

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

President's Message— Janette Sheldon

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- Quilts of Valor: Mary Honas
- 2015 Greater Kansas City Quilt Show: Janette Sheldon
- Past-President: Donna Holloway

There were a dozen of us lucky enough to go to the spring retreat this year. We had a great time, got a lot of quilting done, and, well, probably ate our weight twice over. It brought to mind why I like to quilt and could be why you like it too. We all like to lose ourselves in beautiful fabric and lovely patterns. We enjoy the process of making something out of little pieces and we feel proud when we hold up our finished product hearing the positive responses of our fellow quilters. But it's possible the really good part of it all is our relationship with other quilters.



Many of us spend time quilting in small groups. They are often called quilting bees but other times just referred to as small groups of quilters. I belong to a small group called Rowdy Rounders. We started out as a group of five, now six, doing round robin projects. This is our third year in existence. We've made some pretty interesting things - some of which you may have seen in past quilt shows. The main thing we have made, however, are really good friends. I wish for all of you the opportunity to do the same.

If you would like to be in a small group, find others who have similar interests and put something together. It doesn't have to be a large number of people, doesn't have to be overly organized, and doesn't even have to meet too often. The point is, when you do something all by yourself, you can be proud of what you do, but sharing the experience with other quilters just makes the whole process special. Think beyond what you will receive - think about how you can improve the skills of others. After all, we rarely quilt around others without learning a new trick or two. Sharing our passion is a great way to enrich our lives.

Lori Lee Triplett -

Turkey Red & Green Quilts

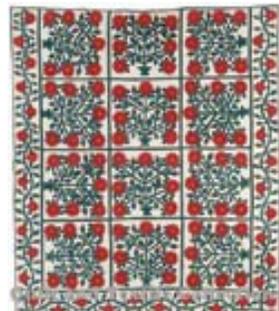


Lori Lee Triplett, Business Manager for Quilt and Textile Collections, has successfully combined a variety of passions which include research, writing, and performing into the quilt world. As a lecturer and instructor she brings her experience from stage, screen, and radio to make the presentations fun yet educational. Depending on which program she is performing, you may meet one of her guests from abroad, sing-a-long with a song, or even participate in solving a mystery. She enjoys presenting at local quilt guilds, but also presents at national conferences and has made appearances internationally.

As an award winning writer Lori has written more than 13 books and numerous magazine articles. Her most recent book, *Chintz Quilts from the Poos Collection* launched in the fall of 2013 and was co-written with Kay Triplett and Xenia Cord. She is a frequent writer for the quilt magazine *Quiltmania* with more articles on the way. She and her sister, Kay Triplett, Curator for the Poos Collection, are currently

researching their next book on indigo for which they received the Lucy Hilty Research Grant and the Meredith Scholar Award.

Lori will be selling several books on the Poos Collection, reproduction chintz and other items. Cash, checks or credit will all be accepted.



I'd Rather be Stitchin" - Donna Di Natale

May is for Mothers—Mother's Choice quilt block

Mother's Day is a day for celebrating motherhood whether you are a mother or not. After all, none of us would be here if it weren't for our mother. Those of you who are fortunate enough to be able to celebrate with your mother are truly blessed. Those who are honored on Mother's Day by their children are doubly blessed. And those of you who, like me, have mothers who are no longer living, can celebrate the memories we carry in our heart.

So to celebrate, here is a recipe for Super Fruity Sangria. Made with white wine and fresh fruit, it is as pretty to look at as it is tasty. For a non-alcoholic version, substitute additional lemonade and ginger ale instead of the white wine. To make this recipe relatively sugar-free, use sugar-free lemonade and sugar-free ginger ale.

