



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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September 2013

President's Message—Donna Holloway

Dearest Quilters,

What a wonderful turnout we had for our August meeting! I really appreciate everyone's great patience during our challenges with a warm room and lack of PA system. Hopefully the weather will turn by the end of the month and we will have some relief from the heat.

Wasn't the program by Jenny Doan a lot of fun? She has such an infectious enthusiasm for our art! This month we will be welcoming Deb Rowden, who will be talking about Flea Market finds.. so don't forget to bring a great find to share!

I want to take this time to remind everyone that these programs are only made possible through our membership dues and fundraising. Our main events for fundraising include the annual Quilt show, monthly raffles during our meetings, and the Opportunity Quilt ticket sales. In order to continue to enjoy quality programs each month, these activities must be a success; so I encourage everyone to contribute by either sharing some of your time and talents, or providing support by buying opportunity or raffle tickets. Our quilt show chairs will be finalizing their list of volunteers this month and I am sure they still have all types of roles to fill, so please take some time to consider where you might best be able to contribute. We are trying our best to not increase our membership dues or reduce the total number of programs we have each year, and we welcome any and all contributions!

Happy quilting.. as we hopefully begin to head into some great Fall weather!

Happy Quilting! Donna



SEPTEMBER'S SPEAKER— DEB ROWDEN

Deb Rowden was scheduled to be our speaker in February, but we had to cancel the meeting because of a blizzard. Assuming there will be no blizzard in September, she will be presenting a fun program called, "Flea Market Quilts - Improv, Gees Bend, Anna Williams, Lucille Young, and a Pile of Wild Quilts". How can anyone resist such a theme? To make the evening yet more fun, bring your favorite flea market quilt or quilt-related item for Show and Tell. To learn more about Deb, read on. You can also catch up with her on her blog, debrowden.blogspot.com.

Debra Gehlbach Rowden was raised in Lawrence and Shawnee, Kansas. Growing up, she liked to play with paper dolls, read and sew. In high school, she dreamed of becoming an artist. In college, she studied to become a journalist. Ever since, she's worked with words and fabric. She earned a BS from Kansas State University in Clothing & Textiles/Mass Communications in 1977. She took her first quilt class the following year and hasn't stopped quilting since. She confesses to starting more quilts than she finishes. Deb collects improvisational quilts and meets weekly with a small, but raucous quilt group in Lawrence, Kansas where she lives with her husband, two daughters, two dogs and Oreo the cat. She considers Lawrence to be the hotbed of quilting and quite possibly the center of the universe.

She wrote *Quilting a Poem: Designs Inspired by America's Poets* with Francis Kite and *Quilter's Stories: Collecting History from the Heart of America* for Kansas City Star Books. She has edited a number of other quilt books and considers this to be her dream job. She enjoys speaking to local groups about collecting one's own history.

Come see Deb on Tuesday, September 24.

Shirley Lewis and Karen Edwards,
Programs and Workshops



Starlight, Starbright Quilt Show Update

October 18 & 19, Abdallah Shrine Temple 5300 Metcalf, Overland Park KS

There is **ONE** Quilt Guild meeting before the quilt show. Please bring your quilt show entry forms to the September meeting! We will collect quilts in October right before the show. We need to know how many quilts of what size are going to be displayed so we can arrange the floor. Quilts that have not been previously displayed in a STARLIGHT Quilt Show may be entered.

If you want to email your forms, please send to Janice Craig (jc-9922sbcglobal.net, 913-660-3645) or Kim Cawthon (cawthonk@compassminerals.com, 913-449-3914). Snail mail is OK, too. Call if you need a home address.

Please select one category for your quilt from 100 through 700. If your quilt fits into 2 categories, pick the one that you think is best. Voting in categories 100 through 700 is done by viewer's choice only. This means people visiting the quilt show, not experts, are voting for their favorites. One Committee Award for each additional category (*Show Theme, Rookie Quilt and 1st Show Entry*) will be awarded by the Quilt Show Committee before the show opens on Friday.

