

Friendship Star Quilters March 2024

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events				
Mar 2	Mid-Appalachian Quilters 10:00 am Registration opens for classes held 6/27 – 30 https://maqonline.org/registration			
Mar 4	FSQ Guild Meeting in-person 7:30 pm* 2025 Raffle Quilt blocks are due AQS Guild Challenge quilts are due			
Mar 16	Friendship Quilt Guild of Linthicum Quilt Bingo at Elks Lodge in Severna Park more information			
Mar 21	FSQ Sip & Sew via Zoom – 7:00 p.m. Watch for Peggy's email			
Mar 23	Southern Comforter's Quilt Bingo 1:00 pm Knights of Columbus Hall, Bowie, MD 20715 more information			

Fabric Raffle: Black or White or a mix of B&W in one fat quarter

Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month at

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8021 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD

* Come at 7:00 pm for mingling and conversation!

If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings are cancelled. MCPS 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, Mar 7 Thursday, Mar 28

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday**, **April 11**^{1h} **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.



Hello Quilters,

I hope you have been enjoying February with a few cold days, some snow and some warmer days at the end of the month. I enjoyed the retreat with 30 of our members, several of whom were first timers. We all had a fabulous time and enjoyed the snow storm that created a winter wonderland outside our windows. I'm looking forward to next year's retreat in February 2025.

I also wanted to mention that we had hoped to have a hybrid meeting (both in person and on zoom for those that are not able to travel to meetings) in March but we haven't had a chance to thoroughly test out the process so the March meeting will only be in person. We will try to have this going for April so we can include all our members in our meetings.

Some news from the executive board meeting:

- We need another membership chair, Charlene Danka is moving and Lynn Stieber would like some help checking everyone in before the meetings. This is a great way to get to know the members of the guild, please let Charlene and Lynn know if you are interested.
- We reviewed the by-law changes outlined in this Quiltline and emailed to all current members. Per the bylaws we need a 30 day notice to members before making a change so please review these changes and let us know if you have any issues. We will vote at the April meeting on these changes.
- We discussed the 2025 Quilt show but we still need some folks to help chair this committee. The current plan is a show April 25-27 and the place is still TBD. Please consider helping to make this happen.
- Liz Brigham asked about moving our meeting time earlier than 7:30pm. We discussed this at the board meeting but ultimately decided that since we are an inclusive guild with members that work (in and out of the home) and members that are retired that we need to keep our time at 7:30pm to allow the members who are traveling from work or a longer distance time to arrive. An earlier start time would also negatively affect our dinner with a speaker. We do start gathering for meetings at 7:00 pm with the various committees setup in the lobby before the business meeting starts at 7:30pm. This topic has come up in the past and will come up again in the future. It is a valid concern and should be revisited periodically to ensure we are doing the right thing for our membership.

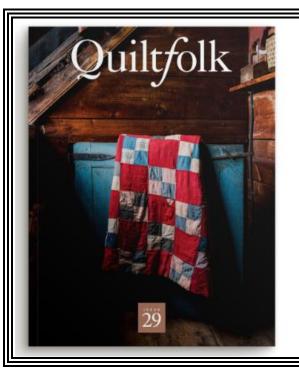
Some reminders for the meeting:

- The 2025 Raffle blocks are due to Karen Kehl.
- The AQS Challenge, Food for Thought, quilts are due to Michelle Barnard.
- Bring your 2024 raffle ticket stubs and money and pick up more. Karen Moss is coordinating the ticket sales.

- Volunteer opportunities; please consider helping the guild
 - 2025 Quilt Show Chair(s)
 - o Membership chair assistant
 - Program volunteer to organize speaker dinners
 - Nominating committee our elections will be in June to vote in next year's officers but we need a committee to find the nominees. I will discuss this a bit more at the meeting.

See you at the meeting.

Anne



Door Prizes for March Meeting

At our in-person March meeting, two *Quiltfolk* calendars and Issue 29 of *Quiltfolk* magazine will be part of our door prizes.

The Quiltfolk Website has some interesting stories such as the "Graveyard Quilt". In addition, there is a coupon code **GUILD29** for FSQ members to receive 15% off anything on the Website < www.quiltfolk.com>.

Trish McTighe



February Guild Meeting Minutes

Harriett Sheinson

The Zoom meeting opened at 7:00pm for socializing.

Anne Flaggs, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

There were no guests or visitors present.

The minutes to the January meeting were approved.

The next Executive Board meeting was announced and people who would like to attend were asked to contact Anne Flaggs so that they could get the code to attend.

Sip and Sew, The 2025 Quilt Show and Programs were discussed.

