

Friendship Star Quilters November 2024

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events

- Nov 1-3** **Everybody's Quilt Guild Show**
2030 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Westminster, MD 21158 ([more info](#))
- Nov 4** **FSQ Guild Meeting** in-person 7:30 pm **
(December thru February will be Zoom meetings)
- Nov 20** **FSQ Quilt Show Meeting** via Zoom 7:00 pm

Fabric Raffle

Service Projects Special
12.5" nine-patch blocks
in happy kid-friendly prints
at the corners and in the
center



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 20882

**** 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 20878

Workshops this month:

Thursday, Nov. 14
Thursday, Nov. 21

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting
will be via Zoom on **Dec. 9th at 7:00
pm.**

If you have a topic to bring 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 all doing well and enjoying the cool crisp Fall days this week. I know that I am, I was able to take a nice hike Saturday and enjoyed all the colors of fall.

Just a reminder, we are having our last meeting at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene in November. I know I will miss this meeting location as it's easy for me to get to and was "on the way home" from work for me when I first joined. Change can always be a little hard, but I know we will love our new location at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg near the "old Lakeforest Mall". More details about the exact location on campus will be shared as we get closer to our first meeting there in March 2025 after we do 3 months on Zoom.

A few items of note from me:

- At the November meeting we will vote on changing the membership fee for Asbury residents from \$35 to \$20 and eliminating the \$5 guest fee. This is being done to secure the monthly room rental costs at ZERO.
- Our Membership table needs some help. Lynn will be rotating out of this position after this meeting and Carrie would like someone to help her as there are many tasks to be done behind the scenes.
- Our Program team is planning to rotate out in June and are looking for someone or a few people interested in working programs for the guild who could start soon and work with them in the Spring as they plan our programs for next year.
- The Quilt Show team still has a few open committee jobs organizing Demos and Vendors for the show. Let Trish know if you are interested.
- Check out the lobby before the meeting and pickup raffle tickets for our current quilt or drop off your stubs and money.
- Bethesda Quilters is planning to bring their raffle quilt and sell tickets. I saw their quilt at the MoCo fair and it's a beauty. Bring some money to buy some tickets from them

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

Anne



Guild Meeting Minutes - October

Harriett Sheinson

The meeting was called to order by Anne Flaggs, President at 7:30pm.

There were no visitors, but a new member was welcomed.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Anne Flaggs reviewed the Quiltline items.

A special item was presented to the membership for voting in November which is 30 days ahead as required per the by-laws. The item relates to the move to Asbury in March 2025. The rent at GCN has increased 60% from \$1,500 to \$2,400. This added cost is not sustainable for our guild over a long period of time. As part of the agreement with Asbury, the rent will be free since we have several members who are residents there. The proposal is for a change to the membership dues for Asbury residents from \$35 to \$20, which is similar to out of state members, and the elimination of the \$5 Guest Fees which typically brings in approximately \$50/year. This change will be voted on in November.

Anne reminded the members that the Executive Board meeting will be on Zoom on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7pm and that you don't have to be on the Executive Board to attend; but you do have to let Anne know you are interested in attending so that she can send you the link.

Service Projects delivered 90 pillowcases to Ryans Cases for Smiles and 40 Comfort Cases.

Quilt Show information: Trish McTighe advised that the next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024 on Zoom. The Quilt Show will need one or two additional people for set up; an organizer for demos; hospitality chair; publicity chair; and outdoor signs organizer.

Silent Auction/Quilt show: Linda Belecki mentioned that items must be made by guild members and that 70% goes to the member; 30% goes to guild.

The Service Project "Log Jam" Challenge quilts will be shown at the Quilt Show, so you can still make your quilt in case you did not finish in time.

Stacy Ross, chair of The FSQ Challenge, presented the "Life's a Beach" challenge. The dimensions are 20"-25" on each side. The Quilts are due in April for the Show but registration will close in mid-March.

There will be a yard sale at the Quilt Show. This will be for 3 days during the day. Donations will start being accepted next month.

Stacy Ross introduced our speaker, Erin Grogan of LoveSewModern, whose topic was Wearable Art. The program was very interesting and enjoyable.

There was a break between 8:45 to 9PM.

The Quiltline – November 2024

The winners of the Log Jam Service Project Challenge were Jan Drass, Mary Lou Dungan and Ellen Robinson.

The Fabric Raffle winners were Tomo Beckman, Judy Newton and Carol Carrier.

The Door Prizes were won by Suma Glassman, Tomo Beckman and Stacy Ross.

