



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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September 2012

Presidents Message

By Kim Cawthon

The 3rd week in October will be a busy one for Kansas City Quilters. We will be holding our quilt show, while 5 local shops will host a Trunk or Treat Shop Hop October 19-20. Each store has a special trunk show planned for the hop. Look for the pumpkin themed post card at the shops for details. I'll be a bit busy that week-end, so I decided to go early. My mission was to purchase fabric for a small Hawaiian appliqué quilt. My driver/husband and I agreed on a route and we headed out.

Stop 1: Harpers, Overland Park. I was at the door when Mary Honas unlocked it. I needed to pay for the Dollies Only class I'll be taking in October and purchase the pattern. Harper's is my go to place to take quilt classes. I like the format of their class schedule, the teachers and the variety of classes offered. Harper's trunk show will feature This & That. <http://www.thisandthatpatterns.com/>

Stop 2: Quilters Station, Lees Summit. If you haven't been to Quilter's Station for a few years, it has moved. Quilter's Station has a huge selection of fabric. Batiks and woolens to the right as you enter, 30's reproductions in the back to the left, along with children's. To the left is a huge general section, prints, civil war reproductions, etc, sorted by color. The back room offers sale fabric. I was told the room should have a good selection for the hop. If you can't find something, you don't sew. I purchased fabric for two of my Hawaiian blocks. I will be going back more often. Quilter's Station trunk show will feature Need'I Love <http://www.needlove.com/>

Stop 3: Quilter's Haven, Olathe. Light is always my first impression when I walk into Quilter's Haven. If I'm looking for modern contemporary fabrics, batiks, or Orientals, this is where I go. Books are always 20% discounted. I like to take my husband there, because I keep hoping he'll get talked into buying himself a quilting machine. As a hand quilter, I appreciate the selection of quilting templates in the hallway to the back class room. Go back to the classroom and look at the strip quilt on the wall to the right. Margaret Welch is taking that class. Quilter's Haven is planning to have trunk shows from both Blue Underground, <http://blueundergroundstudios.com> and Pink Sand Designs <http://pinksandbeachdesigns.com>



Presidents Message (cont'd)

I wanted to eat at Stone Canyon Pizza in Parkville. So with fabric for one more block for my quilt in hand, we decided to push on. I had to take all my goodies into lunch to determine what I still needed. With a good lunch and my plan refined I was ready to move on.

Stop 4: Peddler's Wagon, Parkville. My driver/husband said Peddler's Wagon looks exactly the way a quilt shop should look. One side of the shop is dedicated to fabrics; the other side is wall to wall patterns and puzzles. The walls on the upper level are covered with projects that made me want to retire immediately and spend the rest of my life quilting. I found what I needed for the 4th block in my quilt, and Grady purchased a quilt puzzle for his mother. Peddler's Wagon will feature Kairie Patch during the shop hop. <http://www.kariepatch.com>

Stop 5. Prairie Point, Shawnee. Prairie Point was packed when we got there, with shoppers and fabric. I need some yardage for binding for a Quilts of Valor Quilt. Prairie Point always has a good selection of civil war reproductions, so I knew this wouldn't be a problem. You will also find plenty of 30's reproductions and batiks to satisfy your needs. I love the class room at Prairie Point. Every inch of wall space is covered with projects. Starlight Quilt Guild's opportunity quilt is hanging there. I also associate Prairie Point with special events. Right now they have a bus trip to the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln NE in the works. Prairie Point's truck show will be from Laundry Basket. <http://laundrybasketquilts.com/>

As I travel for work, I try to visit local shops. My true mission for this road trip was to remind myself that I don't need to go to Milwaukee or Lancaster, because we are so blessed here in Kansas City with great shops. And I have the fabric to prove it.

Fat Quarter Drawing September



Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends,

This month I'm excited to tell you that I've actually found time to sew lately. I made – finished – two small quilts. One is a vacation quilt. What's a vacation quilt? It's a quilt you make to remind you of a trip you take or a special vacation place. I used to make vacation baskets. I'd gather twigs and vines and grasses along the way and weave them into small baskets. But that got harder and harder to do, especially when we went to places where you couldn't take or cut any of the local flora. So now I make vacation quilts instead.