The Finance Committee is going to present By-laws changes so that FSQ can apply for a 501(3)c status, as well as officer term limits, adding service projects as a standing committee. The information will be sent out the end of February so that the membership can vote on the changes at the April meeting (a 30 day notice as required by the By-laws).

The speaker for the evening was Brandon Wulff. His presentation was entitled "Trunk Show Biscotti". He started by introducing the topic of Autism and explaining different phases of it. He is exceptionally talented and has a great sense of humor.

Judy Walsh presented Show and Tell.

The Door Prize was won by Nicki Lynch.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Harriet Sheinson, Corresponding Secretary





ProgramsStacy Ross and Judy Walsh

The Executive Board has approved our speaker line-up for next year! We are excited about the diversified programs we'll be offering, and wish to thank those members who provided suggestions for speakers. While we were not able to use them all at this time, we're keeping a running list for use later. Program information for 2024-25 will be available on the FSQ website this summer.

Our speakers in **March** will be the founders of **Brimfield Awakening**: **Kim Martucci & Nisha Bouri.** As well as sharing their lecture "Trash to Treasure", they will have a "pop-up shop" before our inperson meeting so be sure to come early.

In **April, T. Carter** will present "**Eclectic Embellishing**", sharing her favorite embellished quilts and providing inspiration for diverse ways we can embellish our own quilts. Learn more about T. and her work on her <u>website</u>.



FSQ Pins for Sale Linda Belecki

I will again be selling Guild Pins and Show Pins at our in-person meetings. I hope you will consider adding some of these pins to your collection or purchasing a Guild Pin to put on your name tag. Show Pins: \$1.00 and Guild Pins \$5.00. Thank you.



Finance Committee

Jennifer Rossmere and Kathy Swartz

The FSQ Finance Committee has developed some proposed changes to the FSQ By-Laws. These will be voted on by the members at our April 2024 FSQ Monthly Meeting. The proposed changes have been sent to all members via an email from Anne Flaggs. This is per the By-Law requirement to communicate any amendment to the FSQ By-Laws to the members at least 30 days before the meeting at which the vote will be taken. The changes include:

- adding wording that would need to be included if we decided to apply for status as a 501c3 organization, which includes adding a dissolution clause;
- increasing the years an elected officer may serve consecutively to four years rather than the two years now stipulated in the By-Laws;
- changing, under Fiscal Matters, the wording "check request" to a "payment request" and adding wording to state that the annual audit needs to be conducted between June 1st and August 31st; and
- adding Service Projects as a standing committee as part of the Executive Board.

Click <u>here</u> to view the document prepared by the FSQ Finance Committee that shows the current wording in the By-Laws, lists the reasons for the proposed changes and then the proposed wording (the newly added wording is in red). **Please review this document before the April FSQ Monthly Meeting so that you are ready to vote on the changes**.

If you have any questions about the changes, please reach out to Jennifer Rossmere or Kathy Swartz as the co-chairs on the Finance Committee.





Quilter's Rainbow Karen Kehl



Quilter's Rainbow: The 2025 FSQ Raffle Quilt

First, a reminder that your completed blocks for the Quilter's Rainbow should be turned in at the March FSQ meeting. Please turn in each block in the numbered envelope. You can turn in blocks at Service Projects if you will not be at the March meeting.

If you are not able to complete the block, please return the pieces in the numbered envelope. We understand that life sometimes gets in the way of the best intentions!

If you have any questions, the best way to reach me is to e-mail me at betterdonequilts@gmail.com



AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge Michele Barnard

How is everyone doing on their Ultimate Quilt Guild Challenge? Quilts are due at the March guild meeting.

Our theme is Food for Thought. The challenge is to make a quilt inspired by a favorite food. This can be interpreted in a number of ways. 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 and must be finished to be considered for submission to AQS.

All other AQS rules must be followed. https://www.americanquilter.com/media/event/contest/2024-rules.pdf .

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



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

Want a quick and satisfying project that will bring joy to a child's heart? Pick up a kit at a guild meeting or use a couple of fabrics from your stash to make a cute pillowcase for donation by Service Projects. Need a pattern? Check out the Service Projects page on the FSQ website (friendshipstar.org). Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the button that says "Make a pillowcase using the burrito method" for step-by-step directions, or use the button for the YouTube tutorial. Either way, you can whip up a pillowcase in no time!



While we have paused our donations to A Case for Smiles since they are looking for a new local contact, the other hospitals and social services agencies we serve are excited to receive the lovely pillowcases you have been making. Since we are giving these to sick children, please continue to wash and iron them when they are finished and seal them in individual Ziploc bags.



