

Friendship Star Quilters April 2025

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events	
Apr 4-5	Milltown Quilters Quilt Show (more info)
Apr 6	Nimble Fingers Giant Fabric Sale (more info)
Apr 7	FSQ Guild Meeting – 7:30 pm ** Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Center 301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD
Apr 23	FSQ Quilt Turn-in – 3 pm – 6pm AMV Rosborough Center
Apr 24	FSQ Quilt Show – AMV Rosborough Center Thursday Setup – 12 pm – 6 pm Friday and Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
25-27	Sunday 10 am – 2 pm Quilt return 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Fabric Raffle – Fat quarters that “read” as the primary crayon colors of **Orange**, **Green** or **Purple**

Guild Meetings	Service Projects
<p>Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month. In April we will meet at</p> <p>Asbury Methodist Village Rosborough Center 301 Odendhal Ave. Gaithersburg, MD</p> <p>** Join us at 7:00 pm for mingling and conversation</p> <p>If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings are cancelled. Check 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, Apr. 10th Thursday, Apr. 17th</p>

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be via Zoom on **April 14th 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,

Spring has arrived, well almost - but I doubt we will see more snow. This is a busy month with the Quilt Show coming up at the end of the month and lots of last minute preparations happening for the committee members and those of us putting items in the show which includes the Quilts, Silent Auction, Boutique, Yard Sale, Demos and more. I still have 3 quilts at the long armers so I'm getting anxious about finishing up the binding but I know it will get done.

Have you signed up yet to volunteer at the show? We still have lots of openings so check your schedule and come out and help us when you can. Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-54564194-2025>. I hope you can join us, it's going to be a fun time and a great way to get to know other members of the guild.

We are looking for a custom quilter to longarm our next raffle quilt, please let me know if you would like to do this or have a recommendation of someone that does custom work.

We have a few job openings, I hope you will consider either joining the board in the Vice President or Secretary positions, joining the Programs committee to bring us all the great monthly programs we all enjoy or taking over the Newsletter which is key to keeping the guild members up to date with all the goings on in the guild.

We will be having an executive board meeting at 7pm on Monday, April 14th on Zoom. If you have any topics/suggestions for the guild or want to attend, just let me know.

Thanks and see you soon.

Anne



Guild Meeting Minutes – March

Harriet Sheinson

7:00 pm social get together

7:30 pm Anne Flaggs convened the meeting. There was one guest and no new members. The minutes from last month's meeting were approved. Milltown Quilters were welcomed and showed off and sold raffle tickets for their beautiful quilt.

April 14, 2025 at 7pm will be the next Executive board meeting. Everyone is welcome. If you are not on the Board and you would like to participate, please contact Anne Flaggs and she will send you a link to come.

FSQ's 2026 Raffle quilt has been donated by Joy Dorman. Anne announced that FSQ is looking for a custom quilter to longarm the quilt. FSQ is still looking for ideas for the 2027 quilt. Please let Anne know if you are interested in organizing the project.

The Nominating Committee for 2025-26 officers are needed. This committee should consist of 3 people and there are 2 people willing to serve. There is a need for a Secretary and Vice President. The President and Treasurer are willing to continue (they are allowed to continue up to 4-year terms). The fiscal year ends May 31 and we typically announce the upcoming board to be elected at the May meeting and do the actual election at the June meeting.

Highlights from the Quiltline:

Lots of information on the Quilt Show including Raffle Basket needs / Boutique / Silent Auction / Yard Sale/ FSQ Challenge / Volunteering and Registration which closes March 15.

At this point there have been 94 quilts submitted for the show. You have until Wed., April 23 Quilt turn-in to get your quilts done.

FSQ is looking for one more program chair for next year to replace our current program chairs, Judy and Stacy. Ishia Hu is interested but would like a partner with whom to work.

