

# STARLIGHT EXPRESS

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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### President's Message -

By Donna di Natale



Why do we belong to a guild? This is a question I recently asked myself. I mean, I can quilt all by myself; I don't need a guild to quilt. I have a large library of quilt books and patterns; I don't need a guild for patterns. I have a large stash of fabric; I don't need a guild for fabric. I can even attend quilt meetings and shows without belonging. So why do I need to join a guild? Why am I member of not only one but two quilt guilds?

The reason I joined a guild, Starlight in particular, was the people. I like to think that this is why most quilters join a guild. Getting together with people who enjoy the same things fuels the spirit. Being with other quilters fuels our creative spirit. Before I joined Starlight I knew I could quilt. I hadn't quilted for very long and I hadn't made anything complicated, but at least I thought I knew the basics. After my first guild meeting I felt a bit overwhelmed. Opportunity quilt; group project; guild challenge; these were all foreign to me. But the speaker was inspirational, the people were friendly, and oh the quilts! Beautiful quilts. Pieced quilts; appliquéd quilts; traditional quilts; art quilts; hand quilted and machine quilted. Could I possibly fit in with these people?

As I look back on my two years as a member of SQG, and on my year of being your president, I realize how much the guild has done for me and how much it means to me. I've grown -- both as a quilter and as a person. I have more confidence in myself and in my quilting. I feel like I belong, something that is extremely important for everyone. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with people I have admired for years; to meet new people and form new friendships. None of this would have happened if I hadn't joined the guild. Much of this wouldn't have happened if I hadn't made a decision to actively participate in the guild. Sure, I could have paid my dues, attended the meetings, and taken advantage of the workshops and programs without volunteering to help. But I doubt that I would have grown much from just filling a chair. I'm certain I wouldn't have become more confident or formed new friendships if I hadn't become involved in the guild.

### Presidents Message (cont)

As this year draws to a close we will be choosing new officers and board members to lead the guild in the coming year. I want to encourage each and every one of you to become an active participant in our guild. So many opportunities exist, from being an officer to teaching a workshop, to helping set up for a meeting. Every task is important and every volunteer is welcome. So don't just fill a chair. Be an active member of your guild. I promise you will receive much more than you give. I know I have.

### Outgoing President's Gift-

Connie  
Flagler, Vice  
President



As a Thank You to Donna for her leadership for this year lets gather lots of fabric as her outgoing President's gift. Fat Quarters, Stash fabric, anything you would like to bring. She likes florals and her favorite colors of fabric at this time are yellow and blue. (Sounds like the new Eleanor Burns). Please begin to bring your fabric pieces and give them to Connie Flagler at the next two meetings. We will present them to her in November. She has done a wonderful job and I have some big shoes to fill. Thanks to you all.



## Des Moines Bus Trip Information-



We are looking forward to a great trip to Country

Expressions quilt shop and the AQS Quilt Show in Des Moines on Sat. Oct. 31. (3 seats remain) Here are some bits of information you may want to jot down.

**Bus Etiquette:** The bus we ride in is a very clean first class bus but Ken does ask a few reasonable things of his passengers.

**PERMITTED:** Beverages in NON-GLASS CONTAINERS WITH SCREW OR POP-TOP CAPS OR TRAVEL MUGS. LIGHT SNACKS IN SNACK SIZED PACKAGES. They discourage beverages in paper or plastic cups with thin plastic lids due to likelihood of spillage. We will be bringing coolers with water bottles.

**NOT PERMITTED:** Beverages without lids or any drink that does not fit in a pop size cup holder. Glass containers, ice cream cones, fast food meals.

A contract has been signed by Starlight and cleaning charges will be assigned if there is any damage to the bus.

### APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE

**Departure:** 6:30 AM From 6655 Martway, Mission, KS. HyVee Parking Lot

8:00 Country Expressions, Stewartsville, Mo. (Max. 1 hr.)

11:30 AQS Quilt Show (departure to be determined)

Jordan Creek Shopping Center Food Court – West Des Moines for supper

8:30 – 9:00 Arrive back at HyVee

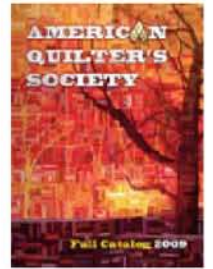
## Food Bank Donations for Thanksgiving-

Connie Flagler



I would like to gather non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas to those less fortunate. Please bring whatever you can to the Oct. and Nov. meetings. I will collect them and deliver them in time for the holidays.

