



Friendship Star Quilters March 2023

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The Quiltline

 Mar 6	FSQ Guild Meeting in-person.
 Mar 12	Last day to register your quilts for our show
Mar 18	National Quilting Day!
Mar 29 – Apr 1	Lancaster Quilt Show 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Wyndham Resort & Convention Center 2300 E. Lincoln Hwy, Lancaster, PA https://www.facebook.com/LancasterQuiltShow/

Fabric Raffle: Fat Quarters in shades of **Red** and **Burgundy**

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 are 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 strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Workshops this month are March 2nd and March 16th.</p>

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, April 10th** 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,

I am writing this while I am at QuiltCon in Atlanta. I am excited to see all the quilts, teach some classes, take a class, and of course, do some shopping!

Quilt show season is beginning, and I am amazed by how many talented and creative quilters are out there. I love seeing how many different quilts have been made. Speaking of quilt shows, I hope you are all getting ready for the Friendship Star Quilt Show, Celebration of Quilts, coming up on April 21-23 at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg. Please enter up to three quilts in the show. Remember, if there are no quilts, then there is no show. And please sign up to volunteer. A show like this takes many, many hours, and if everyone helps, it is easier for all of us. It is also a great way to get to know guild members that you may have seen and greeted, but not really become friends with or worked beside.

I hope you all find time in March to work on a project that makes you happy. I am starting a 100-day quilt project on March 1. I designed a quilt using traditional duck, goose, and bird blocks. I will work on making a block a day over 100 days and by June 9th I will have a quilt top completed! If you have a project that you are stalled on, consider joining me to make a block a day until it is done.

Happy Quilting,
Karen

**Travelling this spring and looking for a quilt show? Be sure to check out this link.
Our FSQ Quilt Show is also listed here:**

<https://ronatheribbiter.com/2023-quilt-shows/>



February Guild Meeting Minutes

Barbara Van Den Berg

In the absence of the acting president/vice president, Treasurer Kathy Swartz chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quilt Show 2023 – Trish McTighe, Judy Walsh and Anne Weaver

The FSQ Website has links under the heading of **2023 Quilt Show**. Click on this to a drop-down menu of Show Information, Member Registration (find links here for Quilt Registration, Boutique Registration and Silent Auction Registration) and Volunteer Information (operational soon). Please register your show quilts, boutique items and silent auction items as soon as possible.

Anne Weaver announced that she will have a box of flyers to pick up at the February service projects meeting and the March guild meeting. Please post flyers in your community to advertise the show. An email with a list of locations for posting will be sent. Flyers have also been sent to local quilt shops and guilds.

Quilt Retreat – Peggy Weidman for Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere

The 2023 retreat was held last month and was a big success. See our FaceBook page for photos. Jennifer reported that the contract for the 2024 retreat has been signed with Bon Secours. The 2024 retreat will be held in February on the President's Day weekend.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Next meeting is February 23.

Programs – Stacy Ross

Stacy reported that the committee is making plans for the 2024 year. Please send suggested speakers, topics, or techniques to Stacy, Michele Barnard and Judy Walsh.

Small Groups – Peggy Weidman

The next Sip n' Sew via Zoom is February 16. E-mail Peggy for the link.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee

The guild needs three volunteers for the nominating committee. This is a short term commitment to solicit nominees for the board of directors and nominees need to be in place by June. We are in need for a president, vice president and treasurer for the new fiscal year. Please contact Karen Kehl, Kathy Swartz, Trish McTighe or Barbara Van Den Berg if you can help on the nominating committee or are interested in running for a board position. Since president Judy Hoffman has had to resign for health reasons, Karen is now the acting president, leaving the vice president slot open for the remainder of this year. If anyone would like to volunteer to fill this opening, you would be most welcomed!

Visiting Quilt Guilds

Milltown and Needlechasers quilt guilds will be visiting FSQ in March (Milltown) and April (Needlechasers) to sell tickets for their raffle quilts.

Get Well Gift

A get well gift from Edible Arrangements was sent to former president Judy Hoffman on behalf of the guild.

