

Friendship Star Quilters January 2024

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events	
Jan 1	 <p>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</p>
Jan 8	FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom
Jan 18	FSQ Sip & Sew - 7:00 pm. Watch for the email from Peggy
Feb 29 - Mar 3	Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival Hampton Roads Convention Center 1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666 (more info)

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Fabric Raffle:

Will return in March when we resume in-person meetings.

Guild Meetings	Service Projects
<p>Guild meetings are usually held the 1st Monday of the month at</p> <p>Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD</p> <p>Mingling and conversation start at 7:00 pm; business meeting & program at 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Workshops are held from 9:30 am to Noon at</p> <p>Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD</p> <p>Workshops this month:</p> <p>Thursday, Jan 4 Thursday, Jan 11</p>



Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, February 12th 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 you all have enjoyed your Holiday celebrations and are ready for a Joyous New Year in 2024. I hope all your goals and wishes are attainable and include some sewing time.

Just a few things this month where we can use your help:

- We are looking to have a Quilt Show in 2025 and are starting to gather information on various locations. Do you know of a location that would be great for a Quilt Show in late April 2025 and isn't overly expensive? If so, please let me know and we can check it out.
- Thinking about the Quilt Show, we will need some chairs to run the committee. If you are interested, please let me know.
- Our program committee is starting to work on next year's programs. Do you have a favorite teacher or topic to recommend? Maybe you went to a larger Quilting event like Oaks, Hampton, QuiltCon, MAQ or someplace else and saw someone that might be interesting for either an in-person or Zoom meeting. If you do, please let the program committee know your thoughts.

Thanks and enjoy this winter season.

Anne





December Guild Meeting Minutes

Harriet Sheinson

The meeting opened at 7pm for meet and greet. The business meeting was called to order by President Anne Flaggs at 7:30pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as presented. The next Executive Board meeting will be December 11 at 7pm on Zoom. If you wish to join, please let us know in advance.

Judy Hoffman, Raffle Quilt Marketing Chair, said that if there is anyone who wants pictures or tickets to contact her or Karen Moss. She also mentioned that the quilt is traveling with upcoming opportunities to sell tickets at a Wider Circle and Mother Seton and more to come in the upcoming months.

Stacy Ross, Program Committee Chair, introduced Kitty Wilkin and her program on “Quilt Your Life” about Milestone Quilts for Every Life. The program was truly fascinating on how she was able to calculate her mileage walking, exercising, climbing, and present all the information clearly in her quilts.

Show and Tell followed the presentation.

The Door Prize was won by Dottie Acton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.





Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

We're lining up speakers for 2024-25, so please [contact us](#) with your suggestions for speakers or topics.

We'll be meeting via Zoom in January and February. If you wish to invite a guest, please contact Charlene at mbrshp@friendshipstar.org.

In January, Teresa Durea Wong (teresaduryeawong.com/) will present **Sewing & Survival: Native American Quilts from 1880-2022**. Based on her research of original sources, diaries and personal letters, Teresa will relate the history of quilting among the plains Indians, sharing many examples of their work.

On January 4th at 2:00 pm Teresa will be interviewing talented Navajo quilter Susan Hudson as part of the Quilters' Save Our Stories (QSOS) project. You'll be able to view this interview on the Quilt Alliance YouTube channel [here](#).

In February, Brandon Wulff will present **Trunk Show to Biscotti**, sharing his art & business journey as well as his personal journey with autism.

We're still looking for someone to host our "Dinner with the Speaker" when it resumes in March. If you've been attending these dinners, why not volunteer to be the hostess? Michele (vp@friendshipstar.org) can let you know what's involved.





Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Happy New Year!

2023 just flew by and Service Projects kept up a fast pace right through December. Earlier in the month, we delivered **24 preemie quilts** and **106 knitted hats** to Children's Hospital. At the end of the month, Project Linus received **30 baby's and children's quilts**.

Many thanks to all of the FSQ members and friends who knitted baby hat and sewed, tied or bound quilts for our community.

This month, Service Projects workshops will be held on Thursday, January 4, and Thursday, January 11. We meet from 9:30 am until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about a mile west of Quince Orchard High School.

Questions? Contact Anne Weaver or Nancy Brennan. We hope to see you there!

Sacred Threads
EXPRESSING LIFE'S JOURNEYS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Breaking Down by Linda Henke

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JOY • INSPIRATION • SPIRITUALITY
HEALING • GRIEF • PEACE

Accepting Entries
January 1, 2024 - January 10, 2025
Early deadline for 2025 Preview Travel Exhibit is April 30, 2024.

2025 Exhibit
Indianapolis, IN. - Exact dates and location are TBD.

Check the website for all the details!
www.SacredThreadsQuilts.com

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FSQ 2024 Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

We now have one opening for the FSQ 2024 Retreat at Bon Secours (February 16 – 19, 2024). If you have been thinking about joining us for this fun weekend, now is the time to send us your registration.

