

Friendship Star Quilters October 2026

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The Quiltline

October 5 -- FSQ Guild Meeting 7:30 pm
Asbury - Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

Oct. 10 – Piney Run Park Fall Fest
Featuring Quilts in the Park
Four County Quilters Guild
rain date is October 11, 2026
30 Martz Rd, Sykesville, MD ([more info](#))

Oct. 9-10 -- Falling for Quilts
Flying Geese Quilt Guild
Bel Air United Methodist Church Bel Air, MD
([more info](#))

Oct, 12-17 -- Country Roads Shop Hop
Southwestern PA ([more info](#))

Oct. 22-24 – Chesapeake Bay Blues Quilt Show
Faithful Circle Quilters
First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
Columbia, Md ([more info](#))

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September Fabric Raffle

Fat Quarters of Oranges and/or Blacks

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be via Zoom on **November 9, 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.

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. 8
Thursday, Oct. 15



President's Message

Anne Flaggs

Anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com

Hello Quilters and welcome to a much cooler October. Fall has finally arrived and it is my favorite season. Yesterday, I took a group trip to Ladew Topiary Gardens in Monkton, MD which is north of Baltimore. We had a beautiful day, and it was wonderful walking around the gardens, seeing the topiary, the manor house, and spending some time in their butterfly house. I've been wanting to go here for years and finally made it. It was worth the trip.

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:

- The Summer Quilt Challenge "You've Got a Friend in Me" is due NOW. Bring your challenge quilt to this meeting before 7:15pm so it can be displayed with all the others. There will be prizes. Didn't finish yours yet? That's okay, you can always turn it in later when it's done. We plan to hang these quilts at our Quilt Show in April.
- Raffle tickets to our 2027 Raffle Quilt "Diamond Cabana" are available now. See Ellen R. for your envelope.
- Bethesda Quilters is coming to visit and sell tickets to their raffle quilt, Make sure to visit them and support their guild.
- The Fall Sew-In is coming up Saturday/Sunday November 7th-8th. Save the date and I hope to see you there. This will be run similar to last time and the price is still \$10/day. Link to signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-65933156-fsqnovember>
- Consider signing up to chair a committee and help make our April Quilt Show a success. We will also be asking for volunteers to help at the show starting in February thru signup Genius. We still have several key committee chair positions open that need a leader. I am willing to help where I can but I can't do it all. See an article on this later in the newsletter. Also, I could use an assistant to help me at the show. If you are looking to learn more about the quilt show and how it all comes together and want to help me out, please let me know.

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

Anne Flaggs

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Guild Meeting Minutes – August 2026

Jennifer Rossmere

The meeting was called to order by Anne Flagg at 7:41 pm. There were eight new members and guests who were welcomed.

General Business/Announcements:

- * Anne welcomed Uhuru and their beautiful Raffle Quilt and encouraged attendees to stop and buy some tickets during the break.
- * Anne mentioned the Fall SEW-IN is scheduled for Sat/Sun November 7th and 8th. It will be similar to the last one and help will be needed. Anne will send a Sign-up Genius request sometime soon. The cost will be \$10 to cover the cost of renting the room.
- * Artists & Makers Studio Show with the Woodturners Nov 4-24th – Michele Barnard will send out more information in the October newsletter.

Quilty News:

- * There are lots of upcoming Quilt Shows: Penn Natl Oaks, PA Sep 17-20; Original Sewing/Quilt Expo (VA) Sep 24-26 and Faithful Circle Quilt Show (Columbia, MD) Oct 22-24.
- * If anyone attends a quilt show, an article for the newsletter would be appreciated.
- * There was an article in the Kentlands magazine about the patriotic quilt Trish McTighe put together from squares made by members. The article will be included in the next FSQ newsletter.

