



Friendship Star Quilters October 2025

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The Quiltline

Oct. 6 -- FSQ Guild Meeting 7:30 pm
Asbury -- Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

Oct. 10-11 -- Sew Much Whimsey Quilt Show
NeedleChasers of Chevy Chase
Kensington Armory/Town Hall, Kensington, MD ([more info](#))

Oct. 18 -- Quilt Bingo
Village Quilters of Catonsville
Severna Park Elks, Severna Park, MD ([more info](#))

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

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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 October

Fat quarters of fall colors and prints.



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

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 October:

Thursday, Oct. 9th
Thursday, Oct. 16th



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 October already.

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.

Just a few items from me:

- I hope you are done or almost done with your Summer Disappearing Block Challenge. The quilts are due at this meeting and they will be displayed for everyone to see. You will have a chance to vote for your favorite and the top 3 winners will receive Capital Quilts gift cards. I can't wait to see all your creations. If you don't get yours completed, you can turn it into service projects at any time in the future. I may still have a few in the works from prior years.
- Raffle tickets for this year's quilt will be available and you can drop off any ticket stubs and money at the meeting. Can't make it to a meeting but want your raffle tickets, please contact Karen Moss.
- 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.
- New sewing group opportunities outside our guild are popping up all the time. A non-quilting friend of mine asked me to go to the "Sewing Social" at the Sandy Spring Museum that meets once a month. I can't go in October but hope to join her in November. Here is the link if you want more info: [Sandy Spring Sewing Social](#). The museum also has a lot of other interesting programs and I've never been so I may find something else that interests me.
- Lauren Kingsland, recently wrote a book "Hands on Mindfulness". She is having an event at the Sandy Spring Museum on October 22 (\$15) and a slow stitch class at Capital Quilts on October 20 (\$75 includes the book). If you are interested in mindfulness or looking for ways to manage stress and find peace through hands on creativity, consider checking her out.

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 a social ½ hour with ice cream cups and water. So refreshing and fun!

7:30 the meeting was called to order by Anne Flaggs. There was one guest, Leticia, who was welcomed. There were no new members. The August meeting minutes were accepted. Highlights from the Quiltline, our newsletter, were gone over.

Montgomery County fair winner, Lora King, was present and introduced. She will have a free year of membership to the guild.

FSQ's 2026 Raffle Quilt was presented and raffle quilt tickets were handed out. The quilt is magnificent. Mary Jean Spencer will be organizing some marketing events later in the year at various local guilds. Please consider helping to get the quilt out.

Peggy Weidman needs assistance in monitoring the Zoom chat for the Hybrid meetings each month. There are only six Hybrid meetings and 3 Zoom only meetings as well as 2 meetings that are in person.

Service Projects are always fun. Consider joining. They meet twice a month at the Fairland United Methodist Church in Darnestown from 9:30am to noon. Hope to see you there. If you can't go to the meetings, then consider picking up kits to work on at home.

Committee Reports and announcements:

Membership – Carrie Horton and Jan Drass – announced that dues is collected from May to September and is \$35 in town or \$20 out of town and the directory will be up to date in September.

Retreat – Jennifer Rossmere said the retreat is full and that a waitlist has been started.

Service Project Challenge: Disappearing Blocks -- JoAnne DuChez said the challenge will be presented at the October meeting and gift certificates from Capital Quilts will be presented to the 3 top winners.

Suma Glassman reminded us that if you want to enter something on FaceBook to please make sure that the item has not already been posted.

There was no Show and Tell, Fabric Raffle or Door Prize.

Quilto was a lot of fun and the M M's were enjoyed!



Programs

Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig, and Ihsia Hu

We are excited to welcome Tina Dillard as our October speaker as she presents “Journey to Inspiration”. Tina will share the story of her journey from wife and mother to full-time pattern designer. She will explore the adventures of her life and how they are expressed in her quilting life. We will see her collection of quilts from her past to the present. Tina will also be selling her patterns.

In November, our very own FSQ Service Projects chairs, Anne Weaver and Nancy Brennan will present “Spotlight on FSQ Service Projects”. They will give us a history of Service Projects, talk about what items are made, share who receives our donations and bring along a few surprise guest speakers! A presentation not to be missed.



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

Even though Service Projects had an August “break”, we were all still busy delivering warmth and comfort to our local partners. At the end of July, we gave 25 quilts to Project Linus. In both August and September, we dropped off a total of 37 quilts and 32 knitted hats to A Wider Circle. The grateful folks at Comfort Cases received 30 quilts toward the end of September and the NICU at Children’s Hospital is enjoying 27 preemie quilts and 30 preemie hats. The need continues and we’re grateful to all of you for continuing to sew and quilt (and knit) for our neighbors.

Please join us for our October Service Projects workshops on Thursdays, October 9 and 16. 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. Bring a friend. We love to meet new people! 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, the time has come to turn in your Challenge quilts. October is the month to display and vote for the favorite quilt. The top 3 quilts with the most votes will receive \$10 gift certificates from Capital Quilts. This is a change from the Yard Sale bucks awarded for the past challenges. The switch is basically due to the fact that the Yard Sale will take place at the biennial quilt show.

We thank you all for your participation in the challenge. You are helping FSQ support our Service Projects' mission to provide quilts to hospitals, Comfort Cases, Project Linus, A Wider Circle and other worthwhile organizations.

Also, I hope you were able to 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.

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. The quilts will be displayed on chairs in the hallway outside of the meeting room.

We can't wait to see what your imaginative spirits create. We hope you have had 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



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.



FSQ Best Beginner's Award

Our 2024 & 2025 Montgomery Country Fair Best First Quilts Winners enjoying our Quilto Meeting. Ann Manyin (2024) & Lora King (2025).





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. There will be packets of tickets, instructions and a picture of the quilt for all members at the October meeting. Please stop 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, 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 me know if you have any questions.





Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Since our last newsletter, we added one new member, Lora King, the winner of this year's Montgomery County Fair Best Beginner's Award! FSQ is currently at 126 members strong. Congratulations and welcome, Lora!

We will meet in person on October 6 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. Thank you for making this a successful drive. At this point 91% of our members have renewed!

You may still renew your membership if you missed that deadline. You can renew your membership in person at any meeting, and there is 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 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
[432 Girard St. Apt. 103](#)
[Gaithersburg, MD 20877](#)

Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends with October Birthdays:

Sabina Lindley	Oct. 1	Susan Schwarz	Oct. 7	Alison Leukefeld	Oct. 22
Janet Scalese	Oct. 1	Meg Tison	Oct. 11	Veronica Smith	Oct. 26
Carolyn Colladay	Oct. 3	Nancy Colladay	Oct. 14	Michele Barnard	Oct. 27
Ellen Robinson	Oct. 4	Judith Newton	Oct. 16	Jackie Barone	Oct. 28
Karen Moss	Oct. 5	Teresa Peterson	Oct. 17	Harriet Sheinson	Oct. 29



Sew Much Whimsy!

NeedleChasers of Chevy Chase

Quilt Show & Artisan Boutique

Fri. Oct. 10, 2025-9AM to 6PM

Sat. Oct. 11, 2025-9AM to 4PM

200+ Quilts and Fiber Arts on Display

Raffle Quilt

Handcrafted Fiber Art for Sale

Raffle Baskets, Calico Elephant

Admission \$8

Kids under 15 free • Free Parking

Kensington Armory/Town Hall

3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, Maryland



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		