

Friendship Star Quilters April 2023

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The Quiltline

 Apr 3	FSQ Guild Meeting. Last day to register items for the Boutique and Silent Auction
Apr 16	Nimble Fingers Artisans' Fabric Sale http://www.nimblefingers.org/events.html 12 noon - 4:00 pm
 Apr 19	Quilt Show Schedule Asbury, Rosborough Center , 301 Odendhal Ave. Gaithersburg, MD Turn-in Quilts, Boutique and Silent Auction items 3 – 6 pm
Apr 20	Quilt Show Setup 10 am – 6 pm
Apr 21-23	Celebration of Quilts Fri. 12-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm Quilt Pickup 5 - 6 pm

Fabric Raffle: Fat quarters of floral prints to make you think of Spring

Guild Meetings	Service Projects
Guild meetings are usually held the 1 st Monday of the month at Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm; business meeting & program at 7:30 pm. If Montgomery County Public Schools evening activities are cancelled due to weather, FSQ meetings are cancelled. School cancellations are posted on montgomeryschoolsmd.org .	Service Projects Workshops are held from 9:30 am – Noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD Face masks are strongly encouraged. Workshops this month are April 6th and April 27th.

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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,

Here it is already April and time for a Celebration of Quilts! I hope you have entered your quilts and are looking forward to the show. I can't wait to see all of the quilts. I love how we all have this common passion for quilting, but we express it so many different ways.

The quilt show always helps me learn more about my friends in the guild. I get to see everyone's best work, and learn more about the stories behind the quilts. I also love spending time with you all as we are volunteering. Some of my most treasured friendships started sitting at volunteer tables in quilt shows.

I also encourage you to bring a friend or two with you to the show. While quilt shows are not everyone's idea of an ideal way to spend a morning or afternoon, you might be surprised at who will be interested.

See you all amongst the quilts!

Happy Quilting,
Karen

A Message from former President, Judy Hoffman

Due to a sudden diagnosis of a-fib and new medications that did not agree with fibromyalgia medication, I made the very difficult decision to resign as president of FSQ.

It has taken a very long while but I am now getting back closer to normal.

I would like to thank the guild for the edible bouquet and the many get well notes and soup from members. Also, a special thank you to the other officers who stepped in to take over as I left.

Again, I discovered that this group is special and I value you all.



March Guild Meeting Minutes

Barbara Van Den Berg

President Karen Kehl chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quilt Show 2023 – Trish McTighe

Committee chairs will meet March 15. The FSQ website has been updated with all of the show information, including a link to register quilts. So far 60 quilts have been registered. The committee would like more registrations for the silent auction and boutique. Admission is \$7 for the 3 days. Please spread the word.

Quilt Show Volunteers - Anne Flagg

Volunteers are still needed. Use the SignUp Genius link that was e-mailed or contact Anne.

Quilt Show Registration - Judy Walsh

Quilt show registration closes next weekend.

Quilt Show Silent Auction – Linda Belecki and Rosie Hormuth

Entry forms for the silent auction may be handed off or mailed to them along with a picture. Forms may be dropped off at the service projects meeting or the next FSQ meeting. Silent auction quilts are to be dropped off April 19 from 3-6 pm at the show venue. The maker receives 70% and the guild receives 30%.

Quilt Show Boutique – Peggy Weidman

Members can turn in their boutique items anytime. She urged everyone to think about pricing, consult Etsy if needed to see what other makers charge for similar items. Members selling at the boutique must sign up to work there. 90% of the proceeds go to the maker and 10% go to FSQ.

Sip N' Sew – Peggy Weidman

The next Sip N' Sew via Zoom is March 16th. Reply to her email for the link.

Milltown Quilters

Barbara Gastinger from the Milltown Quilters Guild was present in the lobby selling raffle tickets for their quilt. They are also hosting a quilt show May 5-6 at the Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

The Quiltline – April 2023

2024 Raffle Quilt – Karen Kehl

Since we don't already have a raffle quilt underway, if we are to have one next year we'll need one nearly finished. If any members have a top they are willing to donate, please email Karen and include a picture. She also stated that now is the time to start thinking about a 2025 raffle quilt.

