

# Friendship Star Quilters December 2024

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## The Quiltline

### Calendar of Events

**Dec 2** **FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm\*\***  
(December thru February will be Zoom meetings)

**Dec 7** **Holiday Bazaar - Rockville Senior Center**  
1150 Carnation Dr., Rockville, MD  
9 am – 2 pm

**Dec 31** 

**Fabric Raffle** – will resume in March at our next in-person meeting

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#### Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

**When we resume in-person meetings in March** we will meet at

Asbury Methodist Village  
Rosborough Center  
301 Odendhal Ave.  
Gaithersburg, MD

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

#### 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, Dec. 12  
Thursday, Dec. 19

#### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be via Zoom on **Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 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,

Happy Holidays to everyone, I hope you had a great Thanksgiving celebrating with family and friends and eating all the wonderful food. Winter is coming in fast and the December holidays will be here soon to give us another opportunity to celebrate.

The Quilt Show is coming up in April 2025 and I hope you are all working on something to put into the show and perhaps the winter months will give us some additional time to quilt. I know I will try to get my stuff completed in time.

We will be having an executive board meeting on Monday, December 9th at 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please let me or another officer know, and we will send you the Zoom link. We always appreciate your ideas and suggestions to improve the guild.

That's all from me, hope to see you at the Zoom meeting on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look for an email from our program team with the link soon.

Anne





## **Guild Meeting Minutes - November**

Harriett Sheinson

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

There were 2 new members and one guest who were introduced.

There were no changes to the minutes to the October meeting and they were approved unanimously.

Bethesda Quilters were in the lobby selling raffle tickets. This quilt won the grand prize at the Montgomery County Fair this year.

Anne reviewed the highlights from *The Quiltline* and emphasized the Quilt Show including Raffle Basket needs, Boutique, FSQ Challenge “Life is a Beach” as well as the Service Projects donations this month to Wider Circle and Project Linus.

A vote followed about lowering membership dues for Asbury residents and a reduction of Guest Fees related to the upcoming FSQ’s move to Asbury to save money on rent. The vote was moved as presented and seconded. Our first meeting at Asbury will be in person in March 2025. There is an Asbury QR Code for admittance that you can obtain from the FSQ *Quiltline* newsletter to speed up the gatehouse entrance to Asbury. If you don’t use the QR code, just mention you are going to the FSQ meeting to the person at the gatehouse booth to be let onto the property. FSQ will be advising you each month which room/building that FSQ will be meeting in Quiltline and through a meeting reminder a few days before the meeting.

Anne thanked all our members who volunteered with the Election Board and mentioned that we have a few Chief Judges and many who help in other jobs to support the voting process.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Quilt Show** co-chair Trish McTighe announced the next meeting on Wednesday 11/20/24 @7pm on Zoom. There is a need for a vendor chair, demonstration chair and co-chair for publicity, i.e. social media.

**Membership** chair Carrie Horton announced that Jan Drass has stepped up to be co-chair of membership.

## The Quiltline – December 2024

**Library** update: Rosie Hormuth advised that Asbury does not have a storage space for the library so we either need to find someone to store the books or the books must be sold off. We have a lockable cabinet that is available. If you are interested in obtaining it, please contact Rosie as soon as possible because the church will not keep it for too long.

**Raffle Quilt Marketing** chair Judy Hoffman said that they need volunteers to take out the quilt out to other group meetings. There are also patterns of the quilt that go along with the quilt. There are also quilt show fliers available to put out in your local area. The Raffle Quilt Pattern is on sale for \$10. If you want raffle tickets, please contact Karen Moss.

**Service Projects** co-chair Anne Weaver announced that there are a lot of quilts that need binding and that there are many quilts outside in the hallway to be taken and returned at our next in-person meeting or a service projects meeting.

**Raffle Baskets** chair Heidi Oestreicher announced that they are collecting items for the baskets. If your mini group would like to sponsor a basket, please let her know.

**Yard Sale** chair Carmen Contreras-Sesvold announced that she is collecting items for the sale. Just contact her and she will arrange pickups and more will be accepted in March in person.

**Program** chair Judy Walsh announced that we will be need program chairs for next year as both she and Stacy Ross are leaving the job. Please step up and have a lot of fun looking for programs for FSQ to enjoy.