The meeting was adjourned 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Sheinson, Corresponding secretary.



Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

In **November**, Kiley Ferons – founder of *Modish Quilter Magazine* – will share projects from her book [Modern Day Quilter](#), as well as the techniques she used along the way. She'll also have her book and some patterns for sale! You can see some examples of her work on her [website](#).

Reminder: In December, January and February we'll be meeting via Zoom!

Our **December** speaker will be Brenda Logan, who is the creative force behind the YouTube channel [Conquering Mount Scrapmore with Brenda](#). There you can find over 400 videos including her popular "Free Pattern Friday" series. As well as teaching some basics, Brenda has lots of ideas on using scraps, strings, crumbs and blocks. She also has a private [Facebook group](#) and an [Instagram page](#).



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

What an exciting “reveal” we had at the October FSQ guild meeting when 25 Log Jam challenge quilts were unveiled. Who knew there were so many ways to construct a log cabin quilt! Congratulations to Jan Drass, Mary Lou Dungan and Ellen Robinson, who got the most votes from FSQ members present. If you missed seeing the quilts at the meeting, they will be displayed at our quilt show in April. We can’t wait to see them again. As an aside, if anyone does not want their quilt displayed, please let Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan know before November 15.

October was another busy month for Service Projects. At the beginning of the month, we were able to provide A Wider Circle with 27 quilts, 5 preemie quilts and 25 small knit hats. Families who are moving from homelessness to stable housing will be able to pick up some brand-new, handmade goodies for their families. A win-win for all of us!

This month, we were also able to donate 30 quilts to Project Linus, for distribution here in Montgomery County.

We hope you can join us at the Service Projects workshops on Thursday, November 14, or Thursday, November 21. 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. See you there. Bring a friend. We love to greet new people!

If you have questions, please contact Anne Weaver or Nance Brennan. Thanks for your support!



FSQ Pins for Sale

Linda Belecki

Our November in-person FSQ meeting will be the last opportunity to purchase pins until we meet again in March. FSQ pins are \$5.00 and show pins are \$1.00.

I hope you will consider adding pins to your collection or perhaps purchasing a fun gift for a friend.



The Programs Committee Needs You!

Do you enjoy discovering new quilting experts online and in magazines? Do you find it exciting to meet and interact with lots of new quilty friends? Would you like to help determine what types of lectures and speakers we present at our meetings?

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh have been happily serving as the guild's Program Committee co-chairs for almost 3 years but they will be stepping down at the end of this business year.

We need a couple of enthusiastic volunteers to take their place! Ideally, volunteers would step up in the next month or two so they could "shadow" Stacy and Judy as they reach out to potential speakers for next year – a process that typically starts in January/February.

Are you worried you aren't qualified for the position or are too new to the guild to take on the role? Don't be! Stacy joined the program committee just a few months after joining the guild and found it a wonderful way to get more involved and get to know other members better.

Stacy, Judy and others who have been co-chairs in the past are always available to answer questions and show you the ropes! Please consider co-chairing the Programs Committee and helping the guild continue to book exciting lectures for our members.

Feel free to reach out to Stacy or Judy directly if you'd like more information!

Registering our vehicles at Asbury

When we meet at Asbury beginning in March, we'll need to register our vehicles so security will be able to contact the owner if there is a problem.

Cards like this will be available at our November meeting and more detailed information will be available in the February and March *Quiltline*.



The address to use for your GPS driving directions is 301 Odendhal Ave., Gaithersburg, MD



FSQ Retreat

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2025 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 14-17, 2025

WAITLIST AVAILABLE

All 30 seats at the Retreat have now been filled. Thank you to all who signed up. We are looking forward to a fun weekend next February.

Although we are not accepting any new registrations at this time, as we all know, life happens and sometimes quilters who have signed up find that they must withdraw. There is a good chance that if you are on the Waitlist, an opening will become available for you.

If you would like to be added to the Waitlist, please fill out the Registration Form and send it, along with your \$50 deposit, to the address listed on the Registration Form. Your check will not be cashed, or your credit card will not be charged, until a space becomes available for you. At that time, you will be contacted to confirm that you still want the space before your deposit is processed. If you decide that you no longer wish to participate, your deposit will be returned to you.

Follow this link to the [Registration Form](#).

Please email any questions to retreats@friendshipstar.org

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere, co-chairs





FSQ Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Karen Moss

We have begun to sell raffle tickets for our 2025 Raffle Quilt, **Quilter's Rainbow**. It's a lovely quilt in bright rainbow colors on a black background with beautiful quilting. The raffle drawing will take place at the June 2, 2025 FSQ Guild meeting and a portion of the profits will go to our chosen charity this year which is the Children's Inn at NIH. The quilt design was created by Karen Kehl, the quilt was pieced by many members of our guild and longarm quilted by Barbara Bean.

