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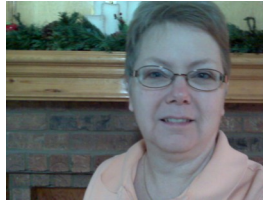
Presidents Message

By Kim Cawthon

Last year, my daughter had a baby. While my husband and I were with her in Salt Lake City, I sent my son a text message. "Don't forget to pick up Molly at the vet's tomorrow. Not Mariposa on Santa Fe. Mill Creek Vet at Shawnee Mission Pky and Quivera." The next morning I got a phone call from him. He was at Mariposa and they said they didn't have Molly. I said, "I sent you a text with all the information. Didn't you get it?" "Ya, I got your text. I didn't read it. It was too long to read."

Those words have stayed with me and I hope to live by the message behind them. I won't write too many words: but maybe more than will fit in a single text message. I want this year to provide our members with what they are looking for from the guild. I think there is much to look forward to. There will be great speakers, workshops, two retreats, quilt show and hopefully, a wonderful field trip. But these are the obvious things Starlight Quilt Guild provides to us. This year, I want to get more from the Guild. I want to learn more members' names. I want to sit next to someone I've never spent time with before and find out who taught her how to quilt. I want to work on a committee I've never been a part of before. I want to learn new techniques and improve my sewing skills.

At the November meeting, I spoke with a member who has been very active for years. She said she is burned out. She just wants to go home and sew. She doesn't want to be responsible for anything for awhile. And that's the beauty of the Guild. We can all participate at the level that works for us. My job this year is to create an environment so that each member can find their own level.



January Meeting

Terry Thompson "The Civil War and the Women Who Stitched Through It"

When Terry Clothier (how perfect is **that** maiden name for a quilter?) Thompson was a little girl, she loved to play at her grandparents' farm in Peace Creek, Kansas. She learned about the simple pleasures of farm life, and the trials and tribulations of a Kansas homestead... and she learned how to sew.

Now that she's grown up, she is a quilt artist, writer, historian, pattern designer and also a fabric designer for Moda. She served as one of the principal documenters for the Kansas Quilt Project and her chapter on conversation prints is included in the book, *Kansas Quilts and Quilters*, published by University Press of Kansas.

Terry plans to bring lots of quilts with her to illustrate her talk and she is also bringing patterns and books to sell. Please contact Karen Edwards or Shirley Lewis if you can volunteer to hold quilts or help sell Terry's patterns and books during the break.



Fons & Porter:

Once again Fons and Porter are offering a one-year subscription to guild members for the discounted price \$15.00. Sign up and Pay at January meeting.



Fat Quarter Drawing 2012

The theme
This year is theme is: "We Need":

- January We need **Snow**
- February We need **Dessert**
- March We need **Sunshine**
- April We need **Rain**
- May We need **Flowers**
- June We need **Round Things**
- July We need **Stars**
- August We need **Chocolate**
- September We need **Primitives**
- October We need **Poultry**



Membership

Marilyn Carr

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal is still going on and for you to be included in the 2012 Starlight Directory, dues must be received by the end of the January meeting. Attach your \$25 check to a renewal form. If dues have been received, membership cards will be available at the January meeting. Picture directories will be available and sent under separate cover in February.



Perfect attendance

Congratulations to the perfect attendance members for 2011:

- Marilyn Carr
- Carol Cleary
- Sandy Fey
- Sandy Ralston
- Luella Roemer
- Jackie Rudolph
- Peggy Skaith
- Kristi Orr
- Lori Wagner
- Connie Passaro
- Cheryl Tomson



Spring Fling Retreat:

May 4-6, 2012.

Donna Holloway

We will be having our second annual Spring Fling Retreat at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the weekend of May 4-6, 2012. (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>). Cost will be \$179/person (2 per room: 1Q and 1T); single person in a room is \$275. This cost includes room on Friday and Saturday night, six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch), and your own personal sewing spot. Those who attended last year were very pleased with the exceptional gourmet meals we were served, the bright open workspace, and the beautiful location. Only 12 quilters can be accommodated, so be sure to sign up soon. \$50 deposit will be required by the February Guild meeting, and full payment due by the April Guild meeting.



Library News

Cheryl Tomson

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The new books we ordered will be available for checkout in January and the updated book list will be posted on the website. Winter is a great time for a new project or to finish one you started earlier. "501 Quilting Motifs" gives you plenty of ideas for hand or machine quilting. There are lots of ideas in "The Big Book of Patchwork, 50 Fabulous Quilts" by Judy Hopkins, "Better Homes & Gardens Cherished Quilts for Babies and Kids", "Cuddly Snuggly Quilts", and "Quilts in My Cubicle". For smaller projects, try "Stitch with Love" or "For the Love of Hand Stitching with Jan Constantine". If you gave us suggestions we haven't yet purchased or if you have new suggestions for our next order, just let Cheryl Tomson know.



