



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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July 2012

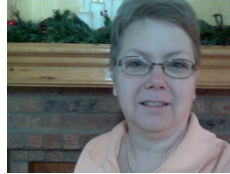
### Presidents Message

By Kim Cawthon

Several months ago, someone, I think it was Donna Holloway, said, "I'd like to get in a small quilt group." Donna di Natale said, "I'd be willing to be small group coordinator. Just send me your ideas." I raised my hand and said, "I sure would like to be in a round robin group." And so it began. It took about 5 minutes to fill our group. That was not without a glitch. Toni Claro wanted to be a part of the group, but she had a commitment until August. Other decisions had to be made: what kind of rules do we need? Do we need a name? When and where do we meet? Do we show our progress at the end of each round? Do we send fabric along with our center? There are five very strong women in our group, so you can bet that there was plenty of discussion before we got started. We have now completed two rounds: our own center and one round on the first quilt passed into our care. I thought I would do a Hawaiian type appliqué center. But then Janette Sheldon said it's a good idea to put lots of color in your center to give the group something to work from. I thought that made good sense, so I changed my plan.

After our first exchange, I put Janette's center on my design wall and studied it for a week. I had a good idea what I wanted to do. I came up with a design, sketched it out, did the math, and cut out some sample pieces from scrap fabric. As I cut and sewed, I added the new pieces to the wall. I was so pleased with my completed section; I took a picture to add to my library. One look at that picture and my heart dropped. What is it about a picture that allows you to see your errors? There was a big one that allowed me to get in some quality time with my seam ripper.

I now have possession of Jackie Rudolph's center. Let me tell you what I've learned so far. At least once in your quilting life, you should do a round robin project. Each round will give you challenges that you might never otherwise have, because each quilter will pass you a project very different from your normal work. Each round will force you out of your comfort zone. You will strive to do your very best work because you know your group members deserve nothing less. Jackie's block hasn't made it to the design wall yet, because the wall is in use. The center is so beautiful, so dainty. I would never do a piece like that. I know exactly what I want to do with it. I've already sketched it out. I just need to fine tune my plan.



### July Speaker-

#### Donna DiNatale-Confessions of a Quiltaholic

Donna di Natale is a quilter, author, and quilt book editor for the Kansas City Star Quilts. She is going to share with us a trunk show of quilts from her collection, along with their stories. Woven into these stories will be advice on collecting quilts: where to find them; what to buy; and how to care for them. We all know Donna as one of our past presidents and as a very active member of Starlight. This should be a fun and informative night.



### 2012 Opportunity Quilt

Please be sure to pick up your Opportunity Quilt tickets at the next guild meeting. Buy some for yourself and also take some to offer the opportunity to your friends to have the chance to win this quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



## Starlight Quilters Guild QOV PILLOW CASE

Finished size: 30" x 20" fits standard pillow and is large enough to hold a full-size quilt

### Fabric

(for 2 pillow cases with contrasting edge)

1 1/8 yd. fabric 1

1 1/8 yd. fabric 2

### Cutting

From fabric 1 cut

1 – 26 1/2" x 41" rectangle

1 – 10" x 41" strip

From fabric 2 cut:

1 – 26 1/2" x 41" rectangle

1 – 10" x 41" strip

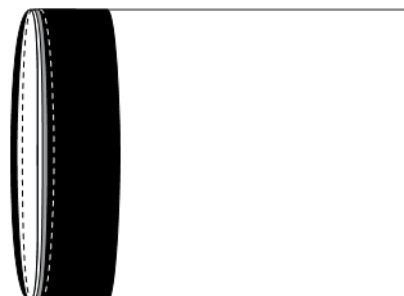


DIAGRAM 1

### Assemble the pillowcase

Sew the short ends of the 10" x 41" strip of fabric 1 together to form a loop.

Fold loop in half, wrong sides together. Press. This is the band at the edge of the case.

Fold the 26 1/2" x 41" piece of fabric 2 in half to make a 26 1/2" x 20 1/2" rectangle. Sew the long edges to make the pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press.

Marching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over the pillowcase body; pin. Sew together through all layers. (diagram 1)

Press the pillow case band open, pressing the seams toward the pillowcase body.

Topstitch 1/8" from the bade edge on the pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete the pillowcase. (diagram 2)

Repeat, using the large piece of fabric 1 and the narrow piece of fabric 2 to make a contrasting pillowcase.