Along with selling raffle tickets when we take the raffle quilt to other guilds, we also ask each FSQ member to either sell or purchase 15 tickets. Although participation in the raffle quilt ticket sales is voluntary, this is a major source of funding for the Guild and your support is appreciated. Tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. If you buy all your own tickets, it's only \$25.

I will be in the lobby at the November FSQ meeting with envelopes of 15 tickets for all guild members. Please come and see me so you can get your envelope with the raffle tickets, a letter explaining the process and a picture of the raffle quilt. The ticket stubs and money are to be returned to me at a guild event. If you want additional tickets, I will have those as well.

The seller of the winning ticket and the top three ticket sellers will be rewarded with a prize. I look forward to your support for this endeavor which supports all the guild activities. Please let me know if you have any questions.



FSQ Raffle Quilt Marketing

Judy Hoffman

Looking for two volunteers to take our raffle quilt to the meeting of the Bethesda Quilters on March 4th at 1:00 pm at the Chevy Chase Library.

If you can help please contact Judy Hoffman at jhoffman4jp@yahoo.com or catch me at the meeting.

Thank you.



2025 FSQ Quilt Show Trish McTighe

Quilt Turn-in: Wednesday April 23, 2025

Set-up: Thursday April 24, 2025

Show Dates: April 25, 26, 27, 2025

Location: Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Cultural Arts and Wellness Center
301 Odendhal Ave., Gaithersburg, MD

The Quilt Show team is in place and planning is well on its way for the expanded 2025, Quilt Show, “A Celebration of Quilts!” Thanks to all who have volunteered to make the show possible.

The second committee chair meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 20 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Please plan on attending, as our next meeting is not until January 22. A Zoom link will be sent out to Quilt Show committee chairs. If you wish to attend, please contact Anne Flaggs or Trish McTighe for the link. All are welcome.

We are reviewing contracts for our venue at Asbury and with DrapeKings for the rental equipment. The budget is still in process. If you have any area that will need payment, please let us know. The QS Web page will be available soon as well as printed flyers and a PDF version to post on your neighborhood online platforms.

It is not too late to volunteer, and we would be happy to find a spot for you on the quilt show team. We are looking for a **Vendor** chair (materials and names of possible vendors are provided) and a person to organize a few **Demos** at the show. We have a co-chair for **Publicity** but would like another person to share this job.

A reminder to those that are creating items for the Boutique and/or the Silent Auction, now is the time to start those projects.

Thinking about selling a quilt at our show?

Some fabric stores sell their samples on their website, as do some quilters. For example:

<https://www.loandbeholdstitchery.com/collections/quilts>

[Etsy - SewFreshQuilts](#)

<https://jordanfabrics.com/collections/finished-samples>

[Etsy search - quilts for sale handmade](#)

You'll get some idea about prices but remember they may differ significantly from region to region.



Quilt Show Raffle Baskets

Elaine Villforth and Heidi Oestreicher

As we prepare for the spring quilt show, we need your help filling raffle baskets. Not all the baskets will be quilt related since we are at Asbury and need to take the residents into consideration. If a group is interested in filling a hand basket- let us know. The Piecemakers mini group has signed up to fill a basket with handmade items.

Contributing wine, coffees, and teas also helps sell the baskets.

If you want to contribute content (fabric or other cute items) to help fill a basket here are some (not all) themes:

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| Beach | Puzzles/popcorn |
| Spa | Warm/cozy |
| Asian | Christmas |
| Chocolate/wine | Color themed baskets |
| Americana | Snack attack (not all residents can get out to get fun snacks) |
| Spring | Tools |
| Garden | |

We will be collecting at the in-person meetings. If you need a basket to fill contact us:

Heidi Oestreicher - heidioestreicher@yahoo.com

Elaine villforth - villforth@comcast.net



Quilt Show Boutique

Peggy Weidman and Barbara VanDenBerg

The 2025 FSQ Quilt show will be upon us before you know it! Now is the time to start preparing your homemade crafts to submit for sale at the FSQ Quilt Show Boutique. Any kind of craft items are acceptable (pottery, jewelry, greeting cards, bags, hot pad holders, etc.) as long as it is something you make with your own hands.

At the 2023 FSQ show, we had items submitted by 22 members and sold almost \$4000 in goods, so it is well worth your time to participate in the Boutique! More information will come later.