## Special Quilt Exhibits- Des Moines AQS Quilt Show-



- Appliqué and Piecing: A Perfect Union by Darlene Christopherson, China Spring, Texas

- Mid-nineteenth Century Red and Green Quilts from the collection of Anita Shackelford, Bucyrus, Ohio

- New Quilts from an Old Favorite: Burgoyne Surrounded, a contest of the National Quilt Museum, Paducah, Kentucky

- Pilgrim/Roy Challenge 2010

- Quilts by Prizewinning Quiltmaker Millie Sorrells, Macomb, Illinois

- School Block Challenge, The National Quilt Museum, Paducah, Kentucky

- The Quilting Tradition – Amish & English (Any non-Amish person is called English), curated by Marilyn Woodin, Kalona, Iowa

## Communications Volunteers-



Connie Flagler, Vice President

Donna and I would like to ask for a volunteer(s) willing to take phone calls from others in the guild to let us know of hardships, surgeries, deaths, etc. so that we may post them in the newsletter and have cards sent. We need 2 people who would like to take on this task. They would take the information and e-mail it to Margaret Welch and Connie Flagler so the guild could be better informed of our members needs. Also, we would encourage triumphs in our lives as well. New babies, weddings, new jobs, you get the drift. If you are interested in doing this in 2010 please contact Connie Flagler at 913-636-9702 or send an e-mail to cflagler@usa.net.



## "Denim Duds" Presented by Judy Oberkrom October 27, 2009

Wear your decorative denims and join us as Judy shows us her unusual assortment of colorful clothing. She designs and decorates items using artistic techniques of silk ribbon, pin weaving, crazy quilting, duplicate stitch, beading, and fabric photographs.



Anything denim goes! Bring your denim quilts, bags, vests, whatever, for show & tell.

Judy is a Baylor University graduate and has taught home economics in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. She has studied with internationally acclaimed teachers in needlework and beading. Judy presents trunk shows and teaches embellishment and beading techniques to quilt and bead groups in the Midwestern States. Two of her Sacred Art Quilts were featured at the 2007 Sacred Threads Exhibit in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Her duplicate stitch and cross stitch patterns have been licensed by some of the Big 12 schools. Judy has studied Art Quilts with Deana Hartman, Chameleon Quilt Studio, Gardner, KS, and wire techniques and glass fusion with Marilyn Audain-Liddell, Reflections of You, Kansas City, MO, and Jamie McCalister, The Bead Goddess, Kansas City, MO.

Honors:

- Imagine Arts Ministry Magazine of Imago Dei
- 2007 Sacred Threads Exhibit
- Featured Artist of Kansas City Fiber Guild Website
- "From the Hands of Kansas" Artists
- Windsown (Kansas Artists Group)



**A Special Invitation from I Love a Mystery Bookstore**, 6114 Johnson Dr. in Mission, KS Clare O-donahue, will be the featured author on Monday, **November 5, 2009 at 7:00pm** to discuss her two books in the Someday Quilt Series. Clare combined her love of mysteries and quilting with the writing of these books.

Clare's career path includes being Supervising Producer of *Simply Quilts* (a once popular quilt show on HGTV) for five years. Her work experience has also included shows for The History Channel, truTV, Food Network, and others.

I hope you can attend. Feel free to bring a friend.

*Becci West, Owner/Manager*

## Quilt Retreat- October 23-25, 2009



Retreat time is nearly here and I personally can't wait. At this point, we have 34 paid reservations. Carol Cleary and Jackie Stoaks have agreed to chair the retreat next year and will be my helpers this year. I think we will make a great team. If you have questions please call me at 912-268-8819 or e-mail at [rosieb474@aol.com](mailto:rosieb474@aol.com). Here are a few reminders: **DO NOT** arrive before 3 pm on Friday. The Barn needs the full time between groups to reset for us.

Bring: you machine and cords and feet, extra needles, manual, accessories etc.--- A non-perishable treat to share. --- A door prize to share --- jammies and meds for the weekend --- swim suit-towels are provided in the pool area --- fabric, thread, scissors, rulers, rotary cutters, etc for all projects you want to work on --- Money to visit area quilts shops in Topeka, Holton, and Winchester --- a personal light/lamp for evening use --- a cushion for your chair. --- Call The Barn (1-785-945-3225 or 1-800-869-7717) directly to schedule your massage --- Some sort of rolling cart to move your belongings.

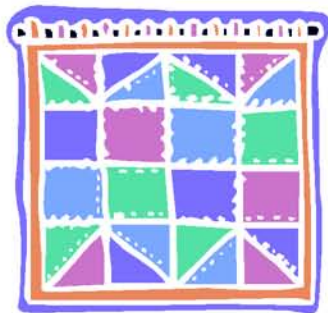
I am still looking for some people willing to bring ironing boards, big boards, cutting mats, rulers, etc to share at the community cutting and ironing stations. Please let me know if you are willing to help out. See you on Oct. 23-25 in Valley Falls

# Images from 2009 Starlight Quilt Guild Quilt Show "Quilt Patch"



## A Sneak Peek at 2010 Programs-

Donna di Natale Starlight Quilters Guild will celebrate their 30th anniversary in 2010. Our year-long celebration will include programs and workshops that you won't want to miss.



