



## Friendship Star Quilters September 2025

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# The Quiltline

**Sept. 8 -- FSQ Guild Meeting 7:30 pm**  
**Asbury - Rosborough Center**  
**Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD**

**Sept. 11-14 -- 52nd Annual Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza (PNQE)**

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA.

[\(more info\)](#)

**Sept. 25-27 -- Original Sewing & Quilt Expo**

Fredericksburg Convention Center, Fredericksburg,

VA [\(more info\)](#)

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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>If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings are cancelled. Check <a href="http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org">montgomeryschoolsmd.org</a>.</b></p>	<p>Workshops are held from 9:30 am to Noon at</p> <p>Fairhaven United Methodist Church Darnestown Rd Darnestown, MD 20878</p> <p><b>Workshops in September:</b></p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup></p>

**NO Fabric Raffle in September**



## President's Message

Anne Flaggs

Hello Quilters and welcome to September. Hard to believe that summer is almost over but we still have a few more weeks of warm weather before Fall arrives. It's going to be an exciting year with lots of great programs, a Sew-in and perhaps some challenges to keep us busy.

Congratulations to everyone who entered something into the Montgomery County Fair. I had a great time looking at all the beautiful quilts and items on the day I visited. I saw lots of ribbons hanging off quilts from our members.

We will be meeting in the Rosborough Center at Asbury as usual. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm but come early to check out all that is going on, check in and socialize a bit. I will send out a meeting reminder before the meeting. We are playing *Quilt-O* this month, there will be NO hybrid portion to the meeting since we don't have an outside presenter.

Just a few items from me:

- \* The program is *Quilt-O* this month, so bring your fat quarters and a few dollars to play.
- \* This is the last month to renew your membership if you want to be included in the annual roster. You can pay with cash, check or credit card before the meeting, cost is still \$35 and is a little cheaper if you are out of state or an Asbury resident.
- \* We could use some help welcoming newer members and introducing them to FSQ. If you have time before the meeting and see someone who might need help navigating the lobby and our meetings, introduce yourself and show them around.
- \* How is your Summer Disappearing Block Challenge coming along? It's due in October so if you haven't started it yet, now is the time to begin creating.
- \* Be sure to pick up this year's quilt raffle tickets in the lobby before the meeting. Our 2026 Raffle quilt will be displayed, and tickets are ready to be sold. This is our only fundraiser for the guild this year.
- \* We need some help running the Hybrid meeting each month. Peggy needs assistance monitoring the Zoom chat for comments and highlighting all the quilts that get displayed. We have 6 Hybrid meetings each year, 3 Zoom only meetings and 2 meetings that are in person only (*Quilt-O* & Pot Luck). Please consider helping out and keeping our folks at home connected to the guild.
- \* We are still in the planning phases for some items, but we hope to have a Sew-In to work on our 2027 raffle quilt in November and another Sew-In at the end of April to work on your own projects. Since we had so much fun at the Quilt Show, we are planning to have an event over the last weekend in April at Asbury for guild members to get together to sew and socialize. There is still

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planning to be done to make this a success so let me know if you are interested in joining the committee.

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

Anne Flaggs

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### **Guild Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2025**

Harriet Sheinson

7 pm: There was mingling/social time/and lobby signups.

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

There were no changes to the June meeting minutes.

The 2027 raffle quilt will be organized by Ellen Robinson. She will need FSQ's members' help in getting the top completed. More details will be forthcoming.

The Montgomery County Fair will be held from Aug. 8-16. Senior day is Tuesday, Aug. 12 and admission is free if you are 62 or older. The quilts are in the 4H building. Please look for the winner of the best first quilt award from FSQ. Our quilt will not be in the fair this year as it has too much white in it and the feeling was that it might get too dusty and dirty, so it was not entered in this year.

The Executive Board meeting will be Monday, August 11 at 7 pm on Zoom. Just let Anne Flaggs know if you would like to attend.

Raffle Quilt 2026: Thanks to Karen Moss (longarm), Anne Weaver (binding and hand sewing extraordinaire) and Joy Dorman (quilter) for creating this masterpiece. The unveiling will be at our September meeting. The charities chosen by the guild vote are Comfort Cases and Manna Food. Raffle tickets will be available at the September meeting for everyone to sell.

Raffle Quilt 2025: Proceeds from the quilt were over \$2,000 net and FSQ donated \$500 to the Children's Inn at NIH.

