



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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October 2011

Presidents Message

By Lue Anne Christensen

Dear Sewing and Quilting Friends,
What is it that makes October such a beautiful month? Even though many of the trees have not yet turned the glorious colors we all love and enjoy, the days have been beautiful. It makes it hard to stay in and sew. The light wind and sunny days just make for happy days. I am glad we haven't had to deal with the cold weather that makes the leaves turn the brilliant colors of fall.



Thinking of fall reminds of squirrels packing away the nuts and acorns for the winter ahead. Such a lovely thought of happy little squirrels gathering and storing their winter food--until I realized last week that they had decided to winter in my attic. With little paws scratching in my attic, the neighborhood squirrels had decided my attic would be a perfect storage unit for their gathered goods. After being awoken several mornings, I decided I would have to end their homesteading. In addition to a good chunk of my "change," it took a week of due diligence by "Trapper Todd" to get them to move out of my attic. Of course, I have reminded myself that I could have bought enough fabric for more than two queen size quilts including the backs and the quilting with the price of squirrel re-location. I continually determine the value of any purchase by its worth in fabric.

I hope those of you who attended the September Guild meeting are following Teri Oberli's advice on how we sit, place our machine on a table and how we sew to avoid the muscle and joint aches we may have experienced in the past. I am definitely more aware of how I sit when I sew now, and I can sew longer more comfortably. Like every quilter, I have more projects than I have time left on earth. Teri's presentation will go a long way to making it possible for me to finish more projects though.

Congratulations and thank yous to Linda Clatterback who will join Donna di Natali as co-chairperson for workshops next year. I know they will come up with some good opportunities for us to use up our stash or buy more fabric. A big thank you goes out to Shirley Lewis and Karen Edwards who already have a year-ful of programs awaiting us for next year. We are so happy to have each of you working for our guild to make it one of the best in the Kansas City area.

Happy Sewing/Quilting

October Program

Clare O'Donohue

Author of Someday Quilts Mysteries

(Program will be held at Countryside Christian Church NOT the bookstore.)

Born and raised in Chicago, Clare always knew she wanted to be a writer. In fact, she wrote her first mystery at 15. After college she worked as a newspaper reporter and teacher before moving to Los Angeles, where she got her first job in television. She worked on the show Simply Quilts for four seasons. Since then she has written and produced shows for The History Channel, truTV, Food Network, A&E, Discovery, TLS, and other channels. I bet we've all viewed her programs without even realizing it. All the while Clare still thought about writing a novel and in 2008 her first Someday Quilts book., *The Lover's Knot*, was published. *A Drunkard's Puzzle*, was just released. Clare also writes the Kate Conway Mystery books involving the world of television, a world she certainly has in inside's view of.



Clare will entertain us with stories of what it is like to work in television and of her journey as a successful mystery author. And she will also share with us a few of her quilts and stories behind those quilts. Clare's books will also be available for purchase at the meeting thanks to Maggie Wood of **I Love a Mystery** bookstore-yes, the store has reopened.



SEW LITTLE TIME:

Toni Caro

In 1980 Postage was .18cents ... and the Starlight quilt guild was just a 'baby' ... "newsletters" ... (if a phone call didn't work for a gathering) was done on a 'ditto' machine and tended to be handwritten ... as Technology has evolved so has our guild ... Look at us! - Not only do we have a Website, but you may also find us on Facebook, there is a BLOG, and TWO Flickr groups! ... One Flickr group was created for the Mystery Quilts; the second is for STARLIGHT SHOW AND TELL! ... so, you may show your Works in Progress, or Finished quilts - it's a great to archive those you give away - or for those who maybe missed the Guild meetings 'Show & Tell' ...

... IN ADDITION: on the BLOG there is a LINK to add your own BLOG link for an **ONLINE BLOG HOP** -- as well as a NEW tab for a **Virtual Shop Hop**. So, if you have a question, something to share, or an online link E-Mail to: starlightquiltersguild@gmail.com or to quilt_n_book_mom@hotmail.com

(it's super easy to create a Flickr account to upload your photo's and share!!! ... create an account via Facebook, google or yahoo email - or create a member ID easy-peasy!)

