

Friendship Star Quilters October 2023

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events

- Oct 2** **FSQ Guild Meeting**
- Oct 6-7** **NeedleChasers Quilt Show** 10–6 pm, 10-4 pm
3710 Mitchell St.
Kensington, MD ([more info](#))
- Oct 7** **Faithful Circle Benefit Auction** 10–11:30 am
9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD
Contact carolpetranek@gmail.com
- Oct 22** **The Village Quilters – Quilt Bingo** 2:00 pm
Catonsville, MD contact@villagequiltersmd.com
- Nov 4** **Southern Comforters Annual Showcase of Challenge Quilts and Sale** (info on page 15)

Fabric Raffle: Fat Quarters in Fall Colors

Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are usually held the 1st 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 public school 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 to Noon at

Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd
Darnestown, MD

Workshops this month:
Thursday, Sept. 7
Thursday, Sept. 14

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, October 16th 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

Hello Quilters,

Welcome to Fall. I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temperatures. I spent the last two weeks in Florida where humidity is a bit high, which limited my outdoor time. I'm happy to be back in Maryland to enjoy the cooler weather and my favorite time of the year.

The guild year is now in full swing and there are a lot of things to do. Remember to get your raffle quilt tickets from Karen Moss in the lobby before the meeting. Also, visit Linda Belecki selling our various show and guild pins. The show pins are all on sale for \$1 as we clear out our inventory.

Did you finish your Summer Challenge Quilt yet? If not, you still have a few days to get it done and service projects will always accept it later, as I'm sure mine was over a year late one time. I can't wait to see all the wonderful submissions at the October meeting.

I'm excited that the guild is participating in the ACS challenge again this year and I hope many of you will be working a quilt to submit and have found your inspiration for your Food for Thought.

The retreat is only a few months away, this is always a lot of fun and a great way to meet other guild members, think about signing up if you haven't already.

Judy Hoffman has started posting some dates on SignUpGenius to take our raffle quilt around to other guilds to sell tickets. Going to another guild meeting can be a lot of fun and you get to see their monthly program as a bonus. Please consider signing up to take the quilt out and help to raise money for our guild.

I did have one volunteer sign-up to help look for a 2025 quilt show location, but no response on setting up hybrid meetings. I do think this is important, so I'll bring it up in a few months and see if anyone is willing to help.

Get out and enjoy fall - there are several quilt shows and a quilt Bingo to keep us entertained.

See you at the meeting.

Anne



September Guild Meeting Minutes

Harriet Sheinson

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Anne Flaggs, President. New members and visitors were welcomed.

The Minutes from the last Regular meeting were accepted and seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: DeVeda Powell presented the report. An audit of the accounts was done for 2023 by Linda August, Judy Chandler and Trish McTighe. Check requests will be taken care of as they are received.

RAFFLE QUILT: Karen Moss will be giving out raffle quilt tickets in the lobby. The charity this year will be A Wider Circle.

Anne Flaggs said that the guild is looking for some folks to help work on some ad-hoc committees. If you would like to help with either or both of these endeavors, please let her know.

- First we need a group to research potential 2025 Quilt Show locations. Asbury was a wonderful place but a bit small for us to hold the kind of Quilt Show FSQ usually hosts. Think about community centers, fire halls, schools (around a holiday), empty warehouse, wherever we can rent for Thursday to Sunday and not be overly expensive.
- In addition FSQ is looking for someone to help host Hybrid meetings for FSQ so that our members who are unable to attend the in-person meetings can still participate and hear the wonderful programs.

RETREAT: Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco, Co-chairs of the retreat which will be held from February 16-19, 2024 at Bon Secours said that spaces are going quickly. There are only 30 slots in all. Registration forms are available on our website under the 2024 Retreat tab.

AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge: Michelle Barnard summarized the rules. Please refer to September Quiltline for all instructions.

SERVICE PROJECTS 2023 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE: We were reminded that there is only one month left to finish your challenge quilts. We've heard back from a lot of members saying they have been having fun with this challenge. It looks like we will get to view quite a few quilts and pass them on to Service Projects. Just as a reminder, here are the specifics of the challenge: 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.

The Quiltline – October 2023

MEMBERSHIP: Charlene Danka said that the new directory would be e-mailed out around September 26, 2023.

RAFFLE QUILT: Judy Hoffman asked if members would suggest other quilt guilds to take our beautiful quilt, Alaska, so that we can sell tickets. She asked Lorie Coston to send out a Sign Up Genius to our members to volunteer to take the quilt and asked for suggestions to other venues for showing and selling tickets.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trish McTighe said that the budget for 2023-24 has been approved and that she had copies of it available if anyone were interested in looking at it.

