

Friendship Star Quilters June 2026

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The Quiltline

June 1 -- FSQ Guild Meeting 7:30 pm
(potluck starting at 6:30)
Asbury - Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

June 19-20 -- Annapolis Quilt Guild: Quilts by the Bay
Davidsonville, MD ([more info](#))

June 20-July 31 -- Studio Art Quilt Associates
Strathmore Mansion
North Bethesda, MD ([more info](#))

June 27 -- Road 2 VA Quilt Show
Richmond, VA ([more info](#))

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Guild Meetings	Service Projects
<p>Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month.</p> <p>We meet at: Asbury Methodist Village 301 Odendhal Ave. Gaithersburg, MD</p> <p>If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) evening activities are cancelled, FSQ meetings are cancelled. Check montgomeryschoolsmd.org.</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>Workshops in June:</p> <p>Thursday, June 11 Thursday, June 18</p>

No Fabric Raffle in June

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

Hello Quilters,

I can't believe another year has gone by and it's almost summer.

Our June meeting will be 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 Signup Genius in case you haven't signed up yet: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-64039273-fsqend>

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

- We successfully continued with our hybrid meetings, we will endeavor to keep this going to connect with our members who can't make the in-person meetings.
- We created our 2027 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. Thanks to Ellen and Trish for organizing this effort.
- We had wonderful programs that kept us all engaged each month.
- We enjoyed our annual retreat in February at Bon Secours.
- We had a Sew-In at Asbury in April and 40 members participated during this 2-day daytime retreat. Another one being planned for the fall.
- Our 2026 Raffle Quilt visited many other guilds and helped to sell a lot of tickets.
- We donated lots of quilts and things through Service projects.

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 at the June meeting. A portion of the proceeds from this raffle quilt will be donated to the Manna Food & Comfort Cases.
- 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 "You've got a Friend in Me" a Friendship Star challenge.
- The 2028 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.
- The 2027 Quilt Show committee will be forming soon, please consider working on a subcommittee to make this a success. The date will be the last weekend in April 2027. More details to come in August.

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Confession from me: I don't find time to Sew very much so my projects are piling up. I'm thinking about having an open sew for the guild on Zoom once or twice a month. If anyone is interested and has ideas on a good time of the week for this, let me know. I probably wouldn't start it until fall but wanted to share that it's on my mind as I need to finish up something for the upcoming Quilt Show.

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 2026-2027 year will be held; thank all the board and committee volunteers; the 2026 Raffle Quilt winner will be drawn and probably a few other announcements.

The next Executive Board meeting is on Monday, June 8th, 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 Flaggs

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Guild Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2026

Harriet Sheinson, co-secretary

7:00pm

Mingling/Social time

7:30pm

President Anne Flaggs called the meeting to order. There were no new members and three guests. The Faithful Circle Quilters of Columbia were visiting and brought their beautiful quilt with them. Their quilt show is Oct. 22-24, 2025. The next Executive board meeting will be June 8. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the guild, you are most welcome at any time to send those to Anne or attend the zoom meeting. Just contact Anne to get the code.

FSQ still needs a Yard Sale Committee. This does work well if a small group takes on this task, but Anne can't lead. Donations are already coming in for the April 2027 Quilt Show. There are lots of helpers...we just need a leader or co-leaders. Donations will be formally starting in September. If you are moving and wish to donate before that time, please contact Anne. The Board will discuss storage options in June.

Highlights from the Quiltline, our newsletter:

Spring brings lots of great quilt shows and bingos: May 15-16 Four County Quilters Show in Frederick; May 16 Nimble Fingers bingo in Frederick; June 19-20 Annapolis Quilt Guild in Davidsonville; June 25-27 Road 2 a Quilt Show in Richmond.

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Raffle Quilt 2026: Karen Moss has raffle tickets available.

Service Projects dates are May 14 and 28 at Fairhaven United Methodist Church in Darnestown from 9:30am to noon.

The Sew In was a success. There were over 40 members who attended.

Quilty News: Cathy Miller update from the Congo – supporting sewing supplies and dresses.

Committee Reports/Announcements:

Summer Quilt Challenge – Chair Joanne DuChez “You’ve Got a Friend in Me” is due in October. This is based on FSQ’s friendship star variations.

