



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

www.starlightquilters.com

January 2011

### Presidents Message

By Lue Anne Christensen

Happy New Year Starlight Quilters,

I hope each of you had a Christmas full of many blessings and a few good surprises. I had the best Christmas ever as I told my children. Yet, it is good that the holidays have passed on to a new year with wonderful anticipations of what is to come in 2011. A new year means resolutions or goals for many people--I am one of those who sets both for the new year. They don't always come to fruition, but at least they move me closer to where I want to be. My biggest goal in both size and need-to-be-achieved is to eliminate as many of the UFOs I have "saved" as possible so that I can start some new projects which I hope will not reach the dreaded UFO status. First, I want to tackle the many small to medium sized hand/machine quilting projects that have gathered in my sewing room so that I can get to those many kits and new projects that I was once so excited about. At the very top of my list is making the ugly quilts for the homeless who live under the bridges in KC. I have already delivered the many that Connie Lutz's sewing classes and Kim's small group made to the youth group at my church, the Presbyterian Church of Stanley. These quilts have already been given out to the people under the bridges that the youth have been visiting. Watch for information about when and where we can meet to complete more of these ugly quilts. Let's see how many of KC's homeless we can help to warm up.

As I see it, my most exciting role in 2011 is to serve as the president of Starlight Quilt Guild. The guild board has great plans for 2011. The programs alone will be more than worth the cost of membership to the guild. (That has always been true.) As you read through this month's Starlight Express, note the dates for workshops, bus trips and opportunities for contributing to our community with our sewing/quilting. Another of the great reasons to belong to Starlight is the members who are not only friendly caring people, but also talented quilters willing to share their expertise whether in workshops or small groups. Remember, this is your guild so if you think of some interesting speakers, workshops or places to visit/shop; let a board member or me know. It is through information



### Presidents Message (cont'd)

from our membership that we can continue to be an inspired and inspiring guild.

Here's to a terrific, productive 2011. Wishing each of you a year of pleasurable sewing/quilting experiences whether finishing UFOs, Linus quilts, placemats for Meals on Wheels, or those new projects. Whatever you may be working on, I know we will have some great "show and tells." Happy Quilting.

### January Program

Amy Bradley

January 25, 2011

### Recognize this Quilt Diva?

Well, you certainly will after our January guild program. Local quilter, designer, graphic artist, farm wife, mother, grandmother, business owner, and all-around fun person Amy Bradley will get our year off to great start with a very fun trunk show and program "Getting Ready for Market". Amy lives in Lawrence, Kansas, with her veterinarian husband. She has two children. Her daughter Ashley works with her full-time and her son Adam worked for her part-time while attending the University of Kansas. Her mother, Dorothy, is also an integral part of her quilt design business and attends quilt market with Amy. If you've ever been to quilt market you know this is no small task!

So it's time to get ready for market again and Amy is going to fill us in on getting ready for this year's marathon. You will recognize Dazzling Dogs, Super Quilters, Bountiful Beauties, Ballerina Kitties, and her many other fun characters. Come see what's in store for us next. In the mean time, be sure to pick up a copy of the February Quilters World featuring this Quilt Diva Extraordinaire! Also check out her website [amybradleydesigns.com](http://amybradleydesigns.com) and her blog [amybradley-designs.blogspot.com](http://amybradley-designs.blogspot.com).

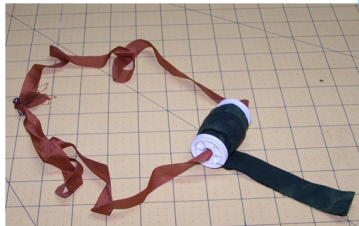


## Suzy Scissorhands



Hello all your Starlight Quilters. Let me introduce you to Suzy. She is a savvy sewer who loves gadgets and tips for making her stitches better and life easier. Her column will appear in this newsletter every month, but she needs your help. Got a gadget that you love – or hate? Tell Suzy all about it. Or a tip that saves you time or makes sewing quilts fast and fun? Tell Suzy. Do you have a problem that you think Suzy might be able to solve? Ask away.

