



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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- Linus Quilts: Lea Robrahn
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President’s Message— Jackie Rudolph

Recently a friend of mine recommended a book to read, “The Forgotten Seamstress”, by Liz Trenow. She suggested it more than once; so, I thought I’d better get it from the library to read. My friend, Sherry, is not a quilter, but we have long shared an interest in genealogy. For me this book combined two of my favorite things, quilting and some genealogy.



Some of you may have read this book; but, for those who haven’t, I don’t think I would be spoiling the story by saying that the book is about a quilt that reflects people and events in a quilter’s life. The quilt includes embroidery, many quilt patterns and fabrics, applique and of course a secret. The author is not a quilter, but she was inspired to write the book because of fabric she saw in an exhibit.

At the end of the book there is a list of questions for discussion. The first question asks: “Is there anything in your life that could inspire you to write a story or poem or paint a picture?” I would add to that question - or to create a quilt?

Often events in our lives move us to make a quilt. But, just as it was for the author, fabrics themselves can inspire us. So, ‘ask not what your fabric can do for you but what you can do for your fabric. ‘

Happy Quilting (and fabric hunting)! Jackie

**Starlight Guild Board Meeting—
6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 21st in
the Antioch Library. All mem-
bers are welcome.**

**July
28**

**Potluck
Dinner**

The guild will provide the main dish, drinks, and paper goods for our potluck dinner. If your birthday is in:

January, February, March or April, please bring a Salad

May, June, or July, please bring a Dessert

August, September, October, please bring a Vegetable Dish

November or December, please bring Bread or Rolls

- We will not have our regular show and tell. We would like to see any quilts that you received as a gift or that you inherited. (One quilt per person please)
- We will not have a Share table that night.
- This is a great opportunity to get to know each other a little better. If you would like to get to know more of us a lot better, come and help with the set-up (we'll be at the church at 6:00) or stay and help with the clean-up. Any help is welcome. Jackie Stoaks

Bucket Brigade Back in Action



July's Bucket Brigade offerings will light up your sewing space. Get your tickets to be the winner of one of the two OttLites that will be up for grabs at July's meeting. As an extra incentive to try your hand at winning one, the first 30 members to purchase \$5 worth of tickets will have a chance to receive extra tickets. Instead of 6 for \$5, four lucky ladies will receive 7 or 8 tickets. Stop by the Brigade to get full details.

Kim Cawthon, Deb McCurnin and Beverly Renner

Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

The Fall Retreat is coming up fast! Imagine 3 days of non-stop sewing and fellowship, with someone else cooking your meals! We will be at Unity Village (Lee's Summit, MO) on Oct 30-31/Nov 1, 2015. There are over 15 quilters signed up at this time, but the work space is quite large and there are ample bedrooms, so we do have room for more to join us! Cost will be \$195 (double) or \$290 (single); and includes your own 4' of table space, 2 nights sleeping accommodations, and meals (Friday dinner; Continental Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner on Saturday, and full hot breakfast on Sunday). We will also have access to the grounds within Unity Village to take walks and otherwise enjoy this peaceful setting. Final payment is due at the September Guild Meeting. Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway ([913 402 7559](tel:9134027559)); or DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM. Donna L Holloway

LIBRARY CORNER

This month, during the potluck, you should have some extra time to come look at our library books. To make it easier, we'll have some special displays: 1) A display of books about children's quilts, for those of you who sew for Project Linus or for grandchildren, 2) Books about pre-cuts, (jelly rolls, etc.), 3) Modern or more modern looking quilts, and 4) "Easy" or easier quick quilts. Even if you're not going to check out books, stop by the stage and see which books the guild owns. (We also have DVD's and "quilt" fiction".)

Our newer donations include some back issues of Jenny Doan's magazines, and "It Takes Three" by Annie's Quilting (2014). – Quilt tops from 3 yards of fabric. Linda Clatterbuck and Cheryl Tomson

Greeters for 2015

Your greeters this month are Karen Huffman and Kim Cawthon. If you are unable to attend your month, please exchange with another person or call Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585. Volunteers are needed for the Food Table. Please sign up at the Greeter's Table. Thanks for volunteering!

