

# Friendship Star Quilters April 2026

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## The Quiltline

**April 13 -- FSQ Guild Meeting 7:30 pm**  
Asbury - Rosborough Center  
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

**April 10-12 Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show**  
Berryville, VA ([more info](#))

**April 25-26 FSQ Sew-In**  
Asbury-Rosborough Center Gaithersburg, MD

**May 16 – Nimble Finger Quilt Bingo**  
Frederick, MD ([more info](#))

**May 15-16 Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show**  
Frederick, MD ([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.</p> <p>We meet at: 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.</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 in March:</b></p> <p>Thursday, April 16 Thursday, April 23</p>

### Fabric Raffle – Floral Fat Quarters

#### Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be via Zoom on **June 8, 2026 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

[Anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com)

Hello Quilters,

Spring has officially arrived, the birds are singing, trees and flowers are blooming, and allergies are happening. I'm hopeful the cold of winter will be gone soon.

This month we will return to hybrid meetings with an in-person meeting on Monday, April 13th at Asbury with an option to join via Zoom. We pushed the meeting back one week to get away from the end of Spring Break so we are meeting a bit later than usual. I'll send out the meeting reminder a few days before the meeting with the Zoom Link. Thanks to everyone for your patience related to our March meeting with our quick change to a Zoom only meeting due to the expected storms that day. The next executive board meeting will be in June.

We still have some jobs open that need filling:

- Nominating committee needs 2 more people to join Joanne DuChez. It would be nice if someone would volunteer so I don't have to choose you. We are hoping for someone to step up to be co-president with me for next year and the rest of the board has agreed to stay on so hopefully this won't be too difficult of a job.
- Yard Sale committee chair(s) to lead the charge collecting, sorting and finding a way to store all the stuff until our quilt show in April 2027. I'm happy to help and I know others will volunteer to help, we just need someone to coordinate all the efforts.

The Sew-in is happening on Sat/Sun April 25-26 at Asbury from 9am to 5pm each day. We have to rent the room, so we are charging \$10 each day to help cover this cost. More details in an article later in the newsletter. Come for the whole day or just drop in when you can. Curious about it but can't stay for long, just drop by and say hi and check it out.

Some of our members will be selling their wares at the Asbury Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, April 18th from 1-5 pm along with many Asbury Residents. Stop by to see what is for sale and pick up some unique gifts while you are there.

Have you turned in your Quilt raffle tickets yet or do you need more tickets? Please see Karen Moss at the meeting or contact her directly. As a reminder, the annual raffle is a major source of income for the guild along with membership dues and we appreciate that you support this and sell or buy tickets each year.

Thanks and I hope to see you in person or on Zoom at our meeting on April 13th.

Anne Flaggs



## **Guild Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2026**

Jennifer Rossmere, co-secretary

The meeting was called to order by Anne Flagg at 7:30 pm. There were two guests, Marcia Wolf and Lisa Walker who were welcomed. The meeting was held on Zoom due to weather conditions.

Anne made an announcement that the April FSQ Meeting will be held on April 13th which is the second Monday in April since the first Monday is still part of MCPS Spring Break holiday.

Anne continued with announcements as follows:

\*The next Exec board meeting is March 9th. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the guild, they are welcome at any time and can be sent directly to Anne.

\* As we are halfway thru the year, it's time to think about officers for next year and we need a nominating committee. At this time, the only job that needs to be filled is co-president. Anne can be president for four years and next year would be her last. She is looking for someone to be co-president and learn the job from her. Anne asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee or to be co-president. If anyone is interested, please let her know.

\* We still need a Yard Sale Committee and it works well if a small group takes on this task. We are starting to get some donations that we would like to keep for the Yard Sale to be held at our April 2027 Quilt Show. If you are interested, please let Anne know. There are lots of members to provide assistance and advice including those from Service Projects and those who have run it before.

Anne reviewed highlights from the Quiltline including:

\*Spring brings lots of great Quilt shows and Bingos.