Dear Suzy,  
Whenever I sew binding on a quilt I end up with a long strip of binding under, over, and beyond my sewing area, and usually my cat thinks it's a toy for him to play with. How can I keep my binding tidy and out of Kitty's paws? All Bound Up in Shawnee



Dear All Bound Up,  
Sounds like you are fit to be tied! Opal Yarnell has the perfect solution for you. She calls it a Binding Spool. You take an empty thread spool, wind you binding around the spool, slip a ribbon through the hole in the spool, and hang it around your neck. The binding flows off the spool and onto your quilt like magic! No more binding all over the place. If you are binding a really large quilt, with yards and yards of binding, try this same tip using an empty toilet paper tube.

Suzy  
P.S. My apologies to Kitty for spoiling his fun. Perhaps you could use some leftover binding to make a

## Get ready to stitch and sew Mary Funk

The 2011 challenge will be announced at the January guild meeting. Mary will have samples of our challenge so that we can get started in February.

## Outgoing President's Gift

Did you forget to bring a fat quarter to the November guild meeting to give to our outgoing President Connie Flagler? Well it's not too late to honor the work done by Connie over the past year as our guild President. She has requested "cat" fabric. Have fun finding a cool and unusual or just plain cute piece of "cat" fabric.

## 2011 Opportunity Quilt

Donna DiNatale



### Attention Machine Quilters!!! Quilter Needed for 2011 Opportunity Quilt

The 2011 Opportunity Quilt top is finished. The quilt measures 60" x 60" and as you can see, it has an Eastern or Asian design and theme. We need someone to finish the quilt by machine quilting and possibly binding. We would like the quilt completed as soon as possible so we can display it on National Quilting Day, but at the very latest it needs to be completed by April 1.

If you are interested in quilting the 2011 Opportunity Quilt please contact Donna di Natale at [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net) or 913-541-0283 for more information.

We are also seeking a member to be responsible for booking locations to display the opportunity quilt between April and October. Interested? Contact Donna di Natale.

## National Quilting Day

**Save the date – March 29, 2011.** Starlight Quilters Guild will celebrate National Quilting Day with an all-day sew-in. Details will be announced at the February guild meeting, or watch the website for more information

Build Your Own Log Cabin for National Quilting Day 2011!

Go to the National Quilting Association website for a free pattern of this quilt



### Tip-

Use a shallow, opaque plastic tub for a quick, portable light table. Place an under-the-cupboard switch-on fluorescent light under the inverted tub and begin tracing.

## Perry Sew Day, January 22-

Jamie Morgan

Happy New Year! Last year's open sews were such great fun we decided what better way to start the year than with another fun filled day of sewing, camaraderie and good food. The first Open Sew of 2011 will take place on Saturday, January 22 in Perry, Kansas at the American Legion Hall. The sew time will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per person with the monies collected going to the Legion. For your convenience ironing and cutting stations will be provided.

This is an informal gathering to work on any projects you have and enjoy some time with other textile enthusiasts. To make sure we have enough tables and chairs set up we ask that you email or call if you plan to attend. Email addresses and phone number are provided below. If you have any questions or need directions please email or call Jamie Morgan ([code43top@yahoo.com](mailto:code43top@yahoo.com), 785-554-8311) or Janette Luehring ([juehring@kc.rr.com](mailto:juehring@kc.rr.com), 913-568-2520).

Last but not least a few words about meals, drinks and snacks. Meals are potluck with the late meal being a revisitation of the wonderful food from lunch. Participation in the potluck meals is voluntary. The Legion has a large kitchen with two refrigerators for any items that need to be kept cold. Water, cold tea and ice, along with paper products, cups and utensils will be provided. Attendees are welcome to bring in drink and snack items of their choosing. Hope to see you there!