Silk Flower Giveaway

Kathy Swartz announced a resident in her community (Leisure World) recently died and her family would like to donate her vast silk flower collection. If anyone is interested please contact Kathy. Unless someone in the guild would like to receive this donation, Cathy Miller will be able to take the flowers to a local Poolesville thrift store where sales benefit the local needy.

Stacy Ross introduced our speaker Dana Jones who presented about the Quilters of Caohagan Island.

Show and tell was conducted.

The door prize was drawn, with Suma Glassman winning. Karen Kehl will send the \$10 Capital Quilts gift card to her.

Reminder that the March 6 meeting is in person and that when meetings are held via Zoom, the link is sent at least the day before.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary



Programs

Michele Barnard, Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

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 quilts, you will be in awe of her intricate work and precise stitching.

In **April**, Deb Franklin will present "What Does a Quilt Judge Look For?" and will share with us a checklist that will help us make our quilts be the best they can be!

Upcoming speakers (in person unless otherwise listed)

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

There are a few months left in which to sell raffle tickets for our 2023 Raffle Quilt, **Sunshine and Roses**. It's a lovely quilt in soothing yellow, blue and green with beautiful quilting.

I will be at the March meeting with tickets for you to pick up and sell to friends and family. The prices haven't changed: they still are 6 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$1. Also, please bring me the ticket stubs and money for tickets you have already sold.

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.



Quilt Show Update

Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh

Quilt Show 2023 “Celebration of Quilts”

Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg

- Online Quilt Registration: Due – March 12, but register **NOW** at the FSQ web site under the Quilt Show 2023 [menu](#)

If not having access to a Google account will prevent you from registering a quilt, please contact Judy Walsh to obtain an alternate solution.

- Boutique and Silent Auction online registration due by April 3, find forms on our web site
- Quilt, Boutique and Silent Auction Turn-Ins are on Wednesday, April 19, 3-6 PM, at Asbury
- Set-up: Thursday April 20, 2023
- Show Dates: April 21,22,23, 2023

We are only seven weeks away from our “Celebration of Quilts” show and we hope you're as excited as we are about volunteering and bringing friends and family to the show. Our dedicated and talented committee chairs are working to make the show enjoyable for all. We need ALL committee chairs attending our next meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is always welcome to attend. Please send Judy or Trish an email by March 14 to receive the link. Quilt show committee chairs will automatically receive the link.

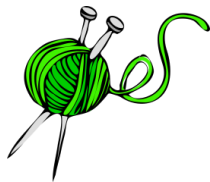
FSQ Members, **NOW** is the time to:

- Quilt, Bind and Label and Register your quilts
- Fill out registration forms for the Boutique and Silent Auction by April 3
- Bring in your donated items for the Raffle Baskets; final collection day will be the April 3 meeting
- Volunteer at the show, we need you! Get volunteer information [here](#)

There will be a beautiful Raffle Basket provided by the quilt show committee chairs just for the volunteers to win as a Thank You!

And MOST IMPORTANTLY, tell everyone you know about the show! If you use Facebook, Instagram, and other social media, spread the word and forward it to all of your contacts. TALK ABOUT IT, word of mouth is a powerful thing! Wear your colorful fabric wristlets to start conversations about the show.

See you all at the March 6 in-person guild meeting.



Quilt Show Boutique

Peggy Weidman

The clock is ticking down! Register for the Boutique now!

You need not specify what you want to enter right now, only that you do plan to enter something. The sooner you apply, the sooner we can begin planning and plotting to make this the best boutique ever! Space is limited so don't get aced out by waiting to the last minute to register!

The registration form is available for download on the FSQ website (<https://friendshipstar.org/2023-quilt-show/member-registration/>).

You can turn in your registration and the \$5 registration fee at the March or April in-person meetings, or mail them to Peggy Weidman. **The absolute deadline for registration is April 3.**



Quilt Show Silent Auction

Rosie Hormuth and Linda Belecki

We will be accepting registration forms at the March 6 and April 3 FSQ in-person meetings. Forms can also be mailed to either Rosie Hormuth or Linda Belecki; check the membership directory for mailing addresses.