Anne reviewed Highlights from the Quiltline including:

- *Congratulations to all who entered something at the Montgomery County Fair. Anne was hoping Savannah Carnes who won the Best Beginners Quilt award (which FSQ sponsors) would be able to show her quilt but maybe next month.
- *Service Projects dates are September 10th (last week) and 24th at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 9:30am until noon. Make sure you look at the cute pictures from Comfort Cases Goes to Camp and thanks again to all who contributed to this effort and to Jane Phillips for giving us the opportunity to participate.
- *Next Quiltline deadline is Friday, Sept 25th.
- *There is lots of quilting news and be sure to read the nice article Mary Ann Bruce wrote about her weekend trip to Paducah, KY to see Janet Stone's alphabet quilts.

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Committee Reports:

*Membership – Jan Drass mentioned this is the last month to renew before the membership roster is updated.

*Service Project Challenge – “You’ve got a Friend in Me” – Anne reported for JoAnne DuChez. The quilts are due at our October FSQ meeting where we can vote for our favorites. The quilts will be shown at the FSQ Quilt Show in April and then donated.

*FSQ 2027 Quilt Show – Trish McTighe and Michele Barnard explained that the FSQ Quilt Show will be on April 24th and 25th . They are working on getting the contracts in place, securing vendors and creating the flyers. There are lots of positions for which volunteers are still needed and there was a plea to please think seriously about taking on one of the positions such as Silent Auction, dmissions, Boutique, Secretary, Publicity, etc. The first meeting will be on September 30th at Asbury.

*Yard Sale – Stacy Ross explained that they will start accepting donations for the Yard Sale at the October meeting. They will only be accepting quilt related items such as quilting cottons, flannel, fleece (no garment fabrics); quilt patterns; notions; quilting books from 2021 or newer, etc. If you have a larger donation, please use the generic email on the FSQ Website to get in touch with the Yard Sale Committee. They are also looking for plastic bins with lids to put fabric in.

*Pins – Linda Beleki explained that we have a lot of pins from past shows that are now free. These will be put out at the Quilt Show also. Guild pins are still \$5.

*Raffle Quilt – Ellen Robinson asked all members to pick up their envelope of 15 tickets for the FSQ Raffle Quilt. They are \$2 for one and \$5 for three tickets. There is a coupon on the back for Capital Quilts which is good until December of 2027. Maryjean Spencer will be sending out a Signup Genius for taking the quilt to other guilds. If you are going to another guild, and would be willing to take the quilt, please let Mary Jean know.

Program Presentation: Mary Ann Bruce, Programs co-chair introduced the speaker, Aynex Mercado who spoke on Architecture in Quilts. She had lots of quilts to show of buildings especially in Frederick. She also shared her process of converting photos to paper piecing blocks. Very interesting.

Show & Tell: Several members shared quilts and wall hangings.

Fabric Raffle: handled by Nancy Debnam, was won by Ann Manyin.

Door Prizes handled by Marylin Pierre went to Colleen Biasco, Ginny Leake, Joyce Danzig, Jane Phillips, Maryjean Spencer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rossmere, Secretary



Programs

Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig, and Ihsia Hu

In October, we will meet in person at Asbury Methodist Village, and Carly Mul will join us with her presentation titled, "A Journey in fabric. An American dream" and a trunk show.

Carly will tell us what fabrics have done for her, from the first day she arrived in the United States to The Quilt Show with Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson. Funny anecdotes, boxes, opening of a store, quilt making, book writing, teaching and more. Carly will give you an insight in her amazing fabric life and explain how one activity led to another. The lecture will give you an overview of most of her quilts and their backgrounds, which are often very personal.

You can take a sneak peak by viewing her website.

www.carlymul.com



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

If you're looking for another fun way to contribute to warmth and comfort for those in need of a little cheering, plan to join in a Project Linus blanket-making session! These are held twice a month in the evening at either Wood Middle School, Bauer Drive in Rockville, or at Baker Middle School, Oak Drive in Damascus. They run from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the school cafeteria and ALL materials are provided for making fleece blankets. As an added bonus, you can bring your children and/or grandchildren; they are eligible to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours! No special skills are needed. If you want more information, you can email the Project Linus coordinator, Sarah Glavin, at projectlinus.mc@gmail.com. It sounds like a fun way to spend an evening.

Scheduled dates for the blanket-making sessions are:

Meeting dates at WOOD are all on TUESDAYS: Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, June 1.