## Bingo 2011 Style-

Lorna Larson, 2011 Bingo Chairman

A committee is being formed to plan for our August Bingo night. We are making changes to the format this year and if you are interested in being on the committee...or in contributing innovative suggestions...please let me know at [lolarson@kc.rr.com](mailto:lolarson@kc.rr.com) by



## Invite-

Peggy Skaith, Quilt Show Boutique chair

If you are re-organizing or cleaning your sewing/craft area, keep these items and bring them to the meeting: zippers, vintage or antique items, fat quarters. If you have a brilliant idea for an item to craft or sew and would like to host a small sewing party, or if you would like to sew in a small group, contact me. Peggy Skaith, [especially-quilts@att.net](mailto:especially-quilts@att.net) or 913-341-0525.



## Fat Quarter Drawing 2011-

Connie Flagler

- January- Red and White Toile
- February- Things in My Sewing Room
- March- Tone on Tone-any color
- April- You get to choose
- May- Father's Day
- June -Summer Batiks
- July- Sparkles
- August- Dog Days
- September- Birds of a Feather
- October- You'll need that flannel
- November- What I am Thankful for



## Website-

Bernadine Farrow

Welcome to our website. ("Come into my web, said the spider to the fly" or should I say, "Come into the web site, said the spider to all quilters")



This year I (your web spider) am going to change the looks of the site. Starting in February, (don't want to confuse you without warning), the background and set up will be different each month. So don't think that you have gone to the wrong place if you don't see the usual multi-colored fabric squares. I'd love to hear what you think of the designs each month. Just e-mail me at [bernief@kc.rr.com](mailto:bernief@kc.rr.com).

The website is always a good place to visit each month, especially the day or two before the meeting. (That is the time the site has the most hits). There you can refresh your memory as to who our speaker is and what she/he will be presenting, make sure you have the right motif for the next workshop, and make plans to sign up for the next workshop. But check out all the other features, too. There are links to lots of quilting web sites (a great way to spend some free time and be inspired), and information about guild events, links to our newsletters, pictures from our meetings, pictures from quilt shows, etc. If there is something going on that you would like to share with the guild on the website, be sure to let me know.

Don't forget our web address is: [www.starlightquilters.com](http://www.starlightquilters.com), or do a search on starlight quilt guild, or any related words.



## Starlight Quilt Guild 2011 Officers and Committee Chairs

### 2011 Officers

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Connie Flagler

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Kristi Orr

Fat Quarter Monthly Drawings-  
Connie Flagler

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Kristi Orr

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Opal Yarnell

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Program Chair- **TBA**

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Sandy Ralston  
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Website-  
Bernadine Farrow

Blog-  
Toni Caro

Yahoo Starlight E-Site-  
Lea Robrahn





## Starlight Quilt Guild 2011 Program Schedule

**January 25, 2011**

*Amy Bradley, Getting Ready for Quilt Market*

**February 22, 2011**

*Angela Walters, I'm Done, Now What?*

**March 22, 2011**

*Quilting for Charity, Several community service organizations will explain how SQG can assist in helping their organization serve people in need.*

**April 26, 2011**

*Edie McGinnis, Kansas City Star Quilts trunk show*

**May 24, 2011**

*Tony Munoz, The Five W's of Mystery Quilts: Who, What, When, Where, Why*

**June 28, 2011**

*Linda Mooney, Doll quilts and miniatures*

**July 26, 2011**

*Joanna Figuero of Fig Tree Designs, TBA*

**August 23, 2011**

*Fat Quarter Bingo*

**September 27, 2011**

*Sewing Bee*

**October 25, 2011**

*It's A Mystery, Author event*

**November 15, 2011**

*Ada Niedenthal, Timeless Textiles*

**December - no meeting**

**Squares From Fat Quarters**

A Fat Quarter measures 18" x 22"