The registration form can be completed on the computer, but not submitted electronically; it must be delivered or mailed.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful items for sale at the Silent Auction.

Rosie Hormuth: jahrah@gmail.com

Linda Belecki: l.belecki@comcast.net



Quilt Show Volunteers – We still 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. There are still lots of jobs and shifts available so checkout Sign-up Genius and scroll through the list of jobs. If you have any questions, please send me an email or give me a call.

This is the link to the Sign-up Genius form for volunteers

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-20231>

Below is a great list of reasons to volunteer that guild member Ellen Robinson wrote up many quilt shows ago but it's still a great reminder of what it means to volunteer.

10 Reasons to Volunteer at the Quilt Show

by Ellen Robinson

1. Volunteering gives you the opportunity get into the show for free ALL WEEKEND. (And you get to shop at the boutique - lots of hand-crafted products made by your fellow guild members.)
2. It's fun to volunteer.
3. If you help to during set up on Thursday, you get a sneak peek at the quilts ahead of time. Up close and personal.
4. If you volunteer to white glove, you get to touch the quilts, with white gloves on! And you can get your daily 'steps' in.
5. If you sell raffle tickets (quilt, baskets or featherweight), your job is sitting down and you get to meet all sorts of new-to-you people.
6. If you volunteer at the admissions area, you get to greet every person that comes into the show on your shift.
7. If you volunteer at the silent auction, you get to see the articles being auctioned off up close and personal.
8. At service projects on Saturday, you have the opportunity to help show guests who want to make a difference.
9. At show tear down, you again get up-close and personal time with the quilts. (And quilt turn back is not delayed due to not enough volunteers to tear down.)
10. No matter where you volunteer, you get to meet other volunteers. When I was in the guild less than a year and really knew just 2 other people, I volunteered for two 2-hour shifts at admissions. I was amazed at how many guild members I got to meet that way. Many have become good friends of mine.



Quilt Show Raffle Baskets

Heidi Oestreicher and Elaine Villforth

The Piece Makers spent an afternoon assembling these raffle baskets for the upcoming quilt show. Many thanks to all who contributed the baskets and fillings.





Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects is eagerly looking forward to our Quilt Show in April! We can't wait to see what you've been working on these last few years, as well as to showcase to the community what Service Projects has been doing.

Stop by our table to take a look at the photo display of our workshops and examples of the quilts we make for babies, children and adolescents.

Be sure to check out the Featherweight raffle table where volunteers will be working on preemie quilts and placemats for senior citizens. Talk with us about the ways you can be involved. Everyone can help. See you at the show!

If you're available during the day, please consider coming to one of our workshops. We will be meeting in March on 3/2 and 3/16, from 9:30 until noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about ½ mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

Please contact Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan with questions.



Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

The second FSQ Sip and Sew was held on February 16. Although 7 people asked for the link, several apparently forgot! Nevertheless, five of us had a good time, sharing information about our latest projects, including use of a circular sewing machine attachment to quilt flower petals.

This is a great opportunity for newer members to get to know other quilters in the guild, but you don't have to be a new member to enjoy an hour or so of quilting with friends. **Everyone is welcome to join in!**

The next FSQ Sip and Sew will be at 7 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Put the date on your calendar now so you don't forget! I will send an announcement out Tuesday, March 14 on the FSQ List Serve. Just reply to that email to receive the Zoom link. Hope to "see" you there!



FSQ Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2024 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 16-19, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We are pleased to announce that the 2024 FSQ Retreat will be held from February 16-19, 2024 (President's Weekend).

The Retreat will again be held at the lovely Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center in Marriottsville, MD. Since the Retreat will be held a month later than in the past, we have decided to open registration closer to the date of the actual event. Therefore, registration will begin on August 1, 2023. As this date gets closer, we will send out information about cost and how to register.

If you have any questions at the moment, please email retreats@friendshipstar.org

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco, FSQ Retreat Co-chairs

Editor's note: Pictures from our January 2023 retreat can be found [here](#).



