
- Healthy Families Montgomery (affiliated with Sheppard Pratt)
- Shady Grove Hospital Pediatrics Department
- Project Linus

Preemie Quilts and Hats:

- Children's Hospital NICU
- Shady Grove NICU

Pillowcases:

- Ryan's Case for Smiles, for distribution locally to:
 - Children's Hospital
 - Fairfax Inova Hospital
 - Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Placemats:

- A Wider Circle
- Iona House
- Meals on Wheels

Come stitch with us in person! Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, January 5 and Thursday, January 26. We meet at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Contact Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan for more information or email us at servproj@friendshipstar.org.



FSQ Retreat

Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2023 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

JANUARY 13-16, 2023

WAITLIST AVAILABLE

Although we are not accepting any new registrations, 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. Currently there is no one on the Waitlist, so your opportunity to participate in the retreat is excellent.

If you would like to be on the Waitlist, please send an email to retreats@friendshipstar.org.

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



Zoom Sip & Sew

Peggy Weidman

Efforts to put together a new small group that meets in the evenings just didn't work out last fall. Now that the holidays are behind us and the cold weather is here, how about joining a monthly Zoom Sip and Sew?

If there is enough interest, I will set up a Zoom for those who need an evening break once in a while to meet other quilters and talk about quilting. I'm proposing a Zoom on the third Thursday of the month, from 7 PM to 8- 8:30 PM.

If this sounds like something you would like join in, let me know at small_groups@friendshipstar.org. I can then send a schedule and link.



Facebook

Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson

We 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.

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The F* Word

Liz Lawrence

Original article in QNM 9/2006 by Pamela J. Durant

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It's much easier to get into new projects than go back to finish unfinished projects. Here are some ideas from this old article but still practical today and into the New Year of 2023.

- Make a list of works in progress and keep list handy to refer and to prioritize.
- Set a deadline to finish; give it a finish by date.
- Have cut pieces handy to start working whenever possible.
- Set a timer to work on an old project before also working on a new project.
- Resolve to finish by finishing a smaller old project before starting a new project.
- Don't buy new fabric until UFO is finished and then treat yourself.
- Keep UFO near sewing machine and try some chain piecing on UFO project.
- Same with cutting: while cutting for new project, also cut for UFO.
- Step back to look at and admire UFO to see how it really is a good project.
- Set up time with other quilters to all work on UFOs.
- Ask other quilters for advice on color choice or design to get past what might be holding you up.
- Trade UFO projects with a friend to get past what might be a troubling section.
- Size it down, instead of King make it a lap size to help finish the UFO.
- Improve skills by taking classes; may learn new or easier ways to construct your UFO.

I confess: I am a true procrastinator. Hope these thoughts may help you (and me) finish UFOs, and move on to creating the next new projects to share with us all in the New Year of 2023. . . –Liz Lawrence



Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

As the year comes to an end, we want to express our appreciation to our members, those new to us this year and those who are long time veterans. Our membership is currently at 110 members.

We continue to meet virtually for our January and February meetings. So stay warm at home and join us!

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](#)).

Hope to see your smiling faces at the next Zoom meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023.

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber
Membership Chairs



January Birthdays

Rosemary Hormuth	Jan. 1
Colleen Biasco	Jan. 4
Holly Trotter	Jan. 7
Jan Baweja	Jan. 10
Linda Gordon	Jan. 11
Lynn Stieber	Jan. 19
Judy Chandler	Jan. 22
Kimberly Strong	Jan. 30



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 Van Den Berg	secretary@friendshipstar.org

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