



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

www.starlightquilters.com

February 2012

### Presidents Message

By Kim Cawthon

Our first meeting of the year is now part of our official history. The speaker was excellent, her topic riveting. The meeting room was packed with both members and visitors. Show and tell was filled with a wide variety of quilt items. The meeting room buzzed with the excitement of being together with friends again.



That excitement is still an echo in my mind. Along with it is the amount of work, both personal and guild, that needs to be done this year. On the personal side, I want to finish the log cabin quilt I started in Jeanne Poore's work shop last year. The top is so close to being done. It's the first quilt I have ever made especially for my husband. I also have a quilt in process for my oldest grandson and a hand pieced quilt that isn't yet mentally committed, but is probably one I'll keep for myself. There may be a few other UFO's, but they are retirement investments rather than projects that need to be completed any time soon. .

For the guild, there is a desire to leave the Starlight in a better place than when it was turned over to me. That means filling empty positions, improving our financial position, finding a good home for our quilt show and dozens of other details. Fortunately, there are many other people willing to help.

Here are a few things I would like to challenge each member, including myself, to achieve this year. Make one more Project Linus quilt than you made last year. I promise to have one to turn in at February's meeting. Bring a friend to a meeting. February's meeting is Nancy Swanwick: **Still Quilting After All These Years**. Visitors will be charged \$5.00. Money from visitors will help offset the cost of bringing in high quality speakers. Go to a workshop. Nancy will have a workshop on Feb 29<sup>th</sup> at Harpers.

And how about this for a challenge: support our local quilt shops. I would hate to suggest you purchase fabric that might simply be added to your stash. But I was told recently, it's not a stash – its part of your retirement plan. I travel for business. When I do, much of my off time is my own. There is little I enjoy more than visiting local quilt shops and bringing home items I wouldn't have found in my hometown. But no matter how many shops I visit, I always come home feeling thankful for the excellent shops I have in my own neighborhood.

### Presidents Message (cont'd)

One last thing, just to check to see if anyone reads all the way through this: my husband and I are thinking about spending a few days in Savannah GA later this year. I need to know what we should do while we are there. So feel free to send me your ideas. Become a member of Starlight Quilt Guild Facebook page and leave a suggestion for me there. Send an e-mail to me at [Cawthonk@compassminerals.com](mailto:Cawthonk@compassminerals.com), or text message to 913-449-3914. Either will go to my blackberry: (read Crackberry). I am an addict and I promise to give serious consideration to any messages you send to me.

### February Program

Karen Edwards and Shirley Lewis

Our speaker for February 28 is Nancy Swanwick from Ft. Scott, KS. She will present a trunk show of her quilts and then will hold a workshop, "Random Access Stars," on Wednesday, February 29 from 10 to 4 at Harper's in Downtown Overland Park. Three versions of this quilt can be seen at Harper's and you may sign up for the workshop there. The price is \$35. The pattern and supply list will be given to you when you pay.



The workshop is recommended for confident beginners who are comfortable with their rotary cutting and sewing skills. It's strongly recommended that at least three or four blocks are cut before you come to the workshop so you can take advantage of Nancy's expertise and go home with some finished blocks.

### Quilter's Definitions

wombat - waste of money, batting and time

sex - stash exceeds expectations

sable - stash accumulation beyond lifetime expectation



## Project Linus

Lea Robrahn and Mary Funk

Remember -- There are always Project Linus kits at the Starlight Guild meeting. These kits are precut, include backing and instructions and are so fast and easy. The children who receive the Project Linus blankets are ill or traumatized.

These blankets comfort these kids and show them there are people who care. Let's show them we care.

Bring in those Best Choice labels! They are turned in for cash, which in turn purchase labels for the Project Linus blankets.



## Spring Fling Retreat:

May 4-6, 2012.

Spring Fling Retreat: May 4-6, 2012. 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 and signups were brisk during the January meeting, there are only 4 spots left!!** \$50 deposit will be required by the February Guild meeting, and full payment due by the April Guild meeting. Contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; [DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com](mailto:DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions!



## February Fat quarter

"We Need Dessert"



## To Sew Successfully

Donna DiNatale

Last month I reproduced a paragraph from the 1949 Singer Sewing Book by Mary Brooks Picken on preparing yourself mentally for successful sewing. This month's excerpt is how to prepare yourself *physically* to sew successfully.

*Physically.*

When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Go through a beauty ritual of orderliness. Have on a clean dress. Be sure your hands are clean, finger nails smooth—a nail file and pumice will help. Always avoid hangnails. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine where you can pick it up and dust your fingers at intervals. This not only absorbs the moisture on your fingers, but helps to keep your work clean. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on with care. Looking attractive is a very important part of sewing, because if you are making something for yourself, you will try it on at intervals in front of your mirror, and you can hope for better results when you look your best.

Again, sewing must be approached with the idea that you are going to enjoy it, and if you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband come home and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing as you should. Therefore, "spruce up" at the beginning so that you are free to enjoy every part of any sewing you do.

## Fiber Art Event-

Saturday, March 3, 2012

11:00 AM to 3 PM

Please join us for a day celebrating fiber and textile arts at Pioneer Bluffs, near Matfield Green, Kansas, on Saturday, March 3.

The day features a first-person performance of Kansas quilter Rose Kretsinger, a member of the National Quilters Hall of Fame. At 1 p.m., Debbie Divine of Salina will perform "A Rose by Any Other Name." Divine brings to life Rose Good Kretsinger, award-winning quilter and author, in a historic portrayal that shares Kretsinger's life story as well as her quilting design philosophy and techniques.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., fiber art will be celebrated through demonstrations in a fair-like setting. Visitors will see tatting, knitting, felt making, several types of weaving, and more presented and discussed by area artists. This is a free community event, including lunch. Donations are appreciated and reservations are requested to [lynn@pioneerbluffs.org](http://lynn@pioneerbluffs.org).

Pioneer Bluffs is a nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve history, respect the land, and engage community. On the National Register of Historic Places, Pioneer Bluffs is located one mile north of Matfield Green or 15 miles south of Cottonwood Falls on Flint Hills National Scenic Byway K-177.

## Suzy Scissorhands

Dear SQG Friends,

I just got back from vacationing in the Bahamas. We had a wonderful time and I was surprised to find that there was a quilt show going on while we were there! The Stepping Stones quilt guild of Trinity Methodist Church in Nassau (the capital of the Bahamas) was holding their annual quilt show the entire week while we were there. That's right – the entire week. The guild has only about 20 members and everyone member must have submitted a quilt for each category, because there were several rooms full of quilts of all sizes and designs. I will post photos from the show on the Starlight Quilters Guild website for all to enjoy. It was fun to see what quilters in another part of the world were working on.



I visited the show more than once and there always seemed to be at least six members volunteering at the show. If a group of 20 women can hold a week-long quilt show with a quarter of their members present each day, just think what a guild the size of Starlight should be able to accomplish!

I asked where they bought their fabric, hoping there was a quilt shop in town. Most of them purchase their fabric online or when traveling. There is one shop in Nassau that carries fabric but it isn't a fabric or quilt shop. The fabric that the shop carries is Androsia batik, made on Andros Island in the Bahamas.

The Androsia batik fabric is made the tradition way using wax as a dye resist. All the fabrics are two-color: white design on dyed cloth. I was able to purchase a few pieces at the quilt show and have started working on a vacation quilt using Androsia batiks.



## Suzy (cont'd)

So my "tool tip" for this month isn't a gadget. The tool is the kindred spirit that can be found in quilters all over the world. We may live in different countries, speak different languages, eat different foods and dress differently. But we have in common a love of fabric and quilting. I hope you will use this tool every time you travel, to spread the joy of quilting and meet new friends wherever you go.

Happy Quilting,  
Suzy

## February Workshop

You will see Nancy Swanwick's terrific quilts at our January guild meeting. There's still time to sign up for her workshop showing her "random access" method of making a star quilt. If you didn't see the quilts in January, you can find them at Harper's Fabric and Quilt shop in Downtown Overland Park and you can sign up for the workshop there. Remember to have at least three or four of your blocks cut before the workshop begins at 10 am on Wednesday, February 29, at Harper's and to bring your lunch.

## 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:

LueAnne Christensen  
Carol Cleary  
Ellen Kidd  
Paula Quade  
Terri Richmond  
Peggy Selig  
Cheryl Tomson



## Condolences-

To Rosie Brinker who lost her mother in this past month.



## Antique Quilt Frame

**FREE to a good home!!**

**If interested call- Jean at 913-362-7769**

## Membership

Marilyn Carr



### Membership Cards and Rosters

Under separate email, the new 2012 Starlight Quilters Directory will be electronically forwarded to members only. For those who don't have email, a copy will be provided at the February meeting. Also, membership cards are available to be picked up.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Diane Basham  
Terri Richmond  
Peggy Selig  
Janette Sheldon  
Laurene Way

### January Attendance

Members	101
New members	5
Guest	<u>14</u>

## Fat Quarter Drawing 2012

This year the theme is: "We Need":

- 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 Primaries
- October- We need Poultry
- November=-We need Stripes



### TIP-

Make your own "sharps container" for storing broken needles and pins to keep them out of the trashcan (or carpet), so someone doesn't get stuck accidentally. Use an empty pill bottle from your last pharmacy refill...use the child-proof type top, or tape the top to the bottle. Make a small hole in the top with a corkscrew, ice pick or cuphook. When a needle breaks, or gets dull, put it in the container. When the container is full dispose of it in the trash. This way no one gets hurt.



## Officer/Board Member List SQG 2012

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Fat Quarter Monthly Drawing- Carol Cleary

Show and Tell Ribbons-Mary Funk

## Quilters Wisdom

A creative mess is better than tidy idleness

## 2012 Events Calendar

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* (\$5.00 for nonmembers)

## 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](mailto:rosie474@aol.com)
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or [sll849@aol.com](mailto:sll849@aol.com)
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or [barbstoys4u@hotmail.com](mailto:barbstoys4u@hotmail.com)



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**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](mailto: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:**

2012 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 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at [mwelch5@kc.rr.com](mailto:mwelch5@kc.rr.com) (913-432-4515) or LueAnne Christensen at [lueanne@gmail.com](mailto:lueanne@gmail.com) (913-593-3964)

**NEXT SQG MEETING!**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012 6:30 PM**—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00 PM**— **Nancy Swanwick**, *Still Quilting After All These Years*

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**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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