Service Projects is extremely busy and has delivered quilts to Project Linus. March Service Projects are 3/13 and 3/27 from 9:30-noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Anne Weaver sent a blast regarding Comfort Cases in the news.

The Quiltline – March 2025

Quilt show announcements:

Trish McTighe, Quilt Show Co-Chair, announced the March 19 meeting for committee chairs. There will be a special raffle basket for volunteers.

Quilt Show Flyers Chair Anne Weaver announced that Service Projects will have a table at the show and she would like the flyers to be posted in various neighborhoods and given to friends.

Quilt Show Social Media Chair Cathy Miller announced all the places that she has put announcements and asked for volunteers to work on other places and ideas.

Quilt Show Boutique Chair Peggy Weidman announced that the deadline for the applications to participate is April 7.

Quilt Show Silent Auction Chair Linda Belecki announced that colored pictures are needed for the items for the Auction and that the Guild keeps 30% of the sale price and the rest goes to you.

Quilt Show Raffle Baskets chairs Elaine Villforth and Heidi Oestreicher announced that they are still accepting items for the baskets.

Quilt Show Registration Chair Judy Walsh announced the deadline to be March 15 to register quilts to be entered into the show.

Quilt Show Yard Sale chair Carmen Contreras-Sesvold announced that one can bring donations to the Service Projects workshops in March and April.

Quilt Show Challenge chair Stacy Ross reminded the members of the FSQ challenge, Life's a Beach.

Anne Flaggs reminded us that the show is only a success if YOU participate and help at the show. You can even volunteer your husbands, family, friends for set-up and take down.

Stacy Ross introduced the Program. The presenter was Sammie Hatton, Director of Collections at Montgomery History here in Montgomery County.

Show and Tell was fabulous.

The winners of the Fabric Raffle were Carole Weikert, Judy Newton and Tomo Beckman.

The Quiltline – March 2025

The winners for the Door Prize were Kathy Swartz, Sandra Chin, Carrie Horton and Cathy Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Sheinson

Corresponding Secretary

Registering Vehicles at Asbury

You can scan the QR code below to **register your vehicle each day you come to a guild meeting or to our quilt show. Show the person at the gate a screenshot of your registration** and you can pass right through. Or you can take a bit longer and verbally give your vehicle information to the person at the gate when you arrive.

Parking is allowed on the street unless the curb is painted yellow. There is a large parking lot right across the street from the Rosborough Center, where we'll be meeting.



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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.

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



Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

In **April** we'll be treated to Elizabeth Lee's lecture and trunk show, which will showcase many of the "**Playful Portraits**" she has created. She will also share her process from inspiration through the finished products.

Our **May** speaker will be Eliza Hardy Jones who will share her "[Song Quilts](#)" project with us, which she created to visually interpret folk music from across the U.S and in Northwest Russia. After recording the songs, Eliza created a notation method that translates pitch into color and rhythm into shape.

It should be very interesting to hear these songs and then to see what they look like when rendered in Eliza's notation.



Airing of the Quilts

Cathy Miller

At the Oaks Quilt Show in September, I picked up a brochure called [Airing of the Quilts](#).

"The tradition of airing of the quilts is a longstanding custom embraced in mountainous and rural areas during the late spring season. With the onset of warmer weather following the winter chill, women seize the chance to rejuvenate and aerate these essential coverings. Over time, communities in small towns would set aside a specific spring day for the purpose of revitalizing and displaying family quilts, be it over fences, clotheslines, or along porch railings."

This year, the [Airing of the Quilts](#) in Palmerton, PA will take place on Sat. May 3, 2025 [rain or shine]. They expect to show over 500 quilts in the historic downtown area from 9:00am – 5:00pm.



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

The quilt show is coming up soon. We can't wait! We are excited that we've been given the opportunity to showcase Service Projects in two ways. We will be hanging all of the Log Jam challenge quilts from the summer in the hallway going into the main exhibition room. Come look at the beautiful work that our members have done. After the show all of these quilts will be donated to local agencies to bring warmth and comfort to area children and teens.

