

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

President's Message— Janette Sheldon

Dear Quilt Guild members,

Okay. It's January. It's sort of strange how things happen. I was sitting very quietly in the back of a guild meeting some many months ago when Donna Holloway (who I hadn't known very long at all) leaned over and said in a stage whisper.... "Would you be my vice president for next year?" She didn't add anything like "Oh, when you say yes, you are also signing up to be the president the following year." Had she added that part I might not have agreed. So that, folks, is how I've become your incoming president. It has nothing at all to do with talent, networking, command of large audiences, insight, or anything else that could be a qualifier. And if I mess this all up in 2014, just blame Donna.



I was unable to be at the November meeting, so Donna will have to swear me in at the January one. Since I'm heading out the door for a much needed warm vacation in Hawaii, we moved the January board meeting up a couple of weeks. As a result, I have good news and bad news. First of all, there are a whole lot of people willing to give their time and attention to guild business. Those who are on board know what's going on and are quite competent. That's the good news. Now for the bad stuff. We've worn out a handful of extremely good people. Currently we have **NOBODY** willing to work on the 2014 quilt show. Hats off to Janice Craig, Kim Cawthon, Peggy Skaith, Donna DiNatale, Jackie Evens and Laurene Way (and I'm sure many others) for all the work they did on the 2013 show. That quilt show was one of the best ever in terms of revenue for the guild. Unfortunately none of those members have thus far volunteered to work on the 2014 show. So if you want to have a quilt show in 2014, you, the members, will have to make it happen. Please let either me or other board members know if you are willing to work on this quilt show. If volunteers are not located by our April board meeting, I suspect we will not have a 2014 quilt show.

An additional outcome of the board meeting was a decision to drop our fat quarter drawing. The number of participants had dropped to the point that it was no longer a viable program. In addition, through lack of support and participation, the guild will no longer have a formal committee or sew day for Quilts of Valor. For those of you who may continue to have an interest, you should work directly with Mary Honas.

I don't plan on making great changes but it's just possible I'll come up with a few wrinkles to throw out there. Since I'll be presiding over the meetings I won't be able to do any tidbits for you. Susan Mercer will be presenting a tidbit on paper piecing for the January meeting. Other than that, I have nothing else. If anyone has a suggestion and/or would like to volunteer for a 15 minute class, that would be most helpful. Otherwise I'm afraid our tidbits will fall to the wayside.

Your opportunity quilt is in the works. There will be block kits to pick up at the January meeting. These are simple blocks to make with precise instructions. Please take a pack and do your bit. It would be really nice to have a quilt put together that represents the efforts of our guild members instead of just one or two kind souls. These kits will need to be returned at the February meeting so the top can be completed and sent on to the quilter. And while I'm on that subject, is there any member who would like to volunteer to do the quilting?

Happy quilting everyone. See you at the January guild meeting.

Janette Sheldon, granola1000@gmail.com

JANUARY'S SPEAKER— LYN HIELMAN

Lyn began her career in the quilting business the way many of us started our hobby, by being a seamstress. She then began "quilting by check" and looked for a way to lower her costs. She bought her first long arm, traded up several times and gradually became a Hobbs batting distributor while quilting for others. When her home was overtaken with batting for her on-line business, she looked to opening a storefront for her ever-growing clientele. Downtown Overland Park became the perfect place to open her shop in July 2011.

Lyn has continued to expand the services she provides to the quilting community from custom quilting, classes on machine quilting, rental time for quilters to use her machines and new and used Nolting machine sales. Her shop stocks fabric, thread and supplies and of course, batting. She said that photo T-shirt quilts and memorial quilts have become a growing portion of her business.

Lyn's presentation on batting will be informative and fun. She has a brand new type of batting to show us and will let us earn "Batting Bucks" for the auction at the end of her talk!



2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES—Marilyn Carr

Membership renewal still going on. Membership dues of \$25 must be received by the January meeting to be included in the Starlight Directory. If you are unable to renew by January 28, please drop me a line at mjcarr12@yahoo.com and I will certainly include you in the Picture Directory. Membership cards will be available at the February meeting and picture directories will be available and sent under separate cover in February.