The Audit for 24/25 financials was completed in June by Colleen Biasco and Kathy Swarz. No issues were identified.

Service Projects will not meet in August.

There have been many phishing and scam emails. Please be cautious and don't open or forward. Please report as spam.

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### Committee Reports:

Membership: Carrie Horton/Jan Drass reminded members that dues is \$35 in state and \$20 out of state or if one lives in Asbury.

Retreat: Jennifer Rossmere announced that it will take place from Feb. 13-16, 2026. Registration is almost full.

Service Project Challenge: JoAnne DuChez reminded everyone present and on Zoom that quilt are due in October.

Hybrid coordinator: Peggy Weidman announced that new microphones have been purchased and to please be patient while they are being tested out.

Small Groups: Peggy Weidman asked that if there are any members who are interested in joining a small group to please contact her.

Program Presentation: Joyce Danzig presented Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen whose presentation was “Stash Buster” Lecture and demonstration. The presentation was fascinating and quite enjoyable.

Fabric Raffle presented by Nancy Debnam (new chair): The winners were Jean Ellis, Judy Walsh, Isha Hu and Judy Newton.

The Door Prize winners were Linda August, Liz Plantz, Suma Glassman, Michelle Barnard, Judy Newton and Peggy Weidman.

Reminder: Show and Tell and *Quilt-O* next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



### Programs

Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig, and Ihsia Hu

In September we'll hold our business meeting, the inaugural FSQ Ice Cream Social, followed by several rounds of *Quilt-O* (a form of Bingo).

We'll use M&Ms for markers and the prizes will be fat quarters. In addition to the “usual” Bingo configurations, we'll have a few unusual layouts as well.

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

A SignUp Genius email should have gone out last week. Please sign up if you plan to attend - it helps us determine the amount of M&Ms and ice cream we need to purchase!

Our speaker in October will be Tina Dillard - a full-time pattern designer, owner and publisher of Quilting Affection Designs. Tina will be sharing the adventures of her life, "Journey to Inspiration." You can read more about her on her website <https://quiltingaffection.com/pages/about>.



### Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

Last month we gave a quick overview of sizes and donation locations for quilts and quilt tops, which you so generously make. Check it out if you missed it! This month, we are updating you on information about premie quilts.

Premie quilts are small quilts which we donate to local hospital NICUs (neonatal intensive care units). They're used to drape over the isolettes of premature babies and are given to the families as mementos of their stay. They are very grateful to get such a thoughtful gift during an extremely stressful time. Premies are somewhat different from regular quilts. They are smaller, in the range of 30" – 33" square or rectangular. In addition, the top can be a cheery cotton, flannel or fleece and the back is flannel or fleece. They don't contain batting and are not bound. Rather, we make them envelope-style by stitching the layers, right sides together, with a ½" seam and an opening on one side so that the quilt can be turned. The opening can be closed by whip-stitching or just topstitched all around. Adding some light machine quilting, like a simple X, keeps the layers together. They cannot be tied. If you have one, please add one of the Service Projects labels to the back. You can also find directions on the Service Projects page of the FSQ website by clicking a button on the bottom of the page. We have premie quilt kits available to the in-person guild meetings, which include all the components, including a label. They are a great, quick project and the families are very appreciative of them. Stop by and pick one up at the next meeting!

Please also join us, if you can, for our September Service Projects workshops on Thursdays, September 18 and 25. 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 CHALLENGE**

**SERVICE PROJECTS 2025 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE**

Well, my fellow quilters, you have one more month to complete your disappearing block quilt for the Service Projects Summer Quilt Challenge. You still have time to finish up. I still need to sandwich, quilt, bind and label my challenge quilt. Turn in will be at the October meeting. We can hardly wait to see your beautiful quilts.

One member asked if the quilt should have a label. Yes, Yes, Yes. We always put a FSQ Service Projects label on every quilt. It would be extremely helpful if you would attach a label. Otherwise, someone on the Service Projects committee will need to sew on the labels. I sorry to admit that I was remiss in stating this in the guidelines. My apologies. We will have labels at the September meeting. Please come to the Service Projects display and pick up a label. The label should be attached to the back of the lower right corner of the quilt.

We urge you all to continue to participate in the challenges. 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.

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.