Mother's Choice seems to be a little known quilt block. If you "Google" it, you get a lot of hits for Grandmother's Choice block, but not Mother's Choice. The block offered here was published in The Kansas City Star May 30, 1951. It is comprised of squares, half-square triangles and flying geese. Because there are several pieces to the block, it is usually used as a fairly large block. I have provided a link to a free pattern from Patchwork Square on the Internet that uses 12" blocks. The pattern offers two different settings, but as with most quilts, there are many other possible settings, too.

Pattern available at <http://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/mothers-choice-quilt-block.pdf>



Super Fruity Sangria

1 750 ml bottle of your favorite white wine	1 cup sliced strawberries
1 lemon cut into wedges	1/2 cup lemonade
1 orange cut into wedges	1/2 cup sugar
1 lime cut into wedges	2 shots of apricot or peach brandy (optional)
1 peach cut into wedges or slices	2 cups ginger ale

Preparation

Pour wine in the pitcher and squeeze the lemon, orange and lime wedges into the wine. Toss in the squeezed fruit wedges (leaving out seeds if possible) and add sliced peaches, strawberries, lemonade, sugar and brandy. Chill overnight. Add ginger ale and ice just before serving.

If you'd like to serve right away, use chilled white wine and chilled ginger ale.

Quilt Show “Look What We Made” Nov 14-15 at the Abdallah Shrine.

Please join me for our next Quilt Show meeting on June 10th at 6:30pm at the Central Library (9875 West 87th street in Overland Park, KS) in the “Nancy Pickard” room. I am looking for a volunteer to handle the “Racks” (without them, we really won’t have a place for the quilts). Please feel free to e-mail me at Lc.carr@yahoo.com and let me know if you would like to help.

Our quilt challenge “Flights of Fancy” -- The three required materials are available at Prairie Point and you can buy as much as you see fit for your wall hanging. Along with these 3 materials you can add up to 3 more materials and an unlimited amount of embellishments. The quilt can be any size up to 30” x 30” finished by our Oct meeting. During this meeting every member can vote for their favorite. All of the quilts will be shown at the Nov quilt show. Laura Carr

Greeters for 2014

Your greeters this month are Deborah Carnes and Dorothy Van Booven. If you are unable to attend your month, please exchange with another person or call Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585. Thank you for volunteering!

Quilts of Valor

Starting on the first Monday of each month we are going to begin sewing for Quilts of Valor at Prairie Point. Gather your fabric and join us on June 2nd for our first meeting. You can bring your lunch or there are places to eat around Prairie Point. Hope to see you there. If you have questions e-mail me at susan_mercer3@yahoo.com.

REMEMBER: BLOCK EXCHANGE

Sign up to do a block exchange of a 6 1/2” cup/mug—see Jackie Rudolph

FONS AND PORTER LOVE OF QUILTING SUBSCRIPTION

Sign up to renew or start a subscription to this magazine for \$15—see Donna Di Natale

2014 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

April Attendance

Members	82
New members	0
Guest	<u>0</u>
Total	82

Quilters Wisdom

A quilt provides a mental
peace.

“Opportunity Knocking” - Starlight Opportunity Quilt 2014

Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Pieced by Starlight members & quilted by Freda Smith.

Drawing to be held at guild meeting on November 18, 2014.

All guild members are encouraged to sell or buy for themselves at least \$10 worth of tickets.



Fundraising Raffle - Buckets of Fun

Please consider making a donation to help us fill our fun buckets - we especially need fabric. We're budgeted to bring in \$100 per month and so far, we're right on track, thanks to your generosity. If you have an idea for a theme for our fun buckets, please let us know!

May's themes for our raffle buckets are:

Garden Planting time - Flowers, Veggies

Child's Play

Hitting the Road - Leaving the 'Kansas Troubles'

Here Comes the Bride

Future themes could include:

Household chores, picnics, fun & games, spooky haunting, breast cancer awareness, glamping (glamorous camping), stars & stripes, home sweet home, Christmas in July, etc. We are open to suggestions! Thank you.