... check it out! STAY CONNECTED!

Starlight Quilt Guild 2012 Retreats-

Donna Holloway

Starlight Quilt Guild will be having a spring retreat (aka "spring fling retreat") on May 4-6, 2012 at the Cedar Crest Lodge (Pleasanton, KS). and that the Fall retreat at the Barn Sept 14-16 2012.

It's RENEWAL time

The new year is just around the corner and time to start thinking about renewal of Starlight Guild Membership. Wonderful programs are planned with new quilting ideas. I will need a Renewal Form filled out and paper-clipped to your check.

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 barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com



Project Linus -

Lea Robrahn and Mary Funk

Thank you for blowing away the target this year. With 534 blankets turned in, you've helped comfort 534 children. Let's keep it going! We have kits and patterns available at Starlight meetings and at Harper's Project Linus night. Also, please remember to bring in your Best Choice UPC labels. Our local chapter turns them in for cash, which is used to purchase labels for the blankets.



Membership

Marilyn Carr

Welcome New Members

Gary & Sandi Cox
Candace Hargrove
Jeanette Knittel
Dave Zipfel



September Attendance

Members	71
New Members	4
Guest	<u>4</u>
Total	79

Need YOUR picture

Marilyn Carr

I need to take pictures of a few members for our roster. It really helps to put a face with a name and it's completely painless!

Please see Marilyn at the membership table at the next meeting. Thanks!



Toni Caro
Candy Hargrove
Kathy Hurley
Sheila Lynch
Amy McCarthy
Linda Moyer
Kari Sime
Sharon Summers

Quilters Wisdom

Parking for quilters only,
Violators will be tied and basted.

Suzy Scissorhands

Dear SQG Friends,
I just got back from a fabulous time at the American Quilters Society show in Des Moines.



Whew! My dogs are tired but it was fun. I was amazed by all the stunningly beautiful quilts on display. Lots and lots of appliqué. Where do these people find the time? Our very own Freda Smith quilted one of the prizewinners this year! See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

I've recently been working on quilts for my upcoming book. Both quilts are fused and machine appliquéd because I find hand appliqué to be time-consuming. Well, it is to some extent, but I've learned that there are many products available to make the task easier and quicker. One of these products is Vilene Plus sticky self-adhesive water-soluble stabilizer. Designed to be used for embroidery, it works for appliqué as well. You trace or print your patterns onto the 8.5" x 11" sheets, cut them out, fold the seam allowance under, "stick" them onto the background fabric and sew. When the stitching is complete (either by hand or machine) you simply soak the block in water and the stabilizer disappears. You do not need to slice through the background fabric to remove the paper. No more accidentally cutting a hole in your precious work, and the fabric is nice and soft – not stiff like it is when you fuse it. There are other brands of water-soluble stabilizers available; Vilene just happens to be the one I saw demonstrated at the show. Yep, they sold some to me and I plan to try it out on my next project. I'll let you know how it works. In the mean time, if you have used this or other water-soluble backing, or have other suggestions for making appliqué easier and faster, let me know! Happy Quilting,

Suzy

Fastest Jelly Roll Quilt Party



Quilted Memories is inviting all quilters to the Fastest Jelly Roll Quilt Party! This event will benefit the "Back in the Swing" fundraiser for breast cancer survivors. Join us for lunch (12-4p.m.) or dinner(6-10 p.m.) on October 21, 2011 and make a fast quilt top! Cost \$25 - \$10 per person will go directly to " Back in the Swing " ! Please call Lyn Heilman for information or to register!.

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:

Cassie Diebl
Bernadine Farrow
Kathy Hurley
Susan Jarsulic
Janette Luehring
Linda Moyer
Ann Marie Nelson
Kristi Orr
Shirley Schuler
Mary Sternshein
Jean Turvey
Pat Wineland
Beverly Zavadil

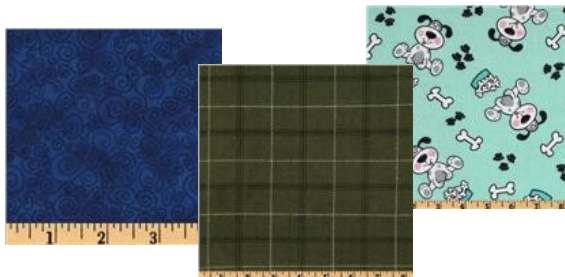


Boutique News-

Peggy Skaith

Thanks, all of you busy sewers and crafters for the array of beautiful items for our quilt show boutique! We are very impressed with the variety that you have provided. You are a talented and generous group!