\* March 14th Southern Comforters Bingo- Bowie

\*March 25-28 Lancaster/Lebanon Show -PA A Quilters Destination Show

\*April 10-12 Northern Shenandoah Valley Show – Berryville

\*April 17th Everybody's Quilt Guild Bingo - Westminster

\*May 15-16 Four County Quilters Show - Frederick

\*May 16th Nimble Fingers Bingo – Frederick

\*Raffle Quilt 2026 – Karen Moss has raffle tickets available.

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\*Service Projects dates are Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at Fairhaven United Methodist Church in Darnestown from 9:30am to noon. Always lots to do there and they do an amazing show & tell of current service project quilts.

\*The FSQ Retreat was a success and we dodged the snow.

\*The upcoming April Sew-in at Asbury weekend of April 25-26 – Although the details are still being worked out, there will be a signup Genius about a month before the Sew-in to see who wants to come and who can help supply some of the misc. stuff like irons, boards, cutting boards, design walls, etc. This event will be free and will be a chance to sew your own stuff or work on a service project kit or pillowcase.

### Quilty News:

\*Scrap Happy Thrift Shop at Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown is planning a “Quilting Special Sale” Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 12pm-4pm. They also take donations on Sundays and Tuesdays – Kim Jalette

\*Lots of tips from Ellen Robinson related to the most underrated sewing tools and Foundation Paper Piecing.

\*Mary Ann Bruce is helping a local teacher with sewing basic supplies.

\*Congrats to Carrie Horton on her AQS challenge entry.

\*Update from Cathy Miller on donations to the Congo and Ethiopia.

### Committee Reports/Announcements

\*Anne asked if anyone went to QuiltCon or Hampton and maybe they could provide a write-up for Quiltline.

\*Raffle Quilt Marketing – Maryjean Spencer noted that the quilt has been taken to various places and it is going well.

\*Asbury Hidden Treasures Arts & Crafts Sale, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm with setup at 11:30am. Barbara Kilby mentioned that people have signed up, enough to fill 3 tables. She encouraged members to come and check out the treasures that will be for sale that day. It will be free to enter.

\*Celebration of Alice Washburn’s life – A longtime member, Alice passed away on 12/10/25. On Sat March 28<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm in Vienna VA there will be a memorial service. If anyone is interested in the details, please send an email to Ellen Robinson. You may want to carpool with others.

Program Presentation - Joyce Danzig, Programs co-chair introduced the speaker, Nancy Hershberger. Nancy shared her journey from a rag quilt to amazing and intricate art quilts of the National Parks as well as complex and stunning scenes from nature. Very awe inspiring.

Show & Tell was presented by Mary Ann Bruce and was wonderful as usual.

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Fabric Raffle handled by Nancy Debnam did not happen since we were on Zoom.

The Door Prize handled by Marylin Pierre went to Jane Phillips.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rossmere, Secretary



### Programs

Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig, and Ihsia Hu

Please note that our April in-person meeting is the second Monday of April (4/13).

We are excited to welcome Rae Cumbie and Carrie Emerson for a conversation and Trunk Show about Quilted Jackets in the book “Fit for Art Patterns”. See how the Opus Coat pattern can be used to make several styles of trendy jackets for kids' size 2 to 12 and adults' size XS to 3XL. Rae and Carrie will share the jackets and reveal the inside scoop on the pattern, fitting tips, batting suggestions, finishing tips and more. There may be a quilted jacket or vest in your future!



### Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

We've had a busy March, with deliveries of quilts, placemats and pillowcases to A Wider Circle and to Ryan's Case for Smiles.

We also received a lovely note from Sarah Glavin, the local coordinator of Project Linus, that a number of our quilts were recently donated to families of military members who are being treated at Walter Reed for wounds suffered in Iran. We're so grateful we could help bring them some warmth and comfort.

Please also join us, if you can, for our April Service Projects workshops on Thursday, April 16, and Thursday, April 23. 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.



