

Friendship Star Quilters May 2024

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events

May 1 – 4	Salvation Army Fabric Fair Chambersburg, PA (more info)
May 2 – 4	Faithful Circle's Quilt Show Columbia, MD (more info)
May 6	FSQ Guild Meeting in-person 7:30 pm **
May 16	FSQ Sip & Sew via Zoom – 7:00 p.m.
May 18	Village Piecemakers Yard Sale Poolesville MD (more info)

Fabric Raffle: Fat quarters of "Ugly" fabric - one person's trash is another's treasure.

Guild Meetings

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

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene
8921 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, May 16
Thursday, May 23

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, June 10th 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 is doing well and enjoying this topsy turvy weather we are having. Personally I like the cooler days and don't like the heat but always enjoy a good walk in the woods. I've run into some of you on my wanderings, what a surprise it is to bump into someone on a trail.

We are finally going to try a Hybrid meeting for the May Guild meeting. A few days before the meeting, the Zoom link will be sent out to everyone. We are still meeting in-person and would like those that can make it to a meeting to continue coming to the church. There are always things going on in the lobby before the meeting and it's a good chance to catch up with your quilting friends and visit our library to check out a book. For those that can't make the meeting, I hope you will log into the Zoom meeting and join us for the business meeting, program and show & tell.

Trish McTighe has volunteered to chair the Quilt Show 2025 committee with me. We also have Barbara Kilby working closely with us. We are going back to Asbury but hope to utilize more space to make the show bigger and better. We are planning on using the hallways that surround the theater and maybe the theater itself if we can come up with some exciting and awesome demos. The lighting in the main room has been updated and it looked brighter when we were there this week to preview the available space. Do you have any suggestions or ideas to make our Quilt show better? Are you willing to help chair a subcommittee to plan and run the show? Let me or Trish know your thoughts. Some of my ideas include an awesome demo daily; challenge quilts lining the hallway; service project quilts displayed in the hallway; a volunteer hangout area with some light snacks; more space for the boutique and more but I'd like to hear your suggestions. I will admit I probably brainstorm better than actually make it to realization and sometimes I'm thinking a bit too far outside the box so I need help reeling in my expectations.

Opportunities:

- Our year is almost over and we will need to have 2 members review our financial records over the summer after our fiscal year ends on May 31st. Let Trish McTighe or DeVeda Powell know if you are willing to help out.
- Think about helping with the Quilt Show in 2025, this is a bit early but we will be pulling the team together over the summer and early fall and it's 1 year away.
- The Yard Sale is next month and we need your quilting items that you are ready to separate from. Contact any member of the yard sale committee for more information and drop off your donations at the May meeting.
- Raffle Ticket sales are winding down with the drawing happening in June. Have you turned in your tickets and stubs yet to Karen Moss? If you need more tickets, see Karen in the lobby before the meeting.

The Quiltline – May 2024

- The yard sale and quilt raffle are our 2 major sources of income for the guild outside of membership dues. We do need your support with these endeavors to be a successful guild. It's easy for us to spend money but a bit harder to make money so any help you can provide to these events is appreciated.

That's all from me, see you at the meeting.

Anne



Photo by James Wheeler



April Guild Meeting Minutes

Harriett Sheinson

The minutes from our April meeting are not available this month. Harriett is out of town and unable to send them in.



Programs

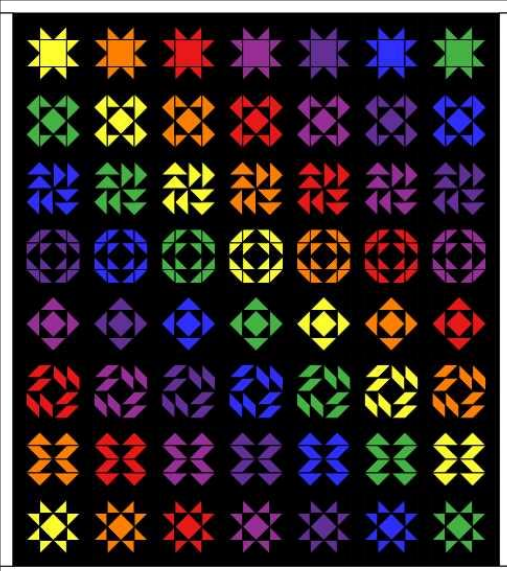
Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

We'll be having our first hybrid guild meeting in May! That means that those who can't come to our in-person meeting can view the meeting from home using Zoom. Since this will be our first time with a new setup there may be a few "hiccups" along the way, but please bear with us as we learn how best to work things for all our members. **We strongly recommend that those "at home" use a computer rather than a phone to view the meeting.**

Thanks to Peggy Weidman, who will be the camera operator at our meetings!