Nominating Committee: Joanne DuChez presented the Board for 2026-2027 as follows: President Anne Flagg; Vice President Marilyn Pierre ; Co-Treasurers Judy Walsh and Joy Dorman, Secretary Jennifer Rossmere.

Quilt Marketing: Mary Jean Spencer reported that May would see the quilt go out two more times.

Ticket Sales: Karen Moss reported the winner will be drawn at the June meeting. Please turn in your money and stubs.

Membership: Carrie Horton reported that membership renewal opens in May and continues for two months.

Treasurer Judy Walsh requested that reimbursement requests be submitted in May; also, two members are needed to audit financials in June. Please volunteer. This only takes 2 hours.

Suma shared a tip on looking at white on white fabric with a light to show which side is the right side of the fabric and which is the wrong side.

Anne Flagg reported for Potluck Chair DeVeda Powell that this event for June will be held in Rosborough Community rooms. We will start eating around 6:30pm with time to socialize and then have a business meeting around 7:30pm. Please think about what you can bring to the dinner, i.e., appetizer, side dish, etc. Signup Genius to be sent out soon. No hybrid portion to this meeting. We will elect our officers for next year and draw the raffle quilt winner.

Trish McTighe reported that Quilt Square Craft Day will be Tuesday May 19 at Kentland Mansion celebrating America’s and Montgomery County’s 250th Anniversary. Mail squares to her soon.

Program Presentation was Cynthia Gill, teacher at Capital Quilts, who spoke on which thread is the best for your project.

8:55pm Break for 10 minutes

9:05 FSQ presented a thank you to Ben Ross our computer guru. Ben will be starting college in the fall and we wish him all the best. He will be missed A Lot!

Fabric Raffle Winners were Jenn Pye and Angie Rosado.

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Door Prize Raffle were Kathryn Bonk, Carol Carrier, Carrie Horton, Stacy Ross, and Janet Scalese.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.



Programs

Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig, and Ihsia Hu

Our June 1st 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 the drawing for our FSQ Raffle Quilt.

There will not be a meeting in July. We will have our second annual Ice Cream Social and play Quilt-O! at our August 3rd meeting.

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

THANK YOU BEN!

Ben Ross has provided IT support for our quilt guild for over a year. At the May meeting, we presented Ben with thank you cards signed by our members, as he will be attending the University of Maryland this fall. We also gave him a \$150 Target gift card for his dorm shopping and extra cash donated by members.

We wish him all the best as he starts his college career. He will do well no matter what he pursues! He is kind, well-spoken and always willing to help hold quilts during show and tell. (Plus, a handwritten thank you note, so lovely)

Dear Mary Ann and the rest
of the Friendship Star quilts,

Thank you so much for the
cards, money, and gift card! I
am incredibly grateful and so
excited to use the funds to
furnish my dorm next year!
You all have been great to work
with. I'll miss the guild at the
University of Maryland!

Many thanks,
Ben Ross

Mary Ann, Joyce and Ihsia
FSQ Program Committee



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

It's been another busy guild year and it's time to reflect on all we've accomplished with our service projects outreach. We're excited to report excellent numbers of donations to those in need in our community. From last June 1st until this May 31st we have donated the following:

- * 413 quilts for babies, children and adolescents
- * 166 preemie quilts to local NICUs
- * 258 preemie hats and children's hats
- * 135 pillowcases
- * 35 placemats

All of this is due to the generous support of ALL our guild members. THANK YOU!!

Please also join us, if you can, for our June Service Projects workshops on Thursday, June 11, and Thursday, June 18. 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.



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.

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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 pages are public so you can still view them just by going to the links. We post various items of interest in both areas.

Have a look at the page to see recent pictures from the Sew-In!!

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.



Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Since our last newsletter, we have had 3 new members join FSQ! FSQ now has 132 members! Join us in warmly welcoming Kathryn Bonk, Bethany Crowe and Angie Regado!