Whenever I travel, whether on vacation or for business or just to see the countryside, I look for quilt shops. I like to see what others around the country are making. What's popular in California? What regional fabrics do they have in Colorado? Are folk art quilts still big along the East Coast? And of course, I always end up buying something. It may be just a few fat quarters, or a new pattern, or maybe even an entire kit. Along the way I make notes of trip highlights, or things I see that are special or memorable. I start drawing out my vacation quilt in a notebook I always carry.

When I get home, I take out the treasures I bought and start assembling the quilt. I use my notes and drawings to start the quilt, and then it seems to take on a life of its own. Before I know it, the top is done and ready to finish. Now I have a lasting souvenir of my vacation that I can hang on the wall.

Did you take a trip this summer? Did you buy fabric or patterns on that trip? If so, why not make your own vacation quilt? Start with simple blocks and let your creative juices flow. Why not include some photos from your vacation? They are so easy to print from your computer. I especially like to include a photo on the label. When someone asks what you did last summer, instead of showing them pictures on your phone, you can show them your quilt. And you can wrap yourself in memories.

Happy Quilting,

Tip-

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



Boutique

Peggy Skaith

Hi Quilters! We've got some great items to sell at our quilt show boutique thanks to you all! Keep those hand-made items coming! If you would like you can even price them before bringing them. Here's an idea for a quick and easy item. Make an "eye pillow" out soft silky fabric. It should be approximately 9" by 5" Fill it with flax seed (available in the bulk food section of your supermarket) An option would be to also add a tablespoon or so of lavender (available at Penzey's spices) I'm going to be working on a cute fish-shaped placemat for kitty food, and a bone-shaped placemat for puppies. See you all soon! Contact me at Especially-Quilts@att.net or 913-341-0525

Membership-

Marilyn Carr

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following Quilt Show Vendors have become members:

Gary Cox
Barbara Chavez
Candace Hargrove
Tammy Vasser



August Attendance

Members	84
Guest	<u>7</u>
Total	91

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:

Becky Edson
Donna Holloway
Shirley Lewis
Barbara McMahon
Jamie Morgan
Carol Nash
Lynda Ochs
Connie Passaro
Sue Sharpe
Penny Skelton



Quilters Wisdom

Being organized interferes with my creativity.

September Program Starlight, Star Bright Bingo

Starlight, Star Bright, who will win on Bingo night? It could be YOU!

We'll have fun, fun, fun until all the fat quarters are gone – and then we'll have more fun when we play Blackout Bingo.

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.

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

Prizes: Regular bingo winners will receive 2 bags (6 fat quarters) of their choice.

There will be three prizes for Blackout Bingo.

First Place will receive a custom made Big Board ironing board. Second and Third Place winners will receive fabric from Sheri Berry's brand new line of Halloween fabric called Costume Clubhouse, generously donated by Sheri through Jackie Stoaks.

Bingo Night is a fund-raiser program. The money is used to support our speaker programs.



Guild Project- Round Things

Jackie Stoaks

30in to 60in in width
30in to 60in in length
Due at our February meeting

I hope you're all working on your quilts. I've talked to a few of you already have yours done. I look forward to seeing all your projects.

If you have any questions contact me at 913-362-3244



Alliance for American Quilts-

Visit allianceforamericanquilts.com for photos and information on more than fifty thousand quilts. This is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to document, preserve, and share our American quilt heritage by collecting the rich stories that historic and contemporary quilts, and their makers, tell about our nation's diverse peoples and their communities

SQG 2012 Challenge Results

Alex Thompson

We had 7 fabulous entries in the still life challenge. August attendees voted on their favorite quilt. All seven received votes indicating the wide range of appeal the entries had.

In 1st place was a more traditional piece with a central vase of flowers and beading produced by Peggy Selig.

In 2nd place was a quilter inspired still life by Donna diNatale with quilting items like a rotary cutter, pins, pin cushion and a glass of wine. Some said the glass of wine would necessitate a seam ripper.

In 3rd place was a lovely vase overflowing with small pastel flowers, some only held with short stitches and a bead. Kristy Orr had the patience to produce that beauty. The 1st-3rd place winners received ribbons and a potted self sunflower.

Honorable shout outs must go to the other entrants: Jackie Stoaks for a multi-fabric and embellished cowboy boots, crown and cross; Kim Cawthon with a vase of 3 dimensional white flowers; Beverly Zavadil with a beautifully echo quilted bowl of flowers; and Sharon Lopez for entering her flowers featuring her first time doing the entire quilt herself.