The celebration begins in January with our own Jeanne Poore with her lecture and trunk show *Border to Border*. The year will continue in February with *Great Quilts I Have Known (or Wished For)* by Jerry Stube of Quilters Quarters in Leavenworth. Our March program will be *Kansas Troubles -- Moda and Beyond* by Lynne Hagmeier. Look for a complete schedule of programs and special events in the November newsletter.



## 2010 Workshops-

Donna DiNatale

Workshops scheduled throughout the year provide opportunities to learn a new technique, improve skills, discover new ideas, and or simply spend time together

doing what we love -- quilting. Next year's workshops will be a mix of mini-workshops held prior to our regular monthly meeting, as well as Saturday workshops. A nonrefundable registration fee will be charged for each workshop. This fee will be due when you sign up. If you sign up for a workshop and are unable to attend you need to find someone to take your place or forfeit your registration fee. Workshop fees will fund programs and workshops throughout the year. If you would like to see a particular workshop on the schedule please let me know.

## Condolences-

Please keep Jean Patchen and her family in your prayers. Jean's husband Rick passed away October 12, 2009.

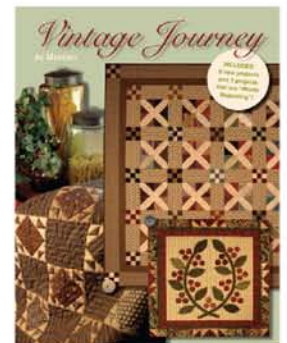


## Jo Morton is coming! Jo Morton is coming!-

Donna DiNatale

I just received the signed contract from Jo today. After more than a year in the planning we have our "big" show program for July 2010. Susan Mercer -- thank you for making the initial contact and getting things rolling. Great job! Jo has had some family issues pop up and I've tried to be understanding and patient but I was beginning to worry. However, today's mail delivered the good news.

Jo Morton is a quiltmaker, author, teacher, lecturer, a designer for Andover Fabrics, Inc. of New York, and a student of our ancestral quilt making.



Her use of color and design give her quilts the feeling of being made in the 19th Century, but complement furnishings in the country, traditional and contemporary setting.

Jo presents re-creations of antique quilts, imitating colors and styles of period pieces. Using an antique quilt's color and/or design as a source of inspiration, she creates an interpretation - a quilt that might have existed in the 19th Century. Her quilts are made in a lasting tradition, using new cotton fabrics, cotton batting and cotton quilting thread

## Treasure Chest

2009- by Cheryl Diebold and Margaret Welch

The time is drawing near when the treasures in the



Treasure chest will be revealed. The drawing for the winner will take place at the November 2009 meeting. If you have not purchased your chance to own all of the goods in the chest be sure to stop by the Linus table to get your ticket. Tickets are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six. Get your chance to be the one to open the Treasure chest this year!!

## Project Linus

Well quilters, we're almost there. We need 63 more quilts for make our goal of 320 quilts for Project Linus. Much of the scrap fabric we've received has been turned into kits of 'Just Squares' or 'Just Strips'. So if following a particular pattern is a little daunting for you, just grab one of these kits for simple piecing with no particular pattern. We've got a good supply of backings also at this time. Please remember that we need the quilt to be completed (ready to hand to a child) when you turn it in. You all have done such a marvelous job this year - let's finish strong!



Remember - giving a blanket is like giving a hug!

Carol Cleary, Mary Funk, and Cheryl Diebold

## DO YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH?

Well, *Happy Birthday!* Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share. Your fellow SQG members will be deliriously happy to share your goodies! No doubt someone will beg for your recipe!

### This month's birthday:

- Bernadine Farrow
- Mary Halda
- Brigette Harris
- Janette Leuhring
- Jimmi Lossing
- Kristi Orr
- Shriley Schuler
- Jean Turvey



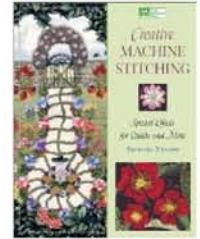
### Tip- Fons and Porter Love of Quilting

A loop of quilting thread makes an instant needle threader for thicker threads like floss, pearl cotton, or yarn. Put the loop of quilting thread through the eye of the needle. Place the thicker thread through the loop; draw the loop back through the eye.



## Article from the Library Committee Embellishment-

Who, reading this article, doesn't like to accessorize? We ALL do!



