


## Friendship Star Quilters February 2023

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# The Quiltline

 <b>Feb 6</b>	<b>FSQ Guild Meeting</b> via Zoom. The meeting link will be sent on Saturday 2/4.
 <b>Feb 13</b>	<b>FSQ Exec. Board Meeting</b> via Zoom (7:00 pm)
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Nimble Fingers Zoom Workshop</b> Scrappy Applique Collage Quilting with Kristie Naranjo from 10 am – 4 pm See page 13 for more information.
<b>Mar 29 – Apr 1</b>	<b>Lancaster Quilt Show</b> Wyndham Resort & Convention Center 2300 E. Lincoln Hwy, Lancaster, PA <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LancasterQuiltShow/">https://www.facebook.com/LancasterQuiltShow/</a>

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

Guild Meetings	Service Projects
Guild meetings are usually held the 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at  Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD  <b>Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm; business meeting &amp; program at 7:30 pm.</b>  If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, <b>FSQ ZOOM meetings will still be held.</b>	Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 am – Noon at  Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD  <b>Face masks are strongly encouraged.</b>  Workshops this month are <b>Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.</b>

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### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Karen Kehl

Hello Quilters!

As you have probably heard by now, Judy Hoffman has stepped down from her role as Friendship Star Quilt Guild (FSQ) President due to health issues. I am sure you all join me in sincere appreciation for Judy's willingness to serve and her work for our guild. I will be trying to fill her shoes through this guild year. This does leave a considerable gap, and we are asking for volunteers for a nominating committee to start working by the end of February. I know that many of you are busy with preparing for the April Quilt Show, but this is an urgent, and short-term need. If you are willing to be on the nominating committee (or to run for either President or Vice-President), please contact me either via e-mail or phone.

February is a great month for quilting. The weather is colder, and we tend to spend more time at home. I am starting a couple of big quilts this month. I am finishing up some small projects – placemats and table runners – for the FSQ boutique at the April Quilt Show. Of course, I am using a lot of bright colors to counteract the colder weather. I hope you all have some great time to quilt, and to enjoy the fruits of your labor while sleeping or snuggling under some wonderful quilts!

Do start thinking about which quilt or quilts you are going to enter into the Quilt Show. Registration will open in February.

I strongly encourage you to submit at least one quilt. There is something really special about seeing your quilt hanging among so many beautiful pieces. When I joined the guild in January 2017, I was in awe of the talent and skills of the many members of FSQ. I heard about the Quilt Show, but I didn't think anything I made would be appropriate. But there were several FSQ members that encouraged me to find something to submit, anything that had been made in the past two years. I gathered up my courage and decided to submit the wedding quilt that I made for my son and daughter-in-law in 2015 (after I got their permission). I got great feedback on my quilt, enjoyed getting to know more FSQ members through volunteering at the show, gained confidence in my quilting abilities, and had a LOT of fun!





## **January Guild Minutes**

Barbara Van Den Berg

Vice-President Karen Kehl called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

**Meeting Minutes:** The December FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Service Projects – Anne Weaver**

In the last few months, FSQ has donated 71 quilts for comfort cases, 18 preemie quilts, and 65 preemie hats. The service projects groups continues to meet twice a month, see the newsletter for dates, times, and location.

#### **Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales – Jennifer Rossmere**

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

#### **Quilt Retreat – Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere**

The retreat committee is considering a change in dates. Please responds to the e-mail poll that will be sent. There are also a few cancellations for the upcoming retreat, if you're interested in attending contact Colleen or Jennifer.

#### **Quilt Show Boutique – Peggy Weidman**

A reminder that member can sell any handmade item, it does not have to be a quilt. Forms to register for the boutique will be available soon and the deadline to participate is April 3. Contact Peggy with any questions.

#### **Small Groups – Peggy Weidman**

Forming additional evening small group didn't work out, Peggy will organize a Zoom sip and Sew on the third Thursday of the month. Contact Peggy or respond to her e-mail for the Zoom link.

#### **Quilt Show Entries – Judy Walsh**

Registration for the quilt show opens February 1<sup>st</sup> and closes March 12. Photos must accompany your registration. You must have a Google account to register online, but if that prevents you from signing up contact Judy. Quilts must be submitted in a large Ziploc bag with a handle. If you don't have one, they will be available to purchase individually at the March and April meetings. Small groups may be able to display their quilts together if they are small. The quilt show committee will discuss and provide information.

