

# STARLIGHT EXPRESS

Starlight Quilters Guild  
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February 2016

## President's Message – Sandy Fey

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KCRQF Rep: Sandy Fey



Writing an article each month was the part I found most intimidating when I considered accepting the President's role. I decided that this month I will describe my meandering route along my quilting journey.

Many of you report that you have been sewing all your lives. This is not the case with me. Although my mother made many of my clothes when I was younger, she did not pass on that skill. An apron for my grandmother was the height of my abilities in high school. Procrastination has also had an impact on perfecting my skills; it took me 17 years to complete a towel bathrobe for my mother that I began in college. I thought the fabric might disintegrate before it was done.

I took my first quilting class in 1977 and if I had kept on with it, I might be a fairly accomplished and confident quilter by now. That did not happen. We moved a couple times and children came into our lives and I flowed into counted cross stitch. Most of my creations were Christmas scenes and I was running out of wall space when I happened upon a quilt show that was held in Mission Mall at least 10 years ago. Shirley Lewis and the quilts that were displayed made a big impact upon me because I started coming to meetings, taking classes and buying books and fabric. The rest, as they say, is history. Mine is just a slower moving history than many of you and for that reason (and the procrastination factor), I remain an adequate, but unconfident quilter.

What I have treasured even more than learning a new craft is the people I have happened upon along the way. From Shirley who got me excited that I could make these beautiful creations to all of you who have helped to guide my path, I thank you for your help and welcome your friendships.

Sandy



Next Board Meeting: February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Leawood Library

February 23, 2016  
 “Delicious Color”  
 Susan Stevenson



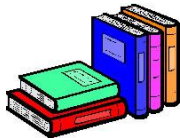
In quilting nothing makes me salivate more than color! As a kid my “favorite color” was green. Now my favorite color is completely dependent on the experience of it. For me all colors come with meaning that is derived from how I experience it. So now my “favorite color” is ever-changing and dependent on many factors: how I feel, the available light, what colors are paired with it, the memories they evoke and of course, how they taste! Hopefully my presentation will entertain you, give you some insight into tasting delicious color and maybe you will learn something new too!

Bio - My making history begins when I was a child. I LOVED to make stuff! I did a lot of cutting and gluing (still my go-to for art making), and built stuff with blocks and Legos. As a young fiber artist, like Cinderella, I had three fairy godmothers (actually my grandma, and her two sisters; my great aunts) from them I learned crochet, knitting and sewing. From my Mom, a watercolor artist, I learned embroidery, drawing and painting. I went to school for interior design because I wanted to be an artist, but I wanted a clear career path.

Fast forward to now. I teach and direct the interior design BFA degree program at the University of Central Missouri. I have taught several college courses on color theory both from an art & design perspective and color for interior design students. I am a part-time fiber artist (or art quilter) depending on how I feel that day. Because of having a formal background in design and an informal life of art making I feel like I can come off as being a quilter with multiple personalities. In a single bound I can go from throwing together an arty quilted postcard to piecing half-square triangles with perfect matching points. Control Freak meets Messy Marvin!

Just like everyone else here, I am trying to find my way to a fulfilled life of creativity or as I like to say: making stuff. I have had some luck in the art quilting world and have had one quilt published in a national art quilt show and another art quilt flew all the way to Taiwan to be in an international publication. My art quilts usually take an arduous year or more from conception to completion. I use a lot of different techniques to get the look and feel that I want. Mostly... I still like to cut and glue!

Susan Stevenson



## LIBRARY CORNER

Were you inspired by last month’s speaker, Debbie Roberts and her gorgeous appliqued quilts? We have her two books in the library:

BASKETS, BIRDS and BOUGHS, as well as FOUR SEASONS AT MINGLEWOOD. Come check them out!

Also, your Starlight library has approximately three dozen more books on the topic of various types of applique. In addition, there are several DVD’s with instructions on applique. Please come check them out!

Other new donations to the library include: QUILTING INSIDE THE LINES by Pam Clarke; TAUPE INSPIRATIONS – MODERN QUILTS INSPIRED BY JAPANESE TAUPES by Kylie Irvine; QUILTED COMFORTS

For the HOME by Mary Engelbreight; PRIZED QUILTS (The Omaha World-Herald Quilt Contests from 1930-1940) by Donna di Natale.

Stop by your Starlight Library before our guild meeting or during the break. Your librarians, Linda, Cheryl or Connie will be happy to help you find just the book or DVD to enhance your quilting skills!