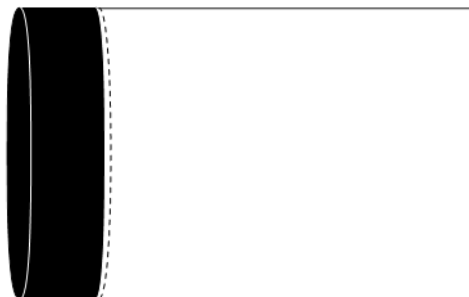


DIAGRAM 2

## Membership

Marilyn Carr

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Patty Yeradi



### June Attendance

Members	74
New members	1
Guest	<u>2</u>
Total	77

## Fat Quarter Drawing-July "We need Stars"



## Every Quilt's a Gift 2012 Quilt Show Update

Janice Craig & Kim Cawthon

The quilt show is only 3 months away, and it will be here before we know it. We're looking forward to seeing your entries in this year's show!

Quilt Show Entries must be new to the Starlight Quilt Show. If you've displayed your entry in another show, we'd still like to see it. We had beautiful ribbons for awards last year and the same group of Starlight members has graciously agreed to provide them this year too! Judging will be by popular vote at the show. Categories will be: Miscellaneous (bags, wearable's etc.), Small (wall size), Medium (lap size), and Large (bed size) and Best in Show. Last year there were no entries in the Miscellaneous category so an entry here might be a guaranteed ribbon.

Going along with the theme of this year's show, we'll be asking you to tell us on your entry form how your quilt is a gift. Perhaps it was a gift to yourself, a friend or relative. Every quilt has a story to tell.

We'll have Vendors, Linus Quilts Display, Opportunity Quilt Tickets, Quilt of Valor live quilt making demonstration, Bake Sale, Show Dates: Saturday October 20 (10:00 AM to 6:00 PM), Sunday October 21 (12:00 noon to 5:00 PM)

Location: VFW Post 7397, 9550 Pflumm Road, Lenexa KS in the Banquet Hall

Quilt Show Details and Map are available on the Starlight Web Site:

[www.starlightquilters.com/2012\\_quilt\\_show](http://www.starlightquilters.com/2012_quilt_show)

We hope everyone will participate in some way or at least come by and do some shopping! Boutique and more.

## 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  
Jeanette Byczek  
Janice Craig  
Donna Di Natale  
Connie Dunlap  
Doris Gosney  
Mary Honas  
Connie Mai  
Breeanna McSpadden  
Donna Simpson  
Dana Switzer  
Dorothy Van Booven  
Kay VanDurme  
Joyce Verstraete



## Hear ye! Hear ye!

Alex

Come on all you clever quilters, It is time to kick it into high gear and get that Still Life Quilt ready for our August meeting. Show everyone how you can piece, bead, sequin, stitch or otherwise get your 'still' thoughts on a piece of cloth. Add some quilting and voila - you are part of SQG history in this year's challenge. In addition, you can show off your creation at the quilt show. I am giddy anticipating the results. Okay, maybe I'm giddy over going on vacation. But I still want to see your fabulous quilts. Thanks for the efforts!

## Boutique news!

Peggy Skaith

Greetings Quilters! It looks like we are going to have a great boutique to go along with our great quilt show this year. Thanks to you all, who have donated lots of nice sewing room items and fabric! So many fabric donations means that we have some organizing to do, and you can help organize, and/or sew items for the boutique at our sew-in on July 21st. We'll be demonstrating a few easy projects that you can do, and if you'd like, make more at home, plus, we'll have materials for some of the projects. If you have made a quick and easy item that you'd like to share with us, please bring it along. Hope to see you! Questions? Contact me, Peggy Skaith, at 913-341-0525 or at [especialquilts@att.net](mailto:especialquilts@att.net) or the efforts!

## Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

You all have made 380 blankets so far this year! That's fantastic! Let's keep that pace going. Think of all those comforted children....



### We need nice kid fabric yardage!

\*If you can't make quilts, please donate fabric in bright, fun prints. Clear out that stash! The kids want their blankets to last and so do we, so please use nicer quality fabric in your donations.

\*The kits we make and provide to members are ready to sew with very little cutting involved. It's easier for us to make quilts from yardage, so please consider that when you donate fabric.

\*Please remember, keep the fabric and blankets clean of smells and stains. No smoke, mold, mildew or smelly laundry detergent or fabric softener. Leave your straight pins and safety pins at home, too.