## April FSQ Sew-in

Anne Flaggs

The details are finalized but note that we will be setting up the room and adjusting tables as needed during the day. Asbury doesn't have many tables so I'm hoping that members can help supply what we need (see the signup genius)

Date: April 25-26 (Saturday/Sunday)

Time: 9am - 5pm but come when you can

Location: Asbury Rosborough Center Community Rooms

Cost: \$10 per day to help offset the rental cost of the room

Please signup in Signup Genius to help us plan the setup.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-62931756-fsqapril>

General info:

The sew-in will be a time to sew together and socialize. Bring your sewing machine, hand sewing or even some other project. We will also have service projects items available to tie or sew. For those staying 2 days, we will be able to lock the room at night so you don't have to haul your stuff back and forth. There will be a snack table, scrap table and door prize table and maybe some demos. Bring your own lunch or pop out to a local cafe. We will have 2 large ironing stations set up and at each table pod (3-5 tables) there can be 1 small iron plugged in for that group to use.

What to bring sewing wise:

Don't forget thread, scissors, rotary cutters, rulers, pins, your machine's cords, and other basic sewing supplies. You might also want to bring additional extension cord, a power strip (if you have one), a seat cushion and a small cutting mat. If you have a favorite sewing chair and it is portable, we recommend that you bring it. Sew-Ezi tables are welcome. And, of course, bring all your sewing projects!

What else to bring, all optional:

Snacks, scraps, a door prize, lunch and anything you volunteered to bring like tables, wagons or dollies.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Thanks,

Anne Flaggs

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## 2026 Summer Quilt Challenge

JoAnne DuChez

### YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

#### SERVICE PROJECTS 2026 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

At the risk of sounding redundant, I would like to announce that the Friendship Star Summer Challenge this year is the Friendship Star challenge. Yes, our Guild name has provided the perfect topic for a challenge. Although, I would really like to know why the Guild logo looks like a Carpenter Star to me. Maybe someone who has a better knowledge of Guild history can explain.

The guidelines for this challenge are quite simple. The quilt must include at least 1 Friendship Star. Of course, multiple stars would be nice, just so the one star is not so lonely. Every star should have friends, after all. The quilt size may be 36" square to twin size. The 36" size is a change from previous years, as that is the requested minimum quilt size of several of our recipient organizations. Quilts must be sandwiched, quilted and bound. All challenge quilts will be donated to Service Projects for distribution.

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.

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.

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. \$10 gift certificates from Capital Quilts will be awarded to the three quilts with the most votes.

We can't wait to see what your imaginative spirits create. Have fun!



### 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

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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 2026 Opportunity Quilt Tickets Karen Moss

The drawing for the 2026 FSQ Opportunity Quilt, **Jubilation**, will take place at our June 1, 2026 Guild meeting. A portion of the profits will go to our chosen charities, Comfort Cases and Manna Food Center.

In addition to selling tickets at assorted venues, we ask each member to either sell or purchase 15 tickets. Although participation in 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.

Ticket stubs and money are to be returned to Karen Moss at a guild event or other arranged drop-off. If you don't yet have your tickets or you would like additional tickets, those are all available from Karen.

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.



### FSQ 2026 Opportunity Quilt Sales Maryjean Spencer

**OPPORTUNITIES (Still) ABOUND**

Don't miss your **opportunity** to visit area quilt guilds with the wonderful **opportunity** quilt Jubilation! Sign-up genius notification notices went out recently giving you the **opportunity** to volunteer to take

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our lovely **opportunity** quilt to area guild meetings to sell raffle tickets. The sale of these raffle tickets contributes to all the opportunities we have as a guild to help others and to keep our guild running smoothly.

Opportunities like this are special, so please take a few minutes to review the sign up genius and sign up for your **opportunity** to help the guild and have a good time in the process!

[2026 Opportunity Quilt Signup Genius](#)

Maryjean Spencer  
240.401.9950



## Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Since our last newsletter FSQ remains at 128 members strong.

We will return to meeting in person at Asbury Methodist Village on April 13, 2026. Note, this is the **SECOND MONDAY** of the month due to Easter holiday the previous week. As usual, you can choose to 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.

Membership renewal will start in May. As you may recall, our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31 of the following year. Dues will remain the same at \$35 a year; \$20 per year for non-residents of the state of Maryland and Asbury Methodist Village residents.