In **May**, Harry Fox's presentation, "**Introduction to Art Quilting**", will present art quilting through the work and techniques of various fiber artists, show some of his own art quilt work, and will share an overview of the techniques he uses to create his art quilts.

In **June**, join us for our annual **Yard Sale**, after our brief business meeting where we will elect our officers for the 2024-2025 business year.

	<p>Calling all Longarm Quilters (or quilters who know a great longarmer)</p> <p>Starting in May, FSQ will be reaching out to longarm quilters to get estimates for quilting the 2025 raffle quilt, Quilter's Rainbow.</p> <p>We have money budgeted to pay the quilter. Please let me know if you are interested or want to recommend a longarm quilter.</p> <p>Karen Kehl</p>
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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.



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

BOOK SALE — the FSQ library is downsizing!

Please drop by the table in the lobby at the next meeting and pick 1, 2, or a few quilting books to take home for your own library. Donations of \$1 or more are gratefully accepted. Profits will be used to purchase more recent publications for loan.

If you have a particular book you would like to see added to the Library selections, please let us know. Suggestions are welcome.



2024 Raffle Quilt

Judy Hoffman

The drawing for the raffle quilt will be held at the June meeting so you can still pick up your tickets (or extra tickets) at the May meeting.

Also, the offer to have tickets sent/delivered to you still stands but the time is running out.

Contact Judy Hoffman at 301-775-9120.



[image source](#)

Proposed Officers for 2024-2025

JoAnne DuChez and Jennifer Rossmere
Nominating Committee

We are very happy to announce that we have a full slate of officers for the FSQ 2024-2025 year. They are as follows:

- President – Anne Flaggs
- Vice President – Michele Barnard
- Co-Treasurers – DeVeda Powell and Joy Dorman
- Secretary – Harriet Sheinson

Thanks to these members for taking on these leadership roles for FSQ. We really appreciate all they are doing to keep this organization strong.

We also want to thank Trish McTighe for her two years as Treasurer and for the dedication, time and energy she gave to working with the finances for FSQ.

Voting will take place at our June meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions.

All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop

If you haven't seen the newsletter from Capital Quilts, the **All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop** is coming this summer! The hop runs July 1 through August 31st and includes over 90 stores across five states (Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) and 8 regions.

You can order their magazine from your local quilt shop, which will contain your "passport", maps to participating shops, free patterns and more.

For all the details, check out their website at <https://allmidatlanticshophop.com>

Jan Drass



Service Projects Update

Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan

April has been another very busy month for Service Projects, thanks to the hard work of folks who come to workshops and those who make tops, pillowcases and preemies at home and at retreats.

This month we donated the following

- 30 quilts to Project Linus
- 33 quilts to A Wider Circle
- 41 quilts to Comfort Cases (shown below)

Wow, that's **104 quilts** in one month! Kudos to all who contributed and to all of you who support our community outreach!

Service Projects workshops in May will be held on Thursday, May 16, and Thursday, May 23. We're looking forward to seeing you! Please contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver if you have questions.





Huge Yard Sale/Flea Market in Poolesville

Cathy Miller

The Village Piecemakers Quilt Guild in Poolesville, MD would like to invite you to our upcoming flea market sale, **Saturday, May 18 from Noon until 4 pm.** . The sale will be in the Fellowship Hall of the Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Road, Poolesville.

There will be lots of fabrics, FQs, half yards, yard cuts, as well as some larger pieces.

You will also find a large collection of rulers, thread, notions, kits, books and patterns, batting, stabilizers and more. All are priced to sell. **Cash only, please.**



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.



Log Jam Challenge

JoAnne 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 May meeting. 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!



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.**

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.



Update on Kandale Charitable Outreach

Cathy Miller

Wonderful things are happening in Kandale, Congo!