Show Schedule:

Thursday, October 17 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Caravan to Janette Sheldon's place beforehand to pick up the gear. Setup from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Bring quilts to the Shrine. Optional Quilt drop off: October 15, during the Board Meeting at Countryside Christian Church, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM (go in the usual door, turn right, go up the stairs and follow your ears to the meeting room).

Friday, October 18 show hours 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 19 show hours 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Teardown is from 6:00 PM until we're done (usually this takes about 1-1/2 hr) We must move out of the Shrine completely on Saturday evening so strong backs are needed. Pick up your quilts or ask a friend to help you.

This is a FUN event and a great opportunity to share our love of quilting with the community. We will have Vendors, Bake Sale, Linus Quilts Workshop, Technique Demonstrations, a Boutique full of beautiful hand made items just in time for holiday gift giving, and of course all of our unique quilts. Even if you don't participate, please try to attend and support the Starlight Quilt Guild.

Volunteer Sign Up Sheets will be at the next Guild Meeting. Please sign up to help. We're also looking for committee members for next year. Planning starts in January for 2014. If you have an interest, please tell one of the existing Committee Members:

Cheryl Diebold -Bake Sale	Donna diNatale - Vendors	Jackie Evans - Publicity
Peggy Skaith – Boutique	Janice Craig, Kim Cawthon - Co-Chairs	

We Need Storage Space for Quilt Racks and Gear!

For 362 days a year, the quilt show gear needs a home. We have relied on the generosity of members and business associates to help with this and we need help again. Storage space is expensive. Rental spaces cost \$100 per month at a minimum. If you have a safe, accessible, solution to the storage dilemma, please contact a Committee Member.

Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2013 Entry Form

Quilt Name _____

Owned By _____

Pattern Name _____

Pattern Created By _____

Pieced By _____

Quilted By _____

Category (select one)

_____ 100 – Miscellaneous (purses, wearables, anything else)

_____ 200 - Small (longest side less than 40 inches)

_____ 300 - Medium (longest side between 40 and 60 inches)

_____ 400 - Large (longest side between 60 and 90 inches)

_____ 500 – Extra-Large (longest side greater than 90 inches)

_____ 600 – Hand Quilted

_____ 700 – Antique (not judged, but we need to know who it belongs to!)

Also consider for

Show Theme (Starlight Starbright)

Rookie Quilt (beginning quilter)

1st Show Entry (quilter who has never displayed in a show before)

Construction Techniques

Comments for viewers

Please include any information you'd like to share. (Use the back of this form if needed.) _____



Sneak Preview of 2014 programs –

2014 isn't that far off. Here is a preview of what's in store for the coming year. Something new will be a potluck dinner along with an evening of sharing our favorite quilts

01/28/14	Lyn Hielman	Batting
02/25/14	Winged Designs	Challenges, Swaps, Exchanges, Oh My
03/25/14	Carol Gilham Jones	Tile Quilts
04/22/14	Barb Eikmeier	It's all in the Sashing
05/27/14	Lori Lee Triplett	Turkey Red Trunk Show
06/24/14	TBD	
07/22/14	TBD	
08/26/14	Betty New **	What the Pros Say
09/23/14	1st & Favorite Show & Tell **	pot luck dinner
10/28/14	Donna Lynn Thomas **	Patchwork Palette
11/18/14	Kelly Ashton	Quilting is not a matter of Life & Death - It's more important than that

**\$5.00 charge for guests.

Quilting Tidbits

Yours truly will do a presentation on foundation piecing starting at 6:30 this month. If you have a subject in mind and/or would like a presentation in the months to come, please see me. Janette Sheldon

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET SALES

We have the September meeting, our Quilt Show, then the October Meeting for the final sale of tickets before the drawing for this beautiful quilt. Call or E-Mail me if you need tickets. If each of us bought 12 tickets for \$10, that would ensure us of continuing the great tradition that we as a guild have been accustomed to viewing. Wasn't the August meeting fun!

This beautiful quilt has been on display at Harper's and Prairie Point. If any of you have a place you feel would be great to display this quilt, talk to Shirley Lewis or me. By the end of the August meeting, we have brought in \$367. Keep up the good work and I will see you in September. Ruthann Bonin

Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends, On these hot summer days (isn't it Fall yet?) it's nice to sit in my air conditioned room and sew. Especially when I know I'm sewing for a good cause and making someone somewhere happy.