The Program Presentation was Kiley Ferons of Modern Day Quilter who had a lecture and truck show. The presentation was delightful.

Show and Tell followed the program after a short break.

Fabric Raffle winners were Liz Adams and Cathy Miller.

Door Prize winners were Barb Morton and Cathy Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Sheinson, corresponding secretary



## Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

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

Our **December** Zoom 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](#).

In **January** our Zoom speaker will be Elizabeth DeCroos, who will be sharing **Pojagi - From Ancient Korea to Modern Canada**. Come learn this hand- or machine-sewing technique for creating reversible patchwork with the seams finished on both sides. This is popular for table toppers, wearables and light throws. When using batiks, wall hangings look like stained glass when hung in the window! See examples of Elizabeth’s work on [epidastudios.com](#)

**We need 2 volunteers to become Program co-chairs after our term is up May 31st. We'll be starting to contact potential speakers for our 2025-26 business year in mid/late January.** It would be wonderful if you could start to shadow some of this process before becoming the new co-chairs. Please contact Stacy and Judy at [programs@friendshipstar.org](mailto:programs@friendshipstar.org) if you are interested in taking on this position. And, as always, we welcome suggestions for new speakers from our members!

## Registering Vehicles at Asbury

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

You can scan the QR code below to register your vehicle each day you come to a guild meeting or to our quilt show. Or you can give your vehicle information to the person at the gatehouse.

A graphic for an "Asbury Visitor & Vendor Parking Pass Info Card". It features the Asbury Methodist Village logo with the tagline "Anticipate More". On the left is a large QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text reads: "All patrons visiting Asbury **MUST** register their vehicle each time they visit our campus. Please scan the **QR Code** with your phones camera and fill out the pre-registration. OR A gatehouse associate can enter your information upon your arrival."/>

**Asbury Visitor & Vendor Parking Pass Info Card**

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Please scan the **QR Code** with your phones camera and fill out the pre-registration.

OR

A gatehouse associate can enter your information upon your arrival.

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



## Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

This is the season for gratitude, celebrations, and comfort and warmth. Our community partners are certainly grateful for all the warm, comfortable and colorful handmade donations we continue to distribute each month. And we are definitely grateful to **YOU**, our quilting community, for all of the time and effort you tirelessly put into creating these beautiful items.

This month, we were able to donate **30 quilts** of various sizes and **15 preemie quilts** to Project Linus. The preemie quilts are something new that Project Linus is happy to accept for the DC Diaper Bank. The larger quilts go to many different agencies and hospitals in Montgomery and Prince George's County, as well as a portion of Washington, DC.

And to top it off, we delivered **27 quilts** to Healthy Families, an agency under the Sheppard Pratt umbrella for their home visiting program for first-time, at-risk parents. As we were leaving the office, one of the home visitors commented that the families just love receiving a quilt for baby and parent to enjoy during “tummy time” together.

We hope you can join us at the Service Projects workshops on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!





### 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!



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## 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](mailto:retreats@friendshipstar.org)

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere, co-chairs







## FSQ Quilt Show

### Trish McTighe

The planning for our “**Celebration of Quilts**” quilt show is continuing and the committee chairs are enthusiastically working to make the show a great success. The committee met via Zoom on November 20 to discuss updates and procedures for the expanded space at the Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village.

Check out our Quilt Show Web page at [2025 Quilt Show — Friendship Star Quilters](#)

Thanks to our Web Administrator, Lorie Coston, for our beautiful eye-catching page!

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

**Quilt Turn In** will take place on Wednesday, April 23 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at the Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg.

**Set-up** for the show will be on Thursday, April 24.

“**Celebration of Quilts**” will run from Friday, 10:00 AM, April 25 to Sunday, 2:00 PM, April 27.

Future meetings of the committee chairs will be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22 and in person on Wednesday, March 19.

We are looking for **volunteers to lead demos** on Friday and Saturday. We will have at least two longer demos and then some shorter ones. **Please contact Lynn Stieber.**

When you visit with your family and friends over the holidays, please encourage them to put the dates on their calendars and ask them to support our guild by buying some quilt raffle tickets.



