

Friendship Star Quilters August 2024

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events	
Aug 5	FSQ Guild Meeting in-person 7:30 pm** Join us for Quilt-O!
Aug 9 - 17	Montgomery County 75th Agricultural Fair Gaithersburg, MD Look for the winner of FSQ's "Best Beginner's Quilt" Award
Sep 12 - 15	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza Greater Philadelphia Expo Center Oaks, PA (more information)
Sep 22	Nimble Fingers Quilt Bingo Catonsville, MD (see page 12)
Sep 26 - 28	Original Sewing & Quilting Expo Fredericksburg, VA (more information)

Fabric Raffle: will resume in September

Guild Meetings	Service Projects
<p>Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month at</p> <p>Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene 8921 Warfield Rd Gaithersburg MD 20882</p> <p>** Come at 7:00 pm for mingling and conversation!</p> <p>If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings are cancelled. MCPS cancellations are posted on montgomeryschoolsmd.org.</p>	<p>Workshops are held from 9:30 am to Noon at</p> <p>Fairhaven United Methodist Church 12801 Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD 20878</p> <p>Workshops this month:</p> <p>Thursday, Aug 1</p>

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting is via Zoom on **Monday, Aug 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 are enjoying your summertime and finding ways to beat the heat. I've been up in New Hampshire for July so enjoying beautiful, cooler weather and not looking forward to returning to the Maryland heat for August. I hope to see many of you at our August meeting where we will play Quilt-o.

Just a few reminders and info from me this month:

- Have you renewed your membership yet? You can pay with cash, check or credit card before the meeting, cost is still \$35 and a little cheaper if you are out of state.
- How is your Summer Log Jam challenge coming along? You have plenty of time to complete it since it's not due until October.
- The 2025-2026 Raffle Quilt needs a team to coordinate the creation of our next raffle quilt. Maybe a mini-group would like to work on this or just a small group of friends. It could be a simple or complex design but it helps if it's eye-catching. Let me know if you are interested or have some ideas. It takes a while to pull this together so we typically start in the fall.
- Trish McTighe and I will start working on Quilt Show stuff soon; think about how you might want to support this effort for the guild. More info in late August or September.
- The Montgomery County Fair is happening August 9th to 17th. Senior day is Tuesday, August 13th and admission is free if you are 62 or older. Our Raffle quilt will be entered and hopefully it will win a ribbon. The quilt is beautiful. We hope to start selling raffle tickets in September.
- The next Executive Board meeting is on Monday, August 12th on Zoom at 7pm. Please let me or another officer know if you are interested in attending.

That's all from me. See you at the meeting and have a great summer.

Anne



Guild Meeting Minutes - June

Harriett Sheinson

FSQ June 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting started at 7:30 pm.

President Anne Flaggs welcomed everyone and a few guests identified themselves.

The April and May guild meeting minutes were accepted with no changes.

Anne Flaggs reviewed *The Quiltline* articles in case anyone present had not read the newsletter. Some highlights were

- Service Projects donations this year: 438 quilts / 177 preemie quilts / 233 preemie hats / 190 pillowcases / 77 placemats. We have a new partner for our donations - Sheppard Pratt who provides mental health, special education, substance abuse, developmental disability and social services; domestic abuse shelter, affordable housing throughout Maryland. Service Projects happening in the summer on June 13, June 27, July 25 and August 1.
- Sip/Sew is canceled for the summer, resumes in the fall.
- An article by Judy Newton on Woven Histories exhibit at the National Gallery of Art now thru July 28. There were also some beautiful photos of vintage sewing machines for sale.

Anne mentioned that if you receive Junk emails from the FSQ president generic email to please delete them as she did not send them out.

Membership dues renewal is \$35 starting now thru September 2024.

The nominating committee chairs, JoAnne DuChez and Jennifer Rossmere, presented the current slate for election with Anne Flaggs, President; Michele Barnard, Vice President; Harriet Sheinson, Secretary and DeVeda Powell and Joy Dorman, Co-Treasurers. The guild members present voted and approved the officers for the upcoming year.

Anne presented gifts to committee chairs who served in the current year.

The raffle quilt drawing was held and Carole Weikert won the beautiful 2024 raffle quilt.

Door Prizes were won by Liz Lawrence, Heidi Oestreicher and Ellen Robinson.

Respectfully Submitted by Harriet Sheinson, Corresponding Secretary



Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

In **August** we'll hold our business meeting followed by several rounds of **Quilt-O** (a form of Bingo). We'll use M&Ms for markers and the prizes will be fat quarters. In addition to the "usual" Bingo configurations, we'll have a few unusual layouts as well.

