



# Friendship Star Quilters August 2023

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## The Quiltline

Aug 4-5	<b>Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show</b> 403 S. Main St., Mt. Airy, MD 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Aug 7	<b>FSQ Guild Meeting</b> Join us for a fun night of <b>QUILT-O!</b>
Aug 11-19	<b>Montgomery County Agricultural Fair</b> Gaithersburg, MD
 Aug 14	<b>FSQ Executive Board Meeting</b>
 Aug 17	<b>FSQ Sip &amp; Sew</b> - 7:00 pm via Zoom Watch for the email or contact Peggy Weidman

### Fabric Raffle: will resume again in September

Guild Meetings	Service Projects
<p>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</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 to Noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD</p> <p><b>Workshops will not be held in August</b>, due to summer camp being held at the church.</p>

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### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, August 14<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

Anne Flaggs

Welcome back to FSQ, I hope you are excited about the upcoming year. We have some wonderful speakers lined up along with the retreat in February, monthly Service Project meetings and Quilt-o at our August meeting.

As the incoming president I am learning what is involved with the job and hope you all will be patient with me as I try to figure out what and when things should happen. I have been in the guild a while but will admit I don't often pay full attention to the order of things during the meeting, so I'm sure that you will correct any mistakes I make.

Just a little bit about me for those of you that don't know me. I never sewed much until 2009 when I joined the guild. Outside of that awful dress I had to make in High School, hemming my pants and sewing on Girl Scout badges, my sewing times were limited. I did like cross-stitching and crewel in college but then my hand started to hurt so I dropped it. I still don't sew much and honestly have been wondering if I would get thrown out of the guild but that hasn't happened yet. I do enjoy the retreats and have completed a few baby blankets over the years and recently did some heart quilts for wedding gifts. I stick with the simple stuff.

I worked as an Accountant/Financial Analyst for 38 years at IBM/Loral/Lockheed Martin/Leidos (it's all one company but we were sold or merged a few times) until the last company laid off all the accounting employees from Lockheed in 2016. I am married and have two daughters and three grandkids. None of them sew and they all live about an hour away now so I don't see them as much as I would like.

We are in need of someone to be our Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales coordinator for this year. If this is something you are interested in doing for the guild, please let me know. The quilt has been completed thanks to the persistence of Karen Kehl and others. We plan to have it displayed and will distribute the raffle tickets to members in September. The raffle quilt is one of our major fundraisers for the year so we hope that many members will participate in the ticket selling.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 14th on Zoom. Please let one of the officers know, if you would like to attend or have a topic to discuss.



## **June Guild Meeting Minutes**

Barbara Van Den Berg

President Karen Kehl called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and asked any new members or guests to stand.

**Meeting Minutes:** The May FSQ Meeting Minutes were approved as published.

### **Treasurer's Report – Kathy Swartz**

The Quilt Show Financial Report is complete. Copies are available at the meeting and by e-mail.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2024 Retreat – Jennifer Rossmere**

Registration for the retreat opens July 1st. Details will be sent via email with a link to the registration form which will be accessible on the FSQ website.

### **2025 Quilt Raffle – Karen Kehl**

Volunteers are needed to coordinate the 2025 raffle quilt. Please reach out to the board to volunteer.

### **Election of Officers – Heidi Oestreicher**

The slate of nominees was announced:

President – Anne Flaggs

Vice President – Michele Barnard

Secretary – Harriet Sheinson

Co-treasurer – DeVeda Powell

Heidi asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. No more nominations were received. A vote was conducted and the slate of candidates was elected.

Outgoing President Karen Kehl thanked the outgoing board members and committee chairs with gifts.

The Featherweight Raffle was conducted, with Lisa Lehrnoff winning.

The 2023 Quilt Raffle was conducted with Rob Shellow the winner and Alice Washburn the seller.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM and members and guests were invited to the annual yard sale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Van Den Berg, Secretary



## Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

**In August**, since many members are on vacation we will have **QUILT-O** instead of a speaker at our guild meeting. This quilt-themed “Bingo” is a great way to ease back into our monthly meetings and to socialize with friends we haven’t seen in a while.

**For the cost of \$2.00 and 2 fat quarters, everyone gets 2 QUILT-O cards. Additional cards are \$1 and 1 fat quarter each.** The fabric everyone brings becomes the prizes and the money collected goes toward the M&Ms we use as markers and to help pay for the extra set up.

It’s a lot of fun and there are many chances to win. Standard “Bingo” games of horizontal, vertical and diagonal will be played, as well as some interesting variations.