2023 Raffle Quilt – Jennifer Rossmere

We are still selling tickets and have sold 1625 so far. See her if you need additional tickets.

Yard Sale – Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

The committee is now accepting donations for the June yard sale. Please bring to service projects or guild meetings. Please contact Carmen directly if you have a large donation to drop off.

Service Projects – Anne Weaver

Service projects will meet next Thursday. Anne also has flyers for the quilt show in the lobby.

New Members

Please welcome new member Barbara Bean.

Nominating Committee and Board Openings – Barbara Van Den Berg

The guild must establish a nominating committee by April to present a slate of candidates for the June board elections. Three members are needed to form the nominating committee. Please contact any board member to volunteer.

Programs – Stacy Ross

Stacy will send a SignUp Genius for members to provide feedback on upcoming programs. Please reply.

Stacy introduced our speaker, Bobbie Korengold who gave a trunk show of her award winning hand appliqued quilts.

The fat quarter drawing was conducted with Ellen Robinson, Peggy Weidman, Ihsia Hu, and Mary Lou Dungan winning.

Two door prizes were drawn, with Liz Plantz and Heidi Oestreicher winning.

Show and tell was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary



Programs

Michele Barnard, Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

Thanks to those members who sent in suggestions for possible speakers. Stacy has put together a great mix of programs for the upcoming business year and is working diligently to get contracts signed.

At our **April** meeting, **Deb Franklin** will present “Why should I enter my quilt for judging...?”

Prior to the meeting, members will receive an electronic copy of a checklist that will help us make our quilts be the best they can be! **Please print it and bring it with you to the meeting**, since only a few copies will be available there.

In **May**, **Alicia Thomas**, Director of the Virginia Quilt Museum, will share with us a hand-picked assortment of 8-10 special quilts. She’ll talk about how the museum decides what to collect and will share how they care for the quilts in their collection.

June – Yard Sale!



2023 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Jennifer Rossmere

There are only two 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 April meeting. Please bring me your sold tickets and I will have additional tickets if you want to sell to more friends and family. The prices haven’t changed: they still are 6 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$1.

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

The 2023 FSQ Quilt Show "Celebration of Quilts!" is almost here!! Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make this happen. Our last quilt show meeting wrapped up with a feeling of "we will be ready"!! The Quilt Show Committee hopes that everyone enjoys and benefits from this exciting event in our quilting lives.

Notes for the Committee:

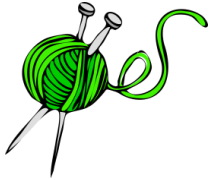
- If one or two committee members would like to help to organize an in-person Quilt Show wrap-up tea or potluck gathering after the show, contact Judy or Trish.
- Please submit your final report to Judy and Trish by May 15th; be sure to include results, lessons learned and advice for the next show.

Notes for FSQ Members, NOW is the time to:

- Quilt, Bind and Label!! **Turn-in is April 19th 3-6 PM** at Asbury, Rosborough Center, 301 Odendhal Ave.
- Finish projects for the Boutique and Silent Auction. Submit your registrations by April 3. Forms are on the FSQ Website. <https://friendshipstar.org/2023-quilt-show/member-registration/> **Turn-in is April 19th 3-6 PM** at Asbury, Rosborough Center, 301 Odendhal Ave.
- Volunteer for the show. We need you! <https://friendshipstar.org/2023-quilt-show/volunteer-information/>. There will be a beautiful Raffle Basket just for the volunteers to win as a Thank You!
- And MOST IMPORTANTLY, tell everyone you know about the show! Add this link <https://friendshipstar.org/2023-quilt-show/show-information/> to local online news sites such as
 - Next Door <https://nextdoor.com/find-neighborhood/md/> and
 - Patch News <https://patch.com/maryland>.

We expect to have over 100 quilts displayed. TALK ABOUT IT; word of mouth is a powerful thing! Pick up some flyers at the April 3 in-person quilt meeting.

See you soon and thanks again to ALL our Volunteers and Committee members that will make this show a success!!



Quilt Show Boutique

Peggy Weidman

The April 3rd guild meeting is your LAST CHANCE to register to sell items in the Boutique.

