



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

June 2018

On the web at www.starlightquilters.com

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Project Linus: Lea Robrahn/Mary Honas/Opal Yarnell
Project Warm Embrace: Donna Di Natale/Renee Arnett

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Vendors: Chrysa Zinser
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Registration: Donna Holloway

President's Message



Have you ever challenged yourself to learn a new technique in quilting? I have actually joined a crazy quilt group. Last year they wanted to do an exchange among the members, i.e. make a needle case, scissor holder, etc. You could choose to participate or not. I chose not to participate in the exchange as I had not done any crazy quilting and did not feel at all competent in making an item to give someone. But I did choose to participate by making an item for myself. I was able to practice piecing an item and then embellishing it with thread, beads, and sequins. I ended up with an embellished sewing kit.

This year the group decided to do a round robin. Again you could choose to participate or not. I decided to participate. There are 6 of the members doing the round robin, so that means I get to complete a block for each of the round robin members. Each participant pieced 6 blocks to be crazy quilted. Each participant embellishes one block of their six as an example of their theme. Then each month you get another block to embellish.

I can tell you that this pulls me out of my left brain world of squares, half squares, points on blocks and into my right brain world. I am learning about threads, beads, sequins, and other items to be used for embellishments. I think I am truly a sane quilter but I am enjoying challenging my brain into the crazy quilt world.

Margaret Welch



SQG Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2018

Submitted by Sue Howard

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 15,285.77	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Certificate of Deposit	6080.53	
Cash Balance	\$	21,426.00

Income	Bucket Brigade	318.00	
	Hospitality	7.95	
	Membership	3,110.00	
	Opportunity Quilt	47.00	
	Welcome	3.35	
	Total income	\$	3,486.30

Expenses	Insurance	210.00	
	Newsletter	91.19	
	Program - Speaker	175.00	
	Other - Meeting Set-up	40.00	
	Library	64.52	
	Opportunity Quilt - supplies, printing	324.80	
	Banking fees, checks etc.	32.70	
	Total Expenses	\$	938.21

Ending Checkbook Balance	\$17,833.86	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Certificate of Deposit	6,080.53	
Cash Balance 5/31/2018	\$	23,974.39

Hospitality Committee

The following members have a birthday in June, so are asked to please bring a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table to share.

Thanks

Alex Thompson	Karla Filo
Cassie Schwarz	Kim Cawthon
Cheryl Diebold	Opal Yarnell
Freda Smith	Sandy Fey
Jan Skillman	Terri Oberle
Jan Ketchum	Toni Anderson
Jeanne Poore	Vicki Kerkvliet

Starlight is on Facebook

Did you know that Starlight has a Facebook page? It's where you can find out all kinds of information about the guild: who the next speaker will be, when is the next sew day, ideas for making boutique items, events and event reminders, and pictures of quilts! Search Starlight Quilters Guild, or use this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/StarlightQuiltersGuild/>

The Library Corner

New books continue to be added to our library, both through purchases and donations. New this month are:

- "Free-Motion Meandering" by Angela Walters
- "Intuitive Color & Design" by Jean Wells (art quilting)
- "Birds 'n' Roses" by Margaret Docherty (we also have her "Little Brown Bird" applique patterns),
- "Fat Quarter Baby"
- "Festive Fall Quilts" by Kim Schaefer (we also have 2 of her other books),
- "Quilty Fun" (Row quilts) and
- "Kaffe Fassett's Heritage Quilts".

Do you have a favorite quilt author or subject you'd like us to add to the library? Just let us know--your guild dues help pay for our extensive library and we want it to reflect your interests.

Your Librarians—Cheryl Tomson & Connie Passaro



July Program: Patricia Beaver Aunt Martha and her Evil Twin



Who was Aunt Martha? Was she a real person? And how did this company manage to stay in business for over 80 years?

Patricia Beaver will answer these questions and share the story of her evil twin. (Don't you sometimes feel like we all have one?) Many samples of vintage and new quilts created using Aunt Martha's patterns will be shown along with quilts made from kits by other companies.

This program is sure to be a trip down memory lane, so hope that you will be able to join us for this interesting program.



Fat Quarter Exchange

Another successful month for the fat quarter exchange. Karen Boyd walked off with 33 fat quarters. That's 8.25 yards of fabric! She claims purple is her favorite color, so June's exchange will be purple.

Remember, for every fat quarter you bring you get a chance to win them all.

Janette Sheldon

Are you ready for some Fireworks?

Boom! It is not yet Independence Day, but the Bucket Babes are going to blow your mind! Don't spend all your money to get fireworks for the fourth, save a few dollars to buy raffle tickets. This month we have awesome bucket items and maybe even a surprise package (and we promise no explosions when you open that box)!