Size	#
2"	99
2.5"	56
3"	42
3.5"	30
4"	20
4.5"	16
5"	12
5.5"	12
6"	9
6.5"	6

## 2011 MYSTERY QUILT FOR STARLIGHT

Shirley Lewis



**Size: Approximately 48 ½ x 48 ½**

Welcome to the world of the 2011 Starlight Mystery Quilt! It's a trip that's not mandatory, but that should be fun. At the end of the journey, you'll have a wall hanging you can be proud of, the satisfaction of completing the quilt, and maybe

a ribbon for your project!

In **February**, you will get instructions for yardage needed for the quilt, instructions for cutting the fabric, and Step 1 directions.

**April** will bring Step 2 directions, giving you two months to complete the cutting and Step 1. This is the only time you'll get two months for one step, so enjoy it.

**May** will bring Step 3 directions.

**June** will bring Step 4 directions, which also includes the setting instructions.

You will have from **June to August** to complete the Mystery Quilt. At the **August** meeting, we'll display all the quilts and vote on our favorites. The three quilts with the most votes will get a ribbon. In **October**, the quilts will be displayed at the quilt show.

It will be fun to see how different the quilts look, using

## New Year's Resolution?

Alex Thompson

So, who started the insanity known as New Year's Resolutions? Blame the ancient Babylonians. Their most frequent resolution - to return borrowed farm equipment.

So, what's yours? Exercise, weight control, connecting with family & friends are always popular. Didn't make one? How about a quilt resolution? Easier to keep & fun, too. Here's a few to choose between-

- Make a Linus quilt every 3 months.
- Make a small quilt for the annual guild sale.
- Volunteer at a guild meeting to meet guests, clean up the goody table, hold quilts.
- Find a new friend at a meeting.
- Join a small group to work on your favs.
- Learn a new technique, make a large quilt if you usually do small or vice versa.
- Bring a friend to a meeting and pass on the quilting bug.
- Smile more & worry less. It doesn't have to be Paducah-perfect to be beautiful.

Make a 2011 list of what you'd like to do: a pattern you've been waiting to do, a fabric you've been saving for the "perfect" thing, a drool over thread.

Then sit back, relax and stitch.

Happy 2011



## Do you have a Birthday This Month

Well, Happy Birthday! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share. Fellow SQG members will be deliriously happy to share your goodies! No doubt someone will beg for your recipe. This month's birthdays are:

Lois Donaldson  
Victoria Foley  
Karen Huffman  
Sheila Lynch  
Janice Meleon  
Jean Patchen  
Alice Scott  
Sharon Vickery  
Lori Wagner



## Membership News-

Marilyn Carr

### Welcome New Member:

Susan Wagner

### Membership Renewal

New rosters with 2011 Membership cards will be handed out in February so renewal is critical if you want to be included. Dues for the year are \$25 and can be given to Marilyn Carr.

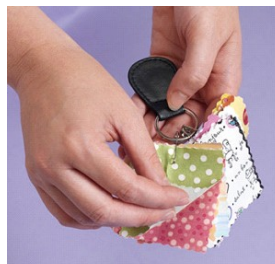
### Perfect attendance

There were many perfect attendance members in 2010. My only source for this information is the check-in list.

Lois Bozart  
Marilyn Carr  
Carol Cleary  
Donna Di Natale  
Cheryl Diebold  
Lorna Larson  
Deborah McCurnin  
Terri Oberle  
Connie Passaro  
Sandy Ralston  
Jackie Rudolph  
Cheryl Tomson  
Opal Yarnell  
Congratulations to all of you and I'm sorry if I missed anyone.

## Shopping For Fabric

The key to easier fabric shopping is simple. Use a safety pin to attach fabric swatches to a key ring. You can carry your quilt-in-progress with you for those unplanned quilt shop stops!.