**Quilt Show Silent Auction – Linda Belecki**

There will be a silent auction at the quilt show. The maker sets the opening bid and “buy now” price. Volunteers will be needed to staff the table.

Judy Walsh introduced our speaker, Eleanor Levie who provided a presentation on 12 Ways to Rock Your Quilting.

Show and Tell was conducted.

The door prize drawing was held with Ginny Leake winning a \$10 gift card to Capital Quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary



**Programs**

Michele Barnard, Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

This month **Dana Jones** will share images and stories about her time with some of the more than 100 quilters who reside on Caohagan Island in the Philippines. Dana spent more than a month on the island, quilting with the residents and learning how they use only scissors, fabric and thread to create their one-of-a-kind quilts.

In **March**, award winning quilter **Barbara Korengold** will share some of her beautiful hand pieced and hand appliqued quilts. If you’ve never seen any of Barbara’s work, you will be in awe of her intricate work and precise stitching.

**Upcoming speakers** (in person unless otherwise listed)

**April** – Deb Franklin – What Does a Quilt Judge Look For?

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

**June** – Yard Sale!

**Please let us know what topics or techniques you’d like to hear about in 2023-24!**





## 2023 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Jennifer Rossmere

Please remember our beautiful raffle quilt and offer tickets to friends and family. Since we will not be meeting in person in February, 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



## Quilt Show Update

Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh

Quilt Show 2023 “Celebration of Quilts”

Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg

Online Quilt Registration: February 1 – March 12

Quilt Turn-In: Wednesday, April 19, 3-6 PM, Rosborough Center, 301 Odendhal Ave

Set-up: Thursday April 20

Show Dates: April 21, 22 and 23

Preparation for the show is in full swing. A meeting of the committee chairs was held on, January 18. The last committee chair meeting via Zoom, will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The FSQ web site will be updated (hopefully by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>) to facilitate registrations of your quilts and items for the Silent Auction and Boutique. A link to the Signup Genius for volunteers will also be on our web site along with job descriptions and expectations. All volunteers who work at the show will be eligible to win some beautiful baskets filled with brand new quilting fabric and quilting items donated by our hard-working quilt show committee chairs.

Note that March 12 will be the last day to register your quilts. Since you must submit a photo of your quilt at registration, you may want to refer to the following link before you take your photo:

<https://www.missouriquiltco.com/blogs/missouri-star-blog/how-to-photograph-your-quilts>

We can't wait to see the quilts, boutique items and silent auction items you will be displaying in April!



## Quilt Show Registration

Judy Walsh

Our goal is to make sure that every member who wants to have a quilt in our show will be able to enter at least one quilt. We are allowing you to register up to 3 quilts, with the understanding that we may not be able to show them all. So be sure to mark your “most favorite quilt” with priority #1 on the registration form!

We are again using Google Forms to register our quilts. Google has changed their requirements since 2019, and because we are collecting photos with the form you must login to a Google account in order to register. It's easy to create a Google account if you don't already have one, or you could use a husband's or friend's account.

**If not having access to a Google account will prevent you from registering a quilt, please contact me** and I will work with you to find an alternate solution. My contact information is in our member directory.

You'll be able to find the quilt registration form on our FSQ website under the “Quilt Show – Quilt Registration” tab once the website has been updated.

While you may send in a photo of just the finished quilt top when you register, all registered items must be quilted, bound and labeled by Turn-in on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Only queen- or king-sized quilts must have a hanging sleeve, but **all quilts must have an identifying label (maker's name and quilt title) securely attached to the back.** Pins are not sufficient.

Note that any quilt longer than about 90” will touch the floor. Before hanging, we will cover the floor with paper to keep your long quilts clean. That paper will remain there throughout the show.

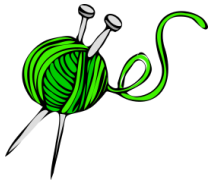
After you have registered your quilt, you should receive an email confirmation with the information you have provided. The confirmation will be sent to the email address you provided at the beginning of the registration form. **If you do not receive an email for each item within 2 days of registering, please contact me BEFORE re-entering the data!** If a lot of quilts were registered on the same day it may take a while for Google to send the confirmations. Please also be sure to check your spam folder to see if it ended up there.