Embellishment is a quilter's way of accessorizing. The dictionary's definition of embellishment is "the addition of ornamental features" or "to add interest in by adding details." That's exactly what we are doing when we modify a plain denim shirt by adding some patchwork or sewing on the charms we've collected from Shop Hops. Embellishment can be accomplished in a number of ways and our library has a variety of books on the topic. "Amazing Angelina" is a booklet that uses Angelina fiber to create everything from beads to decorative appliqué pieces to picture frames. "More Jazz" by Judy Murrach shows readers how to embellish vests, purses and jackets in a hundred different ways with a variety of different fabrics. Patricia Nelson's "Creative Machine Stitching" is yet another way of taking your already unique work and enhancing it even further. We will have a variety of these books available on the library table for you to view and check out next month.

Sandy Fey  
Cheryl Tomson

## Apple Bites-

Recipe ingredients:  
Apples  
Slivered almonds

1. Quarter and core an apple, cut a wedge from the skin side of each quarter then press slivered almond in place for teeth.



2. Tip: If you are not going to serve them right away, baste the apples with orange juice to keep them from browning.

[jas.familyfun.go.com/recipefinder](http://jas.familyfun.go.com/recipefinder)

## Cathedral Window Workshop-

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Our first workshop in 2010 will be one that many of you have been asking for. Jeanne Poore will guide us in making a cathedral window block. This 3-hour workshop will be held on Saturday, February 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Community of Christ Church in Prairie Village. Registration for this workshop will begin at the November guild meeting. A maximum of 20 students will be allowed so be sure to register early. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$15 will be due when you register. Some precutting will be required prior to the workshop. You will receive a list of materials and homework instructions when you sign up.



## Starlight E-Site—the Yahoo group -

—Lea Robrahn

Starlight E-site is an online club where Starlight members get together to share photos, links, documents or files and have a message board to post items of interest. It sounds more complicated than it is. You can elect to read all information on the Starlight E-site, which leaves your inbox less cluttered. To join:

1. Send an email message to Lea Robrahn (remove spaces) [leannieq@hotmail.com](mailto:leannieq@hotmail.com)
2. You'll then be sent an invitation from Starlight -Esite.
3. Join

### 2009 Events

- Oct. 23-25-- SQG Retreat at The Barn
- Oct. 27-- Judy Oberkrom-Denim Duds
- Oct. 31--AQS Quilt show--Des Moines-- Bus Trip
- Nov. 17-- Product Demos by area Quilt Shops

## WANT ADS

**FREE! Post Your AD Here!** If you are a guild member in good standing and would like to run your **FREE** ad, send an e-mail to [mwelch5@kc.rr.com](mailto:mwelch5@kc.rr.com) AND [fortney@swbell.net](mailto:fortney@swbell.net) or give Margaret Welch or Jan Fortney your copy at the next meeting.

**MACHINE QUILTING BY LYN HEILMAN.** Please call 913-492-8877. Edge to edge, custom and heirloom quilting. T-shirt, Memory, and Memorial Quilts designed and created. Official Hobbs distributor. [lyn@quiltedmemoriesllc.com](mailto:lyn@quiltedmemoriesllc.com)

**MACHINE QUILTING.** Need that quilt by the holidays? I can help! Contact Peggy Skaith, 913-341-0525 or [especialyquilts@att.net](mailto:especialyquilts@att.net)

**MACHINE QUILTING.** Call Lea Robrahn: 913-226-8408

**MACHINE QUILTING BY JULIA DAY.** Is your piecing ready to transform? Call for your consultation today. 913-851-1393 or email me at [jmdayks@yahoo.com](mailto:jmdayks@yahoo.com)

**PIECES IN PLAID QUILTING BY LYNNE ZEH.** A professional full service quilter for 6 years. Located in Lenexa KS. Call 913-322-8866 for free consult. [lynnez@everestkc.net](mailto:lynnez@everestkc.net)

**The Linen Closet,** Ferrol Lattin, owner. Lawrence, KS, [flattin@yahoo.com](mailto:flattin@yahoo.com). 785-843-3460. Full selection of vintage textiles for kitchen, dining room, bedroom and bath as well as vintage quilt tops, blocks, and fabrics

**Tip--** from Fons and Porter Love of Quilting

Do not use fabric softener when pre-washing fabrics or for projects you've applied with fusible web. The agents in the fabric softener may prevent the fusible web from adhering or may loosen your applique.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:** 2009 Membership New or Renewal \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chocked 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 6:30-9:00pm 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.

**MEETING CANCELLATION—**SQG meetings will be canceled if the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes. Monitor announcements on TV and radio when bad weather threatens.

**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 the Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201

**NEXT SQG MEETING!**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

**6:30PM—**Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00PM—Judy Obberfrom-  
"Denim Duds"**

**Remember to Bring:**

- Nametag
- Show & Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it's your BD)
- Fat Quarters (see list)



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Articles are due by the 5th of the month. E-Mail your article to Margaret Welch at mwelch5@kc.rr.com (913-432-4515) AND copy Jan Fortney at fortney@swbell.net (816-523-7841) Either of us may work on your newsletter.

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