We will also continue our quilt show tradition of having a small "sit and sew", where there will be quilts that you (and your friends) can sit and help us tie. It's a great way to take a break for a few minutes and also help us in our community service mission. Our table will be open on Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm, so stop by and say hi.

Please also join us, if you can for our April Service Projects workshops on Thursday, April 10th, and Thursday, April 17th. We will be meeting from 9:30 am until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), a mile from Quince Orchard High School.

For more information, contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver. Thanks, as always, for your support.





Where Did That Darn Block Go?

JoAnne DuChez

THE DISAPPEARING BLOCK

SERVICE PROJECTS' 2025 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

What do quilters do? They cut up fabric and sew the pieces together into blocks. This challenge adds one more dimension to that approach. Now you take that finished traditional block, slice it up, mix up the pieces and sew them back together in a different orientation. These new blocks may look much more intricate and nothing like the original block. You will be making your blocks disappear and become some other block. Is this confusing, or what?

The most common traditional blocks used for disappearing blocks are the 9- or 4 patch blocks. But many other blocks, such as pinwheels, windmills, hourglass, churns, may be used. Take a look on the Web or Pinterest and search for disappearing quilt blocks. You will be amazed! There are many tutorials that will walk you through how to make your block disappear.

Take the challenge and use up a lot of scraps or stash. You will be helping FSQ support our Service Projects mission to provide quilts to hospitals, Comfort Cases, Project Linus, A Wider Circle and other worthwhile organizations.

Also, please make an additional original block to display with your final quilt. It will be fun to figure out how you made that block disappear. Those additional blocks will also be donated to service projects for creating new quilts or kits.

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.

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!



FSQ Quilt Show Update

Trish McTighe

The 2025 FSQ Quilt Show "Celebration of Quilts" is just a month away. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make this happen. We had great participation at our in-person meeting at Asbury on March 19. There will be just under **200 quilts** displayed so be sure to turn in your quilt on Wednesday April 23rd 3-6 PM at Asbury, Rosborough Center, 301 Odendhal Ave. With our expanded space and our energized committee members and volunteers, we hope to have record attendance.

NOW is the time tell everyone you know about the show!

- Add this link <https://friendshipstar.org/quilt-show-2025> to your Facebook and Instagram pages
- Join Next Door <https://nextdoor.com/find-neighborhood/md/> and post about the show
- Join Patch News <https://patch.com/maryland>
- TALK ABOUT IT, word of mouth is a powerful thing!
- Pick up some flyers at the April 7 in-person quilt meeting and give them to friends and family

Please go to <https://friendshipstar.org/quilt-show-2025> for information on:

- Boutique and Silent Auction registration due April 7. Find forms on the FSQ Home page under 2025 Quilt Show Member's Information
- Volunteer for the show. We need you! There will be a beautiful Raffle Basket just for the volunteers to win as a Thank You! Find SignUp Genius to volunteer on the FSQ Home page under 2025 Quilt Show Member's Information.

See you soon and thanks again to ALL our Volunteers and Committee members who will make this show a success!!

Trish McTighe
Anne Flaggs
Co-Chairs Quilt Show 2025



Quilt Show Publicity

Cathy Miller

The success of our show will depend on getting out our information about the show. I have contacted Tommy McFly (an NBC Washington DC TV host, event emcee and host of the Walk a Mile podcast), who may include something on his show. We placed an ad in the Maryland Register, we are distributing flyers to senior centers throughout Montgomery County, and we will be posting on our Facebook page. Please distribute the flyers to businesses, clubs, etc. Contact Cathy Miller (cat9mil13@comcast.net) with further suggestions or questions.

