



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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July 2011

Presidents Message

By Lue Anne Christensen

Quilting friends,

All I can think about is our loss of Karen Moore. She became a dear friend of mine so quickly as I shopped at Harper's, and then as we served on the Guild board. I know we will all miss her so much. I am in such a state of disbelief. She was so kind, helpful and talented. I would like for us to create some thing very special in her memory. Perhaps, each of us could think of a special way to celebrate her life as a quilter, teacher, and friend. Let me know through email (lueanne@gmail.com) what ideas you might have. I remain heart broken with this report of her passing.

Having just learned of Karen's passing away, I cannot think of any thing else to write about. Perhaps, I will complete all the Linus kits I have at my house--only two, and then I will pick up some more. I know Karen would like for us to exceed our goal of 400 quilts by at least 100 more Linus quilts this year. What could our guild do for her family? Prayers, Food, flowers, cards, attending her visitation and funeral? None of it seems to be enough. Do what you feel you can to help ease the pain her family must be experiencing from the loss of their mother, grandmother, and wife.

I am sorry this has to be a very short president's message. I am both grieving for her loss and celebrating that I knew Karen.



July Program

Joanna Figueroa of Fig Tree Quilts



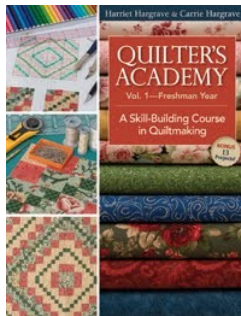
Joanna has been an artist of one sort or another since she was a little girl. She held her first art show when she was 8 years old, selling her drawings to neighbors. She later discovered and fell in love with the art of quilting when she bought her first antique quilt at a garage sale. She soon made her first simple quilt and after that she was hooked. Sound familiar? Joanna finds quilting to be the perfect combination of art and practicality. Her company motto is *Fresh Vintage Style for Your Home*, which aptly describes her sense of style and variety of patterns. Today, she and her husband are the proud owners of a very successful business, Fig Tree & Company. Every year they produce over 100 quilting, sewing and children's patterns and design booklets, three fabric collections for Moda, travel to national and international teaching engagements and show, publish their magazine *Fresh Vintage*, organize their work for trunk shows and trade shows, and collaborate with publishers on books and magazines. Whew! I'm exhausted just writing about it.

Joanna will delight us all with the soft muted colors of her fabrics and whimsy of her designs, from pincushions to bags, to wall hangings and quilts. Fig Tree has something for everyone to enjoy. Joanna will present her Jelly Girl quilt workshop at Prairie Point Quilts on Wednesday, July 27. Join us Tuesday night at 7:00 for an inspiring trunk show and lecture. Remember...**it's Bring A Friend night!**

Quilter's Academy

Cheryl Tomson

Are you ready to take a “college course” in quilting? Quilter's Academy, a series of six volumes by Harriet Hargrave and Carrie Hargrave, is just that. Our library has the first three volumes and will add the remaining volumes as they are released. Start with the basics in volume 1, using strips and squares in straight sets. Progress to volume 2 with quilts set on point, adding more difficult settings and starting the process of designing your own quilts. Volume 3 introduces triangles, with quilts as easy as Broken Dishes progressing to the challenge of Feathered Stars. Volume 4 will take us to the beautiful patterns possible with 45 and 60 degree diamonds. Harriet writes the instructions and Carrie adds detailed tips for those of us with less experience. Included are many different techniques, for example, 8 ways to make half square triangles. Expand your horizons by going back to school with the Hargraves!



Boutique News-

Peggy Skaith

Thanks to all of you who have been donating items for our quilt show boutique! Finished items are appreciated very much, as are raw materials. I would love help in organizing and packaging of some of the materials to make them attractive and therefore more sale-able. I have a great stash of drapery and upholstery weight fabric remnants available for you crafters and sewers. Contact me at especialyquilts@att.net or at 913-341-0525. These fabrics would be perfect for bags and pillows of course, but also holiday stockings, placemats, table runners, sunglass or cell phone cases, or anything else you can dream up.