We will continue to meet in person at Asbury Methodist Village on June 1, 2026 for our meeting and a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. This is an hour earlier than our usual meetings. 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 FSQ membership drive continues at our June meeting, for the upcoming year, June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. **Renewing members** may renew in person at a meeting, no need to complete a form. We will have a complete roster for you to double-check your information. Corrections can be made on the roster. Membership can take cash, credit card or check (payable to FSQ). 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 either bring it to a meeting, or 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 June Birthdays:

Amy Schott	June 6
Kathy Brown	June 12
Danee Wilson	June 13
Jan Drass	June 17
Tomomi Beckman	June 29



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.



FSQ Retreat

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS 2027 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS FEBRUARY 12-15, 2027

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1

Registration opens on August 1 for FSQ's 2027 annual "Quilters Unsupervised" sewing retreat and spaces will go quickly. The retreat is open to all FSQ members. The maximum number of participants is 30 and a wait list will be maintained. Registration will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

Bon Secours has beautiful facilities including a large conference room (our sewing space) with natural light coming from a wall of windows. Bring your sewing machine and your projects and treat yourself to a long weekend without the distractions of home.

Lodging and meals are included. All rooms are single occupancy with 2-night and 3-night options offered. We are offering two methods of payment, check or credit card with a \$7.00 per night discount if paying by check.

Paying by Credit Card

Option 1: \$404 (Friday and Saturday nights)

Option 2: \$606 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights)

Paying by Check

Option 1: \$390 (Friday and Saturday nights)

Option 2: \$585 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights)

If you have any questions at the moment, please email retreats@friendshipstar.org



Quilty News & Stuff

Sunshine

Sabina Lindley

On Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day!), the little Wombat has joined us in the open air!

Birth Statistics:

Name: Cyril "Cy" Owen Lindley

Date: May 10th, 2026

Time: 08:06:58 AM

Length: 19.69 inches

Weight: 6 lbs 14.4 oz

There isn't any part of our home not full of happiness, light, and love! Scott and I are learning to be parental partners, though he only has a month of paternity leave, so we are making the most of the family bonding time.

Thank you, every single one of you, for your support and friendship, you are all a part of the joy I feel!

QuiltCon2026

Jackie Barone

QuiltCon is the largest modern quilting event in the world, hosted by the Modern Quilt Guild. This year it was held at the Raleigh [NC] Convention Center from February 19th–22nd. I was able to attend three days, Friday thru Sunday, learning, watching, and of course, buying! Vendors from across the country came, both small and big, new and tried and true.

By far the most popular was the Ruby Star booth, which had a constant waiting line all three days with some people waiting several hours to see the merchandise and material! I went on Sunday, so I only had to wait 10 minutes. It was hard not to buy ALL the things. Vendors showed new designs, such as the Squishmallow line from Northcott Fabrics, and Riley Blake's new Peter Pan quilt–Second Star to the Right. Other vendors included Bernartex, Olisio (where I picked up my mini-Tula Pink project iron!), Mountain Thread Co., known for their awesome rope bowls!

When emptying my bag the first day, I found I was "Gift Pocketed" with a Quilt Doodle Pad from Carolina Moore. I made her YouTube short! I had earlier picked up her two series of Quilt Trading cards, featuring blocks from different designers; some were signed by the artists themselves!

I had the opportunity to take several 2-hour classes at the Handi Quilter booth with two of their National Educators, Leigh Zipf, and Iris Noitalay, owner of I.N. Designz (longarm patterns; Pro-

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Stitcher comes standard with some of her designs). We worked on the HQAmara 20 longarm machine. I learned the basics of free motion design, how to use rulers on the longarm, and how to fill areas with custom designs to create a one-of-a-kind piece of art using Pro-Stitcher. We used the outline of an owl to practice. My favorite class was learning how to take scraps, lay them on the longarm and create a journal cover!

There were presentations from multiple vendors each day; I sat in on a great demo of EQ8, taking home helpful tidbits.