October Fat Quarter - You'll Need that Flannel



Perry Sew Day-

Jamie Morgan

Join us on October 22nd from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for our Fall Open Sew date in Perry, Kansas at the Perry American Legion Hall. Lunch and Dinner are potluck with all paper products provided. Ironing and cutting stations will be available for your convenience. The cost is \$12 per person with the proceeds going to the Legion Hall. We look forward to seeing you for another fun filled day of sewing and laughter. Double your fun and bring a friend! If you have any questions, are planning to attend or wish to be added to the email list please contact Jamie Morgan at code43top@yahoo.com

WWII Quilt Presentation

ABILENE, Kan. - A renowned World War II quilt expert will present "Quilting 1941 to 1945: The War Years," at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Visitors Center auditorium. Admission is \$7 for the general public and \$5 for quilt guild members with membership cards.

Sue Reich, Connecticut quilt historian, is a certified American Quilter's Society quilt appraiser and has authored or co-authored four books and several major articles about WWII quilts. Reich became interested in WWII quilts eight years ago when she noticed how many quilts from the 1940s were patriotic and how little information about them was available. Her extensive collection of WWII quilts has been exhibited at the Quilters Hall of Fame, American Museum of Science and Energy and the New England Quilt Museum.

During World War II, women made quilts for their husbands, brothers and loved ones. Reich is determined that these often humble textiles, made at such an important time, take their rightful place in history. Her program includes a one-hour slide presentation followed by a display and discussion of quilts from her collection.

Reich's talk coincides with the second annual display of the Eisenhower Quilts of Valor Challenge on exhibit now through Nov. 30. The exhibit is free and open to the public in the second floor gallery of the Eisenhower Library building. After the exhibit each year, the quilts are delivered to wounded service men and women. This national grassroots community service effort connects the home front with our wounded veterans. Information about the challenge is available on our web site at www.eisenhower.archives.gov.

The third annual Eisenhower Quilts of Valor Challenge will be held Jan. 1 through Sept. 1, 2012, ending with the quilt display in mid-Sept.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, a nonpartisan federal institution, is part of the Presidential Libraries network operated by the [National Archives and Records Administration](http://www.nationalarchives.gov). Programs and exhibits are made possible thanks to the generosity of donors and our primary support organization, the Eisenhower Foundation. To learn how you can support the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, please visit our web site at www.eisenhower.archives.gov or call 785.263.6700. For upcoming programs, please visit our web site or join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/likeLibrary.

Prize Winning Quilt by Ilyse Moore and Freda Smith

Paradise in Kansas is the name of this beautiful appliquéd quilt that won Third Place in the category Bed Quilts – Machine Quilted at the American Quilters Society show in Des Moines, Iowa, September 26-October 1. The quilt was appliquéd by Ilyse Moore Of Overland Park, and machine quilted by Starlight member Freda Smith. Congratulations Freda!



2011 Events Calendar

- October 18—SQG Board Meeting
- October 22—Sew Day at Perry Kansas
- October 25---It's A Mystery, Author event Clare O'Donahue
- November 15---Ada Niedenthal, *Timeless Textiles*



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

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! . Quilts up to 52 inches in width.

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

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

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/>



Here is the

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

STARLIGHT QUILT GUILD RENEWAL

Date	Check Number
Name: _____	
Combined fee for another person - name: _____	
Any changes to email, address or phone?	



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:

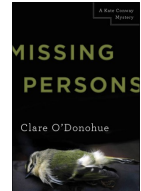
Articles are due the 5th of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at mwelch5@kc.rr.com (913-432-4515) .



NEXT SQG MEET-

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

7:00 PM— Clare O'Donahue Author of Some-day Quilts Mysteries



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.



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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