Join us for our March Service Projects workshops on Thursday, March 7, and Thursday, March 28. We meet from 9:30 until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about a mile west of Quince Orchard High School. Contact Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan for more information.



FSQ 2024 Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

The 2024 FSQ Retreat was a huge success. We had 30 quilters and the creativity and sharing of knowledge and expertise continuously flowed throughout the weekend. We lucked out with the snow not impacting our drive and had some beautiful scenes when we awoke on Saturday. There were so many beautiful quilts and tops sewn and shown. Pictures will be loaded onto the FSQ website so please take a look.

Also, several of the participants put together a list of some of the events that went on during the Retreat. And you thought we were sewing all the time! They included:

Bobbin chicken

Musical chairs

Iron juggling

Pin the block on the wall

Paparazzi (when someone finished their quilt)

We hope this entices you to join us next year when the 2025 FSQ Retreat will again be during President's Weekend (February 14 - 17, 2025). We look forward to seeing you there.

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco, FSQ Retreat Co-chairs





Donations Needed for the Yard Sale

Mary Ann Bruce, Carmen Contreras-Sesvold and Lorie Coston

Hello FSQ Members.

The Yard Sale Committee is collecting for the upcoming 2024 FSQ Yard Sale.

Items we accept are:

- Quilting fabric and batting (no upholstery fabric please)
- Quilting patterns (no clothing patterns please)
- Books on quilting, published within the last 10 years
- Projects started but not finished/UFOs
- Panels
- Quilting notions (rulers, thread, needles, rotary cutters, etc.)
- Sewing machines or irons in working order

Large donations can be arranged to be delivered, or picked up, as needed by contacting Carmen Sesvold, Mary Ann Bruce or Lorie Coston via email or text.

Further, if you are or know of someone who is downsizing, spring cleaning, or changing hobbies/passions please inform them that we are accepting donations and to contact us by email or messaging for drop off information.

Save the Date:

Friendship Star Quilters Yard Sale will be held on **Monday June 3rd**, **2024**, **at Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene**, **8921 Warfield Road**, **Gaithersburg**, **MD**.

First collection date of 2024: At our in-person March 4th meeting. We will have cars in front of the entrance doors and a plastic bin inside. Looking forward to seeing lots of donations! Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann, Carmen, and Lorie



Log Jam ChallengeJoAnne DuChez

SERVICE PROJECTS 2024 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

How many logs will you need to build the perfect log cabin block? How do you want to raise your cabin? What kind of cabin do you want – traditional, wonky, curved, pineapple, Greek key, Snail Trail, quarter or half log?

There are so many more and so many layouts. What technique will you use – traditional piecing, improve, foundation piecing? Whatever, or however, you get to choose for this challenge. The sky is the limit. Take the challenge and use up a lot of scraps or stash. Unjam the logs in your sewing room.

Fabric bundles will be available at the April and May meetings. You may also select fabric bundles at the Service Projects Workshops beginning in April. If you'd rather, feel free to use fabric from your own stash. We are sure you have plenty of logs (or strips) in your scrap bags.

The quilt size may be 40" square to twin size. Quilts must be sandwiched, quilted and bound. All challenge quilts will be donated to Service Projects for distribution.

Finished quilts are due at the October meeting by 7:15 pm. 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!



Update on Reve Kandale Charitable OutreachCathy Miller

The boxes of donated fabric, notions and dresses that were shipped to the Congo have arrived at the port. Items taken by suitcase have already arrived at Reve Kandale. For more information about the school and the items donated, please read my article in the <u>January 2024 Quiltline</u>.

Thank you again for your generous donations to their sewing school. Pictures are on the following page.











Students at Reve Kandale practicing their sewing



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

Welcome to our newest member, Joyce Danzig, who joined last month and was referred by Mary Ann Bruce. We now have 114 FSQ members.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our March 4 meeting. If you joined FSQ in 2023-2024, we have your nametag at the membership table. It will help if everyone wears a nametag since it's been awhile since we've been together. Don't worry if you can't find yours, we'll have blank ones at the sign-in table.

Guests are always welcome at our FSQ meetings, but there is a \$5.00 fee if we have a paid lecturer at the meeting.