## Communications-

Let us know of any concerns, deaths, triumphs, or if someone needs help with something. This way we know what is going on with our fellow members and can send cards, etc. Contact one of these members:

- Rosie Brinker---913-268-8819 or [rosie474@aol.com](mailto:rosie474@aol.com)
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or [sll849@aol.com](mailto:sll849@aol.com)
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or [barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com](mailto:barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com)



## Blog-

For those of you who are interested in quilts, especially old quilts, Donna DiNatale has started a new blog that will talk about some of her quilts. She will include information about collecting and caring for quilts, old and new. She'd love to have you follow along and provide comments. Here is the link: <http://heartlandquilts.blogspot.com/>



## Project Linus --

Karen Moore

Thank you again for such a great 2010 ! As the new year begins let us think of the children who need comfort - the blankets make a great start for that and we can be instrumental by making as many blankets as we can. We turned in 373 "beautiful blankets" in 2010 --- so I think we should aim for at least 400 this year. We have lots of kits and batting - donated by wonderful people - that I will be bringing to the meetings again. Please don't forget that "Lili's Hugs©" for children with autism are easy to make and count in our totals. Happy New Year to all ! Hugs, Karen Moore.

Please save Best Choice labels for Project Linus. We receive \$15 for every 1000 labels we turn in. You should only save Best Choice UPC codes. We don't collect any other brand...we have received a few Always save and so others we don't collect those. Please turn your labels in envelopes with your blankets so we can be counting them as we go.



## Advertisements

**FREE! Post your AD HERE!** If you are a guild member in good standing and would like to run your **FREE** ad, send your information to the newsletter editor. See back page for details.

**Pieces in Plaid Quilting by Lynne Zeh.** A professional full service quilter for 6 years. Located in Lenexa, KS.

**Machine Quilting.** Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. I am offering a winter special. Bring your quilt top in January and I will piece your backing OR add a single border at no charge. [especiallyquilts@att.net](mailto:especiallyquilts@att.net) or 913-341-0525

**Machine Quilting by Julia Day.** Is your piecing ready to transform? Call for your consultation today.

**Machine Quilting by Karen** - let me help you with your quilting! 913-638-4625 Karen Huffman. Quilts up to 52 inches in width.

## Starlight E-site—the Yahoo Group

---Lea Robrahn

Starlight E-Site is an online club where Starlight members get together to share photos, links, documents or files, and have a message board to post items of interest.



It sounds more complicated than it is. You can elect to read all information on the E-Site, which leaves your inbox less cluttered.

To join:

1. Send an email message to Lea Robrahn (remove spaces) [leannieq@hotmail.com](mailto:leannieq@hotmail.com)
2. You'll than be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site
3. Join.

**"FIND US ON FACEBOOK"** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106359079270>

## Food pantry donations-

If you forgot to bring your canned goods and non-perishable items to the November meeting for the church food pantry it is not too late. Please bring a canned item or two or non-perishable goods to the guild meeting. There are many needs throughout the year so January is a great time to give.





### Membership Information:

2010 Membership, New or Renewal, \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chocked full of information and

news of upcoming events to your e-mail or home; provide a lending library of quilting books available to members; and other benefits too numerous to mention!

### Newsletter Deadline:

Articles are due the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at [mwelch5@kc.rr.com](mailto:mwelch5@kc.rr.com) (913-432-4515) .



### NEXT SQG MEETING!

**Tuesday, January 25, 2011 6:30 PM**—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00 PM— Amy Butler-Recognize this quilt Diva**

### Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, January-October at **Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nall, Mission, KS**. The November meeting date is determined each year based on the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no December meeting.

### Meeting Cancellation:

SQG meetings will be canceled if the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes. Monitor announcements on TV and radio when bad weather threatens.



**Changes:** If you have moved, changed your name, e-mail address or telephone numbers (home, work, or cell), please bring them with you to the next guild meeting or mail them to Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter (see list)

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