



## Friendship Star Quilters June 2025

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# The Quiltline

Calendar of Events	
<b>June 2</b>	<b>FSQ Potluck Dinner &amp; Guild Meeting 6:30 pm</b> Asbury - Rosborough Center 301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD
<b>June 13-14</b>	<b>Quilts by the Bay</b> – Annapolis Quilt Guild 10 am – 4 pm cash only: \$12 Riva Trace Baptist Church 475 W. Central Ave. Davidsonville, MD 21035 ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
<b>June 26-28</b>	<b>Road to Virginia Quilters Conference 2025</b> Greater Richmond Convention Center 403 N 3rd Street Richmond, VA 23219 ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
<b>July 7</b>	<b>On vacation - no guild meeting this month</b>

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

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Guild Meetings	Service Projects
<p>Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. We meet at</p> <p>Asbury Methodist Village 301 Odendhal Ave. Gaithersburg, MD</p> <p><b>We do not meet in July.</b></p> <p><b>If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings are cancelled.</b> Check <a href="http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org">montgomeryschoolsmd.org</a>.</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><b>Workshops this month:</b></p> <p>Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup></p>

### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be via Zoom on **June 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, I can't believe another year has gone by and it's almost summer. I'm sure we will start to feel the heat of summer soon but I'm enjoying the cooler weather.

We are adding back in a year-end Potluck Dinner. Remember we are starting the potluck at **6:30pm** so we can eat before the business meeting portion. Please come, even if you can't get there that early; there will be plenty of food and desserts to enjoy. Here is the link to SignupGenius in case you haven't signed up yet: [FSQ Potluck](#)

As our year comes to a close, I'm thinking about some of the accomplishments/changes that occurred this year:

- We moved our meeting location. With the rent increasing at the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene, we decided to try to find a less expensive meeting space and ended up at Asbury Methodist Village where a few of our members are living and we could use the meeting rooms for free.
- We had our semi-annual Quilt show and were back at Asbury again with an expanded design. The show was a success all around with members enjoying volunteering and we actually made a little money. The admission price was raised; we added the Yard Sale; had many raffles; a beautiful boutique and silent auction; a few vendors and a lovely display of quilts. Thanks to everyone for making this a success.
- We continued with our hybrid meetings and realized there will always be a few kinks to work out as our location moves around and other things interfere, but we will endeavor to keep this going to connect with our members who can't make the in-person meetings.
- Sadly, we closed the library. Because of the move, we lost the space to house our books and the library wasn't being used very often anymore. We are sorry to see this go and thank all our past and current librarians (Rosie and Liz) for all their efforts to keep this service going.
- A member donated the 2026 raffle quilt top and it's now being long armed. The quilt is almost done, and we will start selling raffle tickets in the fall.
- We had wonderful programs that kept us all engaged each month.
- We enjoyed our annual retreat in February at Bon Secours.
- We donated lots of quilts and things through Service projects.

## **The Quiltline – June 2025**

### Opportunities:

- It's time to renew your Membership. You can pay with cash, check or credit card at the meeting; the cost is still \$35. \$20 for out of state and Asbury residents.
- Remember to turn in your raffle quilt ticket money and stubs to Karen Moss before the June meeting. A portion of the proceeds from this raffle quilt will be donated to the Children's Inn at NIH.
- The featherweight raffle winner will be drawn at the June meeting; there will be time to buy more tickets before the drawing.
- Service Projects has a few in-person meetings over the summer, stop by; help out and catch up with other FSQ members.
- Work on Summer Challenge (due in October) for Service Projects "Where Did That Darn Block Go?" a disappearing block challenge.
- The 2027 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.
- Our Yard Sale committee is looking for some other folks to take over this important job, if you are interested, please contact Carmen, Mary Ann or me to discuss.

Our June meeting will be short, but we do have a few items to discuss in the business meeting portion after the potluck. Elections of the officers for the 2025-2026 year will be held; thank all the board and committee volunteers; the 2025 Raffle Quilt winner will be drawn; the Featherweight Raffle winner will be drawn and probably a few other announcements.

The next Executive Board meeting is on Monday, June 9th, on Zoom at 7pm. Please let me or another officer know if you are interested in attending. As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments.

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

Anne



## **Guild Meeting Minutes – May**

Harriet Sheinson

Anne Flaggs welcomed the group at 7:30pm. The speaker for the evening went first so that she could get an earlier start on her long drive home. The program was given by Eliza Hardy Jones on “Song Quilts” a project that visually interpreted folk music from across the US and Northwest Russia. The program was fascinating.

There was a 10-minute break.

After the break, Anne Flaggs greeted the members. We were reminded that the June meeting will be a potluck dinner starting at 6:30pm (note time change) and the business meeting will be starting at 7:30pm with no program. There will be no hybrid portion of the meeting. Don’t forget to turn in your raffle tickets for the winning raffles will be drawn then.

FSQ’s fiscal year ends at the end of May and two members are needed to audit our financials. Please let Joy Dorman or Anne Flaggs know if you are interested in volunteering for this job.