### GUILD PROJECT - VICTORIA FOLEY

A new year and time for a new guild project. Please send or notify me at the guild meeting with your suggestions for the guild 2016 project. If you made a suggestion previously I would appreciate it if you would resubmit the suggestion. One suggestion was making book bags for children. I have not been successful tracking down information for this opportunity. So I would appreciate more information as well as any other suggestions.

Please contact me: [victoriafoley@att.net](mailto:victoriafoley@att.net) or [913-544-3097](tel:913-544-3097)



The **Bucket Brigade** girls are ready for February, the month of Love. You are going to **LOVE** what they have for raffle this month. Here's the hint: what has four wheels, a zip down top, and enough room to move some of your most favorite fabric? If you guessed a jazzy convertible, you will be greatly disappointed.....but you will be thrilled to see what so many of our members donated. So bring your dollars (save a few for Valentine's Day chocolate too) and have a great time taking your chances on buckets (instead of love).

Remember there are 6 tickets for \$5.00 but if you buy before the meeting starts at 7:00 pm you will get a few extra surprises (tickets). Remember, love your fabric, and love your buckets!!!

Deb McCurnin and Beverly Renner

### SPRING FLING RETREAT

Sign-ups for the Spring Fling Retreat will continue during our February 2016 Guild meeting. There are 5 open slots available at this time. We will be returning to Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS from April 29th to May 1st. (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>). Cost will be \$199/person (double occupancy) or \$295/person (single occupancy). The cost includes bedroom on Friday and Saturday nights, five incredible meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast - you don't want to miss Laura's great homemade meals!), and your own personal sewing spot. Full payment is due by the March Guild meeting. Don't hesitate to contact me at [DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM) or [913 402 7559](tel:9134027559) if you have any questions.

Donna L Holloway



## ROAD TO THE WHITEHOUSE OR WHITE HOUSE

## BLOCK 1



*The **White House**, constructed 1792-1800 of white painted sandstone, has been the Presidential residence since John Adams. At various times in history, the White House has been known as the "President's Palace," the "President's House," and the "Executive Mansion." President Theodore Roosevelt officially gave the White House its current name in 1901. There are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and 6 levels in the Residence. There are also 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 8 staircases, and 3 elevators. The White House kitchen is able to serve dinner to as many as 140 guests and hors d'oeuvres to more than 1,000. We can be certain that the First Lady is glad that she doesn't have to clean the house or cook the meals all by herself.*

**Supplies**

Lights:

(4) 3 1/2" squares

Lights 2:

(4) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles

Mediums:

(4) 3 1/2" squares

Darks:

(4) 3 1/2" squares

**LET'S SEW**

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 4 Light squares.

2. Lay a Light square on the right hand side of a Light 2 rectangle, right sides the diagonal line is pointed toward the upper right corner.



together. Be sure that

3. Sew on the drawn line.

4. Trim the seam to 1/4". Press seam toward the Lights2 fabric.



5. Sew a 3 1/2" Medium square to a 3 1/2" dark square. Make 4.

6. Sew a Medium/Dark unit to a rectangle unit. Make 4.

**It's Time to Assemble the block**

Sew the four units together as shown to complete the block.

### 2016 Starlight Quilt Guild Challenge - Margaret Welch

This year our challenge will be to let out your creativity. I will bring a bag of page numbers and several different types of magazines (none quilt related) to the February guild meeting. Anyone who wishes to participate in this challenge will draw a page number out of the bag and find the corresponding page number in the magazine presented to you. You will remove the page from magazine and that will be the start of your quilt. **You must keep that page safe-you will need it when your quilt is presented to the guild.** The challenge is to make a quilt that is related to something on that page. It could be color related, based on a word or phrase on the page, based on a pictures on the page, etc. Let your creativity go!!!

Rules:

1. You may piece, hand or machine appliqué your quilt. It may be a traditional or art quilt-it is your choice.
2. Quilt must be completely finished with quilting and binding.
3. It can be long and narrow, square, oval, round- your choice. It cannot be larger than 25 inches in any one direction.
4. Completion date is for the **September, 2016** guild meeting.
5. Pin your page from the magazine and also a short write up of how it is related to the quilt you made.
6. Viewer's choice judging will determine the winners. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner.

### PROJECT LINUS



Starlight members have made a total of 63 blankets for Project Linus. Fabulous! Let's keep it going. Pick up a kit or two at the meeting. If you have a favorite Project Linus pattern you haven't seen lately, contact me. Keep turning in the Best Choice labels! The Best Choice labels raise money to pay for the Project Linus labels affixed to all our donated blankets.