This past month has been very busy. They are almost finished with the new well which will bring abundant clean water to the village and relieve the women from having to carry it for miles.

The dormitory for the sewing school has received mattresses which are now covered with the beautiful quilts from FSQ and Truth and Hope. Colette said one of the women told her she wanted to go back to school when she saw the new improvements in the dormitory.

Dresses from Project Dress a Girl and the first dress I made are being enjoyed by the girls. The sewing supplies have been delivered to the school as well. More supplies will be sent in June.

Here are a few pictures.





**RENEWAL
REMINDER**

Membership

Lynn Stieber and Carrie Horton

The warm spring weather has yet to arrive and stay but rumor has it that it will be soon! Time to get the pretty flowers and veggies in the gardens for those who do so!

We are currently at 117 members, with two new members added this month.

Our renewal season has begun and will continue until September. Renewal Forms are online [here](#) and new member applications are online [here](#). You may mail the membership form and dues or pay at the in person meetings. Thanks to the early birds who have already renewed!

Please remember to wear your name tags or pick up one at the membership table. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Remember to greet our new membership co-chair, Carrie Horton.

Lynn Stieber
Membership Co-Chair



May Birthdays

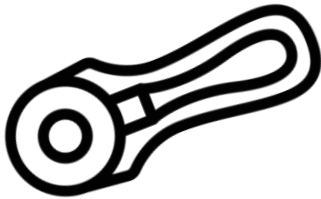
Ginny Leake	May 7	Trish McTighe	May 19
Freddie Berg	May 13	Laura Chakes	May 20
Jennifer Rossmere	May 13	Wendy Bauman	May 23



Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

When using your rotary cutter, instead of pushing it “forward” at an angle, change your wrist position to push more “downward” toward the mat. You’ll find it easier to cut and you’re less likely to accidentally move the ruler as you get toward the end of a long cut.

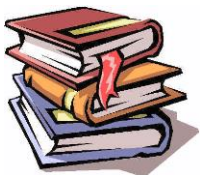


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More like **THIS**

[Image source](#)



Readers' Corner

Liz Lawrence

I recommend **The Tuscan Child** by **Rhys Bowen**; first time reading a book by this author. The county library has many books by Bowen but maybe in the ‘fluff’ category. I picked this book out just by the cover design, and it turned out to be another great read. The story floats back and forth between Britian and Tuscany in the 1940’s to ‘70’s as a light mystery. You will be hungry for good Italian food by the end.



The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary
32nd Annual

FABRIC FAIR

St. John's United Church of Christ
1811 Lincoln Way East
Chambersburg, PA

(Look for Signs)

From Route 30 going East, turn left onto St. John's Drive near
the U-Haul, then park on the right in parking lot B.



Wednesday	May 1st	8am to 4pm
Thursday	May 2nd	8am to 4pm
Friday	May 3rd	8am to 4pm
Saturday	May 4th	8am to 1pm

Note: Only Cash or Checks will be accepted.

For more information follow us on FB @thesalvationarmyofchambersburg
Or call Verna Rife at 717-816-2541

Mid Appalachian Quilters

35th Annual Summer Quilting Seminar

June 27-30, 2024

Held at Gettysburg College

Register Online at:

www.maqonline.org

Pre-Registration Is Required- Hurry Registration
Ends May 27, 2024 at 10:00am

**Psst...MAQ is the region's best kept secret.
Did you see the incredible classes open
for registration?**

Sewing/Embroidery Machine for Sale

It's a Baby Lock Vera. Great machine to take to retreats and vacation Light weight. Comes with carrying case box for embroidery unit. Box for all other items (feet tools etc).

The box has room for needles thread and extra items you might want to take with you. Has very good instructions in 2 books. The hoop size is a 4x4.

Price \$300.00.

Let me know if you are interested

lizbrigham894@yahoo.com





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>	Lynn Stieber and Carrie Horton	<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>	Mary Ann Bruce, Lorie Coston and Carmen Sesvold
<u>Raffle Baskets</u>	Heidi Oestreicher and Elaine Villforth	<u>Zoom Coordinator</u>	Kathy Swartz
<u>Raffle Quilt Marketer</u>	Judy Hoffman		