Renewal Forms are online <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

Charlene Danka & Lynn Stieber Membership Co-Chairs



March Birthdays

Carmen Contreras-Sesvold	March 3	Ellen Parkinson	March 15
Laura Markus	March 3	Kathryn Torg	March 15
Elizabeth Brigham	March 8	Heidi Oestreicher	March 16
Nancy Debnam	March 9	Linda August	March 18
Lorie Coston	March 10	Karen Kehl	March 21
Carol Carrier	March 12	Carol Millman	March 21
Diane Heller	March 15	Kathy Strong	March 23
Hilary Parkinson	March 15	Elaine Villforth	March 28

FSQ Finance Committee

Proposed Changes to the Friendship Star Quilters Inc. By-Laws

Current

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of FSQ shall be:

- to provide a meeting place for beginners as well as experienced quilters to exchange ideas and techniques as they are related to patchwork and quilting;
- to encourage members through fellowship, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, general meetings, and a newsletter:
- to carry on any purpose for which an organization may be exempt from federal taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and,
- with respect to all of the foregoing purposes, to carry on only religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) of the Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Reasons for Changes

- We wanted the Purpose to be in the same format as the rest of the By-Laws.
- FSQ may pursue applying to be a 501c3 organization. If so, we need to include in our By-Laws that we provide service to the community and that we are organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. Therefore, we have added the paragraphs below using wording similar to other guilds who have applied for 501c3 status.

Proposed

II. Purpose

The purpose of FSQ shall be:

- to promote the study and practice of methods of quilting and related types of needlework, to preserve the art and history of quilting and related types of needlework for future generations and to engage in community outreach through exhibits and charitable projects;
- 2. to provide a meeting place for beginners as well as experienced quilters to exchange ideas and techniques as they are related to patchwork and quilting;
- 3. to encourage members through fellowship, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, general meetings, and a newsletter;

- 4. to provide service to the community by making and donating quilts and other handmade items to those in need in the Washington, DC metropolitan area;
- 5. to carry on any purpose for which an organization may be exempt from federal taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and,
- 6. with respect to all of the foregoing purposes, to carry on only religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) of the Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in our Purpose. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Current

IV. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in June for a term of one year. No officer may serve more than two (2) successive terms. Two people may share an office, e.g. co-presidents are allowed.

Reasons for Changes

We would like to retain the expertise learned as a Treasurer. One way to do this is to allow the Treasurer to serve for more than 2 years as is currently stipulated in our By-Laws. Therefore, we are proposing the By-Laws be changed to allow the Treasurer (and all the elected officers) to be eligible for re-election, not to exceed four consecutive years. We understand change is good for the organization and that some members are worried that having a longer limit will allow an elected officer to stay in the position too long. Our experience has been the opposite, that it is hard to find elected officers that want to serve and

they are very happy with only serving two years. And, if an elected officer is overstaying their welcome, they would need to be re-elected every year and the membership has the chance to vote somebody else in.

Proposed

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Current

V. FISCAL MATTERS

- 2. Two (2) signatures shall be required on all check requests exceeding an amount to be determined by the board. ...
- 4. An annual audit will be performed by two (2) FSQ members who are not members of the Executive Board. The audit will be completed before the books are delivered to a new Treasurer (or mid-term in the case of a continuing Treasurer).

Reasons for Changes

- With the acquisition of an FSQ credit card, a more inclusive word was needed to cover both checks and credit card payments. Therefore, we are proposing a change from "check request" to "payment request".
- Added the word "Executive" before Board (and capitalized Board).
- Added a clarifier that explains the audit needs to be performed between June 1st and August 31st and deleted "or mid-term in the case of a continuing Treasurer" to be in agreement with the Treasurer possibly serving more than two years.

Proposed

V. FISCAL MATTERS

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- 4. An annual audit will be performed by two (2) FSQ members who are not members of the Executive Board. The audit will be completed between June 1st and August 31st and before the books are delivered to a new Treasurer (or mid-term in the case of a continuing Treasurer).

Current

VII. Executive Board and Committees

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, chairpersons of any current special committees (such as the Quilt Show), and the chairpersons of the following standing committees: Membership, Newsletter, Programs, Facebook, and Website.

Reasons for Changes

- Added Service Projects to the Executive Board as a standing committee since they are a vital and important part of FSQ.

Proposed

VII. Executive Board and Committees

 The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, chairpersons of any current special committees (such as the Quilt Show), and the chairpersons of the following standing committees: Membership, Newsletter, Programs, Service Projects, Facebook, and Website.

Reasons for Addition

 FSQ may pursue applying to be a 501c3 organization. If so, we need to include in our By-Laws a Dissolution Clause. This is based on wording from other quilt guilds that have applied for 501c3 status.

Add

X. Dissolution Clause

The Friendship Star Quilters, Inc., shall cease to exist when and only when a two-thirds majority of the membership votes by written ballot to dissolve the organization. In the event of the dissolution of Friendship Star Quilters, Inc., once all outstanding obligations have been paid, all assets (e.g., money and other property) will be distributed to 501(c)(3) organizations chosen by the FSQ membership whose purposes are similar to this organization in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No funds shall be distributed to benefit any of the organization's members.



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

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