Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

March 2018

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President's Message By Margaret Welch

Have you checked out the Starlight Quilt Guild (SQG) webpage? There is a wealth of information for you to find there.

* **Monthly Programs**- A list of presenters for 2018 is listed. You can look them up before the meeting to see if what they have to offer is of interest to you.

***Quilt Retreats/Workshops/Sew days** Are you looking to attend a retreat? Check out what SQG has to offer this year. Workshops and sew days will be placed here that are sponsored by the guild.

***Community Service Projects**- We have both Project Linus and Project Warm Embrace to choose from for community projects. Information regarding these two entities can be found here.

***Library-** the library committee catalogued all the books that SQG owns, all available for members to borrow. If you're interested in a new technique or project, check out what is available for you.

***Board meeting minutes and schedule are** available at this tab.

* **Membership** - get information and print a membership form . See a map of the location of the church where meetings are held. You can also find out what local quilts shops give discounts to our members if you show them your membership card. You will also find the guilds bylaws under this tab.

* **Accuquilt** information- Yes, SQG does own an Accuquilt cutter and some dies. Check out this tab to see what dies we own (the list is not currently up to date but will be updated by the end of the month).

***Links to area quilt shops**- Do you know where all of the local or area quilt shops are and what their names are? Look here.

***Recipes-** needing some inspiration something new to bake or cook. Check out the recipes listed here.

The SQG webpage is an avenue for all members to keep up with what is going on in the guild and also other very useful information. I encourage you to check it out.

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Margaret Welch

Project Linus

Leah Robrahn Mary Honas and Opal Yarnell

We are still collecting Best Choice labels, the Price Chopper store brand. This activity supplies the funds for the Project Linus labels for blankets.

The next Harper's night is April 3rd from 6-8 p.m.

30 Project Linus quilts were turned in at the last meeting. Thanks to all who turned in a quilt.

Here are a few photos of Linus quilts made from kits. Kits will be available at the meeting.

We hope you will join us for the Heartland Hop.
Spring to Two Shops April 3-7, 9:30—5:00

Visit only two shops, Peddler's Wagon in Parkville MO and Quilters' Haven in Olathe KS

Be entered to win a Pfaff Sewing Machine and a chance to win one of 20 gift certificates.

You will also receive a free kit in each shop. Lots of new samples to see too.

Peddler's Wagon
115 Main St., Parkville, MO 64152
816-741-0225
www.peddlerswagonquiltshop.com

Quilters' Haven
116 N. Clairborne Rd., Olathe, KS 66062
913-764-8600
www.quiltershaven.com

2018 Group Project

2018 Starlight Quilters Guild Group Project—Dream Bags

Project Coordinator: Donna di Natale (dinatale@att.net/913-541-0283)

In conjunction with Project Warm Embrace (PWE), our 2018 Group Project will be to make drawstring rucksacks, or Dream Bags, to be donated to the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

What is a Dream Bag?

A Dream Bag is basically a pillowcase to which a casing and drawstring has been added.

1. Start with your favorite pillowcase pattern..
2. Add a narrow casing to the outside of the bag or create a casing by stitching the cuff.
3. Make a drawstring by cutting a 2 ½" x width of fabric strip. Fold the strip twice lengthwise and stitch along both long edges. Feed the strip through the casing and tie the ends in a knot.
4. OPTION: Parachute cord and a toggle may be used in place of the drawstring.

Project Warm Embrace Sew Day
Saturday, March 31, 2018
9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Lackman Public Library
15245 West 87th Street Parkway (87th & Lackman)
Lenexa, KS 66219
A limited quantity of patterns, fabric, parachute cord and toggles will be available.
Bring your sewing machine, fabric, and usual sewing supplies.

Opportunity Quilt Help Needed

The 2018 opportunity quilt will be ready soon. We need someone to be the Guardian Angel for our quilt. This person will schedule appearances and be the keeper of tickets. Please contact either Karen Edwards at 913-722-4255 or Peggy Skaith at 913-341-0525

The next guild meeting is Tuesday, March 27th Overland Park Lutheran Church at 7 PM.

Membership Committee

2018 Membership Will begin in March!!

Renewal of your Guild Membership is quickly approaching. In an effort to maintain accurate records, I'd like to share a new process for renewal.

I will be creating a label with the current information that I have for you on file. I would ask you to review the information on the label and make any corrections. The label will be attached to an envelope for you to place your payment and return to me.

The Board is always looking for volunteers. As you renew, please let us know your skills and interests.

I will have the labeled envelopes ready for you to pick up at the greeting table before the meeting. You may review and pay that night, or bring it back to me at the next meeting.

