



# Friendship Star Quilters June 2023

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## The Quiltline

 <b>June 5</b>	<b>FSQ Guild Meeting and Yard Sale!</b>
<b>June 10-11</b>	<b>Annapolis Quilt Guild “Quilts by the Bay”</b> <a href="http://annapolisquiltguild.org/?page_id=23/">http://annapolisquiltguild.org/?page_id=23/</a>
<b>July 14-16</b>	<b>Mid-Appalachian Quilters Workshops</b> Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA For more information & to register, go to <a href="http://maqonline.org">maqonline.org</a>
 <b>Aug. 7</b>	<b>FSQ Guild Meeting</b> Join us for a fun night of <b>Quilt-o!</b>

**Fabric Raffle:** will resume again in September

<b>Guild Meetings</b>	<b>Service Projects</b>
<p>Guild meetings are usually held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at</p> <p>Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD</p> <p><b>Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm; business meeting &amp; program at 7:30 pm.</b></p> <p>If Montgomery County Public Schools evening activities are cancelled due to weather, FSQ meetings are cancelled. School cancellations are posted on <a href="http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org">montgomeryschoolsmd.org</a>.</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>Workshops this month are <b>June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>

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### **Executive Board Meeting**

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, June 12<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,

I am writing with mixed feelings as I prepare to step down as President and watch a new slate of officers be elected. I have been honored to serve the guild as Vice President and President over the past year.

I am grateful for your patience as I stepped into new roles. But I am also excited to see the directions the guild will go with new leadership. And I am looking forward to having a little more time to spend on quilting! I have a large list of quilts to make this year – for a daughter's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, and a daughter's wedding, a "duck hunting" quilt for my son, and a couch quilt for my husband. And those are only the ones that I have all the materials for and have already started.

I am also looking forward to learning new techniques this summer in quilting classes and workshops. I am especially excited to take a soy wax batik workshop that I have wanted to take for about 5 years – it finally worked out in my schedule for this summer!

I hope your summer is filled with sun, time with those you love to be with, and lots of happy sewing. Take care, keep quilting, and I will see you all in August!

Karen Kehl



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## May Guild Meeting Minutes

Barbara Van Den Berg

**Karen Kehl** called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

### Committee Reports

#### Quilt Show 2023 - Trish McTighe, Judy Walsh, Anne Flaggs

The show received many complements and welcomed 500 guests, including 200 Asbury residents. Judy thanked all the quilt show committee chairs with gifts.

The boutique sold \$3967 in goods, with \$397 going to the guild. The top seller was Karen Danka, most items sold was Stacy Ross, the most expensive item was sold by Elaine Villforth, and the least expensive item was sold by Heidi Oestreicher.

Anne announced that the viewer's choice awards were presented to:

#### Large Quilts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sandy Koubek	Whimsical Jungle
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sandy Koubek	Brilliant Beauties of Joy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Laura Markus	Mama and Her 2 Cubs

#### Medium Quilts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peggy Weidman	Love at First Sight
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peggy Weidman	Voyager II
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorothy Acton	Solar Flare

#### Small Quilts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peggy Weidman	Birds of Paradise
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheryl Walker	Desert Delights, Nevada
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Linda Belecki	My Dresden Neighborhood

#### Mini Quilts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynn Stieber	Plenty of Fish in the Sea
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judy Walsh	One Four One
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Susan Schwarz	My Very Peri Valley

## The Quiltline – June 2023

Anne then thanked the volunteers and conducted the volunteer gift basket raffle. Winners were Ginger Peebles, Linda Duzick, Janet Fujikawa, and Suma Glassman.

### **Small Groups – Peggy Weidman**

The April Sip N' Sew was cancelled because only one member signed up. Next meeting is Thursday May 18 at 7 pm.

### **Raffle Quilt – Jennifer Rossmere**

There is one more month to sell raffle tickets. The winner will be drawn at the yard sale in June.

### **2024 Retreat – Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco**

The retreat is scheduled February 16-19 at the usual Bon Secours Conference Center. Registration begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Yard Sale – Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold**

The committee is still collecting donations. Drop donations off at service projects meeting or contact Carmen to drop off at her house. The committee is still looking for volunteers.

### **Nominating Committee – Heidi Oestreicher**

Heidi announced the slate of candidates to be voted on at the June meeting. They are:

- President – Anne Flaggs
- Vice-President – Michele Barnard
- Treasurer – To be announced
- Secretary – Harriet Sheinson

All offices can have co-officers, so if anyone is interested please let one of the current officers know prior to the June meeting.

## **Announcements**

### **Treasurer – Trish McTighe**

Trish announced that checks will be mailed soon for those expecting reimbursement. She thanked Kathy Swartz for her mentorship and promised the same support to the new co-treasurer.

### **Maryland Register and Joint Show Opportunity - Michele Barnard**

Michele has copies of the Maryland Register available for those interested. She also announced that the Montgomery County Wood Turners will be hosting a show at Glen Echo in 2024 and would like to partner with FSQ. The theme is “wood, forest and tree”. Wall space for quilt display is limited, so smaller quilts are preferred. Quilts displayed must be available for sale with a 30% commission being paid to Glen Echo. Members expressed interest, so more information will follow.

