



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

January 2019

On the web at www.starlightquilters.com
Send updates to Pam Avara at pamela@avaraarts.com

Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and Committees:

President: Janette Sheldon
Vice-President: Jean Turvey
Past President: Margaret Welch
Secretary: Janet Wikle
Treasurer: Sue Howard/ Asst: Chris Haubein

Accuquilt Manager: Cheryl Tomson
Door Prizes: Pam Lanza/Cyndy O'Rourke
Exchanges: Victoria Foley
Fat Quarters: Jan Ketchum
Fundraising/Raffle: Deb McCurnin /Beverly Renner
Guild Challenge: Donna Di Natale
Historian: position open
Hospitality: Opal Yarnell
Humor Presentation: Mary Funk/Shirley Lewis
KCRQF Representative: Kim Cawthon
Librarians: Cheryl Tomson/Christine Foo
Membership: Michele Fix
Newsletter: Michelle Cour
Opportunity Quilt: position open
Opportunity Quilt Tickets: position open
Program Chair: Mary Honas/Jeanette Luehring
Retreats: Donna Holloway
Show and Tell Ribbons: Mary Funk
Website: Pam Avara
Workshops: Jeanne Fowles-Culley/Donna di Natale

Community Services Projects:
Guild Project: Connie Passaro
Project Linus: Lea Robrahn/Mary Honas/Opal Yarnell
Project Warm Embrace: Donna Di Natale/Renee Arnett

Quilt Show
Shirley Lewis, Connie Passaro, Sandy Fey, Beverly
McCreery and Karen Edwards

President's Message



There's something strange about writing 2019. Can it already be that? Guess I remember too many of those years that ended in nines. So it's my turn once again as president of the guild. I promise to do some things better this round. And that won't be difficult with all the great things we have going on this year.

We have some great programs coming. The biggest are Edyta Sitar in May and Mary Fons in August. Squeezed between those will be the third Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival. We as a guild have two very important jobs - we are in charge of the guild registration of quilts for display as well as machine ambassadors for the classrooms. Kim Cawthon, our festival representative will be calling on MANY volunteers to help with these big jobs. In addition there's been a call for small quilts for the silent auction as well as our booth to be covered. Remember, with these responsibilities we should be in line to receive great proceeds from the event. So by all means lets all step up and give our support. And remember after you have recovered from all that, we have our own quilt show coming up in the fall. I could get tired already just thinking about it.

See you all at the January guild meeting,

Janette Sheldon

The next SQG guild meeting is

Tues, Jan 28th, 7 PM

OP Lutheran Church

7810 W 79th St.

Overland Park KS



SQG Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2018

Submitted by Sue Howard

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$18042.64	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,086.40	
	Cash Balance		\$ 24189.04
Income	No deposit in December	0.00	
	Total Income		\$0.00
Expenses	Meeting Set Up	40.00	
	Project Warm Embrace	260.00	
	Total Expenses		\$300.00
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$17,742.64	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6086.40	
	Cash Balance 12/31/2018		\$23,889.04

Hospitality Committee

The members listed below have a January birthday. Please bring either a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table, to share with others.

Because we have no December meeting, will some of you born that month bring your dish next month in February when we have very few people with a birthday that month? Thanks

Karen Berley
 Laura Bogue
 Victoria Foley
 Karen Huffman
 Sheila Lynch
 Malinda Mc Guire
 Jean Patchen
 Shannon Rangel
 Christy Underwood
 Mary Wheeler

Fat Quarter Exchange

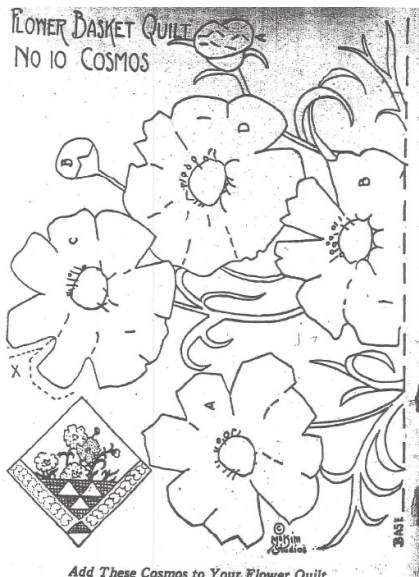
It was a great turnout in November. Members donated a total of nine and a half yards of batik fabrics for Margaret, our outgoing president. In January we will be back to the drawing for all fat quarters that get turned in. The theme will be black and white.