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](#)

Carrie Horton & Jan Drass  
Membership Co-Chairs

Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends with April Birthdays:

Kay Campbell Anderson	April 4
Susan Schutt	April 5
Mary Grace Gagliardi	April 7
Gerda Sherwood	April 9
Gretchen Golas	April 12
Joy Dorman	April 19
Carrie Horton	April 21
Suma Glassman	April 25
Anne Flaggs	April 28
Gayle Sunde	April 28



## FSQ Guild Pins

Linda Belecki

### PINS FOR SALE

I plan to be at the April 13 FSQ Meeting with a good supply of pins for sale. All Show Pins are \$1.00 and the FSQ pin is \$5.00. I hope you will consider adding some of these to your collection.






Thank you,  
Linda Belecki

ASBURY METHODIST VILLAGE PRESENTS

# HIDDEN Treasures

## A Community Art Showcase & Arts + Crafts Sale

With art created by Seasoned Artists | Skilled Makers | Community Artisans



**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**1pm - 5pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Rosborough Community Rooms  
Asbury Methodist Village  
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877**

*Artistry Lives Here*

Discover an inspiring collection of original artwork created by talented resident artists and makers of Asbury Methodist Village and community partners:

- » Gaithersburg Camera Club
- » Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association
- » Friendship Star Quilters

**Showcase May Include**

- » Paintings
- » Needle Work
- » Sculptures
- » Woodworking
- » Jewelry
- » Photography

To learn more, contact Patty Parenti, Arts Administrator at Asbury Methodist Village: (301) 987-6408 or email: PParenti@Asbury.org

**Vendors may be cash only | ATM on site**  
**All sales are final**

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## Quilty News & Stuff

*Nimble Fingers*



**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

***All Prizes are Gorgeous Quilts,  
even Consolation Prizes!***

Frederick Moose Family Center Lodge, 828 E. Patrick St., Frederick,  
MD 21701-3117, near Frederick Fairgrounds

Free Parking / Handicapped Accessible

Doors open at 4 p.m. / Bingo starts at 6 p.m. sharp

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Admission includes dinner buffet and  
one set of 3-up tickets for 20 regular games

Additional packet of 20 regular games: \$5

Set of 4 Special game cards: \$10 or \$3 each

Door prizes, raffle baskets & \$1 grab bags

50/50 boards for cash prizes

Snacks, sandwiches, appetizers, & full bar available for purchase

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Tickets are \$35 in advance /  
\$40 at the door (as available)

Advance ticket purchase until May 7. Use the  
QR code for fast access to CheddarUp.

Credit Cards accepted.



More information: <https://www.nimblefingers.org/quilt-bingo.html>  
or email [bingo@nimblefingers.org](mailto:bingo@nimblefingers.org)

Nimble Fingers Quilters, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.  
Proceeds go toward lectures, education, and charitable activities.

**Ellen Robinson**

This time around I have a recipe for those warm spring and summer dinners:

Toward the end of the summer one of my friends mentioned a delicious watermelon, feta and basil salad that she discovered over the summer. I found one that sounded just like what she described at the following link. It is refreshing and delish: <https://saltandbaker.com/watermelon-feta-basil-salad/>  
Does not disappoint!

**Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition**

The 6th Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition (BMRE) will run from May 24 to August 9, 2026, in the UMGC Arts Program Main Gallery in Adelphi, Maryland. The opening reception and awards presentation will be on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 3 p.m.

FSQ member *Kay Campbell Anderson* has a fiber art piece in the show!!

**Lisa Wells**

Annual Mid-Appalachian Quilters Educational Retreat  
June 5-7 @ Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA  
For more details and to register see [more info](#)

**Michele Barnard**

Quilting tip: This was suggested in a presentation at Clustered Spires (Suma and I went to sell raffle tickets).

The disposable cutting mats sold at Dollar Tree make amazing template material. It's easily cut with scissors, is quite sturdy, and almost transparent.





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*Fiber Arts and the Maryland Story*

In celebration of Maryland's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this special exhibit will explore the enduring legacy of fiber arts in Carroll County and across the state. From the earliest handwoven textiles to contemporary fiber creations, we will trace how diverse cultures have used fabric, thread, and design to tell stories, preserve traditions, and strengthen communities.

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