

Friendship Star Quilters
November 2026

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The Quiltline

November 2 -- FSQ Guild Meeting 7:30 pm
Asbury - Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

November 4-24 – "A Forest Meadow" with Montgomery County Woodturners and Friendship Star Quilters
Artists & Makers Studios
11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210
Rockville, MD 20852 (more info)

November 7 & 8 -- FSQ Sew-in
Asbury - Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

(*December thru February will be Zoom meetings)*

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Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month.

We meet at:
Asbury Methodist Village
301 Odendhal Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD

Zoom option for anyone who can't make the meeting inperson

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

Service Projects

Workshops are held from 9:30 am to Noon at

Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd
Darnestown, MD 20878

Workshops in November:

Thursday, Oct. 12
Thursday, Oct. 19

November Fabric Raffle

Service Projects Special

Juvenile/Kid themed fabrics

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.

President's Message

Anne Flaggs
Anne.f.flaggs@gmail.com

Hello Quilters and welcome to November and some cooler temperatures. This week, I went to the Faithful Circle Quilt Show in Columbia, they do put on a great show. It is spread all over the church in many rooms and floors. It was fun trying to find all the quilts and vendors while looking at their beautiful quilts and I saw a few guild members there also.

Thanks to everyone who submitted a quilt to the Service Project Challenge in October. It was another beautiful display of quilts. If you didn't get yours done, there is always time to finish it up so these quilts can all be hung at our show in April.

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:

- My apologies to the hybrid/zoom viewers. We try very hard to make this a positive experience and keep everyone involved in the guild. We have run into some unexpected issues the last 2 months with Asbury's IT systems and our own IT tech, who has a LOT of experience, spends a lot of time trying to make this work correctly. We are constantly trying to improve what we do to keep the hybrid going. The issues have been reported to Asbury, and I'm hopeful our November meeting will go off without any snags. We will move to Zoom only for December-February meetings.

- Raffle tickets to our 2027 Raffle Quilt "Diamond Cabana" are available now. See Ellen R. for your envelope of tickets and to return ticket stubs and money.

- Milltown Quilters from Columbia is coming to visit and sell tickets to their raffle quilt, make sure to check them out 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 like 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. ee an article on this later in the ewsletter. 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



Guild Meeting Minutes – October 5 2026

Jennifer Rossmere

The meeting was called to order by Anne Flaggs at 7:32 pm. There was one guest/new member who was welcomed.

Minutes: There were some editorial changes noted to the September Guild Meeting Minutes.

General Business/Announcements:

*Anne welcomed the Bethesda Quilters and their beautiful Raffle Quilt, and encouraged attendees to take a closer look and support them.

*The Fall SEW-IN is scheduled for Sat/Sun November 7-8th. It will be similar to the one in April. Everyone is welcome.

Quilty News:

Anne reviewed highlights from the Quiltline including:

*There are lots of upcoming Quilt Shows: Four County: Quilts in the Park Oct 10th, Flying Geese/Bel Air MD Oct 9-10, Faithful Circle Quilt Show (Columbia, MD) Oct 22-24.

*Service Projects dates are Thursday, October 8th and 15th at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 9:30am until noon.

*There was an article on how one can support Project Linus by making Fleece Blankets at Baker Middle & Wood Middle Schools.

*Lots of miscellaneous news such as a thank you from Frederick Health Hospice and a fun article from Michele Barnard & Suma Glassman on their trip to Oaks, PA for the Mancuso quilt show where they saw some other FSQ members.

Committee Reports

*Michele Barnard explained about the Artists & Makers Studio Show with the Woodturners from Nov 4-24th. Three members are interested. If you are also interested in having a quilt included, please let Michele know. A question was raised asking if Michele would be willing to submit taxes for other members due to the paperwork that is needed. Michele said she would have to think about it.

*FSQ 2027 Quilt Show – Michele Barnard and Trish McTighe mentioned that they are still looking for people to take on the following jobs; Boutique chair, Admissions, Flyer Distribution and Publicity. Michele Barnard volunteered to handle Publicity.

*Yard Sale – Stacy Ross explained that they are now accepting donations for the Yard Sale. They are looking for quilting fabric, quilting related tools, books no older than 5 years, etc.

*2027 Quilt Show Challenge – Stacy Ross is chairing this endeavor and announced the theme which is “Into the Woods”. This is a broad category that can include forest scenes, colors from a forest, woodland creatures, blocks that relate to the woods, etc. These quilts are to be a maximum on each side of 27 inches. They will be due at quilt turn-in for the Quilt Show.