The next Harper's Work Night is March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6pm to 8 pm. Call to reserve your space: 913-648-2739. We have kits available for you and you can bring your Project Linus project. Recommended sizes for blankets:

Baby Blanket 36 X 36

Child and Teen 40 X 60

Fleece blankets should be at least 36 X 45 and doesn't include fringe

When making your Project Linus donations, please remember:

- Fleece blanket should be a single layer.
  - We do not wash blankets prior to donation to facilities, so please use new material without musty or strong odors.
  - If you have cats or dogs, please use a masking tape roller on your blankets before you donate them.
  - Do not use soiled or stained fabric in your donations.
  - Please check and double check your blankets for pins!
  - If you would like to attach your name and email address, please do so with a safety pin.
  - Please do not attach ribbons, buttons or anything that could be considered a choking hazard. Anything that can be pulled off by a little one, they will find a way to pull it off.
  - No metallic thread, due to government regulation, may be used in our blankets.
  - Please make sure there are no holes in your finished project larger than 1" in diameter. Little toes and fingers get caught in them.
  - Tying quilts? Please only use crochet thread or embroidery thread to tie. Yarn can come apart and be a choking hazard.
- Thank you, **Lea Robrahn**



## STARLIGHT'S QUILT SHOW 2016

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!!!

Yes, we're already working diligently on the 2016 QUILT SHOW. Mark your calendars - set up Oct. 6th, with show Friday Oct. 7th 9:30 - 8:00 and Saturday Oct. 8th 9:30-5:00. The show will again be held at the Abdullah Shriners building off Metcalf. Tickets will be \$4.00, and our theme this year is *COLOR PLAY*.

Thus far the following people are heading up major committees:

Co-Chairs - Kim Cawthon and Janette Sheldon

Publicity - Jackie Evans (in need of person to help with social media)

Boutique - Sue Howard and Tina Darrow

Bake Sale - yet to be filled

Vendors - Donna di Natale (seeking help on selecting vendors and help during show)

Ribbons - Donna di Natale (needs small group to help make ribbons)

There are plenty of jobs to fill so don't be shy. The quilt show committee will be meeting monthly to plan an exciting, and a bit different, event. Please feel free to join us. Time and location of meetings will be announced.

Some award categories this year will look familiar, and others will not. Here is what we have thus far. Entrants will select which category they are entering.

- **I did it all** - quilts that are pieced or appliqued and quilted by the same person, whether by hand or machine; can be any size and any technique.
- **Small group project** - a project done in conjunction with a small group of quilters who meet regularly. The piece may have been done jointly or singly, to meet the terms defined by the small group. Examples: a round robin quilt, or challenge quilt where all members interpret a theme. It can be any size and any technique.
- **Large** - a quilt that is more than 50 inches on any one side; can be any technique.  
*Note - large quilts may need to be folded to fit the display rack.*
- **Medium** - a quilt that is less than 50 inches but more than 25 inches on any one side; can be any technique.
- **Small** - a quilt that is less than 25 inches on all sides, again any technique.
- **Modern** - This can be any size and any technique.
- **Miscellaneous** - a quilted piece that doesn't fit in any other category.

A small group of non-Starlight quilters will evaluate entries based on the Color Play theme. We will also acknowledge anyone entering a quilt in a show for the first time. Quilts larger than 100 inches on any one side will be accepted only if the entrant provides their own display rack. Entries are limited to quilts that have not previously been entered in a Starlight show, including those shown at the 2015 Quilt. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places, as well as viewers' choice and best in color play theme.

Our boutique will focus on selling high -quality new hand-made items. The popular scraps, old magazines, etc. will be located in a separate area.

Janette Sheldon and Kim Cawthon

### Membership News Submitted by Donna di Natale

The new year started with a bang and let's keep the joy going all through the year.

Thus far, 90 members have renewed and we welcomed three new members to the guild in January. If you haven't renewed yet, be sure to do so at the February meeting in order to be listed on the roster. Dues are still only \$25 for the entire year. If you can't remember whether you've renewed or not, you will be able to check the list at the meeting, or just send me an email at [দিনাতালে@att.net](mailto:দিনাতালে@att.net) and I'll let you know.

#### *You Ought to be in Pictures*

Please check the Starlight Membership Photo Roster at the February meeting to make sure your membership information is correct and that we have a photograph of you on file. If you would like a new photo taken we can accomplish that in a snap. The photo roster will become final in March and will be made available to members as a PDF via email.

### WORKSHOP – OPEN SEW DAY



Date: **February 20, 2016**

Time: **10am 4pm**

Place: Johnson County Library **Blue Valley Branch**  
**9000 W. 151st St., Overland Park, KS**

Come join us for a fun day of sewing in a large spacious sew room with plenty of room to spread out. The Blue Valley Branch has refrigerator, sink and microwave so feel free to bring a sack lunch. There are also restaurants within a 2 minute drive.