For 2019, Jan Ketchum will be in charge of this activity.

Your greeters this month are Lisa Souza and Bernadine Farrow. No one signed up to assist at the food table. Please check the sign up list. We need greeters and food table supervisors for many of the meetings.

There will be a sign up sheet to volunteer to help with these activities. It will be at the greeting table as you enter the room. Thank you!



Article about Donna Di Natale

Here's a link to an article about our own Donna Di Natale and her assistance to help identify winners of the World Herald quilt contest. Read more at this link:

https://www.omaha.com/inspiredliving/search-for-families-of-world-herald-quilt-winners-yields-three/article_fa8a919e-1819-5c7f-8dd7-594f18f0fcbc.html

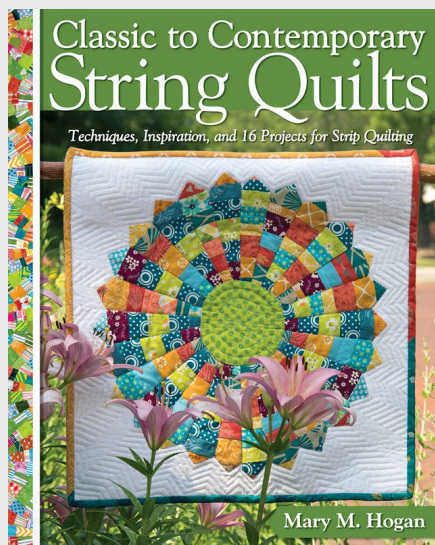
Add These Cosmos to Your Flower Quilt

January Program - Jane Bromberg

Finishing Up! Lecture and Trunk Show about Design Choices for Edge Finishes



As the new year begins, I am very pleased to introduce our speaker for this month's meeting, Jane Bromberg, the owner of Custom Quilting, located in Kansas City, Missouri. Jane has been a quilting enthusiast for many years and has operated her custom long arm quilting business since 2008. Besides finishing quilt tops, Jane creates original designs using photos that she takes herself of whatever catches her eye. She is a former dressmaker that uses her sewing talents in all aspects of quilt making. Read her blog or see samples of her work at CustomQuilting.com or on Instagram - @janebromberg or on Facebook as Custom Quilting. Mary Honas



Library Corner

As we begin the new year, looking from past to future, the library has added books that bring the past into the present to help use up those odd bits and pieces we've saved. These include:

"Quilting...just a little bit crazy, a Marriage of Traditional and Crazy Quilting",

"Piecing the Past, Vintage quilts recreated by Kansas Troubles",

"Classic to Contemporary String Quilts", and

"Threads from the '30s, Quilts Using Reproduction Fabrics".

Don't forget to peruse the the fiction section for these cold winter nights. We've also had the donation of "The Healing Quilt" by Wanda Brunstetter.

See you in the library! Your Librarians, Cheryl Tomson & Christine Foo

The Bucket Babes wish you a Happy New Year!

Watch the fireworks, strike up the band, toast the new year! We don't know what 2019 holds for us for sure, but for sure I know that the Starlight Quilters will be ready to start new projects, learn from new speakers, and share their talents. We have so much to be grateful for, especially "our sisterhood" of quilters.

So, if you won the powerball, bring millions, if not, clean out under the couch cushions for some change. Either way, come join the fun with the Bucket Babes because it just takes a dollar to win with one ticket or five dollars for six lucky chances. Getting to us before the meeting gets you even more chances and even better, a chance to visit with your other quilty friends. Happy New Year from the Bucket Babes!





Project Warm Embrace

CoChairs, Renee Arnett & Donna diNatale

http://starlightquilters.com/project_warm_embrace

**174 quilts, 603 Dream Bags and 37 pillowcases
were donated by Starlight Quilters Guild in 2018**

Wow! Awesome! Fabulous! Phenomenal!