*2027 Quilt Show Raffle Baskets – Heidi Oestreicher explained that they are now collecting for the raffle baskets and are expecting to have 25-30 baskets. She suggested that a mini group or a group of quilters may want to sponsor a basket.

Presentation - Joyce Danzig, Programs co-chair introduced the speaker, Carly Mul – “A Journey in fabric, an American Dream”. Carly is a dynamic and inspiring speaker and although she wasn’t able to show all of her slides, she showed us many of her collage quilts which are full of color. A wonderful presentation.

Show & Tell: Several members shared their lovely quilts.

Service Project Challenge “You’ve got a Friend in Me”: There were 18 quilts submitted in response to the challenge. They were colorful with interesting interpretations on a Friendship Star block. Colleen Biasco’s gorgeous quilt with little Friendship Stars won first place and Ginger Peebles and Peggy Weidman tied for second place.

Fabric Raffle handled by Nancy Debnam was won by Cathy Miller and Tomo Beckman.

Door Prizes handled by Anne Flaggs went to Karen Moss, Janet Scalese, Bethany Crowe, Nancy Debnam, Wendy Bauman, Phyllis Eddy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rossmere, Secretary



Programs

Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig, and Ihsia Hu

We have a schedule change for November. We moved the FSQ convention to May 2027 to give ourselves more time to prepare.

Jennifer Worthen of Slightly Biased Quilts will give her lecture titled “Designing & Piecing with Purpose”-- Dive into a lively, visual presentation that explores how thoughtful design choices can elevate quilt making from good to great. In this lecture Jennifer takes our group on a tour of her

design journey—from ideas to finished quilts—and highlights what she's learned about fabric selection, block placement, value shifts, and creative problem-solving over the years. Quilters will leave inspired to examine why they make certain decisions. Visit Jennifer's website at slightlybiasedquilts.com.

This is the last time we will meet in person this year. In December, we will move to meeting via Zoom with Julie Silber's presentation: "Keepin' 'Em in Stitches: America's Funniest Quilts."



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

Turnouts at our twice-monthly Service Projects workshops have been amazing and we're so grateful for the quilts, quilt tops, pillowcases and preemie quilts that we are getting there and at guild meetings! Our community partners are very appreciative. In September and October, we were able to deliver:

* 35 quilts and 24 placemats to A Wider Circle
* 25 preemie quilts to Holy Cross Hospital
* 26 preemie quilts and 74 preemie hats to Childrens Hospital
* 22 placemats to Meals on Wheels
* 40 pillowcases to A Case for Smiles
* 40 preemie quilts to Shady Grove Hospital NICU, and
* 30 pillowcases to JSSA (Jewish Social Services Agency)

We're looking forward to seeing you all in November for workshops on the 12th and the 19th. 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

The November FSQ in-person meeting will be your last opportunity until Spring to collect Quilt Show pins (free) or purchase a Guild pin for $5.00. These pins can be used as gifts for your quilting friends.

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 four new members, Chris Depkin, Charlene Rodriguez, Christina Ginsberg, and Kate MacLeod! FSQ is currently at 124 members strong. Welcome Chris, Charlene, Christina, and Kate!!!

We will meet in person on November 2, 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. As a reminder, this will be our last in-person meeting until the spring as our winter month meetings will be on Zoom!

Our annual membership renewal ended in September, and the new FSQ Member Directory will be sent out via email to all members soon. Please let membership know if any of your information on file (i.e., address, phone number, email address) needs to be updated.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can do so in person at the November meeting, and 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 checks (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

Carrie Horton & Jan Drass
Membership Co-Chairs

Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends with November Birthdays:

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



Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Ellen Robinson

Thanks to each of you who have picked up your packet of tickets to sell (or buy yourself). Additionally, thanks to those of you who have already turned in your ticket stubs and money to me. Plus, thank you to those who have taken our quilt to other guilds to sell tickets. More quilt visits coming – Maryjean Spencer will send out Signup Genius emails listing these opportunities. By the way, these visits can be a lot of fun, as you get to attend other guilds' meetings and see what they are up to.

For those who haven't been able to pick up your packet of tickets or have stubs/money to turn in, I will be at the November guild meeting (near the membership table). Please come on by. This is our last in-person meeting since we go to zoom-only for the December, January and February meetings. I also plan to also be at the November Sew-In (11/7 & 11/8) and can receive stubs/money. If I know you will need to pick up your tickets or need more, let me know ahead of time and I will bring yours. I am listed in the FSQ directory. Plus I can make arrangements to meet with you during the zoom-only months. Just let me know.