## Starlight Quilters Guild Rail Fence Quilt of Valor “Buck a Block” Project 2012

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

**All fabric must be “quilt shop” quality 100% cotton fabric.** These quilts will receive a lot of handling and washing. We want them to last.

White fabric may be true white or off white (cream), but should be solid white – not print or tone-on-tone. This is the fabric that people will write their name on.

Red and blue fabrics may be any shade of red or blue fabric. PATRIOTIC or solid fabric is highly recommended.

Multi-color prints are okay as long as they are predominantly red and/or blue.

Keep in mind that most of the quilts go to men. **All** of the quilts are presented to adults. Please save juvenile or cutesy prints for other projects, such as Project Linus.

**Use a scant 1/4” seam.** A walking foot is helpful for piecing the blocks, especially if you are chain piecing.

### BLOCK INSTRUCTIONS

#### Blocks made from scraps

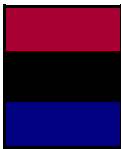
These directions will make four 6 1/2” x 6 1/2” unfinished blocks, 6” finished. You may make as many blocks as you wish.

Four 2 1/2” x 6 1/2” pieces each of solid white, red and blue fabrics. The fabrics do not all have to match. The more variety the better. Try to keep tonal values the same within each block.

Sew a red rectangle to one long side of a white rectangle.



Sew a blue rectangle to the other side of the white rectangle. Press toward the darker strips.



Repeat for each block.

Choose one block and sign your name or someone else’s name on the white strip. Be sure to leave at least 3/4” of space at each end of the strip for seaming.

Bring all blocks to the next guild meeting. There will be a box for signed blocks and a box for unsigned blocks.

#### Blocks made from Width of Fabric (WOF) strips

##### These instructions will make 6 blocks

Cut 1 – 2 1/2” x WOF strip each of white, red, and blue fabrics.

Sew a red strip to one long side of the white strip.



Sew the blue strip to the other side of the white strip. Press seams toward the darker strips.



Remove the selvedge ends and then sub cut the strip set into 6 1/2” squares. You should get 6 – 6 1/2” x 6 1/2” blocks out of each strip set.

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## Starlight Quilters Guild Quilts of Valor Project

This year's quilt show will be held at the Lenexa VFW Hall. To honor of all who have or are serving our country in the military, Starlight Quilters Guild will feature an active Quilts of Valor (QOV) quilting bee during the show. The project is called "A Buck A Block" and carries on a tradition of making quilts for soldiers that began at least as far back as the Civil War.

**All members of SQG are asked to make at least 4 rail fence blocks.** Directions for making these blocks appear in this newsletter and will be available at the next guild meeting. Please use quality fabric, follow the instructions, and remember to bring your blocks to guild meetings no later than the September meeting. Donations of patriotic fabric are also welcome. If you would like to donate fabric for sashing and borders (1 7/8 yd cream; 3/4 yd red or blue), backing (3 1/2 yd), binding (3/4 yd), or batting (twin size) please contact Donna di Natale (dinatale@att.net or 913-541-0283). All Quilts of Valor are to be accompanied by a pillowcase. Instructions for making the pillowcase are also included in this newsletter and will be available at the guild meeting. Pillowcases do not need to match the quilts, as the quilts will be quite scrappy, but should be made of patriotic fabrics if possible. When completed, the quilts will be given to eligible local service members.

For \$1, anyone attending the quilt show can participate in the project by selecting an SQG QOV Rail Fence block and signing their name or someone else's name to the center strip. The blocks will then be sewn and quilted by SQG members. Volunteers are needed to sell blocks, sew blocks together, press and bind the quilts, as well as to make pillowcases. Lyn Heilman will provide a long-arm quilting machine for finishing the quilts. Sewing machines will be provided, or you may bring your own.

The money raised from A Buck A Block will be used to purchase fabric and batting to finish the quilts and the pay to have the quilts quilted if necessary. Members are need to continue constructing and finishing the quilts after the show, as well as during the show. Any money left over will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation (www.qovf.org).

**Anyone interesting in volunteering should contact Donna di Natale** (dinatale@att.net or 913-541-0283). **There will also be a sign-up sheet at the next several guild meetings.**

**For more information about Quilts of Valor Foundation go to their web site at [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org)**



## "Buck a Block" Project" (cont'd)



Choose one block and sign your name or someone else's name on the white strip. Be sure to leave at least 3/4" of space at each end of the strip for seaming.

### FINISHING

Please do not trim your blocks. If they seem a tad off it is okay. However, any blocks smaller than 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" will not be useable and will be thrown away.