Words can't express the sincere gratitude that we have for the Starlight Quilters and community quilters who contributed to Project Warm Embrace in 2018. Your generosity and kind hearts truly exceeded our expectations! **Thank you very much** for helping us make a difference in the lives of SO many foster children in Northeast Kansas.

On November 29, 2018 the Kansas Department for Children & Families (DCF) Office in Overland Park KS hosted a Project Warm Embrace Celebration reception for the many contributing groups, organizations, and individuals in 2018. The room filled with brightly colored quilts, flannel blankets and Dream Bags truly brought smiles to everyone who entered! DCF Regional Supervisor, James Harmon reported that thanks to DCF staff member and quilter Angela Block, the Project Warm Embrace initiative moved to Northeast Kansas in 2016. The first year 400 quilts/blankets were donated; in 2017, 200 were donated. Over 800 quilts/blankets were donated in 2018 making it their BEST YEAR EVER!!! Special thanks to the Starlight Quilters Guild for contributing 174 of them! Starlight was also recognized for the design and donation of 603 Dream Bags!!!!

In his thank you note, James Harmon wrote: *"Thank you for taking your PASSION and turning it into COMPASSION for others. On behalf of the Kansas DCF, thank you for your generous donations to Project Warm Embrace. The time, effort and compassion you showed in making these [quilts, Dream Bags] for others truly shows the commitment and value you place in others.....Your donations will brighten and bring a smile to a child's day."*

We are pleased to announce that the Starlight Quilters Guild will continue to support Project Warm Embrace in 2019 as a community service project, making quilts (45x60 or larger) and Dream Bags. Through a generous donation to purchase batting and several machine quilter volunteers, we are able to machine quilt about 40-50 quilts this year for Project Warm Embrace too! A fun Project Warm Embrace Challenge called **TAKE IT MAKE IT** was announced at the November 2018 guild meeting and details were also provided in a December email to members. Contact us if you'd like to participate! After the January guild meeting, we will open up the challenge to non-members to make full use of our donation resources received for Project Warm Embrace.

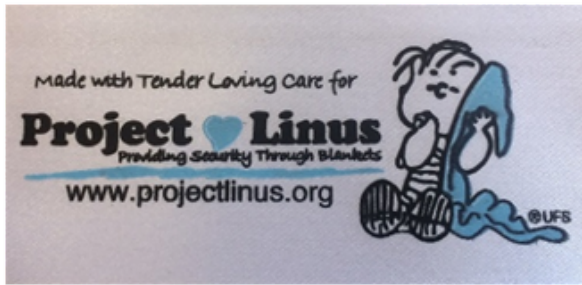
On Christmas Day, did you happen to see the Kansas City Star cover story entitled *"Christmas tweet opens many hearts to help Kansas foster teens"*? It's exciting to know that the larger quilts we donate in 2019 can be given to this KVC project for teenagers in foster care in our own communities!

Project Warm Embrace Sew Days* at supporting quilt shops...

Monday, January 28 from 10am – 4pm at Prairie Point Quilt Shop, 11950 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Shawnee KS. Space is limited. Call the shop to reserve your spot. 913-268-3333

Friday, February 15 from 10am – 5pm at First City Quilts, 200 S 5th St., Leavenworth, KS. Call Renee to RSVP 913-262-0908

**Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing supplies (BSS) and charity project supplies. Cording and toggle locks provided by Starlight Quilters Guild.*



Project Linus

Co-chairs:
Opal Yarnell
Mary Honas
Lea Robrahn

Guidelines:

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 animal hair from the blanket 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.

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. (Make sure batting in on the inside.) Trim corners diagonally, just short of the stitch line. Turn quilt. Press, stitch opening shut. Stitch 1/2" around the edge of the quilt.

Thank you generous Starlight members who have donated 279 quilts in 2018,

Thank you also to Starlight members who have donated fabric and quilts during Harper's work night

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

Harper's next work night is February 5, 2019, from 6-8 pm. Call 913-648-2739 to register.

