

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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January 2015

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- Opportunity Quilt Tickets: Connie Passaro
- 2015 KCRQF: Janette Sheldon
- Quilt Show Chair: Laura Carr (No show in 2015)
- Retreats: Donna Holloway
- Linus Quilts: Lea Robrahn
- 2015 Past-President: Janette Sheldon

President's Message— Jackie Rudolph

This is the time of year that we look back at the previous year and review it for possible changes going forward. Summarizing our guild's past year, I think, 2014 was very successful. There was so much activity. We did a fantastic job with some of our usual activities: Quilt Show, Opportunity Quilt, Linus quilts, and Quilts of Valor. Door prizes and bucket fundraising never ceased to amaze. Workshops and retreats were well attended. The guild challenge had better participation than I have seen in some time. And, what can you say about the guild project? It was unbelievable all of the Christmas stockings that you made! We ended our year with several programs that were real hits. The pot luck in October was great and Kelly Ashton, our November speaker, gave us some perspective on why we make quilts. Perhaps the single thing that made 2014 such a successful year was all of the time and talent everyone put into it. We had so many of you volunteer to help when it was needed. Thank you.

As we begin 2015, along with the activities that our guild traditionally supports, we will again need your help with our new challenges. This year we will be participating in the first ever regional quilt show (KCRQF) which occurs in June. We will also be presented with a new guild challenge, a new quilt project, new speakers/programs, new buckets to bid on, etc. Let's greet 2015 with renewed enthusiasm for new challenges and for what we love to do – make quilts. HAPPY NEW YEAR! Jackie

Our next board meeting will be on **January 20, 2015** at 6:30 p.m. at Antioch Library (Shawnee Mission Parkway and 67th Street). In addition to the board members, everyone is welcome to attend.

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Celebrating the Blues

By Lori Lee Triplett



Biography for Lori Lee Triplett

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. As an award winning writer Lori has written more than 10 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.

LIBRARY CORNER—Cheryl Tomson & Linda Clatterbuck

Since it's cold and blustery, doesn't settling down with a book seem like a good idea? We have reorganized the fiction so it is easier to find what you're looking for. We have separate containers for Jennifer Chiaverini and Earlene Fowler; and the other titles are in alphabetical order. There are two new donations this month – **Stitches in Rhyme** – Mother Goose Embroidered Quilts and More by Donna di Natale, and **Scrap Republic**, 8 quilt projects for those who love color by Emily Cier.

As you're doing your January cleaning, please be on the lookout for any quilt guild library books you might have checked out.

THE KANSAS CITY REGIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL IS UPON US!!!

Up until this point, members of the Starlight Quilting Guild haven't had much to do for the Festival. As your representative and co-chair, I've spent a pot load of time on the event. However, the guild itself has not. Donna di Natale and her committee have met and have worked on quilt registration for our guild. Laura Carr has volunteered to organize the volunteers. She will find out in February just how many volunteers our guild will need to supply. Our guild will be providing a percentage of the total number of volunteers needed for the entire project. We can subtract from that number those who work on our own job at the Festival.

Each of the participating guilds has been given a job to do. Starlight's job is two-fold. First, we (I and whoever I can get to assist me) will oversee the respective guild's exterior booths to make sure they are in compliance with Festival guidelines, and be of assistance if a guild needs something, for instance an additional chair. Is there someone who would like to assist me in this job? You will work only as the guilds are setting up, which will be either Thursday evening late in the day or possibly Friday morning early. I guarantee this job won't be difficult.

The second job for Starlight is to support the guild's volunteers. I have envisioned this to be a hospitality room for the volunteers only. We need someone to take on this job. Hospitality rooms can be rented at the Sheraton at the same rate as the designated block of rooms - \$100 per day. We cannot bring in pot loads of donated or catered food or crock pots. Catered food must be purchased through the Sheraton. We can make cookies, bring in bagged chips, have soft drinks, bottled water and probably the Sheraton will want to sell us coffee.

In all, the easiest way to handle this would be through money so that we can pay for the room and buy some food from the hotel. The Festival is a 501c(3) designated charitable corporation so any money donated can be a tax deduction to the donor. We need someone to head this up and we need someone to get us some money from a business entity. Remember how well this worked for our last quilt show?