Meeting dates at BAKER are all on MONDAYS: Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 15, Apr 19, and May 17.

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We're looking forward to seeing you all in October for workshops on the 8th and the 15th. 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.



FSQ Guild Pins

Linda Belecki

PINS FOR SALE

Pins will be available at the FSQ meeting, Guild pins are \$5.00, but all show pins are FREE. I hope you will consider adding some of these to your collection.



2026 Summer Quilt Challenge

JoAnne DuChez

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

SERVICE PROJECTS 2026 SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

Less than a week to finish your challenge quilt. However, if you haven't started, you have your work cut out for you. (Was that sort of a pun?)

Turn in is at the October Guild meeting. 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.

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.

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 added three new members, Rachael Sunderland, Cat Grissom, and Savannah Carnes who is the winner of this year's Montgomery County Fair Best Beginner's Award!. FSQ is currently at 120 members strong. Welcome Rachael, Cat and Savannah!!

We will meet in person on October 5, 2026 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 all but 18 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 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 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:

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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 October Birthdays:

Sabina Lindley	October 1	Teresa Peterson	October 17
Janet Scalese	October 1	Letitia Mattu	October 20
Coralyn Colladay	October 3	Alison Leukefeld	October 22
Ellen Robinson	October 4	Veronica Smith	October 26
Karen Moss	October 5	Michele Barnard	October 27
Susan Schwarz	October 7	Jackie Barone	October 28
Meg Tison	October 11	Cat Grissom	October 28
Nancy Colladay	October 14	Harriet Sheinson	October 29
Teri Williams	October 15		



Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Ellen Robinson

The 2027 FSQ Raffle Quilt, **Diamond Cabana**, was unveiled at our September guild meeting! This beautiful quilt (91" x 104") is a design by Louanna Mary Quilt Design. FSQ members pieced the blocks and assembled the quilt top. It was long-arm quilted by Karen Moss and the handwork was completed by Trish McTigue!

The drawing will take place on June 7, 2027, at the Guild meeting. A portion of the profits will go to our chosen charities, Red Wiggler Farm and Sunflower Bakery.

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 Ellen at a guild event or other arranged drop-off. If you would like additional tickets, those are available as well.

Additionally, keep your eyes peeled for Signup Genius emails from quilt marketer, Maryjean Spencer, to sign up to take the raffle quilt to other guilds or venues! These visits are a great way to check out another guild's program. If you are in another guild, reach out to Maryjean to take the quilt (and tickets) to your guild.

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 Ellen know if you have any questions.



This quilt won a blue ribbon at the 2026 Montgomery County Fair! Great work by all!"



FSQ 2027 Quilt Show

Michele Barnard

Please mark your calendars for the 2027 Friendship Star Quilt Show. Your co-chairs are very excited about this event and hope you will join us.

The first meeting of the Quilt Show Committee was Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 pm. Note that committee meetings are open- if you're curious about how the quilt show works but aren't ready to commit to serving as a Chair yet, please feel free to come and sit in on a meeting. It really isn't that scary! Contact any of the co-Chairs for more information.

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Show Dates are: April 24-25, 2027 (Saturday - Sunday)

Set-up: Friday, April 23, 2027

Rosborough Cultural Arts and Wellness Center

Due to some changes in how Asbury manages their rental space, we will only be able to open the show for Saturday and Sunday, with setup late Friday the 23rd.

There are currently several vacant positions for quilt show committees. It's important that we have volunteers for the show- or it will stop happening.

Current vacancies are:

- * Admissions - This is a critical area and a fun one as you get to greet our visitors!
- * Boutique - This is an important part of the QS, provides interest and variety to the show and helps out the guild and our FSQ sellers.
- * Flyer Distribution – It's important to get the word out so people come see all of our gorgeous quilts.
- * Publicity - This makes use of our personal Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor accounts to also get the word out.
- * Registration - You get to see the beautiful quilts up close and provide an important service in the process.