The Fun Raffle Gals: Donna, Sandy and Carol

Starlight Quilters' Guild



Upcoming Programs

May 27, 2014

Lori Lee Triplett

Turkey Red Trunk Show

June 24, 2014

Starlight Schoolhouse

July 22, 2014

Melissa Towne,

Primitive Stitches: Wool Applique

Aug 26, 2014

**Betty New, What the Pro's Say

Sep 23, 2014

**Donna Lynn Thomas, Patchwork Palette

Oct 28, 2014

**1st's, Favorites and Food

Pot luck dinner and first quilt

Nov 13-14, 2014

***Quilt Show—Look What I Made

Nov 18, 2014

Kelly Ashton

Quilting isn't a matter of life & death—It's more important than that

**\$5.00 fee for guests

Program Continued

Guild meetings held at
Countryside Christian Church

6101 Nall, Mission, KS

6:30-9:00pm

<http://starlightquilters.com>

****Abdallah Shrine Temple

5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park

Library Committee

Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck &

Kristi Orr

Interested in history? Explore the library's selection of quilt history books. From Barbara Brackman we have "Kansas City Quilt-makers", "Kansas Quilts and Quilters", "Patterns of Progress", and "Quilts from the Civil War". We also have "Kansas Spirit" by our fellow guild member Jeanne Poore. Other selections include "Quilts from the Smithsonian", "The Standard Book of Quiltmaking and Collecting", and "American Quilts and Coverlets from the Metro Museum of Art". In addition, we have two PBS videos: "American Quilts" and "A Century of Quilts, America in Cloth". Visit the library and expand your quilt history horizons!

QUILTING TIDBITS

This month our Tidbits will be on adding borders, presented by your president, me. I will not be talking about the design of borders, but the nuts and bolts of putting a border on that fits. The presentation will commence at 6:30 in the back of the room. If you have a subject in mind you would like to present, or have something you are wanting to learn, please let me know. Janette Sheldon

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

Here are a few Project Linus blanket pictures. Keep them coming in! Thank you so much for your donations! To date, we have 111 blankets. Keep them coming! There's always a need.

If you can't make a blanket, please bring in clean, stain-free and mildew-free fabric yardage and batting. We serve both boys and girls from birth to 18, so please remember fabric suitable for boys. Suggested sizes:

Baby Blanket – 36 x 36

Child & teen – 40 x 60

Fleece blankets should be at least 36 x 45

Keep bringing the Best Choice labels.



Do you have a birthday this month?

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

May's birthdays are: Renee Arnett, Marilyn Carr, Karen Edwards, Christine Foo, Sue Howard, Cyndy



O'Rourke, Lea Robrahn, Kathy Rodgers, and Jackie Stoaks

June's birthdays are: Toni Anderson, Kim Cawthon, Cheryl Diebold, Sandy Fey, Karla Filo, LaVon Gryska, Patty Morgan, Terri Oberle, Jeanne Poore, Cassie Schwarz, Freda Smith, and Opal Yarnall

Everyone looks forward to treats!

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

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

We are halfway to the next quilt show and I know all of you talented quilters and crafters are going to be making some cute things for our boutique. I've been knitting dishcloths and have plans to make a scarf or two. Since scarves are all the range now, a fabric scarf would be a quick thing to whip up. Baby bibs, burp cloths, receiving blankets are all popular items. Hang onto those quilting and sewing books and magazines too! We'll be having some sew days in the near future; we'll keep you up to date on that. Happy Quilting and we'll see you at the meeting! Peggy Skaith -especiallquilts@att.net - [913-341-0525](tel:913-341-0525)

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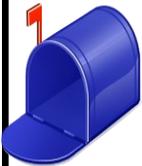
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Membership Information:

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, May 27, 2014

6:30 PM—Tidbits

7:00 PM— **Lori Lee Triplett—Turkey Red Trunk Show**

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday or even if it's not!)
- Money for Raffle
- Things for the Share Table
- Linus Quilts

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