



Friendship Star Quilters November 2025

P.O. Box 8051, Gaithersburg, MD 20898
Website: friendshipstar.org

The Quiltline

Nov. 3 -- FSQ Guild Meeting 7:30 pm
Asbury - Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

Nov. 1 -- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
Challenge Showcase & Crafts Sale (10 am-3 pm)
Christian Community Presbyterian Church
Bowie, MD

Nov. 7 & 8 -- Heart of Virginia Quilt Show & Charity Sale
Heritage Baptist Church
Lynchburg, VA ([more info](#))

Nov. 14 & 15 -- Quilting On The Line Quilt Guild
presents BESIDE STILL WATERS
Jarrettsville Gardens
Jarrettsville, MD ([more info](#))

Table of Contents	Pg
FSQ Calendar & Events	1
President's Message	2
Guild Meeting Minutes	3
Programs	4
Service Projects	5
FSQ Pins	5
Facebook	5
Where Did That Darn Block Go?	6
FSQ Retreat	7
FSQ Raffle Quilt Sales	8
Membersip	9
Help an MCPS Teacher	10
Officers & Committee Chairs	12

Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month. We meet at Asbury Methodist Village
301 Odendhal Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD
Zoom option for anyone who can't make the meeting in-person

If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings are cancelled. Check montgomeryschoolsmd.org.

Service Projects

Workshops are held from 9:30 am to Noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd
Darnestown, MD 20878

Workshops in November:

Thursday, Nov. 6th
Thursday, Nov. 20th

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be via Zoom on **December 8th, 2025.**

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.

Fabric Raffle in November

Service Projects Special

Fat quarters of Juvenile/Kid themed fabrics



President's Message

Anne Flaggs

Hello Quilters,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the change in the seasons. Hard to believe it's November already but these colder temperatures have me layering up. I do love to take a walk or hike and enjoy the crisp cooler air.

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 with the Zoom link for anyone who can't make the meeting in-person.

A few items from me:

- Raffle tickets for this year's quilt will be available and you can drop off any ticket stubs and money at the meeting. If you can't make it to a meeting but want your raffle tickets, please contact Karen Moss and she will find a way to get them to you.
- 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.
- We have a few members interested in starting a zoom only mini group on machine embroidery. Is this something you are interested in? If so, please let me and/or Peggy Weidman know and we can help to get the group going.
- Do you update your calendar with all our upcoming meetings & events? If so, we just realized that the April meeting was set for the day after Easter which is during Passover and is the end of MCPS spring break. We have moved this meeting to the 2nd Monday in April which is April 13th. Our website has been updated to show the correct dates.

That's all from me, see you at our next meeting where we learn all about Service Projects and have some guest speakers from some of the organizations we support.

Anne Flaggs

Anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com



Guild Meeting Minutes – Oct. 6, 2025

Jennifer Rossmere

7:30 pm the meeting was called to order by Anne Flaggs. There was one guest, Linda, who was welcomed. Two new members, Jenn and Kathy were also welcomed. An amendment was made to the September meeting minutes to change Fairland United Methodist Church to Fairhaven United Methodist Church. The minutes were accepted as amended. Anne reviewed highlights from the Quiltline, including:

*Needlechasers show coming up this weekend; Quilt Bingo in Catonsville by Village Quilters on 10/18; Southern Comforts showcase & Crafts sale in Bowie on 11/1

*Raffle Quilt 2026 – Karen Moss has raffle tickets available. Please take advantage of the 15% coupon to Capital Quilts on the back of the tickets.

*Service Project dates are Thursday, October 9th & 16th at Fairhaven United Methodist Church in Darnestown from 9:30am to noon. They always have a wonderful show & tell and everyone has a great time working and socializing. Kits can be picked up at the back of the meeting room. Nice article about our current deliveries of quilts, premie quilts and knitted hats.

*Retreat – full but we have a waitlist, see Jennifer for any questions.

*The Program for November will be a presentation on Service Projects with special guests.

Committee Reports/Announcements

Treasurer -- Judy Walsh reviewed the Budget for 25 – 26. It shows \$21,000 in income with the major items being dues and the Raffle Quilt (not including the income for the Retreat which, with the Retreat expenses, nets to zero). Judy suggested that a donation can be made to FSQ if members don't want to participate in the raffle. The expenses are proposed at \$24,000 with the main expenses being Programs, Service Projects and \$1,000 which includes donations to Fairhaven United Methodist Church for the use of their space for Service Projects, and our two charities for this budget year; Manna and Comfort Cases. Although the budget shows a net loss, the very successful yard sale last year can cover the deficit. If anyone wants a copy of the budget, please get in touch with Judy.

Raffle Quilt Marketing – Maryjean Spencer is looking for volunteers to help her with the Raffle Quilt Marketing. She will also be looking for volunteers to take the raffle quilt to various guild meetings.

The Quiltline – November 2025

Mary Ann Bruce, Programs co-chair, presented the program for the evening: Tina Dillard – Journey to Inspiration. Tina shared her quilting journey to designing patterns and showed some intricate quilts that she had designed.

Show & Tell was wonderful as usual and included Elaine Villforth and Heidi Oestreicher showing the Quilt of Valor that was started at the 2025 FSQ Quilt Show.

The Disappearing Block Service Project Challenge quilts were on display in the lobby with voting happening before and during the break. There were 26 participants. It was really fun to see the numerous ways a block could disappear and a new one created. The winners were:

*First – Dottie Acton

*Second – Peggy Weidman

*Third – Ginger Peebles

Thanks to all who participated so that more quilts can be donated. Thanks to JoAnne DuChez, Meg Tison and DeVeda Powell for coordinating this challenge and for their never-ending great ideas for challenges.