Please consider volunteering!!! Previous chairs are available to give advice, and don't feel like you must do it all yourself or go it alone. Volunteers are available on the day of the show to lighten the load. If you can get a friend to co-chair a committee with you, it will be even more fun.



FSQ November 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: November 7-8 (Saturday/Sunday)

Time: 9am - 5pm but come when you can / set up help needed around 8am Saturday

Location: Asbury Rosborough Center Community Rooms

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

Please sign up in Signup Genius to help us plan the setup.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FA5AD2BAAFD0-65933156-fsqnovember>

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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. 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 travel 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 at anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com.

Thanks, and I hope to see you there.

Anne Flaggs



Quilty News & Stuff

Book Recommendation:

Anne Flaggs

I recently finished listening to a book I really enjoyed. It was a long one at 29 hours but easy to listen to while I did other things. The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett - a historical fiction novel written by the author of [The Help](#). Set in 1933 Mississippi, The Calamity Club returns to the American South during a different historical crisis, exploring the intersecting lives of two women against the backdrop of the Great Depression and the American eugenics movement. There are many other characters in the book that help to tell the story of this time.

"Thank You" note from Frederick Health Hospice.

Thank
You! ♥
♥
♥

9/16/26

To the star quilters of FSQ,
we received your handsome quilts today
and marvelled at the craftsmanship.
we admire your skills and your sense
of purpose. These gifts will be
presented to two of our veterans
as part of an honor ceremony.
Thank you for being a part of our team,
Leslie, Vol services 😊

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza

Michele Barnard and Suma Glassman

In September, Michele and Suma traveled to Oaks, Pennsylvania for a large quilt show. We ran into Cathy Miller there, and I know a few other members also went to the show. If you've never treated yourself to a large regional or national show, you're missing out! The large shows really have quilts that are the best of the best (even if not all of them are exactly your cup of tea.)

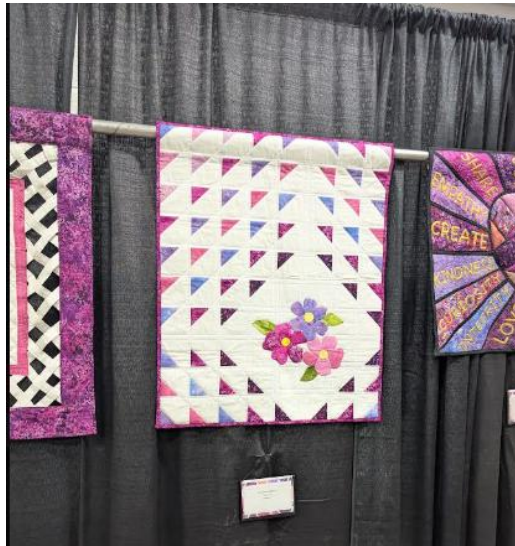
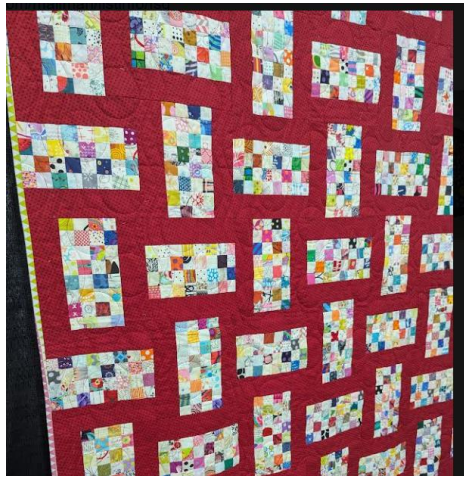
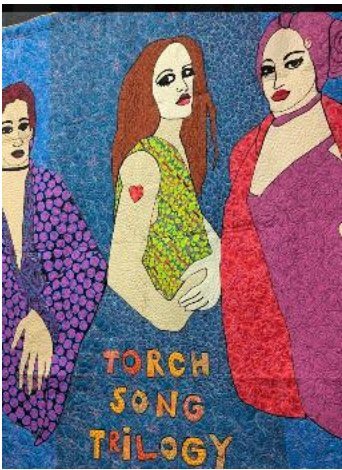
A highlight of this show was an exhibit of the quilts of Broadway superstar Harvey Fierstein. The quilts definitely matched his huge personality – not only were they enormous, they were creative, vibrant, and one-of-a-kind. Suma brought home a tote bag (proceeds to charity!) with a print of one of his quilts (Tevye).

