

# Friendship Star Quilters December 2023

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## The Quiltline

### Calendar of Events

- Dec 4**      **FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom**
  
- Dec 16**    **Special Volunteer Event – A Wider Circle**  
9159 Brookeville Rd, Silver Spring  
9:30 – noon  
**(FSQ Alaska quilt ticket sales event!)**
  
- Dec 21**    **FSQ Sip & Sew** - 7:00 pm. Watch for the email from Peggy

**Dec 31**



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**Fabric Raffle:** Will return in March when we resume in-person meetings.

#### Guild Meetings

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

**Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm; business meeting & program at 7:30 pm.**

#### 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, Nov 2  
Thursday, Nov 16

#### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, December 11<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

Hello Quilters,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends. As I'm writing this, I am at the end of my 2 weeks in Florida where I typically spend the holiday with my aunts, cousins and all their kids. It is warmer here and we have a wonderful potluck at a local park so no one is stuck doing all the cooking and cleaning. Looking back at the last two months of articles I wrote, it appears I am almost always traveling, which I do enjoy. Florida is where my parents' house is and where all my family lives (outside of my husband and my kids). On a personal note, my little brother had a stroke a few months ago and is struggling to recover so I feel the need to visit him more than usual and offer advice which is not always appreciated (oh well). I'm off to see him tomorrow with some tools to help get his hand moving again, I hope he will do the exercises and will show some progress before I get down to see him again.

Back to quilting, I enjoyed attending a Service Projects meeting this month and got to see my completed project displayed to the group. I was great to get that finally completed and passed on so that soon someone else can enjoy the dinosaur quilt. If you are looking for some in-person contact with other quilters over the next few months, take the time to attend one of these meetings and help the guild complete some quilts while you socialize with other members of the guild.

Read the rest of this newsletter to get more information on Service Projects, raffle quilt ticket sales & marketing, the 2025 raffle quilt prep and many other ways to participate in guild activities.

We will be having an executive board meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please let me or another officer know and we will send you the Zoom link. We always appreciate your ideas and suggestions to improve the guild.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season in December in whatever way you celebrate. I'm sure we are all hoping for more peace in the world.

See you at the meeting,

Anne





## November Guild Meeting Minutes

Michele Barnard

President Anne Flaggs called the meeting to order at 7:33. She welcomed everyone to our last in person meeting until March 2024 - but we hope to see everyone on Zoom. As in past years, we will be using Signup Genius to distribute the zoom link. One guest was recognized. The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as presented.

Jennifer Rossmere reported that the 2024 retreat is full! Thanks to everyone who signed up; if you did not sign up but are interested, please contact someone on the retreat committee to be added to the waitlist.

Karen Kehl is coordinating 2025 raffle quilt. She has already handed out about half of the block packets, which each have precut diecut pieces and instructions for individual blocks.

Judy Hoffman, our Raffle Quilt Marketing Chair, thanked travelers to other guilds, and notes that we'll still be visiting until June and needs volunteers. Other guilds to be visited include Everybody's Quilt Guild, Four County quilters, Linthicum, Columbia, Mother Seton in Germantown, Southern Comforters, and Village Quilters in Catonsville. If you know of anyone who isn't able to come to evening meetings but still wants to sell tickets, we can get those to you.

Michele Barnard announced that FSQ business cards are available tonight in the lobby. She has more if you need them. She also noted that Ultimate Guild Challenge information is in the *Quiltline*.

Stacy Ross introduced Kathy Bard, who presented a lecture on "Decorative Stitch Play", showing examples on quilts, wall hangings, placemats and practice samples.

The fabric raffle (Service Projects 9-patch) was won by Tomo Beckman, Ellen Robinson, and Rosie Hormuth.

Door Prizes were won by Jackie Barone and Wanda Russ.

Michele Barnard (filling in for Harriet Sheinson)

[Meeting adjournment time not noted.]





## Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

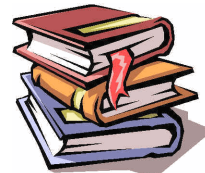
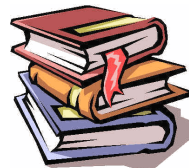
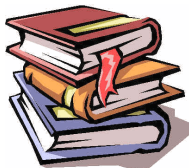
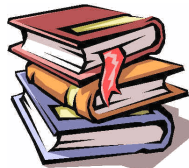
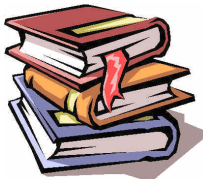
We are **STILL** looking for a volunteer to replace Michele as hostess for “Dinner with the Speaker” prior to our guild meetings. You could share this role with a friend! Please contact us at [programs@friendshipstar.org](mailto:programs@friendshipstar.org) if you’re willing to take this on beginning in March 2024, or would like to know more about this.

We’ll be meeting via Zoom in December, January and February. If you want to invite a guest, please contact Charlene at [mbrshp@friendshipstar.org](mailto:mbrshp@friendshipstar.org).