Anne reviewed *The Quiltline* and mentioned the Quilt Show, including the winning viewer’s choice quilts; service projects and membership dues are \$35 for in-state and \$20 for out-of-state as well as Asbury residents. We have 120 members to date.

Service Projects Summer Challenge was announced by Joanne DuChez and is a Disappearing Block pattern. This is due in October.

Joanne DuChez and Heidi Oestreicher co-chairs of the Nominating Committee announced the slate for the 2025-26 Board members to be: President Anne Flaggs, Vice President Marylin Pierre, Co-Secretaries Harriet Sheinson and Jennifer Rossmere and Co-Treasurers Joy Dorman and Judy Walsh. Voting will take place at the June Meeting.

Quilt Show co-chairs, Trish McTighe and Anne Flaggs thanked everyone who helped with EVERYTHING from set up to clean up and appreciation gifts were given to the Quilt Show committee chairs.

Volunteer baskets and gifts were given out to Alison Leukefeld, Eleanor Bragin, Wendy Bauman, Lisa Wells, Susan Schwarz, Maryjean Spencer and Joyce Danzig.

A brief financial review was given of the Quilt Show, but the final numbers are not in yet and will be reported on at the June Executive Board meeting.

Show and Tell followed and as usual it was wonderful to behold.

Fabric Raffle bags were won by Ellen Robinson and Karen Hyde.

The Door Prizes were won by Linda August, Judy Chandler, and Stacy Ross.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harriet Sheinson, Corresponding Secretary



## Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

Please join us in welcoming Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig and Ihsia Hu as the new co-chairs for the Programs Committee! They bring a lot of enthusiasm to their positions, and we know they will do a great job.

In **June** our meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with a potluck dinner. About 7:30 pm we'll have a short business meeting which will include the election of officers as well as raffle drawings for our FSQ Raffle Quilt and for the Featherweight sewing machine.

**There will not be a meeting in July**, but we will change things up a bit by having a speaker in August and playing Quilt-O! at our September meeting.

Look for more details on our website later in June or in July.



## Fabric Raffle Volunteers Needed

Liz Plantz and Harriet Sheinson

The FSQ Fabric Raffle Committee is looking for new volunteer(s).

Liz and Harriet are thinking about passing the baton. Anyone interested in taking on a fun program please contact Liz and Harriet at [fabric@friendshipstar.org](mailto:fabric@friendshipstar.org). Or you can find their individual email addresses in our member directory.

Find out more information about our monthly Fabric Raffle [here](#).



## Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

FSQ's business year has just ended and we have some **GREAT NEWS** from Service Projects! Thanks to your generosity, once again we have donated record numbers of quilts and pillowcases to members of our community who are in need of a little warmth and comfort.

Here are our final numbers from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

**432 babies', children's and teens' quilts**

**168 preemie quilts**

**383 crocheted and knitted preemie and children's hats**

**350 pillowcases**

**68 placemats**

Our most recent donation was to Comfort Cases, which provides backpacks for children entering foster care. Each backpack includes a quilt or blanket, new PJs, toiletries and books. Fortunately, Rob Scheer, the founder of Comfort Cases, was in the office that day. We were excited to be able to get a picture with him.



For more information on our partner organizations, check out the Service Projects tab on the FSQ website at [www.friendshipstar.org](http://www.friendshipstar.org). You'll find a complete list, plus some great photos of some quilts as well as photos from our twice-monthly workshops.

Please also join us, if you can, for our summer Service Projects workshops on Thursdays, June 12th, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> and July 31st. We will take a break in August while Fairhaven hosts summer camps. We meet 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 May meeting. You may also select fabric bundles at the Service Projects Workshops beginning in April. If you'd rather, feel free to use fabric from your own stash.

**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!



## Quilt Show 2025

Trish McTighe

We are still celebrating the wonderful “Celebration of Quilts” show. The energy, creativity and joy that was generated each day at the show was felt by our members and our visitors.

Thanks for sending us comments on the show. Final reports on what worked well and what could be improved are being assembled in a binder, in electronic form and will also be available on the FSQ Google Drive. These reports will provide important information for the next show in 2027. Thank you to our committee chairs for completing their reports.

Financial reports will be available in June after the close of the fiscal year, May 31. Preliminary results indicate we made over \$3000 excluding the Yard Sale.

**Kudos to our guild for coming together to bring about an amazing event!**

Trish McTighe  
Anne Flaggs  
Co-Chairs QS 2025



## Quilt Show Silent Auction

Linda Belecki

THANK YOU to all who participated from our wonderful volunteers who helped set up our booth (which looked fabulous), those who sat at the table and helped our guests with their purchases and everyone who submitted something for sale. Your quilts and art quilts were just spectacular.

Also, a big thank you to all those who just visited the Quilt Show. This year felt special, I heard many comments about how happy and friendly everyone was.

“Great Job Everyone!”

Linda Belecki  
Chair, Silent Auction





## Quilt Show Yard Sale

Lorie Coston, Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

### What happens to all the Yard Sale leftovers?

During the 18 hours the sale was open, we sold

- over 800 pounds of fabric
- over 280 patterns
- over 55 rulers
- over 70 stencils and
- over 30 quart & gallon size bargain bags!