PROGRAM: Stacy Ross introduced Lauren Kingsland who spoke on “A Look at Commemorative Quilts”. Lauren Kingsland’s business is Custom Quilts Studio. She suggested if we are available Sept. 16, 2023 – Nov. 5, 2023 to go to the “Memorial Day Memories” on exhibit at the Perkinson Center for the Arts, Chester, VA 23831 (<https://www.virginia.org/event/center-street-cotton-collective-art-show/20591>).

SHOW AND TELL: great quilts and lovely stories were presented.

FABRIC RAFFLE: Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson, co-chairs pulled the following winners from the bag: Judy Newton, Tomo Beckman, and Liz Plantz.

Door Prizes were won by: Wendy Bauman, Elaine Villforth, Barb Morten, Barbara Skelly, and Carrie Horton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Harriet Sheinson, Corresponding Secretary



Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

We're still looking for someone to replace Michele as hostess for "Dinner with the Speaker" prior to our guild meetings. Please contact us at programs@friendshipstar.org if you're interested or would like to know more about helping with this.

Our **October** speaker will be Nicki Allen, who will share her incredible quilts as she talks about her quilting journey. Be sure to check out her work at nickiallen.com and on Instagram at [@allennicki](https://www.instagram.com/allennicki). We can't wait to see these quilts in person!

In **November**, Kathy Bard will share her tips and tricks for "Using Your Machine's Decorative Stitches".



What's the Point?

JoAnne DuChez

SERVICE PROJECTS 2023 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

Not long before turn in for your challenge quilt. We can hardly wait to see your submissions.

From what I hear from other members, we should receive quite a few quilts to pass on to Service Projects.

Just as a reminder, here are the specifics of the challenge:

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- 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!



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

SPOTLIGHT ON...PREEMIE QUILTS

This month Service Projects would like to highlight preemie quilts which are small quilts donated to local area hospital NICUs (neonatal intensive care units). They are small, 30 – 33” square or rectangular, that are quick to make and are much appreciated by the NICU staff. These cheery little quilts are draped over the isolettes to decorate them and provide some color and “personality”. Of course, when the baby leaves the NICU, the family is able to keep their quilt as a memento of their baby’s time there.

Kits for preemie quilts are available at monthly guild meetings as well as at Service Projects workshops. You are also welcome to use fabrics from your stash if you’d like. Here are some guidelines to help you get started, plus photos below of some samples. Choose colorful cotton, flannel or fleece fabrics for the top and either flannel or fleece for the back. You can also use a small panel for the top. No batting is required. Assemble the top. Place top and back, right sides together and stitch envelope-style around the edges, with a ½” seam, leaving approximately a 3” opening on one side, so you can turn the quilt. Topstitch around the perimeter and lightly machine quilt the preemie to hold the layers together.

Directions are also on the Service Projects page of the FSQ website, www.friendshipstar.org. Just click on the button at the bottom of the page that says, “Preemie’ quilt directions.” If you have any questions, you can contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver. Thank you!

October Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, October 5, and Thursday, October 19. We meet from 9:30 am until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about 1 mile west of Quince Orchard High School. We love to welcome newcomers!





2024 Raffle Quilt Marketing

Judy Hoffman

Be sure to watch for blasts that let you know that there are spaces to fill in on SignUpGenius. When you sign up we will get back to you to confirm the place, time and contact person. We hope to eventually get to as many other guilds as possible throughout the year so watch for more blasts in the future.

Right now there are two spots available on Oct. 12 from 5:30 to 9 and one space on November 2, from 10 to 12. Check this SignUpGenius [link](#) to see where we need help showing our quilt.

We have had at least one member contact us about getting her raffle tickets. She no longer drives at night but would love to buy her own chances to win the quilt and her friends are interested too. If you can't get to evening meetings but want to get the tickets you can contact me at jhoffman4jp@yahoo.com. I also attend most of the Service Projects work days and if you contact me ahead of time, I could bring tickets to you there.

The more tickets we sell the greater our donation to A Wider Circle and the addition to our treasury.



Alaska – FSQ's 2024 Raffle Quilt

**Please share a photo of our quilt on your Facebook page
and help us get more publicity!**



2024 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Karen Moss

We have begun to sell raffle tickets for our 2024 Raffle Quilt, **Alaska**. It's a lovely quilt in soothing blue, cream and tan with beautiful quilting. The raffle drawing will take place at the June 3, 2024 FSQ Guild meeting and a portion of the profits will go to our chosen charity this year which is A Wider Circle. The quilt was pieced by our own Colleen Biasco and quilted by Robin Conran, "Your Longarm Quilter" in Sterling, VA.