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.

If you have a particular book you would like to see added to the Library selections, please let us know. Suggestions are welcome.

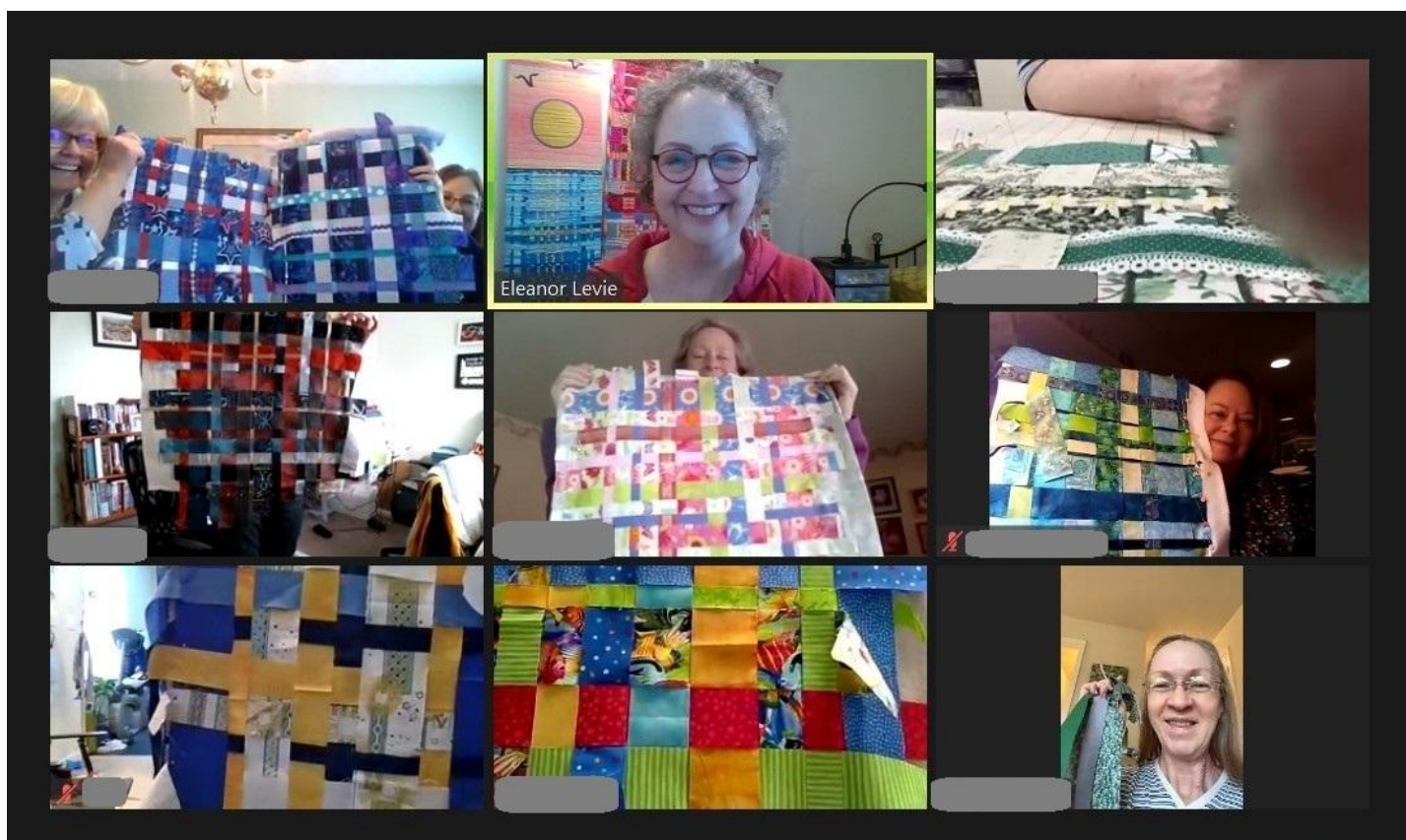
Please take note that we have reduced the volume of books available for immediate loan in order to lighten the weight of our storage cabinet. All books copyrighted from 2005 to 2010 are still available upon request. The complete inventory can be found on the FSQ WEB site.