When you get your confirmation you'll be able to see your responses and can edit your form if you see a mistake.

**Registration is expected to open February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The last date you may register a quilt is March 12<sup>th</sup>.**





## 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... 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!

Registration for the Boutique will begin in early to mid-February. Look for the "Quilt Show" tab on the FSQ website to find the registration and inventory forms for your items

### Important Deadlines:

Registration forms are due by Monday **April 3, 2023**. (FSQ Meeting date)

Inventory forms are due by Tuesday **April 18, 2023**.

Sign up in Signup Genius to work at the booth by Wednesday **April 19, 2023**.

Deliver your contributions on Thursday **April 20, 2023** between 3-6 PM (when quilts are turned in).

Put on your crafty hat and get started!



## Quilt Show Silent Auction

Rosie Hormuth and Linda Belecki

The Silent Auction is an opportunity for FSQ members to offer for sale items they have made. Items for the Silent Auction must be made by FSQ members. The maker sets the Opening (minimum) Bid, the Minimum Raise (by dollar amounts) and the Buy It Now amount. A 3½ x 5 color photo (digital or printed) is required for all Silent Auction items. The maker will receive 70% of the final bid and the Guild will retain 30%. All sales tax will be paid by the buyer. Registration forms will be available soon on the FSQ website.

We will accept registration forms at the March and April FSQ meetings. Deadline for registration is April 3. Delivery of Silent Auction Items is Quilt Turn-in Day Wednesday, April 19 between 3 & 6 pm at the Asbury Rosborough Building.

FSQ members can volunteer to work at the Silent Auction through Signup Genius.

If you have questions, please contact:

Rosie Hormuth at [jahrah@gmail.com](mailto:jahrah@gmail.com)

Linda Belecki at [l.belecki@comcast.net](mailto:l.belecki@comcast.net)





## Quilt Show Volunteers – We need you!

Anne Flaggs

Hopefully by now, you have heard we are having a quilt show. Well, we can't pull it off without the guild members volunteering during the show at the various stations to help sell tickets, white glove and do other jobs. We recommend that everyone does at least 1 shift of 2.5 hours a piece to ensure we have full coverage at the show. Anyone doing at least 1 shift of work will be in the drawing for the volunteer raffle basket(s) that we will give away at the May meeting.

Sometime in February, all the jobs will be posted in Sign-up Genius so you can find the right slot and time that fits your needs but I wanted to give a quick outline of the jobs to help you decide where you might want to work.

- **Turn-in** – this will occur the Wednesday before the show and lasts about 3 hours. Jobs include checking in quilts and sorting them into groups to ease the setup.
- **Setup (Thursday)** – this is an active job and is the actual hanging of quilts and transforming the room into a spectacular show. This is 4+ hours but we will accept help for shorter shifts.
- **Admissions** – mostly a sit-down station that can be busy especially when the show opens for the day. The first greeters to our show, money is taken for tickets, handouts are distributed and wristbands placed on the visitors. Also oversees the children's peek & seek activities.
- **Raffles**
  - Quilt – a sit-down job selling tickets to our beautiful raffle quilt that will be displayed
  - Baskets – a sit-down job selling tickets to our basket drawings
  - Featherweight – an active sit-down job selling tickets for our featherweight drawing and sewing charity projects
- **Silent Auction** – a sit-down job overseeing all the items up for auction and their sign-up sheets.
- **Service Projects (TBD at this time)** – an active sit-down job helping visitors tie charity quilts
- **White Gloving** – an active walking job and a good chance to see the show while you assist visitors by pointing out interesting facts on quilts
- **Take-down (Sunday)** – an active job helping to take down the quilts and return them to our members. This will take about 2 hours and starts about 10 minutes after our show ends on Sunday.

If your spouses or older kids want to work the show, that is fine also, we have a few that like to help with setup/takedown. Kids that need Service hours for school can earn hours by volunteering. Most of the jobs are sitting down, except for White Gloving. If you can only stand/walk for 1 hour and would like to White Glove just let me know and we can work something out.

As an FYI, jobs for the Boutique will be coordinated thru Peggy Weidman, as typically these workers also are sellers in the boutique



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

The holidays and the FSQ retreat have come and gone and FSQ members have been very generously donating quilt tops, pillowcases and preemie quilts to Service Projects. We recently have delivered 71 quilts to Comfort Cases for children entering the foster care system nationwide, as well as 18 preemie quilts and 65 knitted or crocheted preemie hats to the NICU at Children's National Hospital. At the FSQ retreat, members completed a number of pillowcases and preemie quilts. Thank you!