Fabric Raffle presented by Nancy Debnam: the winners were Judy Newton and Peggy Weidman.

The Door Prize handled by Marylin Pierre: winners were Nancy Zachik, Joyce Danzig, Carol Carrier, Liz Plantz and Carrie Horton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.



Programs

Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig and Ihsia Hu

Service to the community has always been an important part of FSQ since its founding in 1981. Join us for our November meeting, which will feature an overview of our service outreach by Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver, co-chairs of our Service Projects Committee. They will discuss the early years and how our efforts have changed over time, what and how much we make and donate, which organizations we support and how the guild supports our efforts. We're also excited to welcome two of our partners: Rob Scheer, founder of Comfort Cases, and Sarah Glavin, Montgomery County chapter coordinator of Project Linus. They will share insights into the important work their organizations do, both in our community and nationwide.

We will meet via Zoom in December, January, and February. In December, HollyAnne Knight will give a presentation titled "Intro to Quilting Plans" and talk about using quilting plans To finish your quilts with confidence.



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

Fall leaf colors are more beautiful every day as we head into a new month and get closer to the holiday season ahead. We're looking forward to seeing you at the two November Service Projects workshops. Both are on Thursdays, November 6 and November 20, 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. Check with Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver for questions.



FSQ PINS

Linda Belecki

I will be selling Guild Pins and Show Pins at our in-person November 3rd meeting. Guild Pins are \$5.00 and Show Pins are \$1.00. I hope you will consider adding some to your collection or perhaps picking up some for a quilting friend. Pins will not be available for sale again until our next in-person meeting in March 2026.



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.



Where Did That Darn Block Go?

THE DISAPPEARING BLOCK CHALLENGE

SERVICE PROJECTS 2025 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

Here are the 3 winning quilts!! Congratulations to:

- *First – Dottie Acton (right)
- * Second – Peggy Weidman (center)
- *Third – Ginger Peebles (left)





FSQ Retreat

Jennifer Rossmere and Colleen Biasco

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS

2026 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2026

Balance Due

For those who have signed up for the 2026 FSQ Retreat, the balance is due November 3rd. You can either send your payment to Jennifer Rossmere or give it to her at the November 3rd FSQ guild meeting.

Although all 30 seats at the Retreat have now been filled, we are still maintaining a waitlist if an opening becomes available. 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



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 Karen Moss 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. There will be packets of tickets, instructions and a picture of the quilt for all members at the next meeting. Please stop and pick yours up to get started with ticket sales. Ticket stubs and money are to be returned to Karen at a guild event or other arranged drop-off. If you would like additional tickets, those are 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 Karen know if you have any questions.





Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Since our last newsletter, we added three new members, Kathy Hayes, Arlene Lyon, and Elisabeth Carroll! A Warm welcome to each of you! FSQ is currently at 120 members strong.

We will meet in person on November 3 at Asbury Methodist Village. You can also join the meeting virtually. 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 ended in September, and the new FSQ Member Directory has been sent out via email to all members. Please let membership 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 and want to join the guild, 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

[432 Girard St. Apt. 103](#)

[Gaithersburg, MD 20877](#)

Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends with November Birthdays:

Karen Danka	November 3	Kathy Swartz	November 25
Karen Slayton	November 5	Barbara Dryden	November 26
Elizabeth Adams	November 7	Dorothy Acton	November 27
Cathy Gruyters	November 11	Jane Phillips	November 27
Jennifer Issadore	November 14	Liz Plantz	November 28
Peggy Weidman	November 14		
Sandra Chin	November 15		
Mary Lou Dungan	November 15		
Nance Brennan	November 24		



Help an MCPS Teacher with Donated Sewing Basics

Mary Ann Bruce

In the quest to donate all the leftover April 2025 yard sale items, I was put in touch with a couple of teachers. The first, a teacher at Wood MS, has already received several boxes of fabric. Since we are not having a Yard Sale in 2026, here's an opportunity to support future sewists.

A teacher at Northwood High School is working to get the Fashion Production Classes & Program up and running. As her students await the arrival of their sewing machines in November, they are making their own pin cushions by hand.

Below is a list of items to support her endeavor:

- * Patterns for: tops, shirts, dresses, pants, pj's, hats (beginner to advanced)
- * Seam rippers
- * Scissors
- * Thread
- * Beads
- * Buttons
- * Needles
- * Zippers
- * Thimbles
- * Trims and decorative bobbles
- * Magazines (for collage & mood boards): Nat Geo, crafting, travel & music
- * Fabric

You can bring donations to our last 2025 in-person meeting on November 3rd. I am also happy to pick up donations at Service Projects or your house. My information is in the directory.

I believe helping foster a love of sewing in a younger generation is so important. One day, these current students may become members of FSQ!

Former Yard Sale Co-Chair,

Mary Ann Bruce



Quilting on the Line Quilt Guild
PRESENTS

BESIDE STILL WATERS

QUILT SHOW

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14 AND 15, 2025**

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*JARRETTSVILLE GARDENS
3825 FEDERAL HILL RD
JARRETTSVILLE, MD 21084*

**120+ Member Quilts on display
Raffle Quilt • Raffle Baskets
Vendors**

ADMISSION \$10, under 12 free

QuiltingontheLine.com





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

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