

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

www.starlightquilters.com

August 2012

### Presidents Message

By Kim Cawthon

I've been on a grandchild quilt binge lately. Andy, who is thirteen, got a full size quilt a few weeks ago. I hadn't planned the quilt to be for him, but as it took shape, I knew it would be his. There's a six year gap between him and his oldest sister. I felt sure that if Andy got a quilt, Hannah would be upset. And Megan does whatever Hannah does. It was fun making those three quilts. For one thing, I knew that they would be used and used hard. There is nothing sadder than finding that the quilt you worked so hard on is put away in a closet because it's too good to be used.



Another reason the quilts were so much fun was I got to use some odd pieces from my stash. Of course, my stash wasn't sufficient to make them, so I had reasons to look for more fabric. It was amazing how much fabric those two little quilts needed.

I suppose the best reason for making them is it's what grandmothers do to show their love. My grandmother made me a quilt when I was around Andy's age. I still have it. It's well worn, soft and slightly faded and wonderful. I don't expect those kids to have their quilts forty years from now. But, by the time those two little girls outgrow their quilts; I expect them to look and feel just like the quilt my grandma gave me

The theme for this year's quilt show is "Every Quilt's a Gift. There will be a section of the entry form for you to explain why your quilt's a gift. Whether you made the quilt to give to someone, or working on it gave you a project that helped you get through a tough time, or you just made something special for yourself, I believe you'll find that in fact, Every Quilt truly is a Gift.

### August Speaker- Bea Oglesby

Before Bea started quilting in the mid 1980s, she was not familiar with quilting in any form. However, she had a background in home economics, and with three daughters, she became an experienced seamstress. She also studied weaving and oil and watercolor painting, and she earned a certificate from the Sogetsu School of flower arranging. After Bea started quilting, and especially doing appliqué, she discovered how the painting and flower-arranging media were interchangeable with quilting designs in color and form. Since the mid-1990s, she has concentrated on her own designs of flowers, both cultivated and wild, and has taught and lectured extensively for quilt guilds in Kansas and Missouri. Published works include: "Wildflowers Album."



### Fat Quarter Drawing-July "We need Chocolate"



### August Sew In

Saturday, Aug 25, 9:00 – 1:00

Rosewood Apartments  
Near 87<sup>th</sup> and Pflumm

Bring your own sewing machine and sewing project  
Also, Peggy Skaith will be there with some boutique ideas

## Project Linus

Lea Robrahn and Mary Funk

436 blankets! Wonderful! While we've beat our goals, the Kansas City area blanket donations are down. We must continue our pace to help the children. There are always kits at meetings, so be sure pick one or two up. The Project Linus kits include pattern, precut pieces and backing, so all the hard work is done. There are usually at least 5 different kits to choose from. Try something different! The Lili's Hug kits can be made in under two hours and everything is included. Two yards of fabric and hook and loop tape. Easy!



If you don't have time to make a quilt, you may donate new child-themed cotton fabric that's free of contaminants such as mold, mildew and smoke. Monetary donations are always appreciated. We purchase hook and loop tape, gallon-size ziplock-style bags, rubber bands, tape and paper for pattern copies. (Project Linus has a provider of hook and loop tape that's much less expensive than the local Joann's. Donations of hook and loop tape, or Velcro, is unnecessary.)

Recommended sizes for Project Linus blankets: The minimum size 36" by 36". Anything under 36" by 36" is simply unusable and may be discarded. Most blankets are at least 37 to 40 inches wide and at least 50 inches long. Remember, Project Linus serves children from birth to 18 years old. Quilts up to twin-size are helpful!

## August 25th- Saturday

7913 Santa Fe Dr,  
Overland Park, Ks  
[913-649-2704](tel:913-649-2704)  
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Nolting Mfg and Quilted Memories is joining up to bring Kansas City a Big Used Quilting Machine Sale! Several machine brands will be available! See the amazing Side-Saddle Computer System in operation and get a free software demo! Food, fun, and supply discounts! Bring a friend and join the fun!

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## Tip-

Appliquing tiny pieces? Just keep your seam allowances large and trim as you go. That way, you have plenty of fabric to hang onto. And remember, a wooden toothpick and a little fabric glue is your friend for turning under errant threads.

## Membership

Marilyn Carr

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Laura Bogue  
Brigitta Wade



### July Attendance

Members	84
New members	2
Guest	<u>5</u>
Total	91

## Information regarding the Kansas City Regional Quilt Show:

The Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives of Kansas City area Quilt Guilds, met on June 30, 2012 at the 87th St. Johnson Co. Library. Those in attendance were Mary Hibbs, Lyn Heilman, Dorothy Dinwilde, Shannon Evans, Karen Tanyi, Victoria Foley, Kristen Smith, Lynn Droege, Helen Klein, Jan Laue, Janell Gust, and Nancy Wakefield. Mary Hibbs, President of IMQS, gave a presentation on the logistics of running a large event. Areas of organization, financing, expense handling, operating policies, security and venue space were discussed. If your group would like a copy of her notes, please let me know and I will forward it to you. A Steering Committee was also established to research, more in depth, different aspects of going forward with a large show. This group will meet more regularly and report back to the whole committee. The Advisory Committee will try to meet every 3 months.

The Steering Committee met on July 27, 2012. The committee is comprised of Nancy Wakefield, Shannon Evans, Lynn Droege, Kristen Smith, and Janell Gust. Previously, Lynn and Nancy met with the Union Station representatives and the place was deemed not appropriated due to location, parking and security issues. Other venues are now being looked into more in depth. If you would like to help with the Steering Committee please contact Nancy. If you cannot attend the meetings, or your Guild has decided to opt out, we would still like to keep you informed of the work that is going on. We will let all know of when and where the next meeting will be.

Respectively submitted, Lynn Droege  
([Lmdrdh1@aol.com](mailto:Lmdrdh1@aol.com))

I greatly appreciate your support and passing the happenings on to the guild members. Thanks in advance!

## 2012 Quilt Show: Every Quilt's a Gift

Kim Cawthon & Janice Craig

We have only two more meetings before our Quilt Show this year. Our show will be here before we know it, and we're really looking forward to it! The quilt show entry form is now available in the newsletter and on the Quilt Show web page. This year if you are entering more than one quilt in the show, please number them in order of preference. We'll try as much as possible to display the #1's unfolded. Categories will be the same as last year: Miscellaneous & Wearables, Small, Medium and Large. Size guidelines appear on the entry form. Any quilt you have not previously displayed at a Starlight Quilt Guild show is eligible for display. It does not have to be made by you. Bring your quilts to the Lenexa VFW beginning at 4:00 Friday, October 19. But please turn in your quilt entry forms at the meeting or give completed forms to Kim Cawthon (913-344-9146) or Janice Craig (913-660-3645) before the show.

Last year there were no entries in the Miscellaneous & Wearables category. This might be a great opportunity to win one of the beautiful prize ribbons.

There will be opportunities to volunteer in these areas: QOV Booth, Welcome Table, White Glove, Bake Sale, Boutique, Setup and Teardown. We will have signup sheets for volunteers available at the next meeting. If you want to work with a friend, sign up together!

### 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:

Sue Allen  
Johna Boswell-Duncan  
Jan Davidson  
Jan Fortney  
Deborah McCurnin  
Susan Mercer  
Niki Page  
Sandy Ralston  
Janette Sheldon  
Susan Wagner



### Tip-

Mary Funk

The backside of your fabric may be the color needed for your block—you pay for both sides of the fabric.

## Starlight Quilters Guild Quilts of Valor Project

Thank you to those of have already made the SQG Quilt of Valor blocks. The response has been great so far, but we still need more. LOTS more! So if you haven't made yours yet, start sewing. The instructions appeared in last month's newsletter and were available at the meeting. If you need a copy please email me at [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net). **All members of SQG are asked to make at least 4 blocks.**

Donations of patriotic fabric and batting (twin size cotton or cotton blend) are also welcome. The fabric will be used to complete the quilts (the photo shows the completed quilt) and to make pillowcases for the quilts. When completed, the quilts will be given to eligible local service members. Donations of money are also welcome and will be used to purchase fabric and pay for quilting. Any money left over will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation ([www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org)).

If you wish to "sell" blocks before the show, please collect \$1 per block and have the donor sign their name to the middle solid strip. Use a permanent ink marker such as Sharpie or a Pigma Pen.

Volunteers are needed for sewing blocks together and pressing during the quilt show. We will also need volunteers to continue constructing and finishing the quilts after the show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the August and September meetings. Vintage sewing machines will be provided or you may bring your own. Irons and ironing boards will also be provided.



## Quilters Wisdom

Never underestimate the power of a woman with a sewing machine.

## Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends,

How are you all surviving this heat? I hope you're staying inside where it's cool, maybe even getting some sewing done. You know, it's time to finish up that quilt you were going to make for the quilt show so that it will be quilted in time. Then you can decide on making a small quilt and a few other items for the boutique. I picked up some terrific ideas at the July sew-in and can't wait to make them.

Yesterday I stopped by Harper's to hear Edie McGinnis talk about her new book, *A Bag of Scraps*, which tells about the Kansas City garment district and contains some really pretty 30s quilts. Of course one can't go into a quilt shop without looking at the fabric and I'm glad I did. I picked up a yard and a half of cute little print with a sewing theme. As soon as Edie saw it she said she had to have some, too. We talked later and I asked if she had bought some of the fabric. She said, "Yes. I got 5 yards of it." I said, "Five yard! What are you going to do with it?" Edie said, "I don't know. That's why I bought 5 yards."

Which bring me to this month's topic. When you find a fabric that you just have to own, how much should you buy? I recall one of speakers saying that if she just "likes" it, she buys a yard; but if she "loves" it she buys 2 yards. That's not a bad suggestion. I used to buy a fat quarter if I liked it, and a yard if I loved it. But I soon found that those fat quarters were just adding to my stash because they didn't really go with anything else I had, and a fat quarter isn't enough to make something. So now, if I'm sure I really like a fabric I buy 1/2 yard. If I really, really like it I buy a whole yard. And if I can't live without it and think I'll actually do something with it, like put it in a quilt, I'll buy 3 yards. That's sufficient yardage for use in a quilt of nearly any size, and plenty for making a bag or other accessory. With a yard of fabric costing \$10-\$12, if I'm going to invest in it, I want to make sure I really, really like it, and that I have enough to actually use it.

So how much do you buy when you find that special piece of fabric? A fat quarter, 1/2 yard, 1 yard, 5 yards? Please write and tell me how much you buy and why. You can write me in care of Donna di Natale, at [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net). She'll pass the information along to me.

Until next month, stay cool, and  
Happy Quilting,

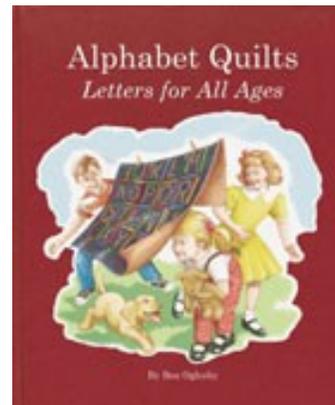
Suzy

**Keeping your thimble in place:** Lick your finger before putting on your thimble. This will stop it from slipping.

## Library Corner—

Appliqué for You and Me

We can all look forward to our August program with Bea Oglesby. She is a local (Overland Park) quilter best known for her appliqué of nature subjects. Our library has two of her books, "Birds & Flowers Album" and "Art Nouveau Quilts for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". She uses freezer paper and needle turn technique, described in her books, which results in detailed lifelike renditions. However, if you prefer another subject or technique, the library has many other appliqué books. This includes machine appliqué, fast fusing appliqué, and other techniques. You can combine patchwork with your appliqué, make chenille appliqué, or embark on the intricacies of a Baltimore Album quilt. Designs include ever popular Sunbonnet Sue, Amy Bradley's cute new designs, seasonal designs, and many others. Just let the librarians know what you're interested in and we'll find a book of projects to suit you.



## Keep Me In Stitches

You can take my TV,  
and my trips to the beach.  
I don't mind if I miss  
that political speech.  
When I skip a good movie,  
I won't feel any guilt  
if you'll let me stay home  
and work on a quilt,  
or maybe a pillow,  
perhaps a new vest.  
With a project to work on,  
I'm then at my best.  
I will not darn old socks,  
and seldom mend britches,  
But please don't take my quilting,  
Keep me in Stitches.

By Bee Neeley Kuckelman

If submitting multiple entries, please assign a number in order of preference for display.

## Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2012 Entry Form

Quilt Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owned By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pattern Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pattern Created By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pieced By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quilted By \_\_\_\_\_

### Category (select one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 100 - Clothing/Wearable/Purses
- \_\_\_\_\_ 200 - Small (e.g. wall hanging) longest side up to 40 in.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 300 - Medium (e.g. crib quilt/lap quilt) longest side up to 70 in.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 400 - Large (e.g. bed quilt) longest side more than 70 in.

### Construction Techniques

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Comments for viewers: In keeping with this year's theme, please explain if this quilt is a gift for yourself, for someone else, or from someone. Also please include any other information you'd like to share. (Use the back of this form if needed.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

This quilt is for display only. \_\_\_\_

This quilt is for sale. \_\_\_\_

This quilt is a donation to Starlight Quilters Guild. \_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that this quilt will be displayed at the 2012 Starlight Quilt Show and that the Guild will exercise reasonable care, but that the Guild is not responsible for any damage to or loss of the quilt. I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up my quilt after the quilt show.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# ***Starlight! Star Bright!***

September 24 Program

BINGO Night\*

You'll be seeing stars, bright stars, at this year's bingo party. Will you be one of those stars?

**What to Bring:** 3 fat quarters of **quality** quilt fabric. The categories are STARS and/or BRIGHTS. Place all three pieces in a zip top plastic bag.

**What You Will Win:** game winners will receive 2 bags (6 fat quarters) of their choice. Blackout prize will be announced soon, but EVERYONE is going to want to win it!

There will be LOTS of Door Prizes so be sure to wear your lucky sox, or whatever your good luck charm may be.

Bingo cards for regular games will be 2 for \$5.00; Blackout cards will be \$10 each or 2 for \$15.

## ***Bingo Bingo Bingo***

*\*Bingo Night is a fund-raiser program. The money is used to support our speaker programs. Participation is voluntary, but we promise that a good time will be had by all.*

## 2012 Events Calendar

August 25- Boutique Sew in

August 28- **Bea Oglesby**, *It's Never Too Late*

September 14-16- Fall Retreat,  
The Barn, Valley Falls, Kansas

September 25- **Bingo**

October 20th & 21st - "Every  
Quilt's a Gift" Quilt show

October 23-**Barb Eikmeier**, *When This You See Re-  
member Me*

October 27- Perry Sew Day

November 27- **Su Bunch of Piece Keepers**, *Keeping  
the Piece—The Sixteen elements of a Blended Quilt*



## Starlight E-site—the Yahoo Group

### For Sale -

830 series Bernina long arm table. Retails new at \$2200. Asking \$1150. Janette Sheldon 913/586-5024 or [granola@earthlink.net](mailto:granola@earthlink.net).

## SQG Fall Retreat!!

Donna Holloway

We have reserved rooms at The Barn in Valley Falls, KS from Friday afternoon (3pm), Sept 14th through Sunday (2pm) September 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$185/person (double occupancy). Depending on sign ups, we may be able to accommodate more than 2/room (and thus the rate/person will be less).

Price includes:

- Five meals from Friday dinner through breakfast on Sunday (checkout is 2pm; lunch will not be served on Sunday)
- bright spot for unlimited sewing
- Room with bathroom; double occupancy

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required by the July Guild meeting, with final payment due no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Make checks payable to Starlight Quilters Guild and either give to Donna Holloway during the next guild meeting; or mail to: Donna Holloway

## Advertisements

**FREE! Post your AD HERE!** If you are a guild member in good standing and would like to run your **FREE** ad, send your information to the newsletter editor. See back page for details.

**Machine Quilting** - Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you finish all those tops! Low pricing, full Longarm services – all over designs or custom quilting [913-638-4625](tel:913-638-4625) Karen Huffman or email me at [karen7315@gmail.com](mailto:karen7315@gmail.com)

**Machine Quilting**. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. [especiallyquilts@att.net](mailto:especiallyquilts@att.net) or 913-341-0525

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

## 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/>



**"FIND US ON FACEBOOK"** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106359079270>

## 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 [barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com](mailto:barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com)



## Looking for Appliqué design ideas?

Children's coloring books are a great source of inspiration. Many of the designs are drawn simply and are easily adapted to fabric.



### Membership In-

**formation:** Mem-  
bership, New or Re-  
newal, \$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!

### Newslet- ter Dead- line:

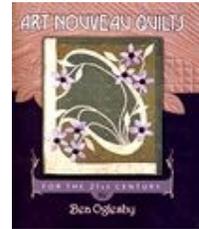
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4515) and Lueanne Christensen  
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3969) .



### NEXT SQG MEET-

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

**7:00 PM**— *Bea Oglesby, It's  
Never Too Late*



### Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, January-October at **Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nell, 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

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