Not only that, we need whoever is heading up this hospitality room to figure out just how many volunteers we need to run it. This part needs to be done yesterday. Those volunteers can come entirely from our guild, or we can ask for some volunteers from the block coming from other guilds. Remember, however, based on the size of our guild, there's no way we will be limited entirely to the support of a hospitality room. We are going to need additional people to work the show.

And did I tell you we need someone to take charge of our exterior booth? Our president has had an idea or two regarding our booth. I suspect she will be talking about this shortly. AND, we will need a couple of people to deliver and pick up the quilts our guild wants to have hung.

So what's in it for us? We are envisioning this show to be really big. I mean really big. Right now we have 89 vendors (35 on a waiting list) and 27 teachers coming in. We have major sponsors, one of which (Bernina) will be furnishing two classrooms of domestic machines

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which will be available for purchase at a reduced price at the end of the show. Bernina is also donating a machine to award for first place in the judged quilts. We have a room of long arm machines as well. We have major special collections. We have a certified judge coming in for the judged quilts that are hung and we have an appraiser.

Not only are we bringing a spectacular event to our community, as a participating guild, we are going to be in line to receive MONEY. If all goes as planned, I'm not talking about a little bit of money. We have the potential to take care of our financial needs for a long, long time. But it all depends on ALL of us pulling together to make this happen. There are two guilds in the metro area that have pulled out because their members didn't want to do any work. Let's not be one of those. Let's not be so short sighted we let this opportunity slip away. This is going to be bigger and better financially than any bake sale or boutique we could ever conceive.

The festival is five months away. Remember this list of jobs we need filled NOW.

1. Volunteer to be in charge of the hospitality room
2. Someone to get us money to support the hospitality room
3. Someone to assist me when the guilds set up their exterior booths
4. Someone(s) to assist Donna's committee by delivering and picking up quilts to be hung for our guild.
5. Someone to be in charge of the exterior guild booth (note - those people involved in our own booth are not considered volunteers for the Festival in our head count)
6. Laura's list of volunteers for Festival duty

As I'm writing this I'm pretty sure there are details I've overlooked so don't consider this an all inclusive list. And let me repeat this one more time. Time is five months away. The reward is a great festival and MONEY to our guild. Don't want those dues raised? Don't want to rely on the quilt show to support our programming? THIS IS IT!

Janette Sheldon—913 486 5694; granola1000@gmail.com



Project Linus - Lea Robrahn

We ended the year with 318 Project Linus blankets! Terrific! All those children were comforted by Starlight blankets. Makes you feel warm and cozy, doesn't it? Let's shoot for 350 this year! That's about three blankets for each member. It will be easy, with quick kits offered at every meeting, Harper's Project Linus Work Night on (usually) the first Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8pm, and free patterns and instructions offered on <http://projectlinus.org/patterns/> and <http://projectlinuskc.webs.com/apps/documents/>.

If you can't do your three blankets, donate child-friendly fabric. We love flannel and quilting cottons. The brighter, the better!

Tips for a terrific blanket:

- Ideal sizes: 40 x 50 and 40 x 60. These sizes suit most all children.
- Every blanket you make should be AT LEAST 36" by 36". That's one yard by one yard.
- The uncut area on a fringed fleece blanket should be at least 36" wide.
- Every fleece blanket needs a personal touch. Cut off the selvages, fringe it, sew on patches.
- For a fleece blanket, one layer of fleece only! The places who accept the Project Linus fleece blankets WILL NOT take a double layer of fleece.
- For woven blankets, flannel and quilting cottons, the size should be at least 36" by 36".
- No metallic thread and cut those threads!
- No ribbons, buttons or any embellishment that could be considered a choking hazard.
- No double knit fabric, no strong odors or stained fabric, no large holes
- Do your best work. This is a gift to these children who are in some type of need.
- The quilts should be flat. If they are bubbling in some spots, and not in others, it needs more quilting.
- If you're tying a quilt, use cotton crochet thread
- Check for those pins. Straight pins should not be included in any blanket. (I found one last month.)
- If you want to be thanked, include your email address.