Perfect attendance—Congratulations to the members who had perfect attendance in 2013.

Ruthann Bonin	Jackie Evans
Deborah Carnes	Shirley Lewis
Marilyn Carr	Sheila Lynch
Charlya Cooley	Connie Passaro
Janice Craig	Luella Roemer
Cheryl Diebold	Margaret Welch
Karen Edwards	Opal Yarnell

Quilters Wisdom
My quilting is scrap therapy.

QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Volunteers are needed to organize the Quilt Show for 2014. Talk to Janice Craig or Kim Cawthon if you're interested in this rewarding project.

The Quilt Show gear needs a home. Currently we are using space in Janette Sheldon's barn for storage. This is only temporary. Everything needs to be moved in March. If you know of inexpensive, protected storage space that can be used to store the racks and display gear, please contact a board member. A good covered trailer can also be used for this purpose.

LIBRARY CORNER—Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck, Kristi Orr

Did you know the quilt guild has some DVD's that you can check out? We'll have a special display of them at the January meeting. We have the American Quilters series, two by Kansas City Star, two on freehand machine embroidery, and one Ricky Tims (and other DVD's).

Also we've added some new donations – Super Quick Quilts by Martingale, Best of Fons and Porter – Easy Quilts and Its' "El"ementary by Eleanor Burns (beginning quilting).

Survey for Interest in Quilts of Valor

This survey is for planning purposes only. Please include your name, and if desired, your preferred contact information below. There are many ways to be involved with Quilts of Valor. Please print and check your areas of interest. Bring to the next Starlight Guild meeting and give to Mary Honas.

- _____ I would like to know more about local work days.
- _____ I would prefer to work at home.
- _____ I would like to be in a small group where the focus is QOV.
- _____ I would like to organize a guild work day for QOV.
- _____ Other:

I'm interested in helping with a part of a quilt (checked below)

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| _____ Piecing blocks or tops | _____ Quilting (long arm quilting is preferred.) |
| _____ Binding | _____ Labels |
| _____ Presentations cases (Pillow case) | _____ Not interested in participating in QOV projects. |

Name:

Contact Information:

STARLIGHT QUILT GUILD RENEWAL

Date _____ Check Number _____

Name: _____

Combined fee for another person? - List name:

Any changes to **email, address or phone**? List below

Spring Fling Retreat

May 2-4, 2014. We have reserved 16 spots for our fourth annual Spring Fling Retreat at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the weekend of May 2-4, 2014. (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>). Cost will be \$189/person (double occupancy) or \$290/person (single occupancy). The cost includes room on Friday and Saturday night, five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), and your own personal sewing spot. Cedar Crest lets us arrive early on Friday (10 AM), and leave mid-afternoon on Sunday, so you can squeeze in almost 3 full days of quilting! We will begin accepting sign-ups and deposits at the January Guild meeting. Full payment is due by the April Guild meeting. Contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

Dress a Girl Around the World
- Mary Ann Marland & Lynn Jenkins

Sat., Feb. 22 / 10:00-1:00

Learn how to make a simple sundress for girls ages 1-12. Dress a Girl is a not for profit organization where members sew simple sundresses for girls. These dresses are then sent to orphanages in third world countries. Join us as we make these sundresses that will be worn by beautiful little girls in Haiti, Guatemala, Ecuador, or Africa. **Class \$5**

PROGRAM CALENDAR

2014

January 28—Lyn Heilman—Batting

February 25—Winged Designs— Challenges, Swaps, Exchanges, Oh My

March 25—Carol Gilham Jones—Tile Quilts

April 22—Barb Eikmeier—It's all in the Sashing

May 27—Lori Lee Triplett- Turkey Red Trunk Show

June 24—Melissa Towne— Primitive Stitches: Wool Applique

July 22—Starlight Schoolhouse

Aug 26—Betty New—What the Pros Say **

Sep 23—1st's, Favorites, & Food— Pot luck dinner and Show & Tell **

Oct 28—Donna Lynn Thomas— Patchwork Palette **

Nov 18—Kelly Ashton—Quilting isn't a matter of life & death—It's more important than that!