Along with selling raffle tickets when we take the raffle quilt to other guilds, we also ask each FSQ member to either sell or purchase 15 tickets. Although participation in the raffle quilt ticket sales is voluntary, this is a major source of funding for the Guild and your support is appreciated. The prices have changed this year to reduce the actual number of tickets to sell but the chance of winning remains about the same. Tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. If you buy all your own tickets, it's only \$25.

I will be in the lobby at the October FSQ meeting with envelopes of 15 tickets for all guild members. Please come and see me so you can get your envelope with the raffle tickets, a letter explaining the process and a picture of the raffle quilt. The ticket stubs and money are to be returned to me at a guild event. If you want additional tickets, I will have those as well.

The seller of the winning ticket and the top ticket seller will be rewarded with a prize. I look forward to your support for this endeavor which supports all the guild activities. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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.



Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

October 19th will be the next Sip & Sew meeting. This is a monthly Zoom event to visit and sew with other guild members for an hour or so. We meet the third Thursday of each month and everyone in the guild is invited. The meetings are scheduled through April, 2024, with the same Zoom link for each meeting.

If you would like the Zoom link for these meetings, email me at Small_Groups@friendshipstar.org. I will try to remember to send a reminder a day or two before hand, but just in case, you should write the dates on your calendar!

Hope you will join us!

FSQ Sip and Sew dates:

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



AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge

Michele Barnard

Are you ready for a yummy new challenge?

Hopefully everyone is finishing up their quilts for the Service Projects Summer Challenge.

For the upcoming year, FSQ is proposing that we submit quilts for the 2024 Ultimate Guild Challenge sponsored by the American Quilters Society (link for 2023 below). We, as a guild, have not participated in the challenge for a number of years, but it has been great fun in the past.

Our theme will be **Food for Thought**. The challenge is to make a quilt inspired by a favorite food.

This can be interpreted in a number of ways.

- Do the colors of citrus make you swoon? Make a quilt in bright yellow, lime, and orange!
- Aren't cupcakes the cutest things ever? Fill your quilt with cupcakes.
- Are you thinking about the source of your food? Picture your garden filled with ripe tomatoes.
- What will you come up with? Traditional, modern, pictorial ???

The possibilities are endless- but there are some rules.

- Shape: Quilts should be square or rectangular.
- Size: Quilts must be within 30 - 36 inches in width and 30 - 36 inches in length.
- Quilts must be labeled with the name of the quilt maker.
- Quilts must be finished to be considered for submission to AQS.
- All other AQS rules must be followed.

Timeline: I've estimated when AQS will want entries based on previous schedules, so the timeline *may* be adjusted based on the actual dates.

- September meeting: Challenge announced
- Middle of January: Submission of a photograph of at minimum a quilt top started.
- Early February: Finished quilts due. Since our February meeting is virtual, I will make arrangements to collect your quilts for judging, if more than 8 are received.
- March: AQS entry due online

2023 rules: ([2023-ags-quilt-contest-rules.pdf \(americanquilter.com\)](https://www.americanquilter.com/2023-ags-quilt-contest-rules.pdf))

The Ultimate Guild Challenge: This challenge honors the results of a quilt guild's challenge to its members. The guild issues its own challenge to its members, choosing rules, fabrics, themes, or whatever! The top eight (8) quilts from the guild are submitted as one entry to The Ultimate Guild Challenge.

- One entry submission per guild (include theme, challenge description and rules, contact information, and guild group photo).
- Each individual can stitch or quilt on only one challenge quilt for one guild.
- Information (title of quilt and size) must be included for each of the eight (8) quilts, including full and detailed images of each quilt (see rule 6 in General Quilt Contest Rules).
- Each guild may submit quilts online at <https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/homepage>.

If you have any questions, my contact information is in the directory.



FSQ 2024 Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2024 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 16-19, 2024

SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US

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

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.



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 membership table at our September meeting was bustling! It was wonderful to see so many members and we welcomed three guests. Guests are always welcome at our FSQ meetings, but there is a \$5.00 fee if we have a paid lecturer at the meeting.