Bucket Brigade Back in Action			
			
<p>A new Bucket Brigade will be forming in January to ensure the popular bucket raffles continue in 2015. Donna, Carol, Sandy and crew set the bar very high for the incoming Bucketeteers, so we'll need your help. If you have goodies you'd like to see raffled off, contact Kim Cawthon, Deb McCurnin or Beverly Renner, or bring them to the monthly meeting. Upcoming bucket themes are:</p> <p>January - Curl up with a good book February - Seeing Red March - Green with Envy</p>			

PAST PRESIDENT'S GIFT

Remember to bring your 10" finished block (meaning 10 1/2 " square) in Kaffe Fassett material for Janette Sheldon as a thank-you.



We have heard of a few guild members who have family members or are themselves not feeling well. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and we wish everyone a speedy recovery! SQG Board

**Criteria for quilts to be included in the Starlight Quilters Guild booths at
Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival—June 19-21, 2015**

Quilts hung at the 2015 Quilt Festival are divided into two categories:

Quilts displayed by participating quilt guilds

Quilts to be professionally judged*

The following criteria apply to quilts being displayed by members of Starlight Quilters Guild in the Starlight booths. Because of the way the Festival guidelines are written, you must decide in advance if you want to display your quilt in our booth or have it judged. You may not do both.

All quilts must be clean, well constructed and completed by the registration deadline of March 31, 2015.

Size

Minimum: no less than 24" on any side

Maximum: no more than 96" on any side

Maximum number per member: 2 total, based on available space. First come, first served.

General

Only quilts will be accepted. **No** garments, bags, stockings, table toppers or runners, or any other non-quilt items. (Festival guidelines) Small quilts and wall hangings are okay.

Quilts must have been made within the last **2 years** if machine quilted and **5 years** if hand quilted.

Person submitting quilt(s) must be a **paid member** of Starlight Quilters Guild as of February 1, 2015.

Quilts must have a **4" hanging sleeve** sewn across the top of the quilt on the back. (Instructions for making a sleeve will be available at the January meeting.)

Quilts must have a **label** on the back of the quilt that includes the name of the maker, name of the quilter, and the date completed.

Please submit **two (2) copies** of the completed **Quilt Information Form** and **2 photographs** of the quilt(s) you wish to show **printed on regular 8 ½" x 11" copy paper**. The photographs are for identification purposes. Deadline for receiving the form and photos is the January 27, 2015, guild meeting, or via mail/email to Donna di Natale, 14509 West 92nd Street, Lenexa, KS 66215 or dinatal@att.net no later than February 10, 2015. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

All quilts submitted for the show must be measured and documented by the Quilt Selection Committee on **Saturday, February 21**. This will take approximately 10 minutes per quilt. The time and location for this will be announced in the newsletter and at the January 2015 guild meeting. If you are unable to be present on this date, please make arrangements for someone else to bring your quilt. Quilts do not need to be completed by this date, but they must be near enough to completion that accurate measurements of width and length can be taken.

****If you wish to have your quilt judged, please see the Festival Guidelines for Quilts and other information on the Quilt Festival website: www.kcrqf.com***

Quilt Festival 2015

Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Information Form and Photo

Member Name: _____

Member Phone: _____ Member e-mail: _____

Size of quilt in inches: Width _____ Length _____

Label on back: _____ Hanging sleeve attached: _____

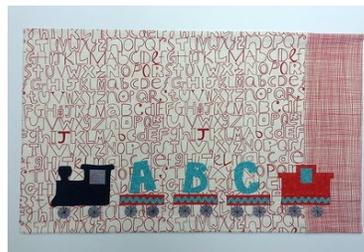
Please submit **2 copies of this form and 2 photographs** of your quilt printed on regular copy paper to Donna di Natale at the January 27, 2015, guild meeting, or email to dina-tale@att.net, or mail to Donna di Natale, 14509 West 92nd Street, Lenexa, KS 66215, no later than **February 10, 2015**.

NOTE: The photo is for identification purposes so make sure your quilt is clearly visible and is identifiable from the photo. If you are unable to obtain a photo of your quilt before the February 21 documentation, we will take a photo of your quilt at that time. A **\$4.00 fee** will be charged for photographing your quilt (cash only).