If you wish to play, bring \$2 and 2 fat quarters and you'll receive 2 Quilt-O cards. Any additional cards will cost \$1 and 1 fat quarter each. Winners of each round will receive a selection of fat quarters from those donated.

In **September** we'll be hosting **Pat and Arlan Christ** who will be sharing "**Pennsylvania Dutch Quilts...Folklore & Superstitions**". You can read more about them on their [website](#).



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

The FSQ library has a wonderful variety of books available to inspire your quilting projects. Come see us at the next regular FSQ meeting. Books are available for one month loan to be returned at the following in-person meeting. Just sign and date the card found inside the back cover, leave the card with us, and let your creativity flow!

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



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

The Service Projects committee has stayed busy this summer, delivering 10 pillowcases to A Wider Circle and 38 quilts to Project Linus during July. They both appreciated the donations, since their supplies were quite low.

We would love some extra help from those of you who have mid-arm or long-arm quilting machines at home! We've gotten some beautiful tops that are too big for us to tie or machine quilt on our domestic machines. If you'd be willing to help us out by quilting them, we could provide you the backing and batting. It's great practice for trying out new stitches or just honing your machine quilting skills. Just let Nance or Anne know if you can help and we will get you what you need. Many thanks in advance!

Fairhaven United Methodist Church is busy hosting summer camps after our next workshop on August 1st, so we will start up workshops again in the fall. Mark your calendars for our September 19th and 26th workshops, from 9:30 am until noon, at the church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), about a mile west of Quince Orchard High School. All are welcome! Contact us for details.

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver



Log Jam Challenge

JoAnne DuChez

Hello, Challenge Participants. I hope you are all enjoying your summer. The heat and rain are perfect excuses to stay inside and sew. Are you making progress on your log cabin challenge quilt? Well, there is still plenty of time to start and finish your project. Just grab your scrap bin and start to make any type of log cabin. Have fun!!

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. 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!



FSQ Retreat

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2025 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 14-17, 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1

Registration opens on August 1 for FSQ's 2025 annual "Quilters Unsupervised" sewing retreat and spaces will go 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 \$7.00 per night discount if paying by check.

Paying by Credit Card

Option 1: \$376 (Friday and Saturday nights)

Option 2: \$564 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights)

Paying by Check

Option 1: \$362 (Friday and Saturday nights)

Option 2: \$543 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights)

Complete details are on the [Registration Form](#).

If you have any questions, please email retreats@friendshipstar.org

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere, 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.



Small Groups

Peggy Weidman

The next Sip and Sew Zoom meeting will be Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM.



FSQ Pins for Sale

Linda Belecki

I will again be selling Guild Pins and Show Pins beginning in SEPTEMBER at our in-person meeting.

Guild Pins are \$5.00 and Show Pins \$1.00. Hope you will consider adding some to your collection.



2024 Raffle Quilt Judy Hoffman

The quilt raffle was a big success. A big “Thank You” to all of you who bought and sold tickets to your friends and neighbors. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who took the quilt to the local guilds to sell tickets.

Below is a photo of Anne Flagg, our president, handing the A Wider Circle representative a check for \$500. Due to a matching grant that amount turned into \$1000.

The second photo shows one of our quilts and a pillowcase up on the wall in an area where the parents can pick up items. Items are moving out quickly and we are replacing as best we can.

The raffle quilt for this year is on the way. Please realize that the sale of raffle tickets not only benefits the local community, but also helps pay for our guild’s various expenses.



**RENEWAL
REMINDER**

Membership

Lynn Stieber and Carrie Horton



We were happy to welcome a few visitors at our June Yard Sale and please welcome our new members: Anna SantaMaria and Joyce Danzig.

The weather in Maryland has been a roller coaster of degrees. Have you been keeping cool inside and quilting? Are you entering something in the Montgomery County Fair on August 8 or 9? We are looking forward to seeing your handiwork at the fair. Let us know and we would love to see your handiwork on Facebook and share with our community. This year the fair is celebrating their 75th year. All who enter will receive a special commemorative ribbon!

Our August meeting is a way to get to know each other and filled with fabric fun. Let's play QUILTO (a take on Bingo using quilting terms) gotta love it! Please remember to wear your nametag and stop by the Membership table to sign-in. There will be extra nametags if you need one.

You may pay your annual dues at our August meeting by check, made out to FSQ, or cash in the exact amount, or electronic payment. If you are unable to attend our August meeting, please complete the [renewal form](#) and mail it along with a check to the address on the form. Dues are \$35 or \$20 for out-of-state members. We will collect dues at the August and September meetings. The 2024-2025 FSQ Directory will be emailed to all current members following the September meeting. If you have no updates, please write No Changes on your renewal form, and we will have blank ones at the membership table.