## Quilt Show Silent Auction

### Linda Belecki and Jane Phillips

Our 2023 Silent Auction was a huge success. Based on our success, we will need between 50 and 75 items for sale. All items must be made by an FSQ member. Everything is acceptable: bags, placemats, tables runners, art quilts, quilts of any size, etc.

The better the variety the more successful everyone will be. The maker will receive 70% and the Guild will receive 30% of the sale price. Tax is paid by the purchaser. Guidelines and Registration Form will be available soon.



## 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.

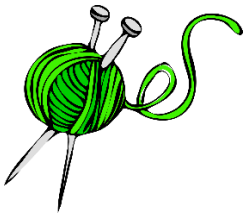
If you want to contribute content (fabric or other cute items) to help fill a basket here are some (not all) themes:

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](mailto:heidioestreicher@yahoo.com)

Elaine Villforth - [villforth@comcast.net](mailto: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! Registration forms will be available in January.



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## Quilt Show Guild Challenge

Stacy Ross

### “Life’s a Beach!”



The weather outside is starting to feel a little bit frightful, but this year’s quilt show challenge theme is ever so delightful! Beat back the winter chill by working on your “Life’s a Beach” quilt challenge in preparation for our show next spring!

As a reminder, the finished quilt should be between 20-25 inches on each side. Use the beach theme to inspire you – whether it’s your color palette, your fabric choices, your block design, or your inspiration for a collage or art quilt. Let the sights and sounds of the beach ignite your creativity as you work on your quilt!

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 for Quilt Turn-in on April 23rd, and you will also need to submit a photo of the quilt top when you register your quilt.** Registration will close on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

We can’t wait to see what everyone comes up with!



## Quilt Show Yard Sale

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 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** in-person 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](mailto:facebook@friendshipstar.org).



## Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

For those members who have been able to attend the in-person Monday evening FSQ meetings, you already know the FSQ Library is closing.

Over recent years we have seen a growing interest in on-line quilting instructions and the availability of a huge variety of free online patterns and projects, leaving little need for a paper library. Additionally, with our move to Asbury Village, there is no space to store our collection.

For these reasons the remaining books will be offered to you for a small donation. Come see us at the March and April in-person meetings for the final close-out.

If you are in possession of a loaned book and would like to keep it, we will accept financial donations at the Monday guild meetings. Please return to us any books you do not wish to retain.

Thank you for your interest over the years.

Rosie and Liz



## Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Welcome our newest members, Ann Manyin, Aline Myers, and Anna SantaMaria, who have joined FSQ in the last few months.

As the year comes to an end, we want to express our appreciation to our members, both new to us this year and those cherished quilters.


Our membership is currently at 116 members.

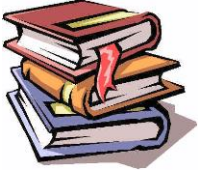
We will meet virtually for our December, January, and February meetings, and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces on Zoom! So stay warm at home and join us virtually!

You will receive the Zoom meeting link the Sunday before the Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Guests are welcome if space is available. Please let Membership know so we can send a link.

Please note: Membership co-chairs have changed, and FSQ is updating the website and renewal forms. Renewing and new members, please mail your check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to FSQ to the address below:

Carrie Horton  
FSQ Membership Co-Chair  
432 Girard St. Apt. 103  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

	<b>December Birthdays</b>																		
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## Readers' Corner

Anne Flagg

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

**The Wishing Game** by Meg Shaffer is a fantasy fiction book about a young teacher's aide who dreams of adopting a young boy but lacks proper funds and stability.

She becomes a contestant in a contest to win a first edition book that might just fulfil all her wishes.

### For Sale

Anne Weaver received a message from a quilter in Frederick, Nancy Denlinger, who is giving up sewing and has several items for sale.

The pictures accessible from [this link](#) show the items she wants to sell (**NOT** including the sewing machine).

Nancy said she bought everything at Wilson's in Hagerstown and they are in excellent condition. She added that she will throw in several other things, including cutting mats, cutting rulers and her fabric stash.

If you are interested, you can contact Nancy by email at [ndenlinger608@comcast.net](mailto:ndenlinger608@comcast.net).



<b>Elected Officers</b>	
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<a href="#"><u>Secretary</u></a>	Harriet Sheinson

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