Use the time to work on your UFO's for the guild challenge or any other project you'd like. Everyone loves free stuff there will be great door prizes, and lots of fun, they don't call us Trouble 1 and Trouble 2 for nothing. If you have any questions our emails addresses are as follows:

**Cassie Schwarz** [sew.creative@yahoo.com](mailto:sew.creative@yahoo.com)

**Chris Haubein** [chris.haubein@gmail.com](mailto:chris.haubein@gmail.com)

### KCRQF 2017 –Sandy Fey

Plans are already underway for the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival in 2017. They have moved the Festival ahead one day so it won't interfere with Father's Day. It will run at the Overland Park Convention Center from June 13-17, 2017 with the first day being set-up. They are still negotiating space and hotel rates, but have already sent out notices to last year's vendors. They are seeking sponsors even from non-sewing organizations. Scheels All Sports will be one of our community sponsors.

KCRQF has proposed a challenge for its members – to produce two showcase quilts that will be shown in the entryway as was done at the last Festival. There are strict guidelines, which are as follows:

1. Has to be 83" x 83" to fit in a plexi-glass display at the entry.
2. Must include/be limited to the colors in the KCRQF logo – lime green, sunshine yellow, white, black, royal blue, and raspberry – no purple or red, bright colors preferred.
3. Must have a hanging sleeve and a label.
4. Will be due in April of 2017.
5. Can be an individual or group production from KCRQF participating guilds; the quilter does not need to be a guild member.
6. Theme/technique/style is open to the artist, but it must be bright.
7. Two will be chosen to showcase (entry and exit) and the rest submitted will be in a special collection.
8. There will be a prize – voucher to shop at the vendors.

So get your creative processes started and begin to stash away some extra cash – June 2017 will be here before we know it!



### THANK YOU!

I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made me a star block as a gift as your outgoing president. I am thrilled to have the blocks. Each one is unique, just like the quilters in our guild! I enjoyed working with all of you last year. You are a special group of women. Thanks! Jackie Rudolph

### Coming Soon to a Computer Near You!

Did you wonder what our speaker last month meant when she mentioned a "blog"? Were you aware that Starlight Quilters Guild has a blog?

A blog is similar to a journal but it is online; so basically, an informal way of sharing ideas, info, experiences, observations, activities, etc. about your interests/passions. Starlight's passion is obviously quilting and you know how quilters like to share! Currently our blog is very outdated which we are trying to change. You can watch the progress at [starlightquilters.blogspot.com](http://starlightquilters.blogspot.com) Please direct any feedback to Susan Wagner.

### MEMBERSHIP –

Donna di Natale

January 2016 Meeting:

Attendance: 90

Guests: 3

New Members: 3

Welcome New Members:

**Ngoclang Davis**

**Mary Ann Matthews**

**Cheryl Postlewait**

Do you have a birthday this month?

Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share.



February birthdays are:

LueAnne Christensen, Carol Cleary, Terri Richmond, Peggy Selig, Kari Sime, Terry Thompson, Cheryl Tomson

Enjoy your day!

### Greeters for February

Your greeters this month are

**Carol Cleary**

**Sue Sharpe**

If you are unable to attend your month, please exchange with another person or call Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585.

Thank you for volunteering!

### Items FOR SALE:

Mill Hill cross stitch Santa Ornaments - \$10 each

Mill Hill cross stitch Snowman Ornaments - \$30 for set of 6

NOTE: New kits sell for \$7! My ornaments are all stitched for \$10 each. Pictures available. I will bring items to guild meetings.

Renee Arnett, [rarnett03@gmail.com](mailto:rarnett03@gmail.com); 913-262-0908



### SQG 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.

## Advertisements

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**Machine Quilting** - Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith.  
[especialquilts@att.net](mailto:especialquilts@att.net) or 913-341-0525

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[www.psemb.biz](http://www.psemb.biz)

### NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6:30 PM - Social

7:00 PM - Meeting

Speaker: **Susan Stevenson**  
"Color Theory"

### Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Library Books
- A treat if it's your B-Day
- Money for bucket/raffle
- Linus Quilts
- BOM
- Show and Tell
- UFOs

### Newsletter Deadline

Articles are due the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month. Email your article to Jackie Rudolph ([jrudolph019@gmail.com](mailto:jrudolph019@gmail.com)). All members are invited to submit articles.

**Changes:** If you have moved, changed your name, e-mail address, or telephone numbers (home, work, or cell), please bring that information with you to the next guild meeting and give that information to our Membership Chair, Donna di Natale, or mail it to **Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201**

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