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Other national exhibits included a Studio Art Quilt Associates exhibit focusing on Minimalism; the Cherrywood Challenge 2026, “Story Time”; and the 2026 Hoffman Challenge, “Amythyst”. In total, 35 special exhibits were listed in the catalog- and that doesn’t include the quilts entered in the show competition.

It’s always great to see what other quilters are doing and experimenting with. Scrap quilts were well represented; it’s always fun to be inspired.

A big show like this also has a LOT of vendors. While we are extremely lucky in our area to have not just Capital Quilts as our local quilt shop and quite a few other shops in driving distance, different vendors means finding new treasures. Some shopping was definitely on our agenda. It was fun, we were exhausted, and we’re already looking forward to next year!



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.

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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>.



National Museum of the American Indian Virtual Quilt Along

Jennifer Rossmere:

The National Museum of the American Indian is having a virtual Quilt Along (June 1–October 17, 2026) and the patterns are free and they are designed by contemporary indigenous artists.

Reflect on the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the ever-evolving nature of the country, communities, and future we share through a Native lens by participating in a free quilt along hosted by Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI).

This five-month, mystery-style quilt along invites quilters and anyone interested in quilting to sew along. You don't need to be an expert quilter to participate. ([more info](#))

Creative Fiber Friends



Creative Fiber Friends, 4th Biennial

September 28 through November 21, 2026

Featuring Works By:

Elizabeth Davison, Barbara Eisenstein, Melinda Lowy, Donna Radner, and Dianne Miller Wolman

Village of Friendship Heights Community Center

4433 South Park Avenue

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

(301) 656-2797

Gallery Hours:

Mon-Thurs, 9:00am-9:00pm

Fri, 9:00am-5:00pm

Sat-Sun, 9:00am-2:00pm

Meet the Artists Reception:

Sunday October 11, 2026, 11:30am-1:00pm

Pop Up Artisan Fair:

Friday, November 6 – 5:30pm-8:00pm

Saturday, November 7 – 9:00am-3:00pm

Art in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing due to activities in that room. Please call ahead, (301) 656-2797, to confirm availability of the complete show.

**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/

Artists & Makers Studio in Rockville

Michele Barnard

GALLERY SHOW OPPORTUNITY

Upcoming Exhibition: A Forest Meadow

Time to choose what you intend to put into our joint exhibition with the Montgomery County Woodturners this November! The exhibition will run from November 4th through November 24th at the Artists and Makers Studio in Rockville.

Setup will be on November 3rd starting at 10:00 am. If you will not be able to deliver and help set up your work, other arrangements can be made, but your quilts **MUST** be ready to hang. If you will **NOT** be providing a rod/dowel to hang your quilt, please let me know.

There will be an Opening Reception at Artists and Makers Studios on November 6th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Encourage everyone you know or have ever met to attend.

MCW will host a turning demonstration on Saturday November 14th outside the venue. Invite the people you know, and anyone they know or have heard of to come and see the mayhem as they do some fantastic turning. Time TBD.

The Exhibition will end on the 24th, with pickup of the remaining pieces starting at 10:00 am. There appears to be wall space for 15-20 uncrowded pieces. Here's how we are going about it: We are asking each member who is willing to show/sell their work to submit photos of your 3 best pieces (the venue wants this for adverts). If we get more submissions than that, we will choose from the submitted pieces. Rank them in order of your personal choice, and we will start with your favorites. Our intention is for every member who submits something to be included. However, we have over 100 members, and so we may have to curate.