Once “QUILT-O!” is called and the card is checked, the winner receives a stack of fat quarters. Come join us for the fun - you might be one of the lucky winners!

**In September**, Lauren Kingsland will present “Written in Fabric” - a program on memorial quilts. You can learn more about Lauren and her work at <https://www.laurenkingsland.com/>.

**Don’t forget we’ll meet in September on the 11<sup>th</sup>, since the first Monday is Labor Day.**





## Fabric of the Month

Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson

Fabric of the Month is a purely voluntary activity held at in-person guild meetings. Liz will be at the back of the hall to collect fabric before the meeting starts from anyone who wants to participate. A slip with your name on it will be collected for each fat quarter/block you contribute. Names are pulled at the end of the meeting. You may contribute as many fat quarters/blocks as you wish, but you can only win once per meeting. You must be present to win.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Liz Plantz ([plantze@mail.nlm.nih.gov](mailto:plantze@mail.nlm.nih.gov)) and/or Harriet Sheinson ([harriet\\_sew@msn.com](mailto:harriet_sew@msn.com))

**August** – No raffle

**September** -- Fat quarters of geometric prints, circles, squares, dots, stripes, etc.

**October** -- Fat quarters of Fall inspired colors or prints

**November** -- Service Projects Special. 12 ½ inch Nine Patch Block (12 inch finished when sewn into a quilt)

Bright blenders in the center and corners. Off-white in the other patches.

Bring one for the raffle and one for Service Projects.

Need a pattern? See <http://www.quilterscache.com/N/NinePatchBlock.html>

**What's a blender you ask?** See <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/collections/quilt-blender-fabric>

**December** -- Virtual Meeting, no raffle

**January** -- Virtual Meeting, no raffle

**February** -- Virtual Meeting, no raffle

**March** -- Black or white, or a mix of B&W in one fat quarter

**April** -- Fat quarters of Floral prints or pastels to make you think of Spring

**May** -- Fat quarters of "Ugly" fabric - one person's trash is another's treasure

**June** – YARD SALE!! No raffle scheduled.



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Sixteen quilters gathered in a bright, airy room at Asbury Retirement Village on July 11 for a day dedicated to finishing quilts so they could be delivered to locations around the metro area. We had a very successful day, completing some machine quilting, binding several mounds of quilts and stitching up yards and yards of binding. Many thanks to FSQ member, Barbara Kilby, for arranging to use the room at Asbury and to her fellow resident, Dave Reiser, for helping us map out a plan for electrical connections for a roomful of sewing machines.

Including the quilts that were completed on July 11, we were able to donate 45 in July to Project Linus and 29 to Comfort Cases. A very busy month! Thanks to all who were able to attend.

Since Fairhaven United Methodist Church is being used in August for a summer camp, we won't be meeting until September. Watch the FSQ website for more information soon.

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver





## Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

The FSQ Sip and Sew has been reasonably successful (except in the summer months), so I am proposing to continue it for another year. We'll be zooming and sewing every 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00 PM to about 8-8:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to get to know more FSQ members and have some fun conversations. This last year, many signed up and then forgot! So I have attached the list of dates so you can add them to your calendar.

I will still send out an FSQ list serve email a few days in advance of each meeting, all you have to do is reply to get the link. This year I have scheduled all the meetings until April 2024, so the link and password will be the same for every meeting. Once you get the first invitation, you won't have to ask for it again (provided you save it on your calendar!). You will then be free to join even at the last minute. The meeting is (finally) set up so you can join without me having to open the meeting. I plan on joining all the time but sometimes things do come up!

Hope you will put this on your calendar and join us this year in some fun social quilting time!

Topic: FSQ Sip and Sew

Time: Aug 17, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Thursday, 9 occurrences

Aug 17, 2023 07:00 PM

Sep 21, 2023 07:00 PM

Oct 19, 2023 07:00 PM

Nov 16, 2023 07:00 PM

Dec 21, 2023 07:00 PM

Jan 18, 2024 07:00 PM

Feb 15, 2024 07:00 PM

Mar 21, 2024 07:00 PM

Apr 18, 2024 07:00 PM



## Show Pins for Sale

Linda Belecki

We have a large inventory of FSQ Guild Show pins for the years 2006 through 2019; the 2010 pins are sold out.

I will be selling these pins at the monthly Guild meetings for \$1.00 each. The FSQ Guild pin will remain at \$5.00.

I hope you will consider adding some of these pins to your collection or perhaps purchasing a Guild pin to put on your name tag.