Bring all blocks to the next guild meeting. There will be a box for signed blocks and a box for unsigned blocks.

Blocks may be turned in through the September meeting, or brought to the quilt show if not ready by September.

If you have patriotic fabric that you would like to donate, please bring it to a guild meeting for others to use for QOV blocks, sashings, borders or backings.

**A pillowcase (presentation case) must accompany all Quilts of Valor. If you would like to volunteer to make pillowcases for these quilts, please contact Donna di Natale** (dinatale@att.net).

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## Make it a Boutique Day!

Lead by the Queen of the Boutique – Peggy Skaith

Saturday, July 21st

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

RoseWood Apartments

8500 Pflumm

Lenexa, KS

Come one, come all, and bring your friends.

The more the merrier!

Sew or no-sew

This is a day for making items to sell in our Boutique Shop at the Quilt Show. Our theme this year is “Every Quilt’s a Gift” so be thinking about things that people will buy as gifts. (check out [allpeoplequilt.com](http://allpeoplequilt.com))

There will be **demos** of a few quick and easy projects to make, such as this **handy bag**. Or you can **bring your own** projects to work on. Hand them over to Peggy when you’re done and you don’t even have to find a place to store them.

And for those of you who don’t want to sew, Peggy needs help **bagging** and **pricing** fabric pieces and scraps. If you have **yardage** that you know you’re never going to use, bring it along to add to the inventory.

If you have a **quick and easy** project that you would like to teach others, please contact Peggy to make arrangements.

For more information contact: Peggy Skaith ([especiallyquilts.@att.net](mailto:especiallyquilts.@att.net)) or Donna di Natale ([dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net))



**Next open sew day: August 25. Will include a free workshop on CIRCLES**

### SQG Fall Retreat!!

Donna Holloway

We have reserved rooms at The Barn in Valley Falls, KS from Friday afternoon (3pm), Sept 14th through Sunday (2pm) September 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$185/person (double occupancy). Depending on sign ups, we may be able to accommodate more than 2/room (and thus the rate/person will be less).

Price includes:

- Five meals from Friday dinner through breakfast on Sunday (checkout is 2pm; lunch will not be served on Sunday)
- bright spot for unlimited sewing
- Room with bathroom; double occupancy

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required by the July Guild meeting, with final payment due no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Make checks payable to Starlight Quilters Guild and either give to Donna Holloway during the next guild meeting; or mail to: Donna Holloway

### Area Quilt Shows-

September 14-15, 2012

Twilight Stitchers QG Quilt Show

**“Celebrate the Seasons”**

Friday- 9 AM-5 PM

Saturday- 9 AM-5 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

Blue Springs, MO

September 20-22, 2012

Ozark Piecemakers QG Quilt Show

Thursday and Friday- 9 AM- 5PM

Saturday- 9 AM- 4PM

Springfield Expo Center

Springfield, MO

I'm going to be more assertive!! if that's OK with you...I'm in therapy and Sewing is cheaper than a psychiatrist.

## 2012 Events Calendar

July 21- Boutique Sew in

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

August 4– Perry Sew Day

August 25- Boutique Sew in

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

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

September 25– **Bingo**

October 20th & 21st - "Every Quilt's a Gift" 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*



## Advertisements

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**Machine Quilting** - Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you finish all those tops! Low pricing, full Longarm services – all over designs or custom quilting [913-638-4625](tel:913-638-4625) Karen Huffman or email me at [karen7315@gmail.com](mailto:karen7315@gmail.com)

**Machine Quilting.** Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. [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

## 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/>



### ADVICE FROM A SINGER SEWING MANUAL FROM 1949

*Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do... Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates.*

*Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.*

## TIP-

Before starting a new quilt, transfer the cutting instructions to a dry erase board. As you cut erase that size and move on. It's easier than looking at the instructions in the pattern.

**"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](mailto:rosie474@aol.com)
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or [sll849@aol.com](mailto:sll849@aol.com)
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or [barbstoys4u@hotmail.com](mailto:barbstoys4u@hotmail.com)



**Starlight E-site—the Yahoo Group  
Has been disbanded**



### Membership Information:

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) and Lueanne Christensen [lueanne@gmail.com](mailto:lueanne@gmail.com) (913-359-3969) .



### NEXT SQG MEET-

**ING!** Tuesday, July 24, 2012 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00 PM— Donna DiNatale-Confessions of a Quiltaholic**

### 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 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.

Remember to bring:

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



**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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