At our December meeting, Kitty Wilkin will present Quilt Your Life: Milestone Quilts for Every Moment. In this Zoom lecture she’ll show us how quilts can be used to mark special events in our lives. Explore some of Kitty’s work on her website [www.nightquilter.com](http://www.nightquilter.com) or [www.instagram.com/nightquilter](https://www.instagram.com/nightquilter).

Join us in January, when Teresa Durea Wong will present a lecture on Sewing & Survival: Native American Quilts from 1880-2022.

In February we will have another Zoom presentation as Brandon Wulff presents Trunk Show to Biscotti, sharing his art & business journey as well as his personal journey with autism.



### Books to Give Away

For those who love to read stories about quilters, I know there are many of you, like me, who have enjoyed the Elm Creek Quilt series by Jennifer Chiaverini. I have 15 of the 21 books in the series and I am looking to find them a new home.

Jennifer Chiaverini’s New York Times bestselling series features the women of Elm Creek Valley’s quilting circle, and explores the enduring bonds between mothers and daughters, sisters and friends.

If anyone is interested, please let me know ([jayrossmere@gmail.com](mailto:jayrossmere@gmail.com)) and I will get them to you.

**Jennifer Rossmere**



## Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

What a wonderful start to the 2023-24 FSQ year for our Service Projects outreach! We are grateful to those who are able to attend workshops, who supported the summer triangle challenge, and who make and donate quilt tops. So far, since July 1, our numbers are quite impressive. Here they are:

**208** baby and children's quilts

**67** preemie Quilts

**67** preemie Hats

**46** placemats

**120** pillowcases

Wonder where all of these beautiful items go? Check out the Service Projects page on the FSQ website, [www.friendshipstar.org](http://www.friendshipstar.org) for a complete list and links to the organizations.

The upcoming Service Projects workshops will be held on December 7 and 21, from 9:30 until noon, at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about a mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

Have questions? Contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver. Our contact information is in the FSQ directory. We'd love to have you join us.





**2024 Raffle Quilt**  
**Judy Hoffman**

If you need more raffle tickets please contact [me](#) or [Karen Moss](#). I have a few requests that have not yet gone out because I have been dealing with Covid and a visiting relative. Hope to catch up soon.

Watch for the next SignUpGenius email, which will be asking for 2 volunteers to take the quilt to the Mother Seton Quilting Angels group on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

In December we'll be selling raffle tickets at the following event:

A WIDER CIRCLE

**Special Volunteer Event**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
**9:30 am - Noon**

**Let us thank you...**  
***by putting you to work!***

Join us to sort donations, help us prepare for holiday programming, and engage in other important tasks that further A Wider Circle's mission.

Before you work, we will recognize your generous support, share updates on our programs, and provide tours of our Ann & Don Brown Center for Community Service.

**9159 Brookville Road**  
**Silver Spring, MD 20910**

9:30 - 10:00 am: Coffee, tea, light snacks, and tours  
10:00 am - Noon: Volunteer activities

Please RSVP to [amy.javaid@awidercircle.org](mailto:amy.javaid@awidercircle.org)



## Quilter's Rainbow Karen Kehl

### Quilter's Rainbow: The 2024-2025 FSQ Raffle Quilt



I have the honor of designing and coordinating the making of the 2024-2025 FSQ Raffle Quilt. The pattern, Quilter's Rainbow, is a sampler of classic quilt blocks in the seven colors of the rainbow. The difficulty of the blocks ranges from beginner (most of the blocks) to intermediate (there are two rows that require Y seams). There are NO curves. Each block repeats seven times (once for each color) and should measure 8 ½ inches when completed. The quilt will finish at 92 x 102 inches.

At the November FSQ meeting, I will have packets for each one of the 56 blocks. Each packet contains all the die cut pieces to make one quilt block, and an instructions page. I encourage everyone to consider checking out a block! Small groups may want to check out an entire row and work on them together. There may even be an opportunity to work on blocks during the February retreat.

**Blocks need to be completed and returned by the March in-person FSQ meeting.** After the blocks are collected, they will be assembled with black sashing and the borders will be added.

In April we will be accepting proposals for quilting. The quilt should be finished, bound, and labeled in time for the Montgomery County Fair in August. Then we will start taking it around to sell raffle tickets. As a bonus, we will also have copies of the quilt pattern for sale.

Please consider which block you want to make and come a few minutes early in November to check out your first choice— there is truly something for almost everyone.



## Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

There was a big glitch last month...and the November Sip and Sew did not happen. My apologies!

We now have a new Zoom link and hopefully I have everything straightened out. We will next be meeting at 7 PM on December 21. I know this is a busy time for most people, but it might be a good time to relax before the madness of the Holiday season strikes. Hope you will join us! I have sent the new link to people who have joined Sip and Sew before. Anyone who hasn't joined in can receive the link by emailing [Small\\_Groups@friendshipstar.org](mailto:Small_Groups@friendshipstar.org). A reminder will go out the Tuesday beforehand.

Happy Sewing!