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.

Please let me, Ellen Robinson, 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

URGENT: **BOUTIQUE CHAIR**. We still do not have a chair for the Boutique. The Boutique serves as a source of income for the guild, but it also is a major way for YOU to sell *your* makes. This is not a position that requires you to “do it all” - plenty of help will be available before, during, and after the

show, but we do need someone to be the official spokesperson for the boutique. The duties can also be spread across more than one person, with a chair team.

ADMISSIONS CHAIR. This is a critical area and a fun one as you get to greet our visitors! You don't have to sit at the admissions table the entire show- we get plenty of volunteers for this.

FLYER DISTRIBUTION CHAIR. It's important to get the word out so people come see all of our gorgeous quilts. Again, plenty of help as people volunteer to take flyers to their favorite quilt shows, although some do get mailed.

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. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov 18, 2026, over Zoom.

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 the Saturday and Sunday, with setup late Friday the 23rd.

PLEASE consider volunteering for the open chair positions- we could really use the help.
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.

Quilt Show Challenge
Stacy Ross

It's time to start thinking about what you'd like to make for our 2027 Quilt Show Guild Challenge! As announced at our October guild meeting, the theme is "Into the Woods." You can draw inspiration from forest colors, favorite memories or photos of hikes through the trees, woodland creatures, quilt blocks with woodsy names (log cabin, bear paw, maple leaf, etc.), or anything else that makes you think of the forest. With such a broad theme, we are sure to get a really fun and varied bunch of entries… but only if lots of people participate!

Please make sure that your finished quilt is no more than **27" on its longest side** (in honor of our 2027 quilt show!). The entries will be displayed together at the quilt show and will be eligible for Viewer's Choice prizes in the "Guild Challenge" category. Your quilt will need to be finished in time to turn in for our April 2027 quilt show, but you will need to be ready to submit photos of it for registration sometime in mid-March. We can't wait to see your woodsy masterpieces!

Yard Sale and Raffle Basket

We are gearing up for the Spring Quilt Show and will accept donations for both the Yard Sale and Raffle Baskets.

We will be accepting fabric, notions, tools, patterns, and books (2021 and newer).

Please contact the committee if you have a large or bulky item you'd like to donate. Machines should be in working order.

Now accepting donations at the November in-person meeting and all future service projects through March 2027.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yard Sale committee
Yard_Sale@friendshipstar.org

Raffle Basket committee
baskets@friendshipstar.org



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). We have lots of room as signups are going slow, this is a nice chance to get to know other members of the guild and sew together. Since we have a lower attendance, we may not need all the extra tables, but we do need at least 3 6ft tables for the cutting area. You may want to leave your large tables in the car until we know if they are needed.

The Details:
Date: November 7-8 (Saturday/Sunday)
Time: 9am - 5pm but come when you can. Setup help needed between 8am-9am on 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

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. 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.

Coralyn Colladay has offered a demo/presentation on Foundation Paper Piecing. Lynn Stieber, has offered to demo quilted greeting cards, bring some fabric and batting scraps and glue sticks. Batting should be at least 5 by 7 inches. Lynn will bring the blank cards and extra glue sticks. Trish McTighe has offered to demo aromatherapy rice bags. She will bring the rice and instructions, you need to bring 2 fat quarters.

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 an 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



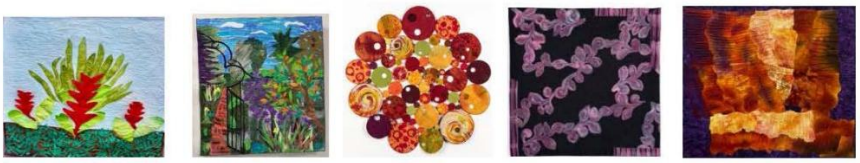
Quilty News & Stuff

Artists & Makers Studio in Rockville

"A Forest Meadow" with Montgomery County Woodturners and Friendship Star Quilters

November Reception
5:00pm – 8:00pm, Friday, November 6th, 2026
Artists & Makers Studios
11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210
Rockville, MD 20852
Woodturning Demo: November 14th, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
https://artistsandmakersstudios.com/october-2026-in-the-galleries-with-montgomery-county-woodturners-and-friendship-star-quilters/

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.

https://artistsandmakersstudios.com/october-2026-in-the-galleries-with-montgomery-county-woodturners-and-friendship-star-quilters/

AQS Show in Columbus, OH
Mary Ann Bruce & Joyce Danzig

This September, the American Quilters Society held a show in Columbus, OH at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Joyce and I, along with our husbands, enjoyed a long weekend in Columbus that included two days at the show.