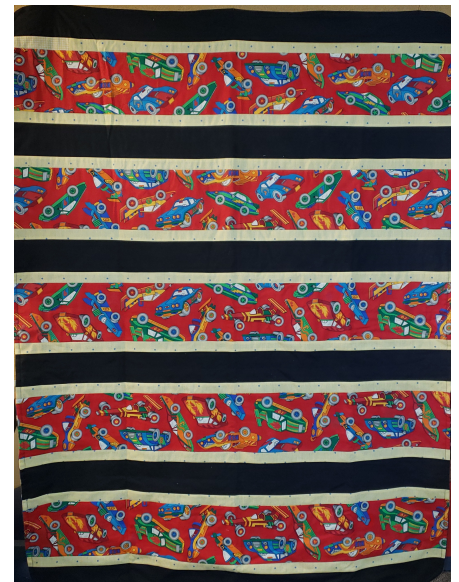
For additional patterns:

Project Linus: Kansas City Chapter:

<http://www.projectlinuskc.org/>

Project Linus National
Organization:

<http://projectlinus.org/>



Community Services Committee UPDATE

Co-Chairs, Mary Honas, Donna diNatale and Renee Arnett,
rarnett03@gmail.com 913-262-0908



At our November 27, 2018 guild meeting, the Community Services Committee presented a \$250 check to Rightfully Sewn, the charitable organization (selected by guild members) as the 2018 recipient for Starlight's annual charitable donation. Jennifer Lapka, Founder and President of Rightfully Sewn, was present to accept our donation and provided a brief overview about Rightfully Sewn located at 1800 Wyandotte St., Suite 204, Kansas City MO.

In her thank you note Jennifer wrote, "Thank you again for selecting Rightfully Sewn as the recipient of your donation. We are grateful. I really did enjoy being with everyone last evening."

Rightfully Sewn provides seamstress training for at-risk women so they can thrive in a specialized workforce that will reestablish Kansas City as an epicenter of garment manufacturing and support the demand for high-quality, American-produced garments.

Classes are offered throughout the year. Check out the early 2019 classes scheduled at <http://rightfullysewn.org/classes/>

Rightfully Sewn is currently looking for two Seamstress Training Program mentors. If interested, email Renee Arnett for a copy of the mentor position description.

Rightfully Sewn is looking to hire individuals on a contractual or part-time basis to help sew projects as a revenue stream. Contact Founder/President Jennifer Lapka if interested, jennifer.lapka@rightfullysewn.org 816-442-8074

Jennifer offered to provide Starlight Quilters Guild members with a special tour of Rightfully Sewn in February. Please email/call Renee if interested.

Pictured (left to right): Bernetta Martin (KCK DCF Office), Renee Arnett (Starlight Guild), Angela Block (Overland Park DCF Office), and James Harmon (Regional DCF Supervisor, Project Warm Embrace contact).



Starlight Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 9362
Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-2062
www.starlightquilters.com

Advertisements

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you finish all those tops! Low pricing, full Long Arm services – all over designs or custom quilting 913-638-4625 **Karen Huffman** or email me at karen7315@gmail.com

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting, all styles of quilting from simple hand-guided designs to custom creations; Guild members: I will piece your backing at no extra charge!
EspecialyQuilts@att.net, or 913-341-0525 **Peggy Skaith**

Amy Senatore's quilt shop, **City's Edge**, classes and more. <http://www.citysedgestudio.com>
616 W. Main Street Warsaw, MO 65355 Mon-Fri: 10a-5p; Sat: 9 am-3 pm

Donna's Singer Service - Does your Featherweight need a good cleaning and oiling? Or is it not sewing like it should? Let me clean and service your machine for you. I service Singer models 15, 99, 221, 222, and 301. Reasonable fees and timely service. **Donna di Natale**, dinatale@att.net

Custom Machine Embroidery - quilt labels, towels, gifts, T-shirts, logos etc. Fast turnaround time on orders.
Judy Brennan 913-451-8997 or by email at jbrennan2@kc.rr.com

C & S Creations - Custom wood working projects. Let us help you with your sewing/hobby room needs. Custom workstations, Featherweight cabinets, ruler holders, scissor racks. **Cheryl and Scott Diebold**
913/677-0838