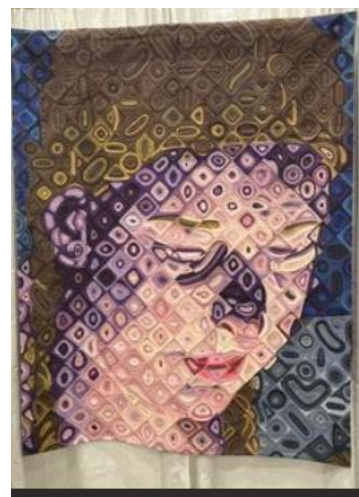
QuiltCon features a different artist year to year instead of having a theme. This year the featured artist was Hillary Goodwin, “a textile artist and quilter who blends modern themes with deep respect for quilting traditions, dyeing, hand stitching, and leatherwork. She often uses botanically dyed fabrics, repurposed t-shirts, grain sacks, and modern textiles, many of which are hand-quilted.” (QuiltCon). The featured artist will deliver the Featured Lecture and have their quilts displayed in a special exhibition on the quilt show floor.

Besides the work of the featured artist, I walked down rows and rows of quilts from across the world, including one award-winning quilt from Australia, titled “The Quilter”. There were so many quilts that I don’t think I could pick a favorite! Each was unique and AMAZING! You can view the 2026 QuiltCon winning quilts at this link: [winners](#).

Next year, QuiltCon 2027 will continue to be on the “east coast” at the Atlanta [GA] Convention Center from February 25th-28th, before heading back to the “west coast” and Phoenix, AZ in 2028. If you are interested in submitting a quilt for QuiltCon, you can check out the challenges here: <https://www.quiltcon.com/quilt-show-landing/challenges>. There are many other classes but beware, they sellout fast and early! If you have the opportunity, I definitely encourage you to attend!

Home Page: <https://www.quiltcon.com/home>





Lisa Wells

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

Pearl S. Buck House Museum

See the new exhibit opening in the Pearl S. Buck House Museum this summer, "Pieced Together: American Quilts Across Generations," a celebration of American art, culture, and history and an America 250 event.

Featuring 163 years of quilting history, the collection includes early utilitarian quilts from the 19th century alongside contemporary art quilts, including award-winning pieces from regional and national exhibitions. Each quilt highlights the evolution of design, technique, and cultural storytelling, offering insight into the changing role of quilting in American life. The quilts in this exhibit were crafted by both modern quilters and quilting guilds, using both modern and vintage patterns and materials, as well as family heirloom quilts, handed down generation to generation over the course of decades and even centuries.

"Pieced Together" opens June 8 at the Pearl S. Buck House Museum, located at 520 Dublin Road in Perkasié, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 18944 (about an hour north of Philadelphia). Tickets are on sale now at <https://pearlsbuckinternational.ticketspice.com/quilt-exhibit>.



SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates)

Strathmore Mansion June 20 - July 31, 2026

Exhibit at Strathmore Mansion June 20 - July 31, 2026

Opening reception June 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm (free, but RSVP required as space is limited)

Be sure to stop by the Strathmore Mansion to check out the SAQA Exhibit. Per the Strathmore website: "This exhibition showcases innovative contemporary quilts that celebrate the art form's dynamic evolution. Featuring work by members of Studio Art Quilt Associates, a global community of more than 4,000 artists, teachers, and collectors, the show highlights hand-dyed fabrics, bold surface techniques, and inventive approaches to textile design."

For more information, visit: <https://www.strathmore.org/events-tickets/exhibitions/studio-art-quilt-associates/>

ROAD 2 VA Quilt Show

**The East Coast's Largest Quilt Only Vendor Hall
Road to Virginia Quilters' Conference & Showcase
Presented by Road to California
June 25-27, 2026
at the Greater Richmond Convention Center
www.road2va.com**

Countryside Quilters (Leesburg, VA) have offered seats on their bus for the show. The price is 75\$ for the bus and admission to the show.

This is a day trip to the Richmond Convention Center on Saturday, June 27, 2026. The bus will leave from Community Lutheran Church in Cascades (21014 Whitfield Place, Sterling, VA 20165). They will begin loading the bus by 7:15AM for a 7:30AM departure. The bus leaves the convention center when it's closes and will arrive back by 630pm. IF interested fill out the attached form.

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!!

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In celebration of Maryland's 250th 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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**Save the Date for
Faithful Circle Quilters'
2026 Quilt Show
October 22-24, 2026**

Faithful Circle Quilters Guild
Columbia, Maryland
Media Contact
FCQpresident@faithfulcirclequilters.com



Faithful Circle Quilters of Columbia, Md., will celebrate the art of quilting with the *Chesapeake Bay Blues Quilt Show*, on October 22, 23, and 24, 2026.