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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 Retreat**

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

#### **FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS**

#### **2026 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS**

**FEBRUARY 13-16, 2026**

**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)



## 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).



## FSQ Best Beginner's Award

Ann Flaggs

Did you make it to the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair this year? I did and had a great time looking at all the quilts and everything in the Home Arts & 4H buildings, enjoying my free ice cream and watching the cows being judged. Congratulations to all our members who submitted quilts and other items, many of which won ribbons.



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Each year FSQ presents an award for the Best Beginner's Quilt at the Fair. The judging is done by the Fair's judges, not by FSQ. The winner receives a check for \$25.00, a free one-year membership in our guild and an invitation to bring their quilt to our next in-person meeting. This year's winner was Lora King. I didn't get a chance to meet her, but a picture of her award-winning quilt is shown below. We're hoping she will join us at our September meeting!



### Readers (& Watchers)

\*This isn't reading but more of a watch. I will confess to enjoying reality shows. Project Runway and the Great British Baking Show bring me joy. As I was reading my email from Jittery Wings Quilt Co (one day I will make one of her color flow quilts), I picked up on her recommendation for the Great British Sewing Bee. I can get this on my Roku but it's probably also on BBC. They are in season 10 and the contestants are mostly sewing garments but what a fun show to have on the TV while I'm quilting and now I have many, many hours of shows to watch while I sew.

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Another thing to consider watching -- The Quilters, a documentary on Netflix. In this award-winning short documentary, men in a Missouri maximum-security prison design and sew beautiful, personalized quilts for foster children. I found it moving and inspiring. Those men are talented!! You can see a trailer here -- <https://www.netflix.com/title/82006530>. If you don't subscribe to Netflix there are tons of articles online that talk about it.

The editor.



## FSQ Raffle Quilt Sales

Karen Moss

The 2026 FSQ Raffle Quilt, ***Jubilation***, is completed! This beautiful quilt (100" x 100") is a design by Deb Tucker and pieced by Joy Dorman, who graciously donated it to the Guild for our raffle. It was long-arm quilted by me and the handwork was completed by Anne Weaver!

The raffle drawing will take place on June 1, 2026, at the Guild meeting. A portion of the profits will go to our chosen charities, Comfort Cases and Manna Food Center. Just a reminder -- in addition to selling raffle tickets when we take the raffle quilt to other guilds or venues, we ask each 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 have packets of tickets, instructions and a picture of the quilt for all members at the September meeting. Please stop by my table and pick yours up to get started with ticket sales. Ticket stubs and money are to be returned to me at a guild event or other arranged drop off. If you would like additional tickets, I will have those available as well. The seller of the winning ticket and the top three ticket sellers will be rewarded with a prize. We look forward to your support for this endeavor which supports Guild activities. Please let me know if you have any questions.







## Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Since our last newsletter, there is one new member. FSQ is currently at 125 members strong. Welcome to our new member Karen Shpiece. We also will be welcoming Lora King the winner of this year's Montgomery County Best Beginners Quilt award. Congratulations and welcome, Lora!

We will meet in person on September 8 at Asbury Methodist Village. There will be no virtual option for this meeting as we will be playing *Quilt-O*. 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 will conclude at the September meeting. The majority of members have already renewed their membership for the year. Only 21 members still need to renew their membership. Just a reminder that 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 with 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 have not changed. We accept cash, credit card or check (payable to FSQ). If you renew your membership by mail, just send your check to the address below. Please let us know if any of your information on file (i.e., address, phone number, email address) needs to be updated.

If you are new to FSQ 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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Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends with September Birthdays:

Phyllis Eddy	September 1	Marylin Pierre	September 18
Jean Farrell	September 1	Mary Ann Bruce	September 25
Barbara Kilby	September 5	Estelle Inn	September 27
Judy Hoffman	September 12	Eleanor Bragin	September 29
Cathy Miller	September 13		



Elected Officers	
<a href="#">President</a>	Anne Flaggs
<a href="#">Vice President</a>	Marylin Pierre
<a href="#">Co-Treasurers</a>	Joy Dorman and Judy Walsh
<a href="#">Co-Secretaries</a>	Harriet Sheinson and Jennifer Rossmere

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

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<a href="#">Raffle Quilt Marketer</a>	Maryjean Spencer	<a href="#">Zoom Coordinator</a>	Kathy Swartz
<a href="#">Raffle Ticket Sales</a>	Karen Moss		