We need our members to also spread the word by mouth and on social media. Please start posting [our flyer](#) and any other information to your pages on social media. Please post on your page on NextDoor, Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest, Patches, etc. Start posting early and often and include it as an event. The more members who post, the better. Please use [our flyer](#) and a link to our webpage at <https://friendshipstar.org/quilt-show-2025/> in your post.

We believe that NextDoor will be most effective because it is very local to your neighborhood. If you are not yet on NextDoor, go to www.NextDoor.com, enter your email address, choose a password, enter your full name and residential address and click continue. NextDoor is securely encrypted and you can control how your name appears to maintain some anonymity. After the show you can delete your account if you desire. Besides posting on the News Feed page, you can post an event on NextDoor and add [our flyer](#).

Help us spread the word to have a great show.



Quilt Show Raffle Baskets & Quilt of Valor Elaine Villforth and Heidi Oestreicher

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our booth. We have over 40 raffle baskets (many have: wine, are homemade baskets, quilted items, snacks, etc). You'll notice some of the baskets do not contain material (like the snack attack basket). Because the show is at Asbury and not everyone from Asbury sews, so we wanted to have baskets that they could use.

Use this link to see examples (we are still filling them with contributions): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ybF2DVZjeuszjSqVA>

We want to thank ALL the people who donated items and those who made things to put in the raffle baskets. Special thanks to the following mini groups for their basket donations: Piece Makers, EQ7 and Stashbusters

It looks like we will have **two raffle baskets for volunteers**. Don't forget to sign up so you can be part of this raffle.

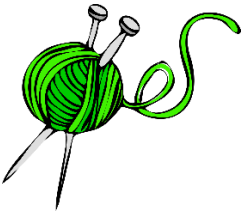
Click [this link](#) to see the areas we need volunteers.

Quilt of Valor

We are doing something that we haven't seen at any other quilt show- making a Quilt of Valor! We are offering the chance for people to sew a seam or two. We have prepped the blocks so people can just select a strip of material and sew. We will also have a book that people can sign so the recipient will see the people who contributed to the quilt. The pattern is shown below.

If you would like to volunteer to help us with this Send an email to Heidi heidioestreicher@yahoo.com and Elaine Villforth@comcast.net





Quilt Show Boutique

Peggy Weidman and Barbara VanDenBerg

The deadline for Boutique registration is coming up fast (April 7). There are 19 members signed up so far and there is room for more!

You can mail your registration to Peggy (address in directory), submit it at the next service projects or at the FSQ guild meeting on April 7.

Don't miss out on this chance...we did really well at the last Quilt show.

Peggy Weidman
Barbara VanDenBerg



Quilt Show Silent Auction

Linda Belecki and Jane Phillips

The final day to turn in your registration forms and color photos for the Silent Auction is April 7 at the FSQ meeting.

Items will be collected on Wednesday, April 23 between 3 & 6 pm at the Asbury Rosborough Building. **Please have items in clear plastic bags with your name and phone number written on the bag;** it is okay to have more than one item in a bag.

Show quilts that are "For Sale" and are being sold through the Silent Auction must be registered with the Silent Auction. Those quilts will be turned in at the Quilt Turn-in table, and each item must be in a *separate* bag.

Linda Belecki, Chair
Silent Auction



image by Vexels

Quilt Show Guild Challenge

Stacy Ross

“Life’s a Beach!”



The countdown is on for our quilt show next month, and we are hoping to see lots of entries in our beach-themed quilt challenge!

As a reminder, the finished quilt should be between 20-25 inches on each side. (If your project falls a little bit outside of these guidelines, that’s okay – please submit it anyway!) 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. Allow the sights and sounds of the beach to 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 to turn in for our April 2025 quilt show, but you will need to be ready to submit photos of it by the registration deadline of 6:00 pm on March 15.

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



Quilt Show Yard Sale

Lorie Coston, Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

The Yard Sale Will be Open for 3 Days!