You do not have to have your goodies ready, but if you don't register, you won't get to sell anything!

You can mail your registration and \$5 check to Peggy Weidman before April 3rd, or bring them to the meeting on April 3rd, where Peggy will collect them in the lobby before and during the meeting break. **DON'T FORGET!**



Quilt Show Silent Auction

Rosie Hormuth and Linda Belecki

We are about half way to our goal of having at least 50 items made by FSQ members for sale at the Silent Auction. Remember, you set the minimum bid, the price increase and the buy it now price.

This is a great opportunity to sell some of those items you have been making and collecting during the pandemic. Members receive 70% and FSQ receives 30% of the final sale price.

We will be accepting registration forms and photos at the Guild meeting on April 3.

Turn-in Day is Wednesday, April 19 between 3 & 6 at Asbury Rosborough Building, 301 Odendhal Ave., Gaithersburg.

Linda Belecki: l.belecki@comcast.net

Rosie Hormuth: jahrah@gmail.com



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 some jobs and shifts available, mostly later in the day on Friday and Saturday and early on Sunday.** Check out SignUpGenius and scroll through the list of jobs. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up, it's going to be a great show.

Here are a few notes/reminders about working at the show:

- You must sign-in at the volunteer sign-in table daily to get a badge and check off your name as working.
- Arrive 10-15 minutes before your shift on show days to allow for the check-in process and training on your job task.
- SignUpGenius will send out a reminder 5 days before you are scheduled to work. You can also see the jobs you are signed up for in SignUpGenius on the "Invited To" tab if you login to SignUpGenius using your SignUpGenius ID and password.
- We have been asked to register our cars with Asbury daily to ease the entry onto the grounds. This is a simple process and more information on this will be sent out soon.
- At present, all FSQ volunteers, vendors and Asbury associates are required to wear face masks. Asbury residents and other guests are encouraged to. If you forget yours, masks will be available at the volunteer sign-in table.
- There is not a hospitality area this year; we are allowed to bring bottled water into the main room but no food. Bottles of water will be available at the volunteer table and food can be eaten in either the library or outside. Breaks will be allowed, just arrange them with your tablemates or get a floater to sub for you while you are on break.
- Plan to leave your valuables in the car or keep them on your person or under your table as you are working.

This is the link to the SignUpGenius form for volunteers

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

If you have any questions, please send me an email or give me a call.



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

We don't always get feedback from the organizations where we donate quilts, but we were touched by a comment sent to us by the local Project Linus coordinator. She said she received this comment about one of our quilts that was donated to Montgomery County Social Services.

Thank you so much! Our home was damaged and we lost a lot of what we had. My daughter is 3 and she was very upset at losing so many of her things. But when they gave her the pretty pink blanket with the butterflies, she smiled and grabbed on to it and has been carrying it around ever since."

Thanks to all of you who support FSQ's community outreach!

Our April workshops will be held on Thursday, April 6, and Thursday, April 27. We meet from 9:30 am 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. We love to welcome newcomers.

Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver if you have questions.



Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

The March Sip and Sew was fun with 6 members attending. Put the next one on your calendar to join in the fun.

Because the third Thursday of the month is the day I will be setting up the Boutique for the quilt show, I am moving the Sip and Sew to the following week, 7:00 PM on April 27, 2023.

Join us to talk about all the things we liked about the show! Invitations will be sent by the FSQ List Serve on Tuesday April 25. All you have to do to join in is reply to the invitation and I will send you the link!



Donations Needed for the Yard Sale

Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

We hope you have been sifting through your quilting fabric, notions, books and patterns for items to donate to the June 5th yard sale. This year we will again be selling fabric by weight at \$8 per pound. New this year: there will be a cutting table and we will have bolts of fabric that can be cut to length.

Items we accept are:

- Quilting fabric and batting (*no upholstery fabric please*)
- Quilting patterns (*no garment patterns please*)
- Books on quilting, published within the last 10 years
- Projects started but not finished/UFOs
- Panels
- Quilting notions (rulers, thread, needles, rotary cutters, etc.)
- Sewing machines or irons in working order

We are accepting donations at:

- Our April 3rd meeting. We will have cars parked by the entrance doors so you can drop your goodies right in, and we'll have a bin in the lobby.
- Donations may be brought to Service Projects and our volunteers will make sure they are delivered to us.
- Large donations can be arranged to be delivered, or picked-up, as needed by contacting Carmen Contreras-Sesvold. (*her information is in the directory*)

There will be more details to follow! If you are interested in volunteering with us or have any questions, please consult the directory for our contact information.