Thanks so much,
Michele Fix
Membership Chairman

STARLIGHT QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report
Feb 28, 2018

	Checkbook Balance 1/31/18	$ 18,931.69	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,078.53	
	Cash Balance		**$ 25,070.22**
Income			
	Total Income		$ 0.00
Expenses			
	Bucket Brigade	301.60	
	Workshops	364.23	
	Total Expenses		$ 665.83
	Checkbook Balance 2/28/18	$18,265.86	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,079.00	
	Cash Balance 01/31/18		**$ 24,404.86**

Submitted by Sue Howard

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to Jackie Evans and Charlya Cooley who volunteered to be your greeters this month; and to Janet Ruby who will oversee the hospitality tables.

The following members have a birthday in March, so you know what that means! Correct, everyone celebrating a birthday this month, please bring a sweet or savory dish of your choice for the hospitality table to share with all. Thank you in advance.

Becky Lanza
Brigitta Wade
Charlya Cooley
Cheryl Postlewait
Christine Royster
Connie Root
Dolores Boring
Jan Rice
Kathy Geraci
Laura Jan Davidson
Margaret Welch
Myrna Smith
Nancy Buzzell
Pam Lanza
Rosemary Watrak
Vivian Anderson

The Library Corner

By Connie Passaro

If you were inspired by Amy Barickman at our meeting last month you can check out the copy of her book, Vintage Notions, from the guild library. Our speaker this month, Judy Proksa, will be educating us on a topic that is definitely vintage, feedsacks. So you might want to check out Feedsack Secrets by Gloria Nixon.

Vintage not your style? The library has sixteen titles that fit the Modern Quilt category! Have you taken a look at these? Look for a bright pink dot on the spine. Speaking of pink, did you know there are pink flashlights on the book shelves for your use in seeking out the title you want? How about that?!As always, let us know if there is a book you would like to see us order. We'll do our best to make it happen.

The Quilted Sunflower LLC
111 S Main St
Spring Hill, KS 66083
913-592-0100
www.thequiltedsunflower.com

Quilted Memories
11301 W 87th Terr
Overland Park, KS 66214
913-649-2704
www.quiltedmemoriesllc

Sunflower Embroidery, Quilting & Fabrics
207 Oak St
Bonner Springs, KS 66012
913-422-4501
www.sunflowereg.com

2018 Spring
Great Plains Shop Hop
"Poker Run"
Fri, March 23rd 9-6
Sat, March 24th 9-5

Overbrook Quilt Connection
500 Maple St
Overbrook, KS 66524
785-665-7841
www.overbrookquilts.com

Two Grand Prizes
You Choose the Drawing, King or Queen

First City Quilts LLC
200 S 5th Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048
913-682-8000
www.firstcityquilts.com

Drawings at each Shop

Follow us on Facebook: Great Plains Shop Hop

Go to each shop for a chance at a Grand Prize

Spring SQG Retreat

We only have a few spots left for our Spring Retreat, April 27, 28, and 29, 2018! We'll return to Laura and Matt's wonderful hospitality at Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS

(http:// www.cedarcrestlodge.com). Cost will be $209/ person dbl occupancy (329 single). The cost includes room on Friday and Saturday nights, five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), and your own personal sewing spot.

Full payment is due by the March meeting.

Questions? Contact me at 913 433 6752 or email me at DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM.

Something Completely Different 2018 Quilt on a Stick Challenge!

Yes, you read it right. The challenge is to make a little gem of a quilt, and put it on a stick. Fun, huh?

The rules are thus:

- Size - No larger than 8" x 9"
- Theme - Your choice - make anything you want.
- Requirements - 2" of the stick must extend from the bottom.
- There must be a vertical sleeve on the back to hold the stick.
- The craft sticks will be provided.
- You may decorate the sticks if you want.
- Feel free to embellish the quilt as much as you want, or not at all.
- Due Date - The September guild meeting. This gives you lots and lots of time to get those creative juices flowing.

For photos of actual QOAS's, look up Quilt on a Stick at the Minnesota State Fair. Brought to you by Karen Edwards and Shirley Lewis.

March Speaker
Judy Proksa
"Fabulous Feedsacks"

While cotton feedsacks were first produced simply to transport products such as grain and feed. American women in the 1930s instantly recognized these bags as free fabric. Very quickly these resourceful women began using feedsacks to make many household items including quilts. This is one of the earliest examples of recycling; using a utilitarian product to make something beautiful. Join us as we share the myriad ways feedsacks were used in the middle of the 20th century.

Iowa-born Judy Proksa was raised in Oklahoma and lived in Germany and the Philippines before settling in Iowa to raise a family of 3 daughters. She worked as the Head of Children's Services at the W Des Moines Public Library, retiring in 2011. Judy began quilting in the late 1970's and started collecting feedsacks about the same time. She's been involved in several feedsack clubs over the years, lectures on feedsacks, and has helped write a book on feedsacks with Linzee McCray (Feedsacks: the Colourful History of a Frugal Fabric). She's assisting in the development of a feedsack display for the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset, Iowa, due to open soon.

We're Going Green!

