



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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November 2011

Presidents Message

By Lue Anne Christensen

Dear Starlight Quilters' Guild,

As I sat this morning working on one of my BOMs, I thought, "How fortunate am I that I live in an area where we have so many wonderful quilt shops stocked with such beautiful and diverse fabrics, unique and traditional patterns, and creative and talented teachers!" Looking around my sewing room filled with fabrics gathered on many shop hops where I have enjoyed hunting for just the right fabric or project for just the right person to make a warm, cozy quilt; I often become overwhelmed by the sheer wonder that I have found most of it within easy driving distance from my home. (I have yet to buy online -- that might be very detrimental to my bank account.) I have visited other areas where there is only one quilt shop. How awful would that be! We can drive within a 30-40 mile radius and find more than a dozen shops! Since we have this great variety of shops, we have even more opportunities to learn from great teachers, attend a variety of programs sponsored by our quilt shops and guilds, and just enjoy the thrill of walking into a quilt shop to see what's new. I am very thankful for the many quilt shops I've enjoyed since I moved to the KC area ten years ago.

As I continued my reverie this morning, I thought of all the fantastic friends I have met because we share a love for quilt making. I now have many friends that live on both sides of the state line. While I also I have friends from other areas of my life, it is my quilting friends that I seem to share the greater part of my life. Whether it be from taking a class at one of the shops, working on a guild project, or belonging to one of the quilting groups at a shop; the people who make quilts have become some of my dearest friends. We talk as we measure, cut, and sew with fabric that will warm both body and soul. We learn about each other, share each other's cares and concerns openly, and help each other solve problems whether sewing or life issues. I am very thankful for the many friends I have made while sewing with them.

It is so hard to believe that my year as president of the Starlight Quilters' Guild is coming to an end. What a wonderful experience it has been! This year has been so rewarding for me because I have had so much help to make it a great quilt guild. Our guild runs on its members who volunteer to make it such a successful organization.



President's Message (cont'd)

Our quilt show this year was the best it has ever been. I know each succeeding guild president will be able to say the same about the next quilt show; however, Janice Craig and Kim Cawthon's committee's organization did a superior job and provided the basis for its success. Every person on their committee devoted hours to preparing for the show, setting it up and taking it down. Thankfully, husbands got involved to provide the manpower needed. Guild members were exceedingly generous in sharing their quilts for the show, giving donations to the boutique (which was wonderfully organized by Peggy Skaith), and baking for the bake sale. With everyone's help we raised more money than ever for our operating costs, programs, guild library, and charities. Because of you, the members, we continue to make a positive impact on the greater Kansas City community. Our biggest contribution continues to be Project Linus which has received more than 500 quilts from our guild. A group of guild members met one Saturday to sew over 50 pillowcases to give to the people of Joplin, Missouri where an F-5 tornado crashed in upon their lives. Members went through their stash so that we could make not only make the pillow cases, but also sewing kits of needles, thread, and other notions to help the tornado victims piece their lives back together. We have also contributed specifically to the Johnson County area by making more place mats and decorative wall hangings for those who receive Meals on Wheels. Each year the Starlight Quilters' Guild also grants monetary gifts to local charities to help them do their good work. In 2011 we have given money to Harvesters, New House, and the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Each of you is a part of a very giving organization that makes a difference. I have been very proud to be the president of such a fantastically generous and talented group of women. Thank you for letting me be your president this year.

It's RENEWAL time

Marilyn Carr

Renew your membership to Starlight Quilt Guild now. It's still only \$25 for a year of wonderful programs and events. I will need a Renewal Form filled out and paper-clipped to your check. (See renewal form later in the newsletter)

SQG Quilt Show Vendors

First, last name	Business name	Web address
Jacquiline Stokakes		
Barbara Chavez	Heartland Quilting Company	http://www.heartlandquiltingandgifts.com/
Candace Hargrove		
Susan Brown	TQM Rulers	http://www.tqmproducts.com/
Lisa Wolfe	Rocking Chair Quilts	http://rcquilts.com/
Jeanette Knittel	Prairie Diva	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Prairie-Diva/120527784707121
Sandra and Gary Cox	Stitches and Glass	http://stitchesandglass.com/
Dave Zipfel	Scissors sharpening and in-home sewing machine repair	Phone 816-454-5360
Mary Elizabeth Schopp	The Rabbits Lair	http://www.therabbitslair.com/

Membership

Marilyn Carr

Welcome New Members

Mary Elizabeth Schopp

September Attendance

Members	77
New Members	1
Guest	<u>7</u>
Total	85



Perry sew days for 2012

Jamie Morgan

Come join us for fun filled days of sewing and laughter at the Perry Kansas American Legion Hall in Perry, Kansas. The following dates are set for sew days in 2012, January 7, April 14, June 2, and August 4th. Sewing time is from 10am to 10pm for the low price of \$12 per person. If you are interested in being added to email list please contact Jamie Morgan (code43top@yahoo.com), or Janette Luehring (juehring@kc.rr.com). Hope to see you all there!

November Fat Quarter -

What I am Thankful For!



Condolences-

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sue Sharp. Her sister, Jan Ruder, passed away recently



Dear SQG Friends,

Don't you just love this time of the year? The colors are so beautiful and the weather is just perfect. Why can't we just have spring and fall all year long?



My tip and tool of the month for November is one that I bet almost every one of you owns, but may not have used it for making a quilt. It is a digital camera. Whether you use the camera on your phone or a fancy schmancy high-buck camera you will find many uses for it.

First, when you are looking for fabrics to go with something you already have you can take your fabric to the store, or you can take pictures of your fabric and just take the photos. Or if you are auditioning fabrics to see if they work together, lay them out in some sort of an arrangement and take a picture. It will look much different when seen as a photo that it does lying on your tabletop. Once you have your fabric cut and your pieces sewn use your camera to determine the block arrangement. I use this especially when working with log cabin blocks because there are so many different way of putting the blocks together and each has it's own special look and appeal. After you have your blocks or pieces arranged on your table or design wall, take a photograph or two. Print them out and hang them by your sewing machine. Now you know which piece comes next and what order the rows go in to develop your design. You may also want to print a photo of one of the blocks onto fabric to use as a label on the back. Be sure to include that block name.

And don't forget; after your quilt is finished take another picture to put in your quilt log. Quilt log, you ask? Yep. Especially because most of us give away the quilts that we make, keep a photograph of each one along with when it was made, what fabrics were used, the size, and who the quilt was given to. A simple way to create a log is to put the pages in archival page sleeves and place them in a binder notebook. **Watch my column next year for how to make a simple quilted cover for your binder.**

Tip-

To neatly store sheets of fusible web and stabilizers in an easy-to-find place. Purchase an upright gift-wrap storage container (readily available during the holidays). Roll the sheets onto cardboard wrapping paper tubes and secure the sheets with tape so they can stand in the container.



November Program

Ada Niedenthal *Timeless Textiles*

Local art quilter Ada Niedenthal will end our program year with an inspiring discussion on the concept of art and design, and the difference between traditional quilts and art quilts. Her trunk show, which includes both traditional and art quilts, will demonstrate her talent for using pieced and embellished recycled and commercial fabrics and other textiles.



Ada has studied and taught art and landscape architecture and had her own landscape architecture consulting firm in Kansas City. In 2002 she made the decision to become a full-time artist. Nature and the landscape continue to inspire her work in the form of patterns and texture. Her art quilts are all original designs developed from a sight or sound or quote that set her creativity in motion. From her small page-sized quilts to her wall hangings and full-size quilts, you will be amazed and motivated by our November program.

For a preview of her work go to adaniedenthal.com.

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

WOW! You, the Starlight Guild members, have made 570 blankets for Project Linus. That's fantastic! There's a good chance we'll hit 600 by the end of the year. You can turn your blankets into Harpers or come to the next work night, which is December 7, 2011 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. I'll attend the work night and the Starlight guild meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, to collect blankets and answer questions.

Keep bringing in the Best Choice UPC labels. Thank you.



Christmas Tip-

Save dull rotary cutting blades to use for cutting paper. Using a rotary cutter to cut pieces of gift wrap speeds up the wrapping process.



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:

- Cecelia Anissy
- Deborah Carnes
- Toni Caro
- Kathy Caswell
- Stephanie Dodson
- Cheryl Dvorak
- Patti Groover
- Marci Lichtenauer
- Connie Lutz
- Barbara McCartney
- Pat Monagher
- Ginny Nelson
- Robin Pate
- Kathleen Purduski
- Jackie Rudolph
- Peggy Skaith
- Lisa Souza
- Susan Stevenson
- Lynne Zeh



December Birthdays

Since there is no meeting or newsletter in December lets take a moment to wish Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthday in December. Those of you who do have December Birthdays might want to adopt a month in the next year to celebrate your birthday and bring a treat to the meeting. Those having birthdays next month are:

- Linda Clatterback
- Carol Crouse
- Arlene Eberhart
- Jackie Evans
- Mary Funk
- Fran Garrett
- Lyn Heilman
- Lorna Larson
- Beverly McCreery
- Sharon Slusher
- Karen Tanyi
- Sandy Teeple
- Ellen Walbbridge
- Kathleen Wall



STARLIGHT SEW IN DAY

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 9:00 – 3:00
Rosewood Place apartments, 8500 Pflumm

Bring your own sewing machines and projects. We will provide irons, ironing boards, power cords, extension cords and cutting mats. You are welcome to come whenever you want to, and bring a sack lunch, or a snack.

No need to register, and it's free!

Parking Instructions – Turn at the top of the hill on Pflumm. The meeting room is on the lowest walk out level on the west side in the middle. After you unload your sewing machine, please move your car to the visitor's parking area.

National Quilt Museum 2012 Workshops

To learn more about the museums workshops for 2012 go to <http://quiltmuseum.org>



GRINCHY

Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming,
"I must find some way to keep the fabric from coming!

For, tomorrow, I know all the quilting ladies will squeal,
Will wake bright and early. They'll rush for the deal!

And then! Oh, the noise! Oh, the noise! Noise! Noise!
Noise!

There's one thing I hate! All the NOISE! NOISE! NOISE!
NOISE!

And they'll shriek squeaks and squeals, racing 'round with their deals.

They'll make endless pinwheels, of blues, greens and teals.
They'll cut fabric from jelly rolls with their half-hexi rulers.
And they use layer cakes, to make Dresden Plates.

They'll get the irresistible itch to stitch in the ditch.
Their sewing machines will hum, thimbles adorning their thumbs,

And they'll be noisy women chatting,
About their precious backing and batting!
And they won't stop to relax because they still have charm packs,
And they all like to use their fabric to the max.

Then the quilting Whos, young and old, will sit with fabric stacked to the hilt.

And they'll quilt! And they'll quilt! And they'll QUILT!
QUILT! QUILT! QUILT!

Quilters Wisdom

As ye sew, so shall ye rip.

2012 Programs

January 24- Pillow & Maxfield-*Creative Projects with Fabric*

February 28– Nancy Swanwick, *Still Quilting After All These Years*

March 27– Quilting Bits & Pieces of Eudora, *Embroidered Quilts: Show & Tell with History, Too*

April 24- Schoolhouse

May 22- Barbara Jones of Quiltsoup, *That's My Story and I'm Stickin' to It*

June 26- Vicki Lawrence, *Trunk show*

July 24- Donna DiNatale, *Confessions of a Quiltaholic*

August 28- Bea Oglesby, *It's Never To Late*

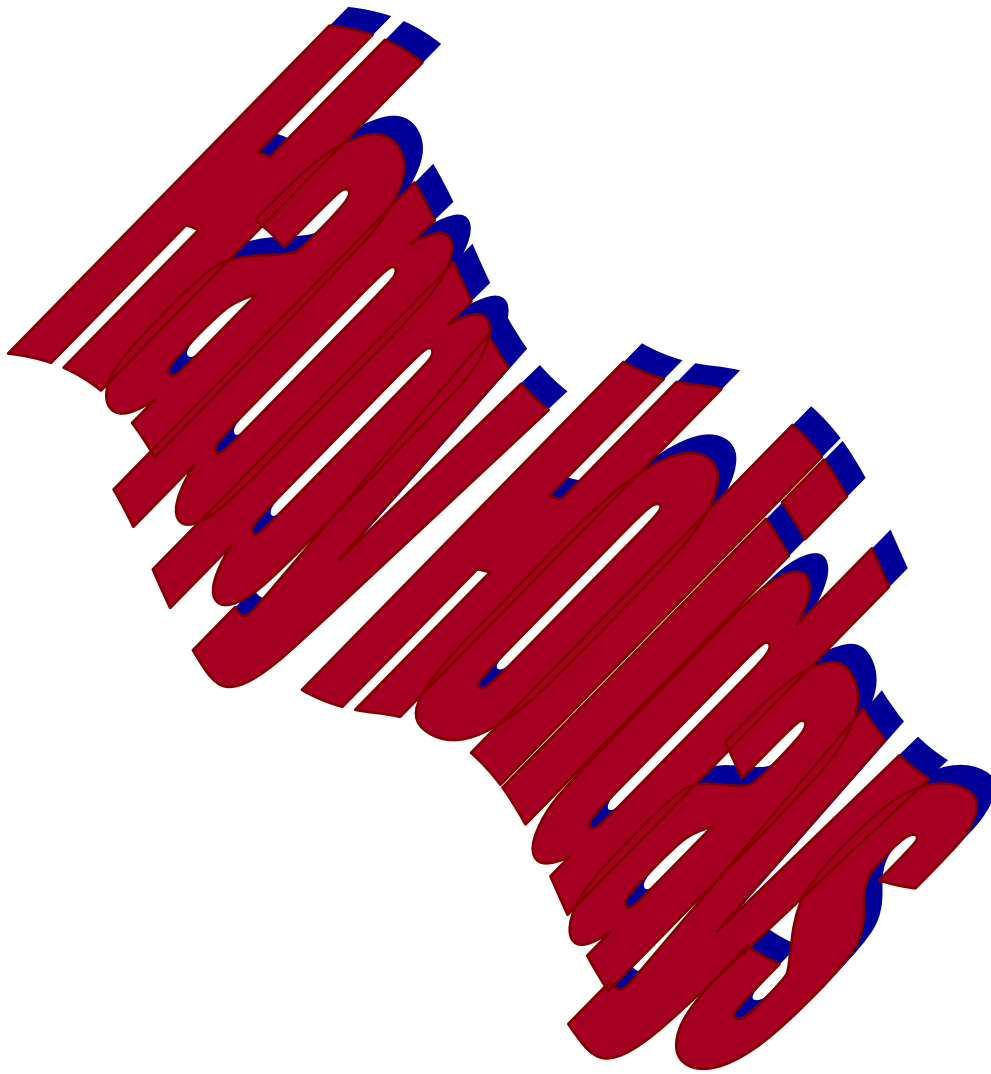
September 25- *Bingo*

October 23- Barb Eikmeier, *When This You See Remember Me*

November 27- Su Bunch of Piece Keepers, *Keeping the Piece-The Sixteen Elements of a Blended Quilt*

STARLIGHT QUILT GUILD RENEWAL

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



2011 Events Calendar

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

Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Show,
Friday and Saturday, Feb 10 & 11, 2012
Hours 10 am to 4 pm daily
Free Admission

Salvation Army Community Center
14700 E. Truman Road
Independence, MO

Vendors
Demonstrations both days
Concessions/Food
Opportunity Basket each day

For Information call:
Carolyn Morrison
816-461-1778
Or
Sharon Ladenburger
816-254-3692



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 then be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site

Tip-

If you like to use a lot of steam with your iron, which equals frequent filling. To save time, keep a clear plastic, squeeze-type condiment bottle full of water near your ironing board. The nozzle is just the right size for pouring water in the iron without spilling.

(American Patchwork and Quilting, October 2011)



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 finish all those tops! Low pricing, full Longarm services – all over designs or custom quilting. Karen Huffman,
Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. I have room for just a few more holiday quilts, so don't hesitate to call! 913-341-0525. especiallyquilts@att.net

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/>



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

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





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, November 15, 2011 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

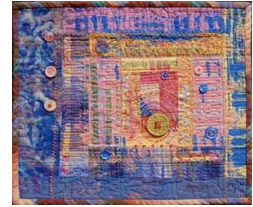
7:00 PM— *Ada Niedenthal, Timeless Textiles*

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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