Membership

Marilyn Carr

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karen Boyd
Barbara Chang
Jan Rasheed
Celesta Tiner
Suzanne Waithaka



June Attendance

Members	94
New members	5
Guest	8
Total	107

AQS Quilt Show and Contest-Des Moines Iowa

Online registration is now available for the AQS Quilt Show and Contest in Des Moines, Iowa, September 28 - October 1, 2011.



Copy and paste this link into your browser's address bar to sign up now: <https://events.americanquilter.com/getdemo.ei?id=79&s=0I40W4OV1>

We have a great line up of workshops, lectures, and special events, but space is limited, so sign up today!

Thank you,
The AQS Show Staff

Special Thoughts-

To Toni Caro whose husband had a heart attack May 6 and open heart Quad bypass May 9 .



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 Bozarth
Rosie Brinker
Jeannette Byczek
Janice Craig
Donna diNatale
Connie Dunlap
Connie Flagler
Mary Honas
Connie Mai
Breeanna McSpadden
Donna Simpson
Dana Switzer
Dorothy Van Booven
Kan VanDurme
Joyce Verstraete



Happy Belated Birthday in June-Opal Yarnell

Suzy Scissorhands

Suzy is on a well deserved vacation (destination unknown). Please send your questions or finds to Suzy so that she can get back to work after her well-deserved vacation.



“The Art of Quilting” Starlight Quilter’s Guild Show and Sale

Janice Craig

Though our Annual Quilt Show is several months away, it's not too early to start thinking about the quilts you'd like to display. Any quilt that has not been entered in a Starlight Quilt Guild Show is eligible for submission. The quilt police will not be called, so we're on the honor system here. We'll be looking for a show of hands at the next meeting to get an idea of how much room we'll need for each category at the show.

There will be 3 ribbons in each of 4 categories: Wearable, Small Quilts, Medium Quilts, & Large Quilts. There will also be two other special ribbons, one for Viewer's Choice in all categories and a special Children's Choice for our guests under 12 to choose one favorite.

In addition to the quilts, we'll have fun with:

- Boutique
- Small Quilt Sale
- Silent Auction
- Bake Sale
- Vendors

“Featured Quilter” is our very own Freda Smith

We're challenging every member to attend. Admission is \$3 for a single (includes one chance to win the Opportunity Quilt) and \$5 for family (includes two chances to win), children under 12 are free. The show will be held at Bishop Miege High School, 5041 Reinhart Drive, Mission KS from 10:00AM to 4:00PM on October 8th & 9th during the Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival.

Quilt Entry Forms and Volunteer Sign Up Sheets will be available at the July Guild meeting.

Flamingo Bingo



Starlight Quilt Guild August 23 6:30-9:00 PM
 2 card- \$5.00
 Black out card-\$10.00

Bring Four Fat Quarters in a zip loc bag
 2 LIGHT 2 DARK



July Fat Quarter - Sparkles



Quilting Humor ...

A FAT QUARTER IS NOT A BODY PART.

QUILTING FOREVER-HOUSEWORK WHEN-EVER.

MY HUSBAND LETS ME BUY ALL THE FABRIC I CAN HIDE.

QUILTING WITH A FRIEND WILL KEEP YOU IN STITCHES.

IF I STITCH FAST ENOUGH DOES IT COUNT AS AEROBIC EXERCISE?



TIP-

If you don't have a design wall, and you have to use your dining room table or your floor, it is easy to get confused when you take your pieces of fabric to the machine. You want to be sure you are sewing the right pieces together--and along the correct sides! This is especially difficult when you are doing rows of same-sized squares, and you want to keep the order right. All you have to do is take a good, clear shot of the to layout with your digital camera before you start piecing. You can print it out on printer paper, or just use the photo preview, and ta-da! There's a picture showing exactly where you placed every piece. Just set it next to your machine and go.