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD—2015 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

FRAME SHOT—By Amy Senatore and Donna di Natale

Finished size: 56” square; Finished

Block 6—Amy’s Choice Block

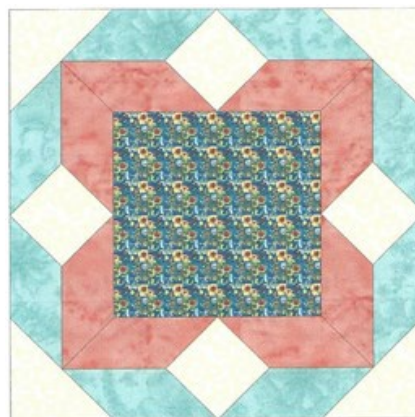
Fabric Requirements:

Focus Fabric: 1 – 6 ½” square (center square)

Fabric 1 (cream/light): 1/8 yd or 1 FQ

Fabric 2 (blue/dark): 1/8 yd or 1 FQ

Fabric 3 (peach/medium): 1/8 yd or 1 FQ



Terms:

SQ - square

WOF – Width of Fabric (selvedge to selvedge)

HST – half square triangle

QST – Quarter Square Triangles

Cutting Instructions:

Fabric 1 (cream/light) - 2 – 3 7/8” squares; cut diagonally once to make 4 HST

1 – 2” x WOF strip; cut into 16 – 2”

Fabric 2 (blue/dark) - 1 – 2” x WOF strip; cut into 8 – 2” x 3 ½” rectangles

4 – 2 3/8” squares; cut diagonally once to make 8 HST

Fabric 3 (peach/medium) - 1 – 2” x WOF strip; cut into 4 – 2” x 3 ½” rectangles and 4 - 2” squares

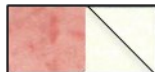
Sewing Instructions: Corner Units

1. Sew a Fabric 2 HST to each side of a 2” Fabric 3 SQ to form a triangle. Press seams toward the triangles.
2. Sew the long side of a Fabric 1 HSQ to the section made in Step 1 to complete the corner unit. Press the seam toward the large triangle. Make



Side Sections

1. Draw a diagonal line on the reverse side of all 16 Fabric 1 squares (2”).
2. Place a Fabric 1 SQ right side down on the **right** hand side of a Fabric 2 rectangle, with the drawn line pointing toward the center top, as shown. Stitch on the drawn line. Trim seam to ¼” and press toward the light triangle.



3. Place a Fabric 1 SQ right side down on the **left** hand side of a Fabric 2 rectangle, with the drawn line pointing toward the center top, as shown. Stitch on the drawn line, trim the seam to ¼” and press toward the triangle. Make 4.



4. Sew a unit made in step 2 to a unit made in step 3, as shown. Make 4.



5. Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 using the Fabric 2 rectangles.

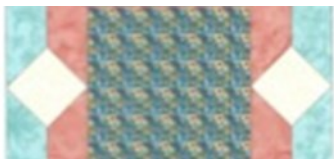
6. Sew a Fabric 2 unit to a Fabric 3 unit, as shown.

Block Assembly

1. Sew a corner unit to each side of a side section. Pay close attention to the placement of the corner triangles. Make 2.

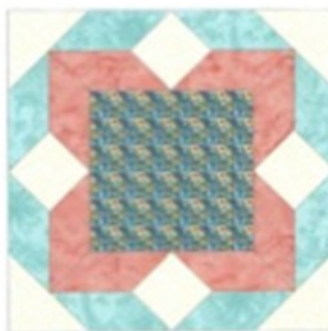


2. Sew a side section to each side of the center square.



3. Sew the rows together to complete Block 6.

Bring your completed Block 6 to the **July** meeting for a special drawing.



2015 Group Project - 1 Million Pillowcases

While our count for June was down (11 pillowcases turned in) we are still well on our way to making our goal of 200 pillowcases by November with a total of 137 pillowcases. In the running for a free 2016 Starlight membership are Sue Sharpe at 15, Kathy Kosednar at 14; and Sue Howard at 12.