We appreciate all of the beautiful work you give us which we always share at our workshops' Show & Tell. As a quick reminder, it's especially helpful when the quilt tops measure 39" or less in width so we can use a width of fabric for backing and don't need to piece the backs. That makes the process of finishing them up and delivering them to our community organizations so much quicker.

Please join us for our February Service Projects workshops on Thursday, February 2, and Thursday, February 23. All are welcome.

Questions? Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver. See you there!



## Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

The first Thursday evening "Sip and Sew" was a great success with 7 people attending. There is no commitment or need to leave your house, just a desire for an hour or so of friendly sewing along with other members of FSQ. Everyone is invited. What a great way to get acquainted with members new and old! The only thing you need to do is respond to my batch FSQ email a day or two before the meeting so I can send you the link.

The next "Sip and Sew" will be on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 PM. Join us!

(My apologies to those who can't join in on Thursdays. If things work out I may try a Tuesday sometime in the future.)



## FSQ Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

### FRIENDSHIP STAR “QUILTERS UNSUPERVISED” 2023

After two years of cancellations due to Covid, we were finally able to pull it off!

A real, live quilting retreat!

We had a nice, long weekend with much laughter, catching up with friends whom we hadn't seen in a while, lots of sewing (and a little un-sewing), and many projects completed. Even the weather cooperated, with lots of sunshine and plenty of opportunities to walk the paths on the beautiful grounds of Bon Secours.



We hope you will join us next year when the retreat will be held on

Presidents' Weekend, February 16 - 19, 2024

Jennifer Rossmere & Colleen Biasco, co-chairs

[retreats@friendshipstar.org](mailto:retreats@friendshipstar.org)



## 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](mailto: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.





## Tips & Tricks

Stacy Ross

I was tired of getting poked by my sharp snips when reaching into my bin of sewing notions.

It turns out that a silicon knitting needle point protector fits perfectly and saves my fingers from the sharp point.

It's an inexpensive solution that, in my opinion, is well worth every penny!



## Zoom Workshop Space available! Scrappy Applique Collage Quilting

Laura Markus

Nimble Fingers Quilters is sponsoring a Zoom workshop with Kristie Naranjo on Scrappy Applique Collage Quilting on **February 15, 2023 from 10 am to 4 pm**. Kristie is a Certified Teacher for Shannon Brinkley, and will be using Shannon's method and patterns. Visit Kristie's website at [www.kristienaranjo.com](http://www.kristienaranjo.com).

We have a few spaces open and would love to have you join us! The cost for the workshop is \$37 plus a required pattern purchase (you get to pick your own pattern, most are \$8.) For more information or to sign up, email [programs@nimblefingers.org](mailto:programs@nimblefingers.org).

**Call me ASAP if you'd like more information or would like to claim a space!** My contact information is in our member directory.

(elephant by Kristie Naranjo of Studio Kristie)



## Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber



Happy February! We received another renewal, so we now have 111 members. If you know a member that has not been joining us on our Zoom meetings, reach out and encourage them to attend our February meeting on Zoom. The SignUp Genius email was sent out on January 26 to RSVP for this meeting. Next month, we will be meeting in person again.

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](#)).

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and get comfy for our Feb. 6 meeting. Hope to see you on Zoom.

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber  
Membership Chairs



## February Birthdays

Michelle McDaniel	Feb. 6
Barbara Skelly	Feb. 8
Ginger Peebles	Feb. 10
Stacy Ross	Feb. 14
Susan Sandler	Feb. 19
Charlene Danka	Feb. 22
Mary Moore Payne	Feb. 24



Elected Officers		
<b>President</b>	Karen Kehl (Judy Hoffman had to resign due to health issues)	<a href="mailto:president@friendshipstar.org">president@friendshipstar.org</a>
<b>Vice President</b>		
<b>Co-Treasurers</b>	Kathy Swartz and Trish McTighe	<a href="mailto:treasurer@friendshipstar.org">treasurer@friendshipstar.org</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Barbara Van Den Berg	<a href="mailto:secretary@friendshipstar.org">secretary@friendshipstar.org</a>

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