2011 Opportunity Quilt



Members please pick up your Opportunity Ticket packets at the July meeting. Each member is asked to sell or purchase at least \$10 worth. Ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Zingy Log Cabin Workshop

August 20, 9:00 am – 3 pm
Taught by Jeanne Poore

Love Log Cabin quilts but hate cutting all those little pieces? Then this is the workshop for you. Jeanne Poore will show us how to make log cabin blocks the easy way. This is a good way to use up those leftover strips you have in your stash, too. This is a hands-on workshop so you will need to bring your sewing machine AND there will be some pre-class cutting instructions.



Starlight Quilt Guild Fall Retreat - September 16-18, 2011



Our Annual Fall Retreat at the Barn in Valley Falls, KS will be held on September 16-18, 2011, and cost is \$185/person (2 per room) for Guild members, and \$200/person for non-Guild members. We will try to honor requests for triple/quad occupancy whenever possible, but can't make any promises until we have a final headcount. Cost includes 5 meals (Fri-dinner; Saturday-breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and Sunday-breakfast); a comfy bed, clean en-suite bathroom, and you own personal sewing spot. Sign-ups will be available at our next Guild meeting, and will require a \$50 non-refundable deposit. You will be able to reserve your sewing spot as soon as you pay in full. Final payment in full is due by our August guild meeting. Contact Kristi (913 602 9461), Donna (913 402 7559) or Ellen (913 897 5343) if you have any questions

Area Quilt Shows

Sept. 16-17—Annual Quilt show 2011. Twilight Stitchers QG. Blue Springs, MO Timmothy Lutheran Church, R.D. Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO.

Sept. 24 –25— Flower Valley Quilt Show 2011: Sat. 10-4, Sun. 12-4. Flower Valley Quilting Guild. Ferguson, MO Lutheran Church of the Atonement. 1285 North New Florissant Rd., Florissant MO. <http://sites.google.com/site/flowervalleyquiltguild>

Quilters Wisdom

In my crazy quilts of life, I'm glad you are part of my squares of friends.

TIP-

When you need to sharpen the tip of your marking pencil, just sharpen it on some sandpaper. If you put the pencil in your sharpener it often breaks, this way only the tip is sharpened



2011 Events Calendar

July 19—SQG Board meeting

July 26--- *Joanna Figuero of Fig Tree Designs, TBA*

July 27—*Joanna Figuero Workshop, Prairie Point*

August 23---*Fat Quarter Bingo*

September 27---*Sewing Bee*

September 16-18— Retreat –The Barn

October 8 & 9– The Art Of Quilting, SQG Quilt Show, Bishop Miege High School

October 18—SQG Board Meeting

October 25---It's A Mystery, Author event

November 15---*Ada Niedenthal, Timeless Textiles*

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 – Owner / Operator Lynne Zeh, a full service long arm quilter with 8 years experience. Located in Lenexa, KS.

Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you with your quilting! Karen Huffman. Quilts up to 52 inches in width.

Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. especialquilts@att.net or 913-341-0525

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

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
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or sll849@aol.com
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or barbstoys4u@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/>



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:

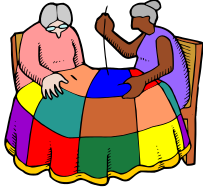
1. Send an email message to Lea Robrahn (remove spaces) leannieq@hotmail.com
2. You'll than be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site
3. Join.

TIP-

Use a sheet from a lint roll remover and stick it on my sewing table behind sewing machine and with every snip of threads put them on the lint remover paper, Threads stay on the paper- will help from getting on your floor also helps keep sewing table free of loose threads.



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



Membership In-

formation: 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!

Newslet- ter Dead- line:

Articles are due the 5th of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at mwelch5@kc.rr.com (913-432-4515) .



NEXT SQG MEET- ING!

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

7:00 PM— *Joanna Figuero of Fig Tree Designs*

Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4th 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.



Remember to bring:

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



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

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