## **Guest Speaker**

## The Quiltline – June 2023

Michele Barnard introduced tonight's speaker, Alicia Thomas who provided a presentation and trunk show from the Virginia Quilt Museum.

Following a 10 minute break, there was a slide show of the Viewer's Choice Award winning quilts.

The fabric raffle was held and four names were drawn: Judy Newton, Peggy Weidman, Liz Adams and Carol Carrier.

The door prize of notions was won by Gerda Sherwood.

Show & Tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary



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## Programs

Michele Barnard, Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

Thanks to Michele Barnard for being part of our Programs committee this past year! Since she'll soon be taking on the role of Vice President, she won't be on the committee for the 2023-24 business year.

If you'd like to be the hostess for our next 6 speaker dinners (Sep.–Nov. & Mar.-May) please contact Stacy or Judy at [programs@friendshipstar.org](mailto:programs@friendshipstar.org) and we'll give you all the information you need to get started. Michele has agreed to continue in that role until a replacement is found.

Here's the lineup for our programs next year:

On August 7, 2023 we'll meet for a short business meeting and a several games of Quilt-o. Our speakers for the rest of the year will be

Date	Speaker	Topic	Website
09/11/23	Lauren Kingsland	Written in Fabric (memorial quilts)	<a href="https://www.laurenkingsland.com/">https://www.laurenkingsland.com/</a>
10/02/23	Nicki Allen	Where I've Been, Where I Am, Where I'm Going (Trunk Show)	<a href="https://nickiallenquilts.com/">https://nickiallenquilts.com/</a>
11/06/23	Kathy Barden	Using Your Machine's Decorative Stitches	
12/04/23	Kitty Wilkin (via Zoom)	Quilt Your Life: Milestone Quilts for Every Moment	<a href="https://nightquilter.com/">https://nightquilter.com/</a>
01/08/24	Teresa Duryea Wong (via Zoom)	Sewing & Survival: Native American Quilts from 1880-2022	<a href="https://teresaduryeawong.com/">https://teresaduryeawong.com/</a>
02/05/24	Brandon Wulff (via Zoom)	Trunk Show to Biscotti	<a href="https://bwulffandco.com/">https://bwulffandco.com/</a>
03/04/24	Brimfield Awakening	Trash to Treasure	<a href="https://brimfieldawakening.com/">https://brimfieldawakening.com/</a>
04/01/24	T. Carter	Eclectic Embellishing	<a href="https://www.historyoutsidethebox.net/">https://www.historyoutsidethebox.net/</a>
05/06/24	Harry Fox	Art Quilting	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/thefoxquilter/">https://www.instagram.com/thefoxquilter/</a>

On June 3, 2024 we'll elect our officers for 2024-25, and perhaps have another Yard Sale.

It should be a fun, interesting year and we hope you're looking forward to it as much as we are.





## 2023 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Jennifer Rossmere

Well, this is it! We will pull the winning ticket for our beautiful 2023 Raffle Quilt, **Sunshine and Roses** at the June 5<sup>th</sup> FSQ meeting during the business meeting portion.

**Please bring any remaining sold tickets to me before the meeting** if you want them included in the drawing. I will be in the lobby.

Thanks to everyone who has sold tickets. Please let me know if you have any questions.





## Quilt Show Update

Trish McTighe and Judy Walsh

We are still celebrating the wonderful “Celebration of Quilts” show. Compliments about the show are still rolling in. Kudos to our guild for coming together to bring about an amazing event!

The Boutique the Silent Auction experienced very robust sales. Checks for your items sold were mailed from the bank on May 8. Contact Trish if you have not received your check.

Final reports on what worked well and what could be improved are being assembled in a binder and in electronic form to provide important information for the next show in 2025. We hope to have the final quilt show reports soon.



## FSQ added to Guild Locator on *Quiltfolk's* Website

Trish McTighe

In March, when I was looking for online sites to add an invitation to our April quilt show, I came across an interesting website at [quiltfolk.com](http://quiltfolk.com). They have a dropdown menu for locating guilds in the US. I sent in the form for signing up Friendship Star. There are now seven guilds listed in Maryland.

As part of their guild program, they send us free copies of their quarterly magazine, *Quiltfolk* and offered the guild a 15% discount off anything (even virtual workshops) placed through their website by June 30 using the code GUILD26.

They offer virtual workshops and even have a *Quiltfolk* Foundry where they collect lost quilt tops and blocks, remake them into new quilts and then offer them for sale. Recycling at its best! The magazine and the website are beautifully done. Sign up to receive more information.





## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Service Projects has completed another very successful year! The numbers of quilts and pillowcases donated continues to be impressive, thanks to the generous contributions of all of the FSQ members who attend workshops, work on projects at home, or donate materials.

Here are our numbers for this year, from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023:

**Quilts: 440**

**Preemie quilts: 168**

**Preemie hats: 403**

**Pillowcases: 120**

**Placemats: 33**

These numbers include a blockbuster May delivery of 33 quilts to A Wider Circle and 75 quilts to Project Linus!

June Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, June 1, and Thursday, June 15.

We will take a break in July and August because Fairhaven United Methodist Church is hosting daytime camps and Vacation Bible School.

We will resume workshops in late August or early September. Keep an eye on the FSQ website for details.

Have a safe and relaxing summer. Keep quilting!

If you are new to the guild and are interested in more information about Service Projects, please contact Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver. Our contact information is in the directory.



## Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

Our last FSQ Sip and sew got messed up because I changed to the FSQ Zoom account and forgot to adjust the settings! My apologies to everyone who tried to log in and couldn't get on! I will definitely be better prepared in the future!

The next Sip and Sew is scheduled for June 22, 2023 at 8 PM. Everyone is welcome to join in for some good chitchat and sewing! I will send out the invitation on June 20 by the FSQ mail server. All you have to do is reply and I will send you the link to join us.

Hope to "see" you then!



## What's the Point?

JoAnne DuChez

### SERVICE PROJECTS 2023 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

I am so happy to hear positive responses from members about the triangle challenge. I think we've hit upon a good challenge topic which will result in many quilts for our Service Projects mission. Personally, I've almost finished 2 tops and am thinking about working on a third.

Fabric bundles will not be available at the June meeting as we do not want to conflict with the Yard Sale. You may get fabric bundles at June Service Project Workshop. If you'd rather, feel free to use fabric from your own stash.

The 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. 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 YARD SALE 2023

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## Fabric

Fabric: \$8 per pound (About \$2 per yard)

Panels, UFOs: \$8 per pound

Miscellaneous Items: As marked

## Books/Patterns

Books & CDs: 2 for \$3/4 for \$5

Patterns: \$1 each

## Bargain Tables

Take a dip in our fabric-scrap filled baby pool

Fill a bag with mixed items! Quart Bag: \$1 Gallon Bag: \$3

Notions galore & Raffle Baskets

All other items are priced as marked.  
All prices include 6% Maryland sales tax.

If you can help before, during or after the Yard Sale, please sign up [here](#).

Many thanks to Yard Sale Co-chairs Mary Ann Bruce & Carmen Sesvold, to all the members of Yard Sale Committee and to our many guild members who volunteer to help make this event such a success!



## **FSQ Retreat**

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

### **FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS**

#### **2024 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS**

**FEBRUARY 16-19, 2024**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

On July 1, 2023, the Retreat Committee will begin accepting registrations for our annual “Quilters Unsupervised” sewing retreat at Bon Secours Retreat Center. The retreat is open to all FSQ members, so please ensure your FSQ membership is up-to-date. The maximum number of participants is 30 and we will maintain a wait list. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

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. Also, this year we will be offering the option to pay by credit card with a discount if you pay by check.

The registration form will be available on the FSQ website on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Further information will be sent as July 1<sup>st</sup> approaches.

If you have any questions at the moment, please email [retreats@friendshipstar.org](mailto:retreats@friendshipstar.org)

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco, FSQ Retreat Co-chairs



## 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.

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.



**RENEWAL  
REMINDER**

## Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

We were happy to welcome several visitors at our May meeting. Welcome to new members: *Estelle Inn* and *Wanda Russ*, who was referred by Wendy Bauman. We are currently at 117 members.

We're looking forward to our June 5th yard sale which will be held following our brief meeting to elect officers for 2023-2024. Please remember to wear your nametag and stop by the Membership table to sign-in. There will be extra nametags, if you need one.

Our new membership year begins this month. Dues will remain the same at \$35, or \$20 for out-of-state members. We will collect dues at the June, August, and September meetings. The 2023-2024 FSQ Directory will be emailed to all current members following the September meeting. If you have no updates, you may write *No Changes* on your renewal form and we will have blank ones at the Membership table. You may pay by check or cash in the exact amount, or electronic payment.

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



### June Birthdays

6/12 Kathy Brown  
6/13 Danee Wilson  
6/17 Jan Drass  
6/29 Tomo Beckman  
6/29 Monica Spilis

### July Birthdays

7/02 Christina Ginsberg  
7/07 Linda Belecki  
7/08 DeVeda Powell  
7/12 Mary Legge  
7/15 Carole Weikert  
7/21 Nancy Zachik  
7/23 Ihsia Hu  
7/24 Eileen Malloy  
7/26 JoAnne DuChez



## Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

While at Service Projects this week, my machine started acting up as I began binding the last side of my quilt. It jammed and I had to cut a chunk of threads to release the quilt from the machine.

Since there was a huge mess of threads around the bobbin, I cleared them out, re-threaded the bobbin and tried sewing on a small piece of fabric. It happened again!

After it happened the *third* time, Colleen suggested I re-thread the machine, too. Success!! I knew that tip, but I was so focused on the bobbin that I forgot about it.

I hope this helps remind someone else in a similar situation to re-thread both areas.





Elected Officers		
<b>President</b>	Karen Kehl	<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 Sesevold