Starlight Quilters Guild 2015 Group Project

1 Million Pillowcase Challenge

The 2015 Group Project will support the 1 Million Pillowcase Challenge project organized by American Patchwork and Quilting. The challenge has been running since at least 2009. As of today (12-30-14), 602,312 pillowcases have been donated from across America. Let's all work together to help make their goal. (Continued on next page)



Pillowcases are fun and easy to make. They can be as simple or as complex as you wish. A few patterns will be available at guild meetings and on the Starlight website. There are also lots of patterns available free on the Internet. For information and free patterns go to <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases>. Our goal is to make 200 pillowcases by the November meeting. If every member makes 2 pillowcases we will surpass our goal. The member contributing the most pillowcases will receive a free membership to Starlight Quilters Guild for 2016. Pillowcases will be donated to various community services organization including Operation Breakthrough, Cancer Cares, City Mission and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Johnson County (Kansas). Sew Days will be held throughout the year but to get you started, here is a pattern for a basic pillowcase.

BASIC PILLOW CASE

Finished size: 30" x 20" fits standard pillow

Fabric

3/4 yd. fabric 1 – main pillowcase fabric

1/3 yd. fabric 2 – pillowcase cuff

Cutting Instructions

From fabric 1 cut:

1 – 26 1/2" x WOF rectangle

From fabric 2 cut:

1 – 10" x 41" strip

Assemble the pillowcase

1. Cut off the selvage edges and then sew the short ends of the 10" x WOF strip of Fabric 1 together to form a loop.
2. Fold loop in half, wrong sides together. Press. This is the band at the edge of the case.
3. Remove the selvage edges and fold the 26 1/2" x WOF piece of Fabric 2 in half to make a 26 1/2" x 21" rectangle. Sew the long edges to make the pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press.
4. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over the pillowcase body; pin. Sew together through all layers. (Diagram 1)
5. Press the seams toward the pillowcase body.
6. Topstitch 1/8" from the seam on the pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete the pillowcase. (Diagram 2)



DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

GUILD PROJECT - Christmas Stockings
for

Johnson County Christmas Bureau

We donated **529** stockings! Thank You to everyone that participated. Jackie Stoaks



Do you have a birthday this

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



January birthdays: Karen Berley, Laura Bogue, Ruthann Bonin, Victoria Foley, Karen Huffman, Liz Irvine, Sheila Lynch, Jean Patchen, and Christy Underwood

February birthdays are: Carol Cleary, Ellen Kidd, Terri Richmond, and Cheryl Tomson

Since there are so few birthdays in February, we would appreciate if other people could help out as well!

2015 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is 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 1/27, please drop me a line at mjcarr12@yahoo.com and I will include you. Membership cards and directories will be available at the February guild meeting.

Nov Attendance

Members	75
New members	0
Guest	<u>3</u>
Total	78

Quilters Wisdom

To quilt or not to quilt, what a silly question!

Congratulations to the 15 members who had perfect attendance in 2014!

Lois Bozarth, Nancy Buzzell, Deborah Carnes, Marilyn Carr, Kim Cawthon, Carol Cleary, Donna di Natale, Bernadine Farrow, Shirley Lewis, Sandy Ralston, Marsha Reeves, Luella Roemer, Rosemary Watrak, Margaret Welch and Opal Yarnell

Starlight Quilters' Guild



Upcoming Programs

2015 Programs

January 27, 2015 **Lori Lee Triplett**
Celebrating the Blues

February 24, 2015 **Theresa Ward**
Stash Attack

March 24, 2015 **Trish Price**
Making the most of negative space

April 28, 2015 **Vicky Beosley**
The Scrapping Story

May 26, 2015 **Kelly Ashton**
60 Degrees of Inspiration

June 19-21 2015

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival

June 23, 2015 **Kathy Pflam**
Play with Fabric

July 28, 2015 **Pot Luck**
Quilts and Food

August 25, 2015 **Barb Eckmeier**
"Something Blue"

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September 22, 2015 **Question and**

Answers—UFO's

October 27, 2015 **Nedra Bonds**
Community Quilts

November 17, 2015 **Deanna Hudson**
Rose Cottage Quilts
My