Starlight is such a "giving" guild that I thought I'd pass along some information I was sent recently about quilting for charity. We are all familiar with Project Linus and Quilts of Valor – because we participate in these organizations as a group. But there are many more organizations that want and need quilts, too. Here are just a few:

<p>BINKY PATROL COMFORTING COVERS BECAUSE I CARE.</p>	<p>Binky Patrol distributes quilts to children who are born HIV-positive, drug-addicted, or who are suffering from chronic and terminal illnesses, as well as children who have been abused, are in foster care, or are experiencing trauma of any kind.</p> <p>Website: www.binky patrol.org</p>
<p>Quilts for Kids</p>	<p>Quilts for Kids needs volunteer quilters who will transform fabrics into quilts to comfort children in need. Visit their site to download a quilt pattern, find a local Quilts for Kids chapter—or even learn how to create your own chapter where you live.</p> <p>Website: www.quiltsforkids.org</p>
<p>American Patchwork & Quilting 1 MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE</p>	<p>The One Million Pillowcase Challenge, created by our friends at <i>American Patchwork & Quilting</i>, challenges those who quilt and sew to help reach a goal of donating one million pillowcases to charity (they recently reached the 500,000 mark!). Find free patterns, lists of charities, and much more at their site.</p> <p>Website: www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases</p>

Harper's Fabric and Quilts in Overland Park is having a special sewing day for The One Million Pillowcase Challenge on Friday, September 20. Come sew anytime between 10 am and 8 pm. If you can't make it to the sew day, donate fabric for others to sew. It takes 2 pieces of coordinating fabric: one $\frac{3}{4}$ yard cut and one $\frac{1}{4}$ yard cut. And while you're at it, throw in a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip for trim. Put these in a zip bag and drop them off at Harper's before the 20th. Tell them Suzy sent you.

Happy Quilting, Suzy

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

September 27-28— Quilter's Guild of Greater KC—Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf

September 28-29—County Patchwork 26th Annual Show, Martin Community Center, Marshall, MO

October 11-12—Quilter's Trunk or Treat— Peddler's Wagon, Prairie Point, Quilter's Haven & Quilter's Station, Free patterns and Trunk Show

October 24-26—Hill 'N Hollow Quilter's Guild, Baxter Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR

November 1-2—Lee's Summit Quilt Show, Woods Chapel United Methodist Church

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

For a fast Project Linus blanket, there are at least two kits that can be used for quilt-as-you-go. The Simple Gifts kits and Quick Quilts kits are the easiest for the quilt-as-you-go process. If pieced onto fleece or flannel, you don't need batting. It's quick and simple!

Fleece blankets are also easy. They do have to be personalized in some way, so please use a print and at least fringe the top and bottom edges. If it's a solid, please decorate with an applique or crochet the edges. Remember, these blankets are supposed to be homemade. The larger fleece blankets probably go to teens, so please decorate accordingly.

We can always use fabric yardage for making kits. We especially could use more "boy" fabric, as we seem to be getting lots of pretty, girly fabric. We also serve ages from birth to teens, so ducks and bunnies don't work for every child out there. When donating fabric, please make sure they are stain-free, no musty or strong odors, no cat or dog hair. **These children receive and use their blankets year-round.** We cannot use holiday fabric. Holiday fabrics, such as Christmas, Kwanza, Chanukkah, are not used for Project Linus blankets, so please donate those to other causes.