We are currently at 122 members and 83 members have renewed early. See you at QUILTO!

Lynn Stieber and Carrie Horton
Membership Co-Chairs



August Birthdays

Anne Weaver - Aug 2
Maryjean Spencer - Aug 10
Linda Duzick - Aug 14
Sheryl Walker - Aug 16
Cathy Cottom - Aug 23
Lizabeth Lawrence - Aug 24
Elizabeth Rice - Aug 27
Denise Dewhurst - Aug 29

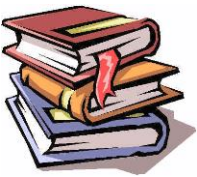


Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

I've been teaching my granddaughters to sew, and I came across [this video](#) while looking for some free patterns.

It contains more than 40 creative ideas for using everyday household items, as well as some sewing hacks for making some of our common jobs easier.



Readers' Corner

Jan Drass

I came across this interesting update from the University of Maryland Do Good Institute and thought it might be good to share in the newsletter.

[The Value of Volunteer Time](#)



Thanks to Sheryl Walker for sharing the following information:



Make a **QUILT BLOCK** for hope & peace!

We have been wrapping quilts around those in need for over two years...

NOW we are ALSO collaborating with the #sunflowerquiltforukraine International project to literally wrap the world in the colors of hope!



- What**
is it?
- A contemporary art quilt installation bound for **Kiev, Ukraine's main street in 2025**.
 - A powerful collaboration and statement of hand stitched art that flies in the face of a war-torn landscape.
 - A united force of quilters and artists from Australia, Europe, Ukraine, and the U.S.
 - All blocks from US quilters will be made into quilts at the end of the art project and will be donated to those in need through Wrap the World With Quilts.
 - Wrap the World With Quilts is the organizer of the quilt blocks from the U.S.

- Why**
do it?
- To show the world that Ukrainians are brave and full of hope for peace as they try to survive the war and the cold and go about the hardships of their daily lives.
 - To join with the many Ukrainians that are also stitching patches, making art as an act of caring, therapy, love, protest, and resilience.
 - To continue **OUR VISION** of helping those in need through the comfort of a quilt.

- How**
can you
help?
- Please join other U.S. & international quilters in making blocks!***
- Use bright, happy, colorful, fabrics "colors of hope"
 - The theme is sunflowers, hope, love, peace. Use the sunflower motif if you wish!
 - Blocks should measure **12.5" square**, unfinished
 - Blocks can be pieced, appliquéd, or embroidered...get creative!
 - We will assemble the blocks into display quilts, and then when the art installation has ended, they will become quilts donated to those in need.
 - **Consider sending \$1 with your block** to help with int'l shipping. Thank you!
 - Mail to: Wrap the World With Quilts
1881 W Traverse Pkwy Suite E-419 Lehi UT 84043
 - Any questions? Email us at wrapquilts@gmail.com



**NIMBLE FINGERS QUILTERS
PRESENTS
QUILT BINGO**

SUNDAY, SEPT 22, 2024

**FOP LODGE 69- 2832 NINE MILE CIRCLE
CATONSVILE, MD 21228**

FREE PARKING – HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

DOORS OPEN AT 1PM – BINGO STARTS AT 2PM SHARP

20 Bingo games included with ticket– Additional 20 games \$5

4 Special Games – \$10 for the 4 Pack

Door prizes, Raffle Baskets and \$1 Grab Bags

Snacks & Drinks Available for Purchase

Advance tickets \$20 each – Pay online through CheddarUP till 9/16

\$25 at door (if still Avail) Limit of 300 Seats

Credit Cards Accepted – Bring a friend or Two

All Prizes are Gorgeous Quilts, even the Consolation Prizes!

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

Committee Chairs			
<u>Fabric of the Month</u>	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	<u>Raffle Quilt Marketer</u>	Judy Hoffman
<u>Facebook</u>	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	<u>Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales</u>	Karen Moss
<u>Library</u>	Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence	<u>Retreats</u>	Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere
<u>Membership</u>	Carrie Horton and Lynn Stieber	<u>Service Projects</u>	Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver
<u>Newsletter</u>	Judy Walsh	<u>Small Groups Coordinator</u>	Peggy Weidman
<u>Pins</u>	Linda Belecki	<u>Summer Challenge</u>	JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell
<u>Programs</u>	Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh	<u>Sunshine & Shadows</u>	Ellen Robinson
<u>Publicity</u>	Michele Barnard	<u>Web Administrator</u>	Lorie Coston
<u>Quilt Show 2025</u>	Anne Flaggs and Trish McTighe	<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