The quilt show, showcasing members' quilts, will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md, 21045.

More than 300 quilts to be displayed include traditional, modern, and art quilts of all sizes and with a wide range of quilting techniques. There will be daily quilting technique demonstrations and art presentations, quilting vendors, a "\$20-and-under" Unique Boutique, silent auction, peddler's table, raffle baskets, and our newest addition, *The Mighty Minis "Silent Auction/Buy it up Front"*.

The show also features the guild's *Chesapeake Bay Blues* quilt. The drawing for the raffle quilt will be held on October 24, 2026. The winner need not be present.

The Quilt Show hours are Thursday, October 22, and Friday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adult admission of \$10.00 covers entry for all three days. Children under 10 are free. For more information about quilting or guild membership, visit the guild's website at <https://faithfulcirclequilters.com>.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: <https://www.facebook.com/faithfulcirclequiltersmd> and https://www.instagram.com/faithfulcirclequilters_md/

APQS Longarm Road Shows

APQS Longarm Road Shows are coming to your region in June 2026, APQS Road Shows are designed for quilters of all experience levels—whether they're curious about longarm quilting or considering a machine purchase. Attendees will enjoy:

Hands-on time with APQS longarm machines

Try multiple models, test features, and see what fits their quilting style.

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A chance to ask questions in person and meet your nearest APQS dealer

I am from Leesburg Virginia and am also a Certified Technician, so support is close by. I've had a longarm business since 2007.

Exclusive event specials

Road Shows include attendee-only pricing and bonuses - you'll get the best deal!

APQS will be hosting several hands-on Road Show events in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia area in June 2026. Registration is open! Information about all APQS Road Shows can be found [here](#):

- 6/10/26 Washington D.C (Fairfax VA) – register [here](#)
- 6/16/26 Hagerstown MD - register [here](#)
- 6/17/26 Harrisburg PA - register [here](#)
- 6/18/26 Philadelphia PA (western – King of Prussia) – register [here](#)
- 6/22/26 Philadelphia PA (north - Bensalem) – register [here](#)
- 6/23/26 Mt Laurel NJ – register [here](#)

Happy Quilting!

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Sew Creative Lounge Event

HI Friendship Star Quilters Guild of Montgomery County,

Hope you're doing well! We're reaching out because we'd love to partner with your guild for our upcoming event, **Quilt Like the Pros**—a free 4-day virtual workshop happening **June 9–12**. This year's focus is **Fabulous Finishes**—because we know so many quilters enjoy piecing their quilts, but often feel unsure or stuck when it comes to finishing them beautifully. This workshop is designed to give your members the confidence and techniques they need to finally complete their quilts with polished, professional results.

What Your Members Will Learn:

Day 1 – Borders

Simple, multiple, and mitered borders, including measuring, cutting, and attaching

Day 2 – Bindings

How to square the quilt sandwich and apply straight, bias, and two-color bindings with clean, connected ends

Day 3 – Facings

Modern finishing techniques including offset facings and facings with hanging triangles

Day 4 – Finishing

How to complete quilts with hanging sleeves and labels

Meet the Instructors:

Your members will be learning from two incredible instructors:

Tisha Thorne – Co-owner of Sew Creative Lounge and an experienced sewing and quilting educator who has taught at **QuiltCon, The Original Sewing & Quilting Expo, the National Children’s Museum, the Josiah Henson Museum, Sew Much Soul Conference**, amongst others. She is known for breaking down complex techniques into simple, approachable steps that help quilters build confidence and actually finish their projects.

Janet Green – A lifelong sewist who began quilting over a 15 years ago, Janet brings a unique, creative approach to her work as a self-described “*Fabric Mixologist*.” Known for her improvisational style, she transforms scraps and unexpected combinations into striking quilt compositions, inspiring quilters to explore more freedom, creativity, and confidence in their finishing techniques. Together, they bring a powerful combination of expertise and encouragement that helps students move from “almost finished” to **done and proud**.

Learn more & register: www.quiltlikethepros





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		