SQG 2013 Programs

September 24—Deb Rowden— Flea Market Quilts—Improv, Gees Bend & a Pile of Wild Quilts

October 22—Candy Hargrove—My Quilt Journey from Beginner to Published Designer

November 19—Mary Honas—Color Play

Fat Quarter for September

The September gemstone/ birthstone is **Sapphire**, the most desired engagement ring stone rival to the diamond. Last month's drawing was a very nice showing of fat quarters. There was a yummy famous chocolate bar from Macy's as a prize in with the fat quarters. I will personally give another surprise in September to the winner of the drawing. The fat quarter color can be anything from cornflower blue to midnight blue. Good Luck, Joyce Verstraete



Membership Cards and Rosters—Marilyn Carr

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS— Toni Anderson, Becky Larma, Liz DiSilvestro, Cheryl Reynolds, Lyn Jandt, Kathy Rodgers, Vangie Kelso, Myrna Smith, Yvette Kinney, Elaine Welsh

August Attendance

Members	91	
New members	10	TOTAL—128!
Guests	27	

Quilters Wisdom

Are there sewing machines in Heaven?

"FIND US ON FACEBOOK"

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106359079270>

Quilt Show Boutique

Hi Quilters! We have a great range of items for our quilt show boutique, thanks to you all. Keep them coming! You've had some very creative ideas; for example, matching adult and kid-sized aprons. Very cute! Burp cloths made from cloth diapers. Very practical AND cute! We have been getting some lovely table runners, hot pads and coasters, all very useful and decorative. Remember our clientele; we will have many non-sewing people as well as those who do sew but are very busy, all of whom appreciate well-made handmade items. Of course books, magazines, patterns, and kits are the kind of things our also shoppers need and love. Questions? Comments? Contact Peggy Skaith at especialquilts@att.net or [913-341-0525](tel:913-341-0525)



Library Corner—Book Sale at Sept. meeting

At the September meeting, we will have a “presale” of books that will be in the Boutique section of the SQG Quilt Show. Bring cash or a checkbook – we’re sure you’ll be tempted to buy something. Library Committee—Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck, Kristi Orr

If people who travel want to know of quilt guild meetings or quilt shows in places where they are going, they can check out this website: <http://www.quiltguilds.com>.

GUILD CHALLENGE REMINDER—Postponed to the September Meeting

THEME—Toys in the Attic

WHEN—September Guild Meeting,

SIZE—Not to exceed 48” square or 192” all around

RIBBONS—Top 3 vote getters

Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

The September meeting is your last chance to sign up for the retreat and make your final payment.

Unity Village is the location for our Fall retreat on November 1-3, 2013. We will have a large conference room for our workspace, and very nice and modern sleeping accommodations (2Q beds/room) all on the same ground floor level. There is a great bookstore across the parking lot that has a Starbucks, as well as fresh sandwiches, drinks and salads and other snacks, which will be useful if you want to stay later on Sunday. Plus, we will be minutes away from a few great quilt shops. I have reserved enough rooms to accommodate 20 quilters, but this will be easy to expand to more, if needed. Cost will be \$185 (double) or \$275 (single) and will include quilting space from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon, 4 hot meals (Fri dinner; Sat lunch/dinner; Sun breakfast); and continental breakfast on Saturday. We will also have access to the grounds within Unity Village to take walks and otherwise enjoy this peaceful setting. Even though it is still within the city limits, you really feel on retreat and "away from it all". Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com)!



Do you have a birthday this month?

Enjoy your day! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share.

This month's birthdays are: Terri Callison, Becky Edson, Donna Holloway, Shirley Lewis, Barbara McMahon, Carol Nash, Connie Passaro, Sue Sharpe



Next month's birthdays are: Cassie Diebold, Bernadine Farrow, Kathy Hurley, Sharon Lopez, Janette Luehring, Kristi Orr, Cheryl Reynolds, Jean Turvey, Pat Wineland

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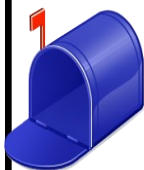
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Membership Information:

Membership, New or Renewal, \$12.50/1/2 year. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chock-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 6:30-9:00 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.



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



Newsletter Dead- line:

Articles are due the 9th of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey sandy.fey93@gmail.com (913-432-0855).

NEXT SQG

MEETING! Tues-
day, Sept. 24, 2013 6:30
PM

6:30 PM— Quilting Tidbit

7:00 PM— **Deb
Rowden— Flea Market
Quilts—Improv, Gees
Bend & a Pile of Wild
Quilts**

Remember to bring:

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

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