June was a busy month for everyone. It seems like June is always busy with the beginning of spring, the end of the school year, the beginning of vacation trips, etc., but this year it was especially busy for quilters. The Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival was a huge success with lots of amazing quilts, plus the ninety vendors that filled the center of the ballroom. How many of you met my challenge to purchase some 1-yard cuts from a few of those vendors? Even in my “handicapped” state following total knee replacement surgery on June 2, I was able to view all of the quilts and purchase more fabric. My pieces are cut and ready to go so it’s time to sit down and sew.

I hope you will find time to sew at least 2 pillowcases between now and the July meeting. Remember the formula: $27+9+3=1$ yard of fabric per pillowcase. 27” x WOF for the main body; 9” x WOF for the cuff; 1-3” x WOF for optional trim. Two yards of coordinating fabric make two complete cases.
Donna di Natale

Project Linus—Lea Robrahn

Starlight members have turned in 289 blankets in the first half of 2015. Thank you! Just think of those children in need being comforted by a blanket you made. The goal in the past has been for each member to make three Project Linus quilts per year. That can be as simple as a fringed fleece blanket or as complicated as you want to make it. For the simpler fleece blankets, they should be personalized in some way. It could be hand-fringed, crocheted or have another embellishment, such as a fabric patch. You can make a quilt as complicated as you want to get. Just remember to make the fleece blanket a single layer. Double fleece blankets are not accepted because they are too warm for our area.

Other tips for blanket creation:

*When knotting the fringe on the fleece blanket, go easy. If the knots are too tight, the blanket turns into a parachute.

*Use fleece or flannel for a back. DO NOT use batting for these blankets. It will be too heavy and hot for our area. Just use the top and the fleece or flannel.

*To pillowcase: Lay batting down. Lay backing fabric, right side up, on top of batting. Lay quilt top, right side down, on top of backing fabric. Using a 1/2" seam, sew all around the edges, leaving a 6"-8" opening to turn the quilt. Trim corners diagonally. Turn quilt. Stitch opening shut and press blanket. Stitch 1/2" around the edge of the quilt. Quilt.

*You may hand quilt, tie or machine quilt the blankets. Your stitches also need to be at the MOST 6" to 8" apart. Please do not leave any area larger than 8" by 8" unquilted. This will need to be fixed and will take longer to get to that child in need.

*Trim those threads and check for pins!

*If you want a thank you note, please include your email address on a paper and attach it to the quilt with a SAFETY PIN.

REMEMBER to bring those Best Choice labels. Those labels pay for the Project Linus labels that are affixed to every blanket donated to the children.



Renee Nanneman of Need' Love Company is in front of the "Sunflower Basket Quilt" she donated to the Guild for a raffle. The fabric was designed by Renee Nanneman, pieced by Becky Cogan, and quilted by Freda Smith. It was won by a Starlight Guild member, Carol Cleary.

Starlight Quilters' Guild



Upcoming Programs

2015 Programs

July 28, 2015 Pot Luck

Quilts and Food

August 25, 2015 Barb Eckmeier

"Something Blue"

September 22, 2015 Gloria Nixon

Flour Mill Dolls & Feedsacks

October 27, 2015 Nedra Bonds

Community Quilts

November 17, 2015 Deanna Hudson

Rose Cottage Quilts—My Quilting Journey

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2015 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

June Attendance -

Members	91
Guests	1
New members	<u>0</u>
Total	92



A quilter's garden

Do you have a birthday this month? Enjoy your day! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share.

July's birthdays are in luck because we have the Potluck dinner this month. Feel free to bring a dessert next month to help out your August friends.

August's birthdays are: Jan Davidson, Jan Fortney, Lynn Jenkins, Deb McCurnin, Susan Mercer, Niki Page, Sandy Ralston, Janette Sheldon, Esther Stafford, and Susan Wagner

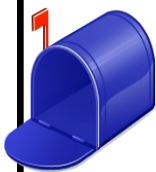




Membership Information:

Membership, New or Renewal, \$25/year, \$12.50/half-year. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chock-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!

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.



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



Newsletter Deadline:

Articles are due the 9th of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey sandy.fey93@gmail.com (913-432-0855).

NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

6:30—Social

7:00 PM— **Potluck Dinner!**

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Library Books
- Your dish to share
- Money for Raffles
- Linus Quilts
- Pillowcases & BOM
- Show and Tell

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