### FSQ Sip and Sew dates:

Dec 21, 2023 07:00 PM

Jan 18, 2024 07:00 PM

Feb 15, 2024 07:00 PM

Mar 21, 2024 07:00 PM

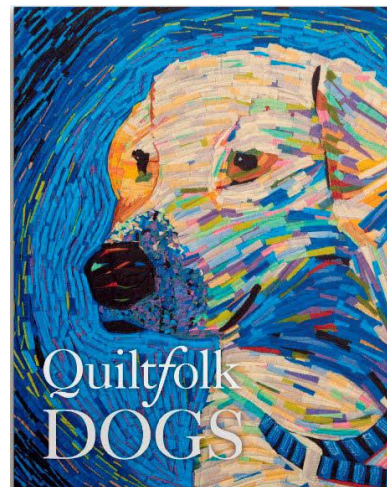
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*Quiltfolk* donates a magazine every two months and we add it to our door prizes at our in-person meetings. Last month someone from the guild won *Issue 28 "Colorado"*.

There is also a custom coupon code **GUILD28** for 15% off everything available at <http://www.quiltfolk.com> until December 31.

They offer workshops, magazines, books such as *Quiltfolk Dogs* and much more.

Check it out. **Trish McTighe**







## AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge

Michele Barnard

### Are you ready for a yummy new challenge?

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
- Mid-February 2024: I'll send out a poll to see if it's likely we will have enough quilts for an AQS submission.
- March 4, 2024: Finished quilts due at our regular March meeting.
- March 28, 2024: AQS entry due online

**2024 General rules:** [americanquilter.com/media/event/contest/2024-rules/2024-general-rules.pdf](https://americanquilter.com/media/event/contest/2024-rules/2024-general-rules.pdf)

**2024 Complete contest rules:** [americanquilter.com/media/event/contest/2024-rules/2024-rules.pdf](https://americanquilter.com/media/event/contest/2024-rules/2024-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 [americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/homepage](https://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

At the moment, the FSQ 2024 Retreat at Bon Secours (February 16 – 19, 2024) is full with a waiting list. If you are interested in being on the waiting list, please let us know.

For those who have already registered, information about the Retreat will be sent out in January. We hope you are gathering lots of projects to take with you.

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



## Finance Committee

Jennifer Rossmere and Kathy Swartz

An FSQ Finance Committee was organized in response to numerous issues related to the Treasurer's position. The Committee consists of four prior Treasurers and two current Treasurers: Anne Flaggs, Joy Dorman, Jennifer Rossmere, Kathy Swartz, Trish McTighe and, DeVeda Powell. The Committee has addressed numerous QuickBooks issues and resolved many of them. The Committee reviewed the current list of FSQ Treasurers' duties to see which ones might be better done by another entity in the organization. Several recommendations were presented to the FSQ Executive Board at their October meeting. The Committee is also addressing how to ensure Treasurers' expertise is kept as long as possible. Future issues include what software package will work best for FSQ as well as what reports are optimal.

If you have any questions about what the Finance Committee is doing, please reach out to Jennifer or Kathy.





## 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 to 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

Welcome to our newest member, *Mary Grace Gagliardi* who joined FSQ at our November meeting and was referred by Heidi Oestreicher and Elaine Villforth.

Currently we have 112 FSQ members.

As we transition from in-person meetings, we look forward to seeing your smiling faces on Zoom! Be sure to sign up on the SignUpGenius once you receive the email to let us know you will be attending. Guests are welcome, but please have them [contact us](#) to receive the link. You will receive the link to the Zoom meeting on the Sunday before our December 4<sup>th</sup> 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



### December Birthdays

Wanda Russ	Dec. 3
Barbara VanDenBerg	Dec. 4
Deborah Chubb	Dec. 5
Nicki Lynch	Dec. 9
Judy Walsh	Dec. 23



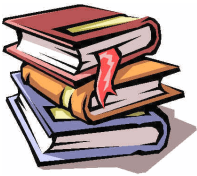
## Tips & Tricks

Cathy Miller

I saw a lecture from Ranae Merrill demonstrating her technique for t-shirt quilts at the Houston show. I think it's a great innovation and others in the guild might be interested.

<https://ranaemerrillquilts.com/products/t-shirt-quilt-as-you-go>

*Editor's Note: Please also use this column to share videos, blogs and free pattern sites that you may have found helpful.*



## Readers' Corner

Ellen Robinson

I found out about this book from a blog that I follow and was not disappointed.

**The Night She Disappeared:** A Novel by Lisa Jewell

The Amazon description starts out: "On a beautiful summer night in a charming English suburb, a young woman and her boyfriend disappear after partying at the massive country estate of a new college friend." This is really a Thriller, though the title says Novel. And I found that the several twists and turns kept me wondering what really happened that night. I really enjoyed the book and have even gotten another by Lisa Jewell: *The Family Remains*. Another thriller with plenty more twists and turns, that I am currently enjoying.

I got these e-books from the MoCo library, and they do have them in audio format. And I think I will be looking for more books by this author.



<b>Elected Officers</b>	
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