** - \$5.00 fee for guests

← This class is being offered at Prairie Point—913-268-3333.

I'd Rather be Stitchin' than in the Kitchen

Donna Di Natale

Here is a pretty pieced block called the Mexican Star. Ruby Short McKim drew templates for this block and they were published in The Kansas City Star in 1930. Here is what she had to say about this block: Recently a quilt collector found a beautiful old "Mexican Star" quilt up in the mountains of New York state. It was a handsome specimen in reds and blues. How these same lovely patterns are found North, South, East and West testify of the far-flung ties that bound together the scattered settlers of Mexican War days, when this pattern was doubtless originated. This is rather an intricate pattern to piece, but the effect when set together as shown entirely of pieced blocks looks more beautiful than bewildering. If you are a quilt enthusiast, "Mexican Star" will tempt you. Seams are not allowed. (I think she meant seam allowance wasn't included in the templates.)



Instructions for making this block can be found several places on the Internet, but the best one I found was at Quilt In A Day: <http://www.quiltinaday.com/imgs/facebook/march/MexicanStar.pdf>

Keeping with the Mexican theme, here is one of my favorite cold weather casseroles.

Tamale Pie

1 lb. ground beef	1/2 green pepper, chopped
1/2 onion, chopped	2 garlic cloves, minced
1 1-lb 8 oz. can of tomatoes (or tamale sauce)	2 T. chili powder
1/2 t. cayenne pepper (or to taste)	1 7-oz. bag of corn chips
3/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated	

Sauté beef, peppers, onion and garlic together until meat is browned and vegetables are soft. Add tomatoes, chili powder and cayenne pepper, mix well and simmer for 10 minutes. Put a layer of slightly crushed corn chips in the bottom of a 2 qt. casserole. Cover with part of the meat mixture. Repeat, ending with a layer of corn chips. Top with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until cheese melts. Serves 4.

Project Linus - Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

Thank you for your contributions to Project Linus in 2013. Let's make 2014 another excellent year. There are kits available at every meeting. The kits include instructions and precut fabric to make the top and the backing fabric.

If you don't have time to make a quilt, consider a fabric contribution. We always need more fabric for backs, so at least a 1 ½ yard cut would be greatly appreciated. We accept many types of fabric, including cotton quilting fabric, polyester fleece, and flannel. This fabric should be clean, free of harsh chemicals and smells, and have no animal fur. Many of the children receiving these blankets have sensitivities that need to be respected.

The Best Choice labels are used to raise funds to purchase Project Linus fabrics. Keep bringing them in! Happy New Year!

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: December and January's birthdays are:



Karen Berley, Laura Bogue, Victoria Foley, Sheila Lynch, Jean Patchen, and Christy Underwood

February's birthdays are: Luanne Christensen, Carol Cleary, Lindsay Lawing, Terri Richmond, and Elaine Welsh

Everyone looks forward to treats!

If we have your wrong birthday month, let me know at sandy.fey93@gmail.com

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

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Donna Holloway's President's Gift

Donna completed her year as our President last November, turning the ropes, or perhaps the threads, over to Janette Sheldon for 2014. As our way of thanking Donna for her leadership, we will be gathering fat quarters of her favorite modern bright fabrics -- Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler, Heather Bailey -- you get the picture!

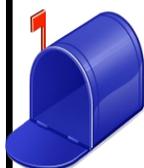
Please bring your fat quarters to the January and February meetings. We will present the bundle to Donna at the February meeting.



Membership Information:

Membership, New or Renewal, \$25/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 Deadline:

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! Tuesday, Nov 19, 2013 6:30 PM

6:30 PM— Quilting Tidbit

7:00 PM— **Lyn Heilman—Batting**

Remember to bring:

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

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