## 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.

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 Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

### FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

#### 2024 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 16-19, 2024

#### **REGISTRATION OPEN – SPACES ARE GOING QUICKLY**

Registration is still open for FSQ's 2024 annual "Quilters Unsupervised" sewing retreat but spaces are going quickly. The retreat is open to all FSQ members. The maximum number of participants is 30 and a wait list will be maintained. Registration 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 with 2-night and 3-night options offered. We are offering two methods of payment, check or credit card with a \$6.50 per night discount if paying by check.

#### ***Paying by Credit Card***

**Option 1:** \$365 (Friday and Saturday nights)

**Option 2:** \$547.50 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights)

#### ***Paying by Check***

**Option 1:** \$352 (Friday and Saturday nights)

**Option 2:** \$528 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights)

**Complete details are on the [Registration Form](#).**

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

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco, FSQ Retreat Co-chairs



## Do You Know What MAQ Stands For?

Mary Anne Bruce and Jennifer Rossmere

We didn't either, until a couple of years ago when we found out about a wonderful summer opportunity for learning. MAQ is the Mid-Appalachian Quilters, a group that brings together teachers from up and down the east coast for a 3-day seminar of classes, held at close by Gettysburg College.

Jennifer and I have attended for 2 years and have so enjoyed what we have learned and the talented quilters we have met. Though attendance is well over 200 quilters, we saw very few FSQ members there and we were encouraged to share our experiences.

They offer classes over three days (Friday to Sunday) with most of them being one day classes. The classes are fun and the quilting teachers are engaging, ready to share their knowledge and so encouraging. This summer we took classes in: Accidental Beach Landscapes, Flying Frankies™ Totebag, and Modern String Quilts (2 different patterns in 1 class).

There are options to stay in the dorms and the cafeteria on campus provides the food. Many hotels are nearby also. On Friday night there is a keynote speaker. Saturday night is Show & Tell, where the teachers describe their classes and the students show the projects they worked on during class. We both have a list of classes we want to take next year! Being immersed for an entire weekend with about 250 other quilters who are eager to share their tips and encouragement, and to be inspired by some of the best quilt teachers in the area was energizing and uplifting.

Visit <https://maqonline.org/> to learn more about this wonderful organization.



## 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.



## Membership

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber

The summer heat is here! Have you been keeping cool inside and quilting? Are you entering something in the Montgomery County Fair on August 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>? We're looking forward to seeing all your handiwork at the fair.

Welcome to our newest member, Cathy Gruyters, who attended our quilt show. We are currently at 118 members.

Our August meeting is especially fun because we play *QUILTO* (a take on Bingo using quilting terms), and we get to know each other better. Please remember to wear your nametag and stop by the Membership table to sign-in. There will be extra nametags, if you need one.

You may pay your annual dues at our August meeting by check, made out to FSQ, or cash in the exact amount, or electronic payment. If you're not able to attend the meeting, please complete the renewal form and mail it along with a check to the address on the form. Dues are \$35 or \$20 for out-of-state members. We will collect dues at the 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.

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



### August Birthdays

Maryjean Spencer	Aug. 10	Lizabeth Lawrence	Aug. 24
Linda Duzick	Aug. 14	Elizabeth Rice	Aug. 27
Sheryl Walker	Aug. 16	Sandy Koubek	Aug. 29
Anne Weaver	Aug. 21	Denise Dewhurst	Aug. 30
Cathy Cottom	Aug. 23		



## Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

The National Quilters Circle (<https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com>) is an online resource for all things related to quilting. They desire to help quilters learn new techniques, get new ideas, and connect with other quilters. They have accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube.

While you can become a paid member of their community, they offer many videos and tips for free.

This link will connect you to the [Top Ten Quick Quilting Tips](#) they offer.



## Readers' Corner

Heidi Oestreicher

If you loved Tony Hillerman, his daughter Anne is keeping the story alive.

I just finished "Spider Woman's Daughter" and started "Song of the Lion". Anne Hillerman's stories are as compelling as her father's.



Elected Officers		
<b>President</b>	Anne Flaggs	<a href="mailto:president@friendshipstar.org">president@friendshipstar.org</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Michele Barnard	<a href="mailto:vp@friendshipstar.org">vp@friendshipstar.org</a>
<b>Co-Treasurers</b>	Trish McTighe and DeVeda Powell	<a href="mailto:treasurer@friendshipstar.org">treasurer@friendshipstar.org</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Harriet Sheinson	<a href="mailto:secretary@friendshipstar.org">secretary@friendshipstar.org</a>

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