So come back and see the Babes because \$5.00 will get you six tickets (and more if you shop before the meeting) and \$1.00 will give you one booming lucky chance. We are lucky to live in the good old US of A and we are lucky too to be members of the Starlight Quilters Guild (the most creative, generous group of quilters ever). Oh say can you see....more fabric? Thank you all so much for all of your support.



Starlight 2018 Quilt Show Boutique

Your committee of reluctant volunteers are working diligently to bring you a great quilt show the last weekend of September. There are a couple things you need to keep in mind. We make most of our money off the show with boutique sales. There won't be any sales if we don't make stuff, so please make lots of what the boutique ladies want. Here are previous best sellers:



- Kitchen items (microwave bowls, dish towels, potholders, hot pads, place mats and napkins)
- Sewing accessories (pincushions, thread catchers, rotary cutter/ glasses cases), sewing kits etc.
- Zippered bags (including bags with clear side(s) that can be used for air travel), and pillowcases
- Holiday items, including placemats and napkins, kitchen towels, table topper quilts and ornaments, were popular last year.

Donna Holloway, is handling our quilt registration, but will be out of town the week preceding the show. That means we need to get our entries in early. We'd really like to hang a minimum of 100 quilts again this year. Start filling out those entry forms NOW; don't wait until the last minute. If you intend to make your entries via snail mail, the deadline will be September 14th. For entries via internet, the deadline will be September 21st. Remember, your quilt doesn't have to be finished to fill out that entry form. The entry form is listed on our web page. We will also have some at the guild meetings. You will find only one significant change. Because we had so few entries under small/medium, and so many under large, we changed the breaking point to 72 inches instead of 60. Once you have filled out your entry form, it can be emailed to our special show email address which is stitchintimeshow@gmail.com, or mailed directly to Donna. Please see your directory for her home address.

2018 Opportunity Quilt Tickets

Revenue from the sale of the opportunity tickets support the activities of the guild including the wonderful speakers. This year the guild member selling the most tickets will receive a free guild membership for 2019.

Each member will receive a packet of 12 tickets to sell. The tickets should be sold for \$1 each or \$5 for 6. There will be more packets available for members willing to sell more than one packet. Tickets are available at all guild meetings. There will be a roster to sign out tickets and record the number of tickets sold by each member.



The Opportunity Quilt is beautiful, making tickets easy to sell. Through the years I have heard of a variety of ways members have sold tickets. Some keep tickets with them and offer to sell them any time they attend a meeting or function when it would be allowed. Give tickets as enclosures in birthday cards, or party favors at a get together. Or maybe you want to keep them all for yourself.

Tickets will be available from Victoria Foley and Connie Passaro at each meeting. Will you sell the most and win a free guild membership for 2019?



KCRQF 2019 Quilt Festival

A large and dedicated group of volunteers from many quilt guilds around the area are hard at work planning the next regional quilt festival for June, 2019. New in 2019 is the addition of a preview night. A limited number of tickets will be sold for the Wednesday night event that will include cash bar, appetizers and special speakers. Proceeds will benefit 2 sewing related local charities, Once We Were Refugees, and The Sewing Lab. Both teach sewing and help students by supplying them with sewing machines and other sewing supplies. Go on our webpage to find a link to a Festival approved sleeve and information on the Festival's challenge quilts.

Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat



Our Fall Retreat is 3 days of non-stop sewing and fellowship, with someone else cooking your meals! We'll be at Unity Village again in Lee's Summit November 2, 3 and 4, 2018. The work space is large and there are ample bedrooms, so we can accommodate a lot of quilters!

While I've negotiated the best price, costs have gone up for the hotel rooms. Cost is \$235 (double) or \$355 (single); and

includes 4' of table space, 2 nights sleeping accommodations, and meals (Friday dinner; Continental Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner on Saturday, and full hot breakfast on Sunday).

The emphasis is on being together and being inspired by everyone's projects; but I will be raffling off a big board ironing surface. Sign ups close after our September Guild Meeting; payment is due by Oct 10th. Any questions? Donna Holloway (913 433 6752); or DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM



Project Linus

Opal Yarnell - Mary Honas - Lea Robrahn

The guidelines for making quilts or blankets for Project Linus are:

- The minimum size is 36" x 36" for the Kansas City area. The preferred size that will serve most children is 40" x 60" or crib-sized.
- The best blanket making fabrics are cotton quilting fabrics, flannel and fleece.
- Use only one layer of fleece. Two layers are too warm for our area.
- Leave off ribbons, buttons or anything that could be considered a choking hazard. Anything that can be pulled off by a little one should not be applied to a Project Linus blanket.
- If you have animals, remove the animal hair from the blankets with a masking tape roller.
- Check and double check your blankets for pins! Then check again, especially in the binding, for accidental pins.
- No holiday quilts, please.