We're happy to welcome the following new members who joined FSQ at the September meeting:

Jackie Barone Eleanor Bragin Dolan Ghosh Gretchen Golas Kathy Strong

We've delayed sending out our FSQ membership directory until October 3, 2023. If you have not paid your dues for 2023-2024 and want to be included in the directory, do not delay! Pay at the October 2 meeting or email us at mbrshp@friendshipstar.org if you are mailing your form and check.

Please remember to stop by the membership table to sign-in and if needed, we'll have name tags. It helps everyone to put a name with a face!

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



October Birthdays

Janet Scalese	Oct. 1	Teresa Peterson	Oct. 17
Ellen Robinson	Oct. 4	Veronica Smith	Oct. 26
Karen Moss	Oct. 5	Michele Barnard	Oct. 27
Susan Schwarz	Oct. 7	Jackie Barone	Oct. 28
Meg Tison	Oct. 11	Harriet Sheinson	Oct. 29
Nancy Colladay	Oct. 14		



Tips & Tricks

Michele Barnard

I store a lot of my rulers in a repurposed napkin holder. This is especially appropriate since I do most of my sewing in my dining room!

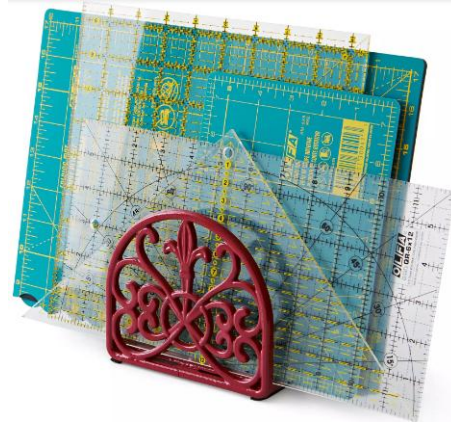
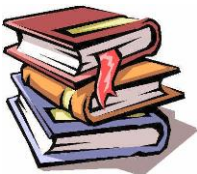


Photo courtesy of American Patchwork and Quilting

Editor's Note: For the benefit of new members, please also use this column to share videos, blogs and free pattern sites that you may have found helpful.



Readers' Corner

Ellen Robinson

I tend to get most of my reading done in the summer, out on our deck. I find it pretty peaceful there and reading is what I crave out there. I recently finished up a David Baldacci book and while waiting for my next book to become available at the library, I dug into this one:

The Lost Victim: A Thriller (Ryan Strickland Book 1) by Jennifer Hunter.

It was a fast paced read, and about 3 times, I was thinking "well this one seems wrapped up now" and I noticed that there was quite a bit more to read (on Kindle, you can see how much percent you've read). Each time, there was another twist that needed solving. Since I was enjoying the book, this was a treat to keep going. I'll look forward to the next book in the series. As the title indicates, it's a thriller, so if that is to your liking, pick this one up.

I think I picked up this book via the Prime First Reads program that I get with my prime membership. They are almost always new books by new authors. Unfortunately, it's not available via the MoCo library.

UNDERCOVER QUILTERS 2023 QUILT SHOW

SEW MANY COLORS

FALL FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

Over 150 quilts on display • Daily Door Prize
Raffle baskets • Elephant Mart • Vendors
Tiny Treasures and Little Quilts

OCTOBER 13-15, 2023

Friday & Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday: 10 AM - 3 PM

Brookhaven Municipal Building
2 Cambridge Rd | Brookhaven, PA 19015

Admission: \$10 (Includes all 3 days)
For discounted group tickets contact
ucqquiltshow@hotmail.com

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Southern Comforters Quilt Guild of Bowie Showcase of Challenge Quilts & Member-made Holiday Quilt, Art and Craft Sale

Saturday, November 4, 2023 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Christian Community Presbyterian Church <<https://goo.gl/maps/fncundvawxo>>
3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD

Join us for our annual Quilt Challenge exhibit and Holiday Member-Made Sale
View and vote on our Challenge quilts, enjoy some wonderful holiday gift shopping

Light lunch available benefiting CCPC Youth group

Bring a friend!! Free Admission Follow us on Facebook



Elected Officers	
<u>President</u>	Anne Flaggs
<u>Vice President</u>	Michele Barnard
<u>Co-Treasurers</u>	Trish McTighe and DeVeda Powell
<u>Secretary</u>	Harriet Sheinson

Committee Chairs			
<u>Fabric of the Month</u>	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	<u>Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales</u>	Karen Moss
<u>Facebook</u>	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	<u>Retreats</u>	Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere
<u>Library</u>	Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence	<u>Service Projects</u>	Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan
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<u>Raffle Quilt Marketer</u>	Judy Hoffman		