For those who have already registered, further details 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.



Finance Committee

Jennifer Rossmere and Kathy Swartz

The FSQ Finance Committee continues to meet to address issues related to the Treasurer's position. Recently the Committee discussed timelines for moving tasks to other positions, creating a Payment Request form that will be used when we need to pay by credit card, and how to ensure Treasurer expertise is kept as long as possible. The Committee will be presenting some recommendations for FSQ By-Law changes to the FSQ Executive Board at their February meeting.

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





Reve Kandale Charitable Outreach

Cathy Miller

I am overwhelmed by the generous support the FSQ Guild members have provided for Reve Kandale in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. <https://www.revekandale.org/girls-and-women-1>

I learned of this foundation through the Days for Girls group leader, Rhona Arbit who introduced Colette Ramm, the co-founder of the Reve Kandale Foundation, to Tina Grove, founder of Truth and Hope in Poolesville. Previously I had delivered 3 huge boxes of fabric to Colette for the sewing school.

On December 11, Tina and I met with Colette and filled her car with sewing notions, baby bundles and quilts which are on their way to Kandale and are due to arrive in March. This shipment will greatly enrich the lives of the women and girls not only in Kandale, but in many villages whose girls attend the sewing school and women who use the maternity facility.

In support of their sewing school I collected from FSQ, Truth and Hope and the American Sewing Guild a huge amount of sewing notions which will enable the school to stop rationing straight pins and other supplies. In the past each girl was issued 3 straight pins and needed to return them at the end of each class. We have shipped an estimated

- 2,000+ straight pins,
- 1000+ buttons, hooks and eyes and snaps,
- dozens of tape measures,
- 250 spools of thread,
- 200+ zippers, yards of elastic,
- 100+ sewing needles and threaders,
- 10 seam guides, marking tools, etc.

In addition, the FSQ service project attendees donated \$305 towards the \$340 shipping costs.

As well as the sewing notions, Truth and Hope donated 50 baby bundles for the maternity facility and 41 quilts for the girls in the sewing school dormitory. Colette explained that many of the women who give birth have absolutely nothing for the baby when it's born and many from surrounding villages don't seek prenatal care or come soon enough causing an increase in infant mortality. She hopes to use the baby bundles to encourage women to get prenatal care and deliver in the facility. The quilts will be used in the dormitory where the girls are currently sleeping on the concrete floor. We still need 44 more lightweight quilts for the 85 girls who live there. When the girls graduate and pass their exam they will be qualified to work in the garment industry in the Congo.

I can't thank everyone enough for supporting this effort. What a fabulous group of women who are changing the world in wonderful ways!

Tina Grove, Cathy Miller, Collette Ramm



Collette with 41 quilts from Truth and Hope



The Quiltline – January 2024

Contents of a baby bundle. Notice the colorful diapers made from t-shirts.



Truth and Hope





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 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

Well, the *Farmers' Almanac* has predicted a cold, snowy winter of 2023. So far, the prediction hasn't materialized but there is plenty of winter yet to come!

Winter Zoom meetings began last month and more than half of our listed membership joined us for the December meeting.

Our January 8th meeting is also on Zoom, so find a cozy spot and join us!

Currently there are 113 FSQ members. No new members joined this past month.

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



January Birthdays

Rosemary Hormuth	Jan. 1
Colleen Biasco	Jan. 4
Holly Trotter	Jan. 7
Linda Gordon	Jan. 11
Lynn Stieber	Jan. 19
Judy Chandler	Jan. 22
Kimberly Strong	Jan. 30



Tips & Tricks

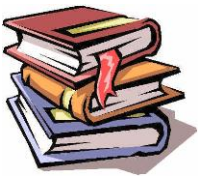
Judy Walsh

I enjoy using jelly rolls, but really dislike the ones with pinked edges because they can make a mess.

A tip I saw suggested using a sticky “lint roller” on the flat top & bottom of the roll, before you unroll it. I’ve tried it, and it works really well.

Since you can sometimes find the rollers at Dollar Tree, this is also an inexpensive tip.

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



Readers’ Corner

Apparently not a lot of reading was done over the holidays!

Hopefully this column will contain a recommendation next month.





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
<u>Membership</u>	Charlene Danka and Lynn Stieber	<u>Small Groups Coordinator</u>	Peggy Weidman
<u>Newsletter</u>	Judy Walsh	<u>Summer Challenge</u>	JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell
<u>Pins</u>	Linda Belecki	<u>Sunshine & Shadows</u>	Ellen Robinson
<u>Programs</u>	Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh	<u>Web Administrator</u>	Lorie Coston
<u>Publicity</u>	Michele Barnard	<u>Yard Sale</u>	Carmen Sesvold and Lorie Coston
<u>Raffle Baskets</u>	Heidi Oestreicher and Elaine Villforth	<u>Zoom Coordinator</u>	Kathy Swartz
<u>Raffle Quilt Marketer</u>	Judy Hoffman		