Do you have a Birthday This Month?

Well, Happy Birthday! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share. Fellow SQG members will be deliriously happy to share your goodies! No doubt someone will beg for your recipe. This month's birthdays are:

- Karen Berly
- Ruthann Bonin
- Victoria Foley
- Karen Huffman
- Sheila Lynch
- Jean Patchen
- Jan Rasheed
- Lori Wagner



Tip-

Keep a pair of 5-pound weights in your sewing room. Place one behind your sewing machine foot pedal to keep it from sliding away. Use the second one as a weight on larger pieces of fabric to keep the fabric from falling off the table.



Suzy Scissorhands

Dear SQG Friends,
Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. I know I sure did. Did Santa bring you some fabulous new tools for quilting? Write and tell me about them.



Santa definitely had quilting and sewing on his mind when he visited my house. First he dropped off a new sewing machine. One that has so many stitches that I'm not sure what to do with all of them. It sure is fun practicing and playing around.

You know how they say that good things come in small packages? Well, one of the best presents that Santa brought was way down in the toe of my stocking. It was a little package of Thermal Thimbles. Thermal Thimbles are made by Dritz and can be found at Jo Ann's. I'm sure your local quilt stores carry them, too. Suggested retail price is \$5.99. They aren't really thimbles but are heat resistant to protect your fingers when ironing things like binding, where you need to place your fingers close to the iron or on very hot fabric. They come in a package of three to fit on your thumb and index finger – or whichever fingers you use when ironing. And the best thing is that they work. No more burnt fingers while folding and pressing binding. The package warns to be careful around steam. Evidently steam is too hot to guarantee protection. But still, they were a very welcome and useful present. Don't wait for Santa to bring you some next year. Go out and buy some soon.

Happy Quilting,
Suzy



Project Linus

Lea Robrahn

Last year, we surpassed our goal of 300 with a total of 620 blankets for Project Linus. Many of you did more than three. Ten of you turned in more than fifteen each, with three of you doing more than 50! One person turned in more than 100! Working together as a team, we provided 620 children with warmth and comfort during a trying time. Doesn't that warm your heart?



Every meeting, there are kits for you to take and make. These quick and easy kits have directions, precut fabric for the top, and backing. The goal for this year will be 350, but let's do more!
At the January 2012 meeting, Mary Honas will have kits and will take your blanket donations.

2012 Perry Sew Days

Jamie Morgan/Janette Luehring

Are you ready for another year of sewing fun in Perry, Kansas? We currently have three open sew dates scheduled in 2012 and expect to schedule a few more as the year progresses. Sew days are scheduled on April 14th, June 2nd, and August 4th, at the Perry American



Legion. The Legion address is 410 Perry Pl, Perry, Kansas. For a mere \$12 per person you can sew, craft or spend your time mingling from 10am to 10pm. Lunch and dinner are potluck and participation is voluntary. All paper products are provided. Ironing stations and a cutting station will be set up for your convenience. If you have any questions, would like to attend or would like to be added to the email list please contact Jamie Morgan at Phone: (785) 554-8311 or email code43top@yahoo.com, or Janette Luehring by email at juehring@kc.rr.com. We look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Taggie Blanket Workshop

taught by LueAnne Christensen

Saturday, February 11 9:30 – 12:00

Rosewood Place Apartments – 85th and Pflumm

Cost: \$5.00

A "taggie blanket" is a small (12 inch square or larger) soft blanket for babies and toddlers . It's made from soft cotton, flannel, or microfleece. Ribbon loops are sewn in on all four sides, like tags. They are based on the idea that babies like to rub satin edges, clothing labels, and tags on their security blanket.

At the January 24 Guild Meeting, you can see a sample and sign up. Supply lists will be available then.

Medical Information-

Just a thought for those of us who attend retreats.

Make a list of your emergency contact should you have a medical emergency as well as any medical issues(i.e.- diabetic, heart problems, etc), medicines that you are taking, and any allergies that you might have. You do not have to share this with anyone, just have it available in case of a medical emergency. The suggestion is to just place it underneath your sewing machine. This protects your medical information and your privacy, but also provides information for your friends just in case of an emergency.

Tip-

Save those glass sample perfume containers– use the empty container to put used needles in and when the container is full you can toss in the trash and have secured needles.