Your Yard Sale Co-Chairs,
Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold



What's the Point?

JoAnne DuChez

SERVICE PROJECTS 2023 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

Well, I'll tell you what the point is. The Service Projects Summer Quilt Challenge is starting to rev up.

If you recall from the last newsletter, the challenges is all about triangles. 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, 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!



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.



Truth and Hope in Poolesville

Cathy Miller

We are most grateful for the donations of fabric, t-shirts, etc. from Friendship Star Quilters. I've been a member of Truth and Hope in Poolesville about 5 years. The group was started about 15 years ago for support, companionship and meaningful activity to provide items for those in need.

We meet at St. Peter's Episcopal Church the first and third Tuesday of the month and make and collect items which are distributed worldwide through missionaries and groups as well as local ministries. Items are distributed using donated suitcases, duffel bags, etc. which are also part of the gift to the recipients. Most of the items are taken as checked baggage by the groups so there are no additional shipping expenses.

Through donations from members of the community, churches, our local non-profit thrift store, and others - including Friendship Star - we have been able to bless hundreds of people. We make kit bags which we fill with health/hygiene items including soap, washcloth and hand towel, nail clippers, comb, toothbrush and paste, and school kits with paper, tablets, composition books, pens, pencils, colored pencils, eraser, sharpener, ruler and now a pencil case with the generous donation of fabric from FSQ. Our baby bundles include diapers made from t-shirts, baby gowns, bibs, hat, burp cloths, a cloth toy, Dove soap, 2 baby outfits, and a receiving blanket.

In the past 4 years we have made and distributed the following: 224 comforters/quilts/afghans, 877 kit bags/tote bags/shopping bags, 144 backpack bags/duffels/suitcases, 17 bags of small toys, 173 street packs (for homeless children in India, contains a fleece blanket and small toy in a cloth bag), 225 packages of baby/children/teen's clothing, 226 baby bundles, 29 pairs of eye glasses, 259 school kits, 287 health/hygiene kits, 111 pillowcases, 22 fleece blankets, and a few miscellaneous items.

I've often been asked where these items go. Here's a list from the past 4 years:

- Montgomery County, Frederick County and Virginia,
- Peru, India, Mexico, Kenya, Burundi, Honduras, Colombia, Dominican Republic., Nicaragua, Uganda, Cuba
- Middle East, Central America, and the Philippines.

Also world-wide through

- Operation Christmas Child,
- Samaritan's Purse,
- Living Word Bible Fellowship,
- Cumberland Valley Relief Center in Marion, PA.

Thank you again to all who have made donations.



Tips & Tricks

Stacy Ross

This technique may be old news to some more experienced quilters, but to a "newbie" like me it was an exciting discovery! I recently came across Peg Spradlin's "Fold & Sew" quilt block method. This YouTube video does a neat job showing some of the different ways to create quilt blocks by strategically folding and sewing instead of cutting fabric.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgV64kXet7s>

Headed West to a New Home! I've moved!

Please drop me a line...I'd love to hear from you!



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Editor's Note: We'll miss you, Alice. Best wishes for a happy life in Arizona!



Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

We made it to daylight savings time, spring flowers popping up in gardens, and our first in person meeting of the year. It was great to see many of you at the March meeting! Our members are now busy preparing for our first quilt show since 2019! We are currently at 115 members.

Please remember to wear your nametag and stop by the Membership table to sign-in at our April 3 meeting. 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 at the April meeting.

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](#)).

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber
Membership Co-Chairs



April Birthdays

Kay Campbell Anderson	Apr. 4
Gerda Sherwood	Apr. 9
Joy Dorman	Apr. 19
Kelly Bauer	Apr. 22
SherriJoyce King	Apr. 22
Suma Glassman	Apr. 25
Anne Flaggs	Apr. 28



Elected Officers		
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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
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