While that is a lot of fabric, patterns, notions and books, there are still a lot of leftover items. We are working hard to thoughtfully distribute the leftover fabric, patterns, books and notions. Below is the current list of where items will be donated:

#### + SCRAP Creative Reuse/Baltimore, MD

A team of creative reuse professionals work to divert usable items from the waste stream and make creative materials accessible to teachers, parents, kids, hobbyists, artisans, and creative entrepreneurs. SCRAP will take our many patterns, panels and books.

#### + Cathy Miller for her many Charity Outreach Groups

At the end of the sale, we asked Cathy to fill some boxes with fabric for her various groups. The fabric will make at least 40 reversible dresses, quilt squares for Truth & Hope and kits for Days for Girls. The outreach groups also use flannel for baby gowns, soft fabric for receiving blankets and make pencil bags for Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

#### + Montgomery County Public Schools

A teacher at Wood Middle School will receive fabric for students who are making pillowcases for the Children's Inn at NIH, mastectomy heart-shaped pillows for Montgomery General Hospital and Little Dresses for Africa. The students earn SSL (Student Service Learning) hours for their time. We also donated fabric to a teacher who was at the show..

If you love fabric and organizing, please consider becoming a Yard Sale chairperson! Gather a couple of friends to join you. We have lots of information & tips to share.

Your outgoing Yard Sale Co-Chairs,

Mary Ann Bruce, Carmen Contreras-Sesvold, and Lorie Coston



## **FSQ Retreat**

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

# **FSQ Retreat - SAVE THE DATE**

We are already looking forward to the next FSQ Retreat which will be held from February 13-16, 2026 (President's Weekend). Please put this on your calendar now so that you will be able to join us.

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

If you have any questions at the moment, please email [retreats@friendshipstar.org](mailto:retreats@friendshipstar.org)

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco, FSQ Retreat Co-chairs



## **FSQ Raffle Quilt Tickets**

Karen Moss

The winning ticket for our raffle quilt will be drawn at the June meeting. Please bring any money and ticket stubs that you still need to turn in before we do the drawing. If you still need to purchase your raffle tickets or would like some more, there will be some available at the meeting.

Thanks for participating in the Quilt raffle this year. It is one of our major fundraising efforts each year that helps to support our programs and service projects.



## 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 in 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).



## Tips & Tricks

Cathy Miller

Looking for inspiration? Here are two sites to visit.

- [Quiltindex.org](http://Quiltindex.org) Shows 97,300 quilts, maintained by The Alliance for American Quilts.

The Quilt Index is an open access, digital repository of thousands of images, stories and information about quilts and their makers drawn from hundreds of public and private collections around the world. The Quilt Index is a digital humanities research and education project of the Matrix: The Center for Digital Humanities & Social Sciences at Michigan State University.

- Quilters Club of America on Instagram.



## Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Welcome to new members Daria Todor, Susan Schutt and Jenn Pye. And welcome back to returning member Jean (Crabtree) Ellis! Our membership is currently 124 members.

We will continue to meet in person on June 2 at Asbury Methodist Village, this month for a potluck dinner at 6:30pm. There is no virtual attendance option for this meeting, but guests are welcome if space is available. Please let Membership know if you have a guest who would like to attend.

Our annual membership renewal continues at the June 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'd like to join FSQ or renew 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, which is:

Carrie Horton  
FSQ Membership Co-Chair  
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Carrie Horton & Jan Drass  
Membership Co-Chairs

### Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends with June Birthdays:



Kathy Brown	June 12
Danee Wilson	June 13
Jan Drass	June 17
Tomomi Beckman	June 29



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

Committee Chairs			
<a href="#"><u>Fabric of the Month</u></a>	Liz Plantz & Harriet Sheinson	<a href="#"><u>Retreats</u></a>	Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere
<a href="#"><u>Facebook</u></a>	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	<a href="#"><u>Service Projects</u></a>	Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver
<a href="#"><u>Membership</u></a>	Carrie Horton and Jan Drass	<a href="#"><u>Small Groups Coordinator</u></a>	Peggy Weidman
<a href="#"><u>Newsletter</u></a>	Judy Walsh	<a href="#"><u>Summer Challenge</u></a>	JoAnne DuChez, DeVeda Powell and Meg Tison
<a href="#"><u>Pins</u></a>	Linda Belecki	<a href="#"><u>Sunshine &amp; Shadows</u></a>	Ellen Robinson
<a href="#"><u>Programs</u></a>	Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig and Ihsia Hu	<a href="#"><u>Web Administrator</u></a>	Lorie Coston
<a href="#"><u>Publicity</u></a>	Michele Barnard	<a href="#"><u>Yard Sale</u></a>	Volunteers needed
<a href="#"><u>Raffle Quilt Marketer</u></a>	Maryjean Spencer	<a href="#"><u>Zoom Coordinator</u></a>	Kathy Swartz
<a href="#"><u>Raffle Ticket Sales</u></a>	Karen Moss		