2025 FSQ Quilt Show Challenge

Stacy Ross

“Life’s a Beach!”



It’s time to start thinking about what you’d like to make for our quilt show guild challenge! As a reminder, the theme is “Life’s a Beach!”

You can draw inspiration from beach colors, favorite beach memories or photos, boardwalk food and attractions, sea creatures, shore birds, boats, lighthouses, or any other beach-related thing you can think of.

With such a broad theme, we are sure to get a fun and varied bunch of entries... but only if lots of people participate!

Please make sure that your finished quilt is between **20-25” inches on each side** (in honor of our 2025 quilt show!).

The entries will be displayed together at the quilt show and will be eligible for Viewer’s Choice prizes in the “Guild Challenge” category.

Your quilt will need to be finished in time to turn in for our April 2025 quilt show, but you will need to be ready to submit a photo of it for registration no later than mid-March.

We can’t wait to see your beachy masterpieces!



Exciting Yard Sale News

Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

The 2025 Yard Sale will take place over 3 days at the FSQ Quilt Show in April of next year. The Quilt Show will run from Friday, April 25th to Sunday, April 27th and the Yard Sale will be open for business during show hours!

Please take some time to sift through your fabric and notions as you work on holiday projects and consider donating the items listed below to the Yard Sale.

Items we accept are:

- Quilting fabric and batting (*no upholstery fabric please*)
- Quilting patterns (*no garment 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

We are accepting donations at:

- Our **November 4th** meeting. We will have cars parked by the entrance doors so you can drop your goodies right in, plus a bin will be in the lobby.
- Donations may be brought to Service Projects and our volunteers will make sure they are delivered to us.
- Arrangements for large donations can be made by contacting Carmen Contreras-Sesvold (*her information is in the directory*).

There will be more details to follow! If you are interested in volunteering with us or have any questions, please consult the directory for our contact information.

Your Yard Sale Co-Chairs,
Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold



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 FSQ library has a wonderful variety of books available to inspire your quilting projects. 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.



Membership

Lynn Stieber and Carrie Horton


Happy November! It's hard to believe that this year is going so quickly. Hopefully all of you have been able to enjoy the mild weather and the beautiful leaves, along with your quilting projects.

The membership directory went out recently. Hopefully you have all received it. There are currently 114 members and 16 did not renew this year.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our last in-person meeting for the year. We will transition to Zoom for the next three months then will resume in-person meetings at our new location in March.

If you are interested in meeting more people and learning the names that go with the faces you see each month, membership needs you! Please see Carrie Horton or Anne Flagg to join the Membership Committee.

Lynn Stieber and Carrie Horton
Membership Co-Chairs

	November Birthdays	
	Karen Danka	Nov 03
	Karen Slayton	Nov 05
	Liz Adams	Nov 07
	Cathy Gruyters	Nov 11
	Peggy Weidman	Nov 14
	Sandra Chin	Nov 15
	Mary Lou Dungan	Nov 15
	Nancy Brennan	Nov 24
	Kathy Swartz	Nov 25
	Barbara Dryden	Nov 26
	Dorothy Action	Nov 27
	Jane Phillips	Nov 27
	Elizabeth Plantz	Nov 28



Tips & Tricks

Cathy Miller

I just learned about a website that a member of the Poolesville Village Piecemakers designed and runs with her mother. It's [Needlepointers.com](https://www.needlepointers.com) and below are a few of the items you can find there.

Sewing Basics

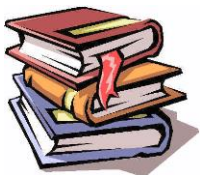
<https://www.needlepointers.com/main/showarticles.aspx?navid=733>

30+ Free Beginner Sewing Projects

<https://www.needlepointers.com/main/showarticles.aspx?navid=3354>

500 Free Quilt Patterns & Projects

<https://www.needlepointers.com/main/showarticles.aspx?navid=3418>



Readers' Corner

Anne Flaggs

I love to listen to audio books; this is one that I recently listened to and really enjoyed.

Becoming Madam Secretary by Stephanie Dray is a novel about the life of Frances Perkins who ultimately became the labor secretary for Franklin Delano Roosevelt from 1933 to 1945. This is a long book, but the story moves fast and I found it very interesting. This author writes a lot of historical women's fiction and I'll be reading/listening to another one of her books soon.





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 and Carmen Sesvold
<u>Raffle Baskets</u>	Heidi Oestreicher and Elaine Villforth	<u>Zoom Coordinator</u>	Kathy Swartz