The show had over 700 quilts on exhibit, that included nearly 300 contest quilts, from quilters all over the world. There were several special exhibits: Abyss-Creatures from the Deep: The Cherrywood Challenge, Miniature Contest Quilts, America the Beautiful, Stars, Stripes & Stitches and 50 States

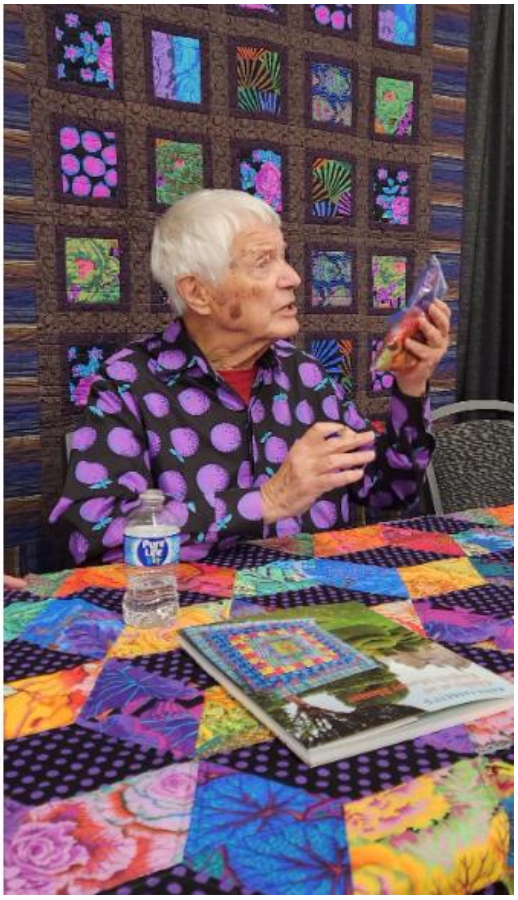
in Stitches, to name a few. Plus, there were many aisles of vendors to explore, workshops and lectures to attend.

Three exciting highlights for us were: the Kaffe Fassett lecture we attended, seeing Carrie Horton's 50 States in Stitches submission and finding an amazing quilt artist from Maryland who will speak at a future FSQ meeting!

We encourage you to attend an AQS show in the future. Columbus is such a foodie town, we enjoyed many great meals. Plus, the flight is only an hour long.



Kaffe Fassett gave such an engaging and funny presentation about how he came to the quilting world via knitting and needlepoint.





We were so tickled to see Carrie's Maryland postcard for the 50 States in Stitiches!



Some of the beautiful quilts on exhibit.

Routed West: Twentieth-Century African American Quilts in California
National Museum of Women in the Arts, Wahington DC
Sep 18, 2026, to Jan 17, 2027

Between 1940 and 1970, millions of African Americans left the Southern United States in what became known as the Second Great Migration, as they sought greater freedom, economic opportunity, and escape from Jim Crow segregation and racial terror. Hundreds of thousands of migrants arrived in California, where many carried quilts as well as their quilt-making traditions. Featuring nearly 80 artworks by more than 70 individuals with ties to the San Francisco Bay Area, *Routed West* threads the needle between Black people's historical movements and their quilts to tell stories of collective care, resilience, and creativity (more info).



Elected Officers	
President	Anne Flaggs
Vice President	Marylin Pierre
Co-Treasurers	Joy Dorman and Judy Walsh
Secretary	Jennifer Rossmere

Fabric of the Month	Nancy Debnam	Retreats	Colleen Biasco and Jennifer Rossmere
Facebook	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	Service Projects	Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver
Membership	Carrie Horton and Jan Drass	Small Groups Coordinator	Peggy Weidman
Newsletter	Liz Plantz	Summer Challenge	JoAnne DuChez, DeVeda Powell and Meg Tison
Pins	Linda Belecki	Sunshine & Shadows	Ellen Robinson
Programs	Mary Ann Bruce, Joyce Danzig and Ihsia Hu	Web Administrator	Lorie Coston
Publicity	Michele Barnard	Yard Sale	Piecemakers Mini Group
Raffle Quilt Marketer	Maryjean Spencer	Zoom Coordinator	Kathy Swartz
Raffle Ticket Sales	Ellen Robinson	2027 Quilt Show	Michele Barnard, Trish McTighe, and Anne Flaggs