To be eligible, you have to be a paid member and you have to either have a Sales and Use Tax ID number, also known as a CR Number, be in the process of acquiring such a number, or have a 30 day permit as described at the Comptroller's Office Website. You need to do this **NOW**:

Unless you have the intention and plans to do more craft shows, etc., I recommend getting a 30 day permit.

https://services.marylandcomptroller.gov/taxes/en/flea-market-sales?id=kb_article_view&syparm_article=KB0010150

From the website:

30-day permit or permanent license

To collect the sales and use tax you must first obtain a license. You should register as soon as possible. If you don't register now and are later found to be making taxable sales without collecting the tax, you will be liable for back taxes. You can get either a 30-day permit or a permanent license. If you sell at only one or two flea markets a year, a 30-day permit should be sufficient.

If you sell frequently, you can benefit more from a permanent license. Permanent licensees don't have to pay the tax on items they buy to resell if they present a resale certificate. However, there are limitations. Permanent licensees may also deduct a collection fee on the reporting form. The fee is deducted from the taxes collected.

You can get the 30-day permit by calling the Special Events Section at [410-767-1543](tel:410-767-1543) or [410-767-1531](tel:410-767-1531). *For a permanent license, file a Combined Registration Application online.*

We have a minimal allowance for not-for-sale items from the entire membership. Pieces for sale will be prioritized if we get a lot of submissions.

You will need to submit titles, prices, and 1 or 2 photos of each piece. Please include your name, contact info, status of your tax ID or permit, and any other info you like. Try to submit your pieces no later than October 14 so that we have time to complete arrangements- price list, tags, etc. We encourage everyone to post photos of your work in October and all the way through November on social media to spread the word about the exhibition.

Neither group will be taking any profit from our members, but the venue is requiring a 25% chunk. Price your work accordingly.

There appears to be space for approximately 15 quilts in the gallery and in the hallway adjacent to the gallery.

For more information, contact Michele Barnard; contact info is in the directory.

Key Dates:

- Show Dates: November 4 to November 24
- Reception: Friday, November 6, 5 to 8 pm
- Hanging Date: Tuesday, November 3, 10 am (actual timing is flexible)
- Take Down Date: Wednesday, November 24, 10 am (actual timing is flexible)

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

A Community Stitched Together with Patriotism

BY SARAH FENWICK

On a beautiful afternoon in May, Kentlands Mansion was buzzing with creativity, laughter, color, and patriotism, as community members of all ages gathered for Quilt Square Craft Day. Held in celebration of the 250th anniversaries of both the United States and Montgomery County, the event invited everyone to help create something lasting: a community quilt stitched together from dozens of individually designed quilt squares.

Everyone gathered around a long table that stretched down the center of the room, with chairs arranged on both sides. It was there that imagination came to life. Some participants carefully planned their designs, while others simply followed their inspiration, adding bright colors, meaningful symbols, and personal touches to each square. Families created side by side, neighbors met new friends, and first-time visitors became part of a project much bigger than themselves. Though every square tells its own story, together they create a beautiful reminder that a community is strongest when every voice and every contribution has a place.

This special project would not have been possible without the generous support of the Friendship Star Quilters Guild. Guild members shared their time, expertise, and encouragement throughout the event, helping participants transform their ideas into quilt squares ready to become part of the finished piece. We are especially grateful to Trish McTighe, a member of the Friendship Star Quilters Guild, whose remarkable



Community members gather around a long table to make quilt squares for the 250th community quilt.



Rachel Holmer, a fellow program coordinator at Kentlands Mansion, works on her own quilt square.

dedication, craftsmanship, and countless hours of work stitched the many individual squares into one stunning, unified quilt.

The quilt began its journey with its first stop at the City's SummerFest celebration on June 27 at Bohrer Park, where community members had the opportunity to see the completed work for the very first time. From there, the quilt continued its adventure as it was entered into the quilting exhibition at the Montgomery County

Agricultural Fair, which will take place August 14 through 22.

After its appearances at the fair, the quilt will return home to Kentlands Mansion, where it will remain on display for the rest of 2026. It may also travel to other City facilities throughout the year—so stay tuned to our social media for updates on where the quilt will go next. Follow Kentlands Mansion on Facebook and Instagram @KentlandsMansion.



Volunteers lay the completed squares to form the community quilt.



The finished 250th community quilt on display.



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