STARLIGHT SEW IN DAY

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 9:00 – 3:00

Rosewood Place apartments, 8500 Pflumm

Bring your own sewing machines and projects. We will provide irons, ironing boards, power cords, extension cords and cutting mats. You are welcome to come whenever you want to, and bring a sack lunch, or a snack.

No need to register, and it's free!

Parking Instructions – Turn at the top of the hill on Pflumm. The meeting room is on the lowest walk out level on the west side in the middle. After you unload your sewing machine, please move your car to the visitor's parking area.

To Sew Successfully

Donna DiNatale

Recently I came across the **Singer Sewing Book** by Mary Brooks Picken, published in 1949 by the Singer Sewing Machine Company. The book is an early how-to book on sewing that also discusses the sewing machine and accessories, and fabrics. The writing is truly delightful and in many cases amusing. It is interesting to discover what has changed and what hasn't. Each month I will publish an excerpt in the newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading them.

[The first chapter in the book is To Sew Successfully. Subheadings are Mentally, Physically, Materially, and Plan for Sewing Time.](#) I think you will get a kick out of some of her comments.

Dedication

This book is dedicated to women and girls —
And especially to teachers of sewing everywhere—
Who enjoy the feel of fabric, the beauty of textures,
The precision of stitches, the smoothness of seams
And who delight always in appropriate fabrics
Carefully cut and made up for a happy purpose.

Chapter 1: To Sew Successfully

Mentally. Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. Choose a fabric and pattern right for your purpose. Practice sewing on scraps of the material until your stitch is just right and you have confidence in your ability to stitch straight. Approach the job with enthusiasm. You must want to make something lovely, to have the fun putting pieces of fabric together, to make a garment, to handle the fabric with appreciation, to watch the beauty of the article grow as a result of your planning and effort. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with the sink full of dishes or bed unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing.

Officer/Board Member List SQG 2012

President- Kim Cawthon

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Quilt Show Vendors- Jean Turvey

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Kristi Orr
Ellen Kidd

Project Linus- Lea Robrahn

Bingo- Sandy Fey
Kim Cawthon
Donna Di Natale

Website- Bernadine Farrow

Hospitality- Opal Yarnell

Fat Quarter Monthly Drawing- Carol Cleary

Ribbons for Show and Tell- this is an open position, Connie Passaro has been kind to do it the past couple of years and would like to pass the responsibility to another guild member (Please contact Kim Cawthon if you are interested)

2012 Events Calendar

- January 21– Sew Day at Rosewoods Apartments
- January 24– **Terry Clothier Thompson**, *“The Civil War and the Women Who Stitched Through It”*
- February 11- **Lueanne Christensen**, Taggie Blanket Workshop
- February 28– **Nancy Swanwick**, *Still Quilting After All These Years*
- March 27-**Quilting Bits and Pieces of Eudora**, *Embroidered Quilts: Show and Tell with History, Too*
- April 14– Sew day at Perry
- April 24– Schoolhouse
- May 22– **Barbara Jones** of **QuiltSoup**, *That’s My Story and I’m Stickin’ to It* (\$5.00 for nonmembers)
- June 2– Perry Sew day
- June 26– **Vicky Lawrence**, *Trunk Show*
- July 24– **Donna DiNatale**, *Confessions of a Quiltaholic*
- August 4– Perry Sew Day
- August 28- **Bea Oglesby**, *It’s Never Too Late*
- September 25– **Bingo**
- October 23-**Barb Eikmeier**, *When This You See Remember Me*
- November 27– **Su Bunch** of **Piece Keepers**, *Keeping the Piece—The Sixteen elements of a Blended Quilt*

Communications-

Let us know of any concerns, deaths, triumphs, or if someone needs help with something. This way we know what is going on with our fellow members and can send cards, etc. Contact one of these members:

- Rosie Brinker---913-268-8819 or rosie474@aol.com
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or sll849@aol.com
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com



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Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. especiallyquilts@att.net or 913-341-0525

Machine Quilting by Julia Day. Is your piecing ready to transform? Call for your consultation today



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 E-Site, which leaves your inbox less cluttered.

To join:

1. Send an email message to Lea Robrahn (remove spaces) leannieq@hotmail.com
2. You'll then be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site

Blog-

For those of you who are interested in quilts, especially old quilts, Donna DiNatale has started a new blog that will talk about some of her quilts. She will include information about collecting and caring for quilts, old and new. She'd love to have you follow along and provide comments. Here is the link: <http://heartlandquilts.blogspot.com/>





Membership Information:

2010 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!

Newsletter Deadline:

Articles are due the 5th of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at mwelch5@kc.rr.com (913-432-4515) .



NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

7:00 PM— Terry Clothier Thompson—“The Civil War and the Women Who Stitched Through It”



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.

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

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter (see list)

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