You know, this fat quarter exchange has turned out to be pretty successful. Lois Bozarth walked off with 7.75 yards of fabric at the February meeting. Wonder who will get them all in March....

For March, we're going green. You might think this is because of St. Patrick's Day, but no. It's because sometime in March, things start greening up. Maybe not all the way, but some. Seems like spring has been a long time coming, and we're going to be ready.

Bring your green fat quarters to the March meeting. Remember, for every fat quarter you bring, your name goes in the pot for a chance to win them all.

See you in March, Janette Sheldon

A Tisket a Tasket
Want to win a basket?

A tisket a taskit, the babes are filling baskets. Nope, the Bucket Babes are not related to the Easter Bunny, but they still plan on filling some baskets (instead of buckets). They have books, patterns, kits, precuts, gadgets and even a brand new, pretty green Ott Light. More fun than a basket of bunnies (you notice we didn't say "than a basket of chocolate candies", because NOTHING is better than a basket of chocolate).

So bring your $5 bill and you will get back six lucky tickets (and even more if you buy before the meeting) or even a dollar is all you need for a chance at a basket of fun. We thank you all for your participation, awesome donations and for being the most generous, fun quilters ever. All of your generosity keeps the guild hopping!

Project Warm Embrace
Co-Chairs, Renee Arnett and Donna di Natale

There's a knock on the door and an already distressed child is given 15 minutes to throw their belongings into a sack, leave their home to be placed in an unknown foster home.

Did you know that there are over 6,500 foster care children in the state of Kansas with an average age of 8 years old? Project Warm Embrace provides these children with the warmth and comfort of a quilt that is their very own.

Project Warm Embrace is a statewide partnership (established in 2008) between the Kansas Department for Children & Families (DCF) partners and community quilters. Handmade quilts benefit the foster children in Johnson County and the surrounding Northeast Kansas counties of Atchison, Douglas, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte.

Project Warm Embrace requests quilts be 45" x 60" or larger. Cotton, denim or fleece may be used and you can choose to tie, hand or machine-quilt them. No embellishments or puff paint are allowed due to safety concerns. **The greatest need is for larger quilts appropriate for older youth/teenagers – boys as well as girls.**

Thank you very much to:

Cyndy O'Rourke, Kathy Kosednar and Renee Arnett for your donation quilts. **A total of 8 quilts were turned in at the February Meeting.**

Patty Zion, a retiring quilt shop owner in Colorado, who generously sent the Starlight Quilters Guild four boxes of fabric to be split between the SQG Community Service projects of Project Warm Embrace and Project Linus. Project Warm Embrace received a wonderful assortment of Moda precuts, fabric yardage for backing, and a variety of fat quarters. This fabric will be available to SQG members at the March 31 Project Warm Embrace Sew Day.

The Consumer Products Division of SC Johnson Company for their generous donation of four vouchers ($9 value each) for boxes of Ziploc Brand Big Bags XL. These bags will be used to deliver donated quilts and will be labeled for reuse by the Starlight Quilters Guild each year.

Members are encouraged to collaborate when making Project Warm Embrace quilts, although you certainly may do it all on your own if you wish. Check the bright red Message Board on display at monthly guild meetings along with sign-up sheets to network with other members. This is a great opportunity to work together. The Project Warm Embrace leaders will help members find other members to team up. Together, we can show these foster children that they are not forgotten and that someone cares.

Reminders:

Project Warm Embrace Sew Day on Saturday March 31 from 9:30am – 4:30pm at the Johnson County Library – Lackman Branch. 15245 W 87th St Parkway, Lenexa

Check the Project Warm Embrace page on the guild's website for more details about child safety requirements for quilts, donation receipt, and the pattern for Dream Bags.

Thank you for your consideration to support Project Warm Embrace. **All children need to know they are loved. What a blessing that we can use our talents and love of quilting to do just that.**

Please read about the **2018 Group Project** "Dream Bags" in this newsletter.

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Advertisements

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting by **Karen Huffman** 913-638-4625 or karen7315@gmail.com

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting, all styles **Peggy Skaith** EspeciallyQuilts@att.net, or 913-341-0525

Machine Embroidery - Perfect Stitches Embroidery, **Chris Haubein**. 913-908-4481, www.psemb.biz

Amy Senatore's quilt shop, **City's Edge**, 616 W Main Warsaw, MO http://www.citysedgestudio.com

Donna's Singer Service - cleaning? oiling? Machine not sewing well? **Donna di Natale ,** dinatale@att.net

Kaw Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show

Featuring Leslie Campbell
Leslie's Talk 11 & 1
Saturday April 7th 9-5,
Sunday April 8th 10-3
Crown Toyota 3430 Iowa Lawrence KS
Admission $6
100+ Quilts
Mini Quilt Auction
Demonstrations
Vendors
Quilt Appraisal
Guild Showcase
Challenge Exhibit
Bake Sale
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