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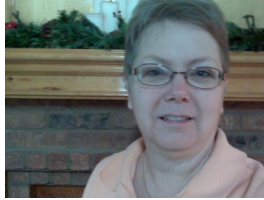
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March 2012

Presidents Message

By Kim Cawthon

My Grandmother Morgan comes to me often to influence my here and now and therefore, my future. She caught up with me the other day at Prairie Pieces Quilt Shop in Emporia Kansas. Just inside the door, hanging on the wall, was a quilt made from 30's reproduction fabrics. My Grandmother was not a "quilter", but she made quilts for all of her children. When I was 12, she finished my mother's quilt and I slept under it until I moved out of my parent's home. A few years ago, my mother gave it back to me and I have it in my studio.



The quilt on the wall had an innocence, a simplicity, that I associate the with 30's fabrics. Their prints are simple, bright and happy. They call to me, not because I want to work with them, but because I see my Grandmother's work in them. As I studied the 30's quilt on the wall, I wonder what my grandchildren will think of my quilts fifty years from now? Will they even realize that I had so many fabric choices? After all, I have no idea what my Grandmother's options were.

I think I had this retrospective moment, because I was on my way to Pioneer Bluffs to see their fiber arts program.



Orchid Wreath by Rose Good Kretsinger, 1929

President message cont'd

The day included Debbie Divine's historical performance of Kansas quilter Rose Kretsinger. I've seen Rose Kretsinger's quilts at the Spencer Art Museum at the University of Kansas. It's easy to understand that her quilts should be part of a collection at an art museum.

But my Grandmother's Round the World quilt is also being preserved. It too has an official preservationist who cares for it. If I could look into the future, I'd like to see my best loved quilts in good hands. Hands that may not have chosen the same fabrics that I love, but are none the less drawn to them because of their love for me.

March meeting- Eudora Quilt Shop

We are in for a real treat at our March meeting! Our speakers will be from Quilting Bits & Pieces, the quilt shop in Eudora. Christina DeArmond, Eula



Lang, and Kaye Spitzli will present a program called, "Embroidered Quilts - as popular now as in grandma's day. Show and Tell with history, too!" They will be showing many of their wonderful quilts, and if you've been in their store, you'll know I'm not exaggerating about the wonderful part. They'll also bring items to sell from their shop. Be prepared for a great evening with the ladies from Eudora!

Fat Quarter Drawing- "We Need Sunshine"



Starlight Quilter's Guild Group Challenge 2012

Create a still life quilt

In a beginning art class, we start with a still life and that will be our group challenge this year.

Here is a web definition of what a still life is:

A still-life is a picture of objects that don't move. Often vases, bowls of fruit, bottles etc. The artist sets up a still-life to do a 'study' of the objects. The artist looks at the objects and studies their shape, where the light falls and the shadows the objects make in relation to the other objects. (<http://www.theartgallery.com.au/kidsart/learn/stilllife/>)



For the quilt top constructionists:

Your quilt must portray a still life. A vase of flowers, a pile of apples, a tea cup with a spoon, a pot of dead flowers (like I find when my nephew house-sits). Go for the gold and do candles sitting on a silver tray in front of a mirror. You can use shadows or not. Just remember: nothing living, no trees, bodies of water. Include an insect if you like.

Your quilt can be realistic, abstract, watercolor, cubist, whatever you like.

You can piece, appliqué, and/or embellish your quilt. Maybe all 3-d flowers sewn to the quilt top. Maybe multiple still life's pieced together.

For the machine (or hand) quilters:

We will have a special category for those of you who would rather use your talents to just quilt. Make a whole cloth quilt with the primary decoration being a still life in quilt stitches.

Some more rules--

Your quilt must be made in 2012.

The quilt cannot exceed 144 inches around the outside edge (basically 36" by 36").

Submission and judging by the guild will occur in our August meeting. Ribbons will be given for 1st-3rd place in the constructionist category and in the whole cloth category. We will have a special display area in our October quilt show for these masterpieces.

Have fun!

SQG 2012 Retreats

Spring Fling Retreat: May 4-6, 2012.

We will be having our second annual Spring Fling Retreat at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the weekend of May 4-6, 2012. (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>). Cost will be \$179/person (2 per room: 1Q and 1T); single person in a room is \$275. This cost includes room on Friday and Saturday night, six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch), and your own personal sewing spot. **Only 12 quilters can be accommodated.** Full payment due by the April Guild meeting. Contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNAL-HOLLOWAY@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

The **Fall SQG Retreat** will be at The Barn in Valley Falls, Kansas, September 14-16, 2012. Details regarding cost and payment will be available in the future



Membership

Marilyn Carr

Membership Cards and Rosters

If you have not picked up your membership card or roster for non-email members, they will be available on the back table.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Johnna Boswell-Duncan

Sharon Lopez

Virginia Meeker

February Attendance

Members	82
New members	3
Guest	<u>3</u>
Total	88

Blog/Flickr Request

Toni Caro

Here is what I would like for the blog: (check it out if you haven't) <http://starlightquilters.blogspot.com/>

I would like to do a "Guest Blogger Series" ... here is how it will work, as some people may feel unsure on how to,

so SEND ME what you would like to post - Pictures are nice - and what you want - and I will post it for you ...either send me pictures or post to Flickr and I can link it ...