Big Block patterns available on the Project Linus table.

Please bring us Best Choice labels, the Price Chopper store brand. This activity helps to supply the Project Linus labels for blankets.

For additional patterns: Project Linus: Kansas City Chapter: <http://www.projectlinuskc.org/>
Project Linus National Organization: <http://projectlinus.org/>

Project Warm Embrace

Co-Chairs, Renee Arnett and Donna di Natale

http://www.starlightquilters.com/project_warm_embrace

When the Starlight Quilters Guild Board adopted Project Warm Embrace as a local community service project for 2018, our vision was to instill a sense of community among SQG guild members that could positively impact Kansas foster care children. Simply put, SQG members working together and sharing their time, talent and fabric to make and donate quilts and Dream Bags* for Project Warm Embrace. **Since our February guild meeting, you have so generously donated 65 quilts and 121 Dream Bags!** That is so very awesome as there are no requirements or expectations for the number of quilts/Dream Bags to be donated from our guild or individual members. We believe that any community service contributions truly stem from one's heart and personal interest. Thank you very much! The Kansas Department of Children & Families (DCF) has been in awe with the outpouring of kindness shown by our guild's donated items to date.

We envisioned that working together as a quilting community could also involve quilters outside of our guild via partnering with local quilt shops and so we have been busy spreading the news to area quilt shops about Project Warm Embrace. We met with several quilt shop owners and are very pleased to announce commitments from the shops listed below to partner with the Starlight Quilters Guild. They have agreed to help educate quilters about Project Warm Embrace, sponsor Sew Days for quilters to gather and work on both quilts and Dream Bags for Project Warm Embrace, and serve as a drop off location (Starlight will pick up the donated items, check them for child safety, and deliver them to a DCF location.)

First City Quilts - 200 S. 5th St., Leavenworth, KS - Owners: Maria & Connie

Prairie Point Quilt & Fabric Shop - 11950 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee KS - Owner: Susan Thorup

Sunflower Embroidery Quilt Shop - 207 Oak St., Bonner Springs, KS - Owner: Rita Shuler

In the coming months, we will be scheduling Project Warm Embrace Sew Days at these shops. **The first Sew Day has been scheduled at First City Quilts (Leavenworth) on Monday, June 18 from 1:00-5:00pm.** All are invited to join co-chair Renee Arnett for an afternoon sewing quilts and Dream Bags for Project Warm Embrace. Come and meet fellow quilters and shop owners Maria & Connie too!

Questions? Call Renee 913-262-0908 or Donna 816-509-6948

*Dream Bag pattern available on the Project Warm Embrace



The next SQG guild meeting is Tues, June 26th, 7 PM OP Lutheran Church

Do You Want to Get Involved?

It seems a bit early to start thinking about this, but really, it's not. Donna di Natale and I make up the nomination committee for 2019. Our job is to present a slate to the guild in August. (In case you haven't noticed, August is just around the corner.) The following jobs appear to be filled, but if I've put you down and you don't want to do the job, just let me know. I'll admit I've made a few assumptions. Please let me know if you are willing to assume any of these duties. Remember the guild belongs to us all, so please get involved.



Janette Sheldon - granola1000@gmail.com or 913 486 5694 Thanks, Janette

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Vice President		Need someone for this
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Treasurer	Sue Howard/Chris Haubein	
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Librarian	Cheryl Tomson	Need 1-2 more people here
Membership	Michele Fix	
Newsletter	Michelle Cour	
Opportunity Quilt	Rowdy Round Robins *	
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales	Victoria Foley	
Programs	Mary Honas	Need 1 more person here
Project Linus	Mary Honas/Lea Robrahn/Opal Yarnell	
Project Warm Embrace	Donna Di Natale/Renee Arnett	
Quilt Show	Grim(m) Reapers **	
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* Rowdy Round Robins - Donna di Natale, Donna Holloway, Kim Cawthon, Jackie Rudolph, Janette Sheldon

**Grim(m) Reapers - Karen Edwards, Connie Passaro, Sandy Fey, Beverly McCreery, Shirley Lewis

Something Completely Different 2018 Quilt on a Stick Challenge!

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 - at least 2" of the stick must extend from the bottom. More than 2" might be better.
- There must be a vertical sleeve on the back to hold the stick.
- The craft sticks will be provided. See Karen Edwards to get a stick.
- 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 - September guild meeting. This gives you lots of time to get those creative juices flowing.



Make it funky, inspirational, humorous, sentimental or any other vibe you'd like to give your entry.

We can't wait to see what you all come up with!

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616 W. Main Street Warsaw, MO 65355 Mon-Fri: 10a-5p; Sat: 9 am-3 pm

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