Weaving Workshop Report

Ellen Robinson

A small group of FSQ members attended a Zoom workshop with Eleanor Levie on Saturday morning (1/28). It was a lively, interactive workshop, and Elly gave us coaching on our fabric selection, the mood of each piece, and provided advice to us on our add-ins (ribbons/trims, etc.), as well as the general instructions on constructing our woven pieces. Each resulting piece was unique and had its own personality.





What's the Point?

JoAnne DuChez

SERVICE PROJECTS 2023 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE PREVIEW

Can you guess from the title what the summer challenge will be? If not, I'll provide a couple more hints.

- What had angles that add up to 180 degrees?
- What has 3 angles and 3 sides?
- What comes a variety of types?

If you guessed TRIANGLE, you are absolutely, positively correct! Use your imagination to tingle your triangles. Show us how you can do the triangle tango. Go ahead and try to square your hypotenuse. Whatever your (tri)angle is, just do it!

There are no boundaries on what your triangles must be, but your quilt must read "triangles". Any type is acceptable: right (or left), equilateral, isosceles, scalene, obtuse or acute. Check out Pinterest for examples of traditional and modern triangle quilts.

Fabric bundles will be available at the April and May meetings and at Service Project Workshops. If you'd rather, feel free to use your own stash for your creation. All quilts will be donated to Service Projects.

Quilt size may be 40" square to twin size. Quilts must be sandwiched, quilted and bound.

Finished quilts are due at the October meeting by 7:15 pm. Voting will take place before the meeting and during the first 5 minutes of the break.

Yard Sale Bucks will be awarded to the three quilts with the most votes.

We can't wait to see what your imaginative spirits create. Have fun and good luck!



Tips & Tricks

Liz Lawrence

“Miracle Ironing Board Cover”

Just found my information on the Miracle Ironing Board Cover. While at the Quilters' Unlimited Quilt Show at the Dulles Expo many years ago, I saw a demo on this cover and bought one, even though the price was high. Of course, it is now even higher. I reordered last year and am still satisfied with the cover.

“The cover is woven with Owens-Corning Fiberglass and guaranteed to never burn.” Medium setting for heat is recommended. Cover can be washed or sponged off and is reversible.

Website information <https://miracleironing.com/>



Readers' Corner

Colleen Biasco

Editor's note: Looking at quilt patterns is reading, right???

<https://www.tildasworld.com/free-patterns-collections/>



Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

Please welcome returning members Barbara Bean and Carol Millman who renewed. With these additions, we currently have 113 members.

Hope the weather is warmer as we return to an in-person meeting this month. We look forward to seeing everyone. Please remember to wear your nametag and stop by the Membership table to sign-in. There will be extra nametags, if you can't find yours.

We are looking for two volunteers each month for the important task of making new members and visitors feel welcomed. We'll have a sign-up sheet for our next three meetings.

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](#)).

Stay warm and stay well.

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber
Membership Co-Chairs



March Birthdays

Carmen Sesvold	Mar. 3	Beth Stafford	Mar. 15
Laura Markus	Mar. 3	Kathryn Torg	Mar. 15
Liz Brigham	Mar. 8	Heidi Oestreicher	Mar. 16
Nancy Debnam	Mar.9	Linda August	Mar. 18
Lorie Coston	Mar. 10	Aster McDaniel	Mar. 19
Carol Carrier	Mar. 12	Karen Kehl	Mar. 21
Diane Heller	Mar. 15	Carol Millman	Mar. 21
Hillary Parkinson	Mar. 15	Elaine Villforth	Mar. 28
Ellen Parkinson	Mar. 15	Pat Vasaio	Mar. 29



Elected Officers		
President	Karen Kehl (Judy Hoffman had to resign due to health issues)	president@friendshipstar.org
Vice President		
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	Charlene Danka
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