The Yard Sale will be open during the hours of the 2025 Quilt Show. This year we have a special price of **only \$5 per pound** of fabric! We need to move the fabric to its next home and will not be storing any leftover items after the sale. Please consider bringing a reusable bag for all your bargains.

We'd love to have you volunteer for the Yard Sale. [Here is the link](#) to the SignUpGenius that Anne Flagg created for volunteers to sign up to help at the Quilt Show.

You have one more opportunity to bring donations to the meeting on Monday, April 7th.

Items we accept are:

- Quilting fabric and batting
- Quilting patterns
- Books on quilting, published within the last 10 years
- Projects started but not finished/UFOs
- Panels and kits
- Quilting notions (rulers, thread, needles, rotary cutters, etc.)
- Sewing machines or irons in working order

Please contact us with any questions.

Your Yard Sale Co-Chairs,

Lorie Coston, Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold



Quilt Show Volunteers – We Need You!

Anne Flaggs

Hopefully by now, you have heard we are having a quilt show; well we can't pull it off without the guild members volunteering during the show at the various stations to help sell tickets, white glove and do other jobs. There are still many jobs and shifts available. Check out SignupGenius (below) and scroll through the list of jobs. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up, it's going to be a great show.

Here are a few notes/reminders about working at the show:

- You must sign-in at the volunteer sign-in table daily to get a badge and check off your name as working.
- Arrive 10-15 minutes before your shift on show days to allow for the check-in process and training on your job task.
- SignupGenius will send out a reminder 5 days before you are scheduled to work. You can also see all the jobs you are signed up for in SignupGenius on the "Invited To" tab if you login using your SignupGenius ID and password.
- We have been asked to register our car with Asbury daily (like we do for our meetings) to ease entry onto the grounds. See the QR code in Quiltline for the link to this registration.
- There will be a small hospitality area this year for the volunteers, with water and snacks. Feel free to eat your lunch here, in the library or outside. Water is allowed on the show floor but not food. Breaks will be allowed, just arrange them with your tablemates or get a floater to sub for you while you are gone.
- Plan to leave your valuables in the car, keep them on your person or hidden under the table where you are working.

This is the link to the SignupGenius form for volunteers

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-54564194-2025>

If you have any questions, please send me an email or give me a call.

Anne Flaggs
anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com



FSQ Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

SAVE THE DATE

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2026 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2026

Please save the date for the 2026 FSQ Retreat which will be held from February 13-16, 2026 (President's Weekend).

The Retreat will again be held at the lovely Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center in Marriottsville, MD. Registration will begin on August 1, 2025. As this date gets closer, we will send out information about cost and how to register.

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

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco, 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.



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

Editor's note: Did you know that Rosie and Liz have been caring for our library since **2017**? Be sure to thank them for their many years of service!



Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Welcome back to Margaret Jones, who rejoined FSQ last month.

Our membership is currently at 120 members.

We will continue to meet in person on April 7 at Asbury Methodist Village. The option to attend virtually is still available to those who would prefer that. Guests are welcome if space is available. Please let membership know if you have a guest who would like to attend.

Your next quarterly members' directory update is planned for April via email. This update will include all updated information such as new members.

Our annual membership renewal starts at the May meeting. You must join or renew by the September meeting to have an entry in our annual Directory. If you are renewing your membership you can do that in person at any meeting, and no need to complete a form. You will need to verify your information on a paper copy of the directory to make sure your address, phone number, etc has not changed. We accept cash, credit cards or check (payable to FSQ).

If you are new to FSQ, or renewing your membership by mail, please [fill out the form online by clicking here](#). Print the completed form and mail it with your membership fee to the address on the form.

Carrie Horton & Jan Drass
Membership Co-Chairs

Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends with April Birthdays:



Kay Campbell Anderson	April 4	Carrie Horton	April 21
Gerda Sherwood	April 9	Sherrri Joyce King	April 22
Gretchen Golas	April 12	Suma Glassman	April 25
Mary Grace Gagliardi	April 17	Anne Flaggs	April 28
Joy Dorman	April 19	Gayle Sunde	April 28



Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

Ledine of Sugar Stitches Quilt Company has put together a YouTube video and a free chart with fabric requirements for many sizes of half-square triangles (HSTs) – including making **32** of the same type at one time!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtuZPDpVVzU&t=176s>

Be sure to watch the video so you understand where NOT to sew if you're making 32 at a time. It might be a good idea to mark those lines with pins, clips or a different color marker as a reminder.

You can find the free chart on her [website](#) and you **don't** need to leave your email address to download it.



Reader's Corner

Ellen Robinson

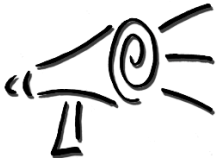
Several months ago (maybe November?), I read a WaPo article that had several book recommendations. They all sounded really interesting! So I logged into my MoCo library account and put a hold on 6 of them from the e-book collection. For most of them, the library estimated 6 or more months wait for them. I was ok with this, since most of my best reading happens in nice weather, on the deck with a glass of while.

I was very surprised to get a notice about 3 weeks ago that one of them was ready for me to download. It was **James by Percival Everett**. It was very good...no, it was excellent! I was trying to figure out a way to describe the book, and I found the NYT's brief description: "A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view." That's exactly it. The story is haunting in that it shows the bigotry and racism that slaves endured during that time, plus James' interactions and connections with his family and friends.

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Right after James became available, The Women by Kristin Hannah popped up as available, so I delayed my hold for a few weeks. I am currently reading it and am really into it – looking forward to my next chance to read. It's not even "deck season"! So far, this book is telling me the story of a nurse who enlisted in the Army to serve and minister to the wounded of the Vietnam War. This is another book that is calling me back to read more. I am only at 20% read, according to Kindle, but I am looking forward to every word to come.

I'll fill you in on the rest of the books, once they come up to check out. Looks like I have about 5 weeks until the next one is available.



A True-Blue Quilt for a True-Blue President Michele Barnard

Friends, our amazing President Anne Flagg has requested simple blue and white blocks for her president's quilt. A tutorial is below.

I will also have some pre-sewn blocks available at our in-person spring meetings for people to pick up and sign.

ANY blue is acceptable. ANY white is also OK, although - since white-on-white can be difficult to write on - you might want to stick to plain white.

1. Cut a square of blue fabric at least 6 inches on each side and cut it in half diagonally.
2. Cut a strip of white 2 inches by 12 inches



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3. Sew the blue triangles to the white strip, centering them on the white so there is some overhang as in the previous photo.



4. Trim the block to 6.5 inches square, centering the white strip.



5. Ta-dah! Your block is ready to sign and turn in!



If you have any questions, just contact me, Michele Barnard.



Under the Stars 94 x 78

MILLTOWN QUILTERS

Announces their

2025 QUILT SHOW

April 4th and 5th

Friday, April 4: 10am to 6pm

Saturday, April 5: 10am to 4pm

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

10600 Shaker Drive

Columbia, MD 21046

(Church is handicapped accessible)

Admission: \$10

Gigantic Fabric Sale

Hosted by Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild



Sun. April 6, 2025 12-4PM

Izaak Walton League

18301 Waring Station Rd.

Germantown, MD 20874

- *Fabric \$8/lb. 1lb equals \$2/yd. OR Approx. 15 Fat ¼'s
- *1,000+ Fat ¼'s *Miles of Yardage & Many 2+ Yard Cuts
- *Notions & Patterns Galore *Huge Scrap Bin *Quilt Kits
- *Gorgeous Pre-Cuts *Many Designer Fabrics *Batiks
- *UFOs Just Waiting For You To Finish or Try Something New
- *Several Overflowing Raffle Baskets \$1/ticket or 6 for \$5

***Most Credit Cards Accepted**

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***Bring a friend!**

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