All entrants received show & tell ribbons for their name badges.

A great big thank you to the entrants and the voters for making this year's challenge fun. Get your thinking caps on for next year!

Every Quilt's a Gift 2012 Starlight Guild Quilt Show, October 20th & 21st.

Here are the nuts and bolts, facts, figures, and hopefully all the information you need to participate. If you don't get signed up to volunteer, please drop in to help anyway. We can always use extra hands.

The show will be held at VFW Post 7397, 9550 Pflumm Road in Lenexa, KS in the Hall on the East end of the building.

Before October 14

Turn in your quilt entry forms to Janice Craig by October 14th for inclusion in the program. email: JC-9922@sbcglobal.net, fax: 816-878-6683, or US Mail: 9922 Edelweiss Circle, Merriam KS 66203. Entry forms are available on the web site, at the meeting or attached to the newsletter. Any quilt not previously displayed in a Starlight Quilters Guild Show is eligible for entry in the show.

- Take a flyer for the show to your favorite community bulletin boards.
- Volunteer by signing up at the next Guild meeting. We need helpers for: Greeting Table, White Glove, Boutique, Quilts of Valor and Bake Sale.
- Buy and sell Opportunity Quilt Tickets.

Setup Friday, October 19

We need to pick up the quilt racks around 1:00 in the afternoon. Please contact Kim Cawthon if you have a truck/trailer/strong back and can help with this. They are being stored at a warehouse in Kansas City KS. We will set up at the hall beginning at 4:00 PM. Please bring quilts for display anytime between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. If this is a problem for you, we can arrange to have someone bring your entries for you. Please call Janice Craig 913-660-3645 or Kim Cawthon 913-449-3914 if you need help with this. Stepladders and muscular friends are extremely helpful, so bring one of each if you can.

Saturday, October 20

Show Hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Bring Bake Sale and/or Boutique items pre-priced and ready to sell. Bring your friends and buy from our vendors! We want them to come back so please plan to patronize our vendors. *Scissor sharpening will be available on this day only.*

Sunday, October 21

Show Hours are Noon to 5:00 PM. Bring Bake Sale and/or Boutique items pre-priced and ready to sell. Bring your friends and buy from the vendors! We will tear down the show beginning at 5:00. Pick up your quilt, but please check in with us so we make sure it goes home correctly! Last year tear down took us about an hour. Stepladders and muscular friends are most welcome again. We will need to deliver the racks back to the warehouse on Monday October 22nd. Please call Kim Cawthon if you can help with this.

Show Features: Quilters from our Guild, Jeanne Poore and Mary Honas will have special displays with patterns available, Linus Quilt Display, QOV assembly demonstration and member participation, a great mix of vendors, scissor sharpening (Saturday only, includes pinking shears), Bake Sale, Boutique items, Opportunity Quilt.

We also need to remember why we are doing all of this... This is a major fund raiser for the guild and helps to keep our dues low while still bringing in our fabulous line up of informative and inspiring speakers. And the show brings us visibility in the community. Quilts of Valor and our veterans will also benefit from our show this year. Besides that, it's fun!

Your committee: Peggy Skaith –Boutique, Jean Turvey-Vendors, Cheryl Diebold-Bake Sale, Jackie Evans-Advertising, Donna DiNatale-QOV, Kim Cawthon & Janice Craig-Co-Chairs



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

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.)

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: _____

Boutique Items- need ideas?



2012 Events Calendar

September 25– **Bingo**

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

October 23–**Barb Eikmeier**,
When This You See Remember Me

October 27— Perry Sew Day

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



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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 barbstoys4u@hotmail.com



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/>



Quilt for Sale

1930's blue and white quilt for sale-in fairly good condition – \$65.00

If interested, please call Bernadine Farrow at 913-631-5416



2012 Opportunity Quilt

Please be sure to pick up your Opportunity Quilt tickets at the next guild meeting. Buy some for yourself and also take some to offer the opportunity to your friends to have the chance to win this quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.





Membership Information:

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) and Lueanne Christensen lueanne@gmail.com (913-359-3969) .

NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

7:00 PM— Bingo



Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4th 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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