Blog - Suggested Topics -

-If anyone has Pictures Or can write up a summary of past months for this year

-yearly overview OR just a "a month to remember" ... a favorite memory ...

-Upcoming Quilt show info

-Opportunity quilt

- Project Linus updates

- Upcoming Speakers ...

- field trips - uh, a trip that involved a SHOP or Quilt show on vacation - lucky.

- or if someone goes to market and wants do a 'what I did on my trip'

- Quilty news ...

THERE is also a Flickr group I started for us - so far we have TWO

members - sadly, one is 'just' me.

-- if you want me to post pictures there for you, I will be happy too

- just a couple clicks for me -IF you email them to me!

>> suggestions?

The Fractured Fabric Society Show

February 28, 2012 to March 29, 2012

Lenexa City Hall

(1 1/2 Blocks west of I-35 on 87th Street)

Mary Funk and Jackie Stoaks will have quilts in the show. Hope you can check it out.

Heart to Hands

KVQG QUILT SHOW

Sat. April 21, 2012 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun. April 22, 2012 – Noon to 5 p.m.

(Please note Sunday's hours)

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Bldg. 21

2100 Harper, Lawrence, KS



Guild Project

Jackie Stokes

Round Things

Contest Rules:

-Quilts must be between 30" and 60" in width and between 30" and 60" in length

-Quilts must be quilted by machine, hand, or both (If you have tied a quilt we'd love to use it in the Guild project. It would not be eligible for the AQS Challenge)

-quilts must be a single unit and not framed with wood, metal, etc

-quilts must be available for display August 1, 2013 until one week after the show.

I hope that all of you will participate. It would be an interesting way to make money for the guild.

ASQ Prize Money for the Ultimate guild challenge 1st

Place \$1,500

2nd Place \$1,000

3rd Place \$ 750

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:

Nancy Buzzell
Charlya Cooley
Julia Day
Pam Eckel
Kris Harrison
Amy McCarthy
Julie Moyer
Pat Pennington
Sherry Snare
Celeste Tiner
Rosemary Watrak



14th Annual KC Shop Hop 2012

"Come to the Quilters' Fair"
March 29 thru April 1

Storing Cutting Mats-

If your cutting mats don't have handles, you can store them using a skirt hanger with clamps. The hanger keeps the mat warp-free and out of the way.

Boutique News

Peggy Skaith

We are already receiving items from our members for the quilt show boutique! Thank you Starlight members! We'd love to have more of the following: fabrics, either fat quarters or other remnants, patterns, quilt books and magazines, sewing notions, knit and crochet items such as dishcloths, pot holders, hats, scarves, and booties. Purses and tote bags are very popular, as well as pot holders, mug rugs, placemats, and small quilts. In addition to quilting and sewing magazines, I think it would be appropriate to also offer gardening and cooking magazines, since so many of us like to garden (or look at pictures of gardens) and we all like food.

If you need inspiration for small projects to make for the boutique, there are many books at the library, including our guild library plus I'll list a few websites to check for ideas.

Fabric.com
LionBrand.com
KnitAndCrochetNow.com
KnittingDailyTV.com
RedHeart.com
Michaels.com
See you all soon!

Amy Butler



Harper's presents Amy Butler at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00pm. Amy Butler is an artist, fabric designer and author. Make sure you register today to see her program of inspiration.

Machine Maintenance-

Maintain your sewing machine at regular intervals by winding 10 bobbins. When the bobbins have been used up, it's time to clean and oil your machine, put a new needle in, and wind 10 new bobbins.

2012 Quilt Show Update

Janice Craig & Kim Cawthon

We're calling this year's Quilt Show "**Every Quilt is a Gift**". This name ties in with the theme of our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. If you didn't get to see it at the last meeting, it's a very glittery holiday themed quilt and each block is a gift. We hope it will be very popular and everyone will want to buy chances to own it.

The Quilt Show Committee has contacted a whole lot of organizations looking for a place to hold our show. Most of them are too expensive, booked up, have rules about selling things and charging admission, not open yet, can't commit more than a month in advance, etc. Kim Cawthon found a venue that would be free to us, but there was a small detail about a lack of electricity. We are hoping to be able to use Bishop Miede again this year, but the date depends on the Chiefs football schedule that isn't available yet. Who knew? We're hoping for October 13 & 14 and will confirm this as soon as possible.

As a backup, if you belong to a church or other organization that has a space you think would work well, please call me or Kim Cawthon. We need 3,000 to 5,000 square feet and the rental budget is \$1200. We can't go over this!

Lastly, at the 2012 show, we're planning to feature our own members who may have published their quilting talents somehow. When we say "published" we mean that you've printed a pattern, or had your work shown in a magazine or a book. The guidelines are fairly loose, but space is limited and we want to see your actual published work in person. So we're asking eight members to submit 2 samples for the quilt show. It's possible we may only have room for one, so please be understanding with us. If you want to participate, please contact Kim Cawthon (913-344-9146) or Janice Craig (913-660-3645). Once we have our eight participants, we'll close the featured group.

Watch the Guild Website for updates!

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn and Mary Funk

Last month, we received a donation of fabric of fat eights and fat quarters, much of it not kid-friendly for Project Linus. It'll be at the next meeting and **FOR SALE!** The prices are 25 cents for fat-eighth pieces and 50 cents for fat quarters. You'll get a deal and Starlight Project Linus gets much needed funds for batting and hook and loop tape.



We've received 117 blankets in January and February. Wonderful! Let's keep that pace going. If you take a kit, make a blanket and bring it in.

If you don't have time to make a quilt, bright, kid-friendly fabric donations and cold, hard cash (for hook and loop tape and batting) are happily accepted.

Perry Sew Days 2012-

Jamie Morgan

Here are the sew dates for the remainder of 2012. Note the June sew day has been moved - April 14th, June 16th, August 4th, and October 27th.

Sew days are held at the Perry, Ks American Legion Hall (410 Perry Place, Perry, KS) and run from 10 am to 10 pm with all paper plates, eating utensils, napkins, ice and cups being provided. The cost is currently \$12 per person to cover the costs of using the building and set up. Ironing and cutting stations will be available for your convenience. We usually have a potluck style lunch and dinner for those who want to participate. The Legion has a full kitchen with 2 refrigerators. You are welcome to bring in the snacks and drinks of your choice. At each sew day tables and chairs are set up, and we try to have some large extension cords for your use. As an FYI the seats are metal folding chairs with no padding.

In the past two years our circle of friends has grown, and at each sew date we see more new faces. I don't know about everyone else but I'm finding I don't always remember the name that goes with each face. Starting on April 14th we are going to give out name tags to each person in attendance in hopes we can learn everyone's name. Once you arrive we're asking that you check beside your name on the attendance sheet or sign in if you're new to sew days. New participants can record their email address if they'd like to be added to the email list. After you've signed in name tags will be made up and distributed. As we bring around the name tags we'll be collecting the \$12 fee. This should get the business part of the day out of the way early so we can spend the rest of the day having fun.

Marking your quilting patterns-

Use Glad Press and Seal for easy quilt marking. Trace your pattern onto the non-sticky side, It's transparent so you can see where to place it on your quilt sandwich. It sticks firmly to the fabric and after stitching, it removes easily with no residue. No pencil or other marks to remove either.



Organizing Tip-

Use a plastic drawer organizer from an office supply store to store your seam ripper, scissors, needles, and other essentials.



Fabric Hoarders Beware !

A recent study has indicated that **fabric gives off certain Pheromones, that actually hypnotize women and cause them to purchase ungodly amounts.**

When stored in large quantities in enclosed spaces, the Pheromones (in the fabric) **cause memory loss and induce the nesting syndrome** (similar to the ones squirrels have before the onset of winter, i.e. storing food) therefore perpetuating their species, and not having a population loss due to their kind being cut up into pieces and mixed with others. **Sound tests have also revealed that these fabrics emit a very high-pitched sound, heard only by a select few of breed of women known as customers.**

When played backwards on an LP, the sounds are heard as chants "**Buy me**" "**Cut me**" "**Sew me**"! In order to overcome the so-called feeding frenzy effect that these fabrics cause, one must wear a face mask when entering a storage facility and use ear plugs to avoid being pulled into their grip. (One must laugh however, at the sight of customers in a fabric store, with WW2 army gas masks and headphones !)

Studies have also indicated that **aliens have inhabited the earth**, helping to spread the effect that these fabrics have on the human population. They are called **fabric store clerks**. It's also been my experience that these same Pheromones cause a pathological need to secret these fabric purchases away when taken home (or at least blend them into the existing stash) and when asked by a significant other if the fabric is new, the reply is "I've had it for a while"

(Originally published in August 1997 in the Western North Carolina Quilters Guild Newsletter) Written by Kathy (Smith) Harris, Tucson AZ

Tip-

Use **medical tape** on the backs of your rulers to keep them from slipping -- a brand that you can use is Nexcare Flexible Clear Tape, 3/4 inch wide. It says it's stretchable and breathable. It's made by 3M and is a "Transpore Surgical Tape." You can see the texture on it. A roll of tape is about \$3-4 and will do several rulers. You can put it on your shape-cut rulers also, like triangles, etc.

Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends,

This weekend some quilting friends and I took a road trip that turned into our own personal SHOP HOP. I know; you're shocked! Four quilters on the road and we just accidentally happened to drive by three quilts shops. This month's tip came from the owner of one of those shops. I have been looking for a very specific print fabric to make a quilt for my boss. The shop owner didn't have anything, but she suggested I try the Fabric Search on fabshopp.com. This website is a really good search feature, whether you are looking for fabric, tools, patterns, books, online tutorials...you name it. Just enter a keyword and it will find online shops that carry that product. With over 150 member shops, you are sure to find what you are looking for. You can compare prices before purchasing, and you can be sure that the product is coming from a quality independent quilt shop.

Other features of this website include a shop search (Going on vacation or on a business trip? Find out if there is a quilt shop near by), several clubs (fabric swap; mystery quilt), online BOM, sales and free patterns. In addition, each month they have an online Shop Hop. You can visit quilt shops all over the country without leaving your easy chair (or getting out of your pajamas!) and you don't have to make a purchase. You do have to register, but then just follow the rules to visit online shops and find the Shop Hop Bunny. FreeSpirit and Art Gallery Fabrics are sponsors this year's grand prizes. Warning: this Shop Hop can burn up hours at a time, so save it for when you're through sewing for the day

Happy Quilting
Suzy



SQG Small Group Registry

Donna di Natale

It's a new year, and we are all happy to see both familiar and new faces at guild meetings. But sometimes a large group can be overwhelming, and sometimes you just want to meet new friends or get together with a small group to sew and chat. That's what Small Groups are all about. A few quilters (usually 3-6) with a common interest meet in a member's home or at a coffee shop or the public library about once a month. Some sew; some watch and learn; some are just there to meet new people with a common interest. Small Groups may meet during the day, in the evening, during the week or on a weekend day. There are no set rules.

Starlight has several Small Groups already formed and I know there are members who are interested in forming or joining a small group. I would like to start a Small Group Registry. The purpose of the Registry is simply to keep track of current Small Groups, find out which groups can take on one or two more people, and find like-minded individuals wanting to join or form a Small Group.

Current Small Groups

If you are currently a member of an SQG Small Group, please send the following information to me at dinatale@att.net (please type Small Group in the subject line), or write it on a 3" x 5" card and hand it to me at the next guild meeting.

Name of Small Group:

Contact Person (name & email or phone):

Interest or Purpose:

Meeting day and time:

Looking for a Small Group

If you are looking for a Small Group to join, or would like to form a Small Group, please send the following information to me at dinatale@att.net (please type Small Group in the subject line), or write it on a 3" x 5" card and hand it to me at the next guild meeting.

Name:

Contact (email or phone):

Interest:

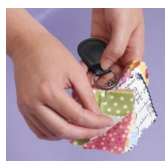
Availability (day, evening, weekday, weekend day):

Would you be interested in sponsoring a Small Group? (yes/no):

I will gather the information, keep a file of current groups and try to connect people wanting to form or join a new group.

Tip for Quilt Shop Hop-

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!



Threading needles- If you're tired of struggling to thread needles, and you're not having any luck with needle-threading devices, try putting the needle on the thread instead of the thread through the needle. Hold the thread between your thumb and forefinger, with the thread extending slightly above your fingers. Slide the needle's eye onto the thread

2012 Events Calendar

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

April 14- Sew day at Perry

April 24- Schoolhouse

May 22- **Barbara Jones of Quilt Soup, That's My Story and I'm Sticking' to It** (\$5.00 for nonmembers)

June 16- Perry Sew day

June 26- **Vicky Lawrence, Trunk Show**

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

August 4- Perry Sew Day

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

September 14-16- Fall Retreat, The Barn, Valley Falls, Kansas

September 25- **Bingo**

October 8 & 9- **"The Art of Quilting"** Quilt show

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

October 27- Perry Sew Day

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

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



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



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.

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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.

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>



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) and Leanne Christensen lueanne@gmail.com (913-359-3969) .



NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

7:00 PM— Quilting Bits and Pieces of Eudora, Embroidered Quilts: Show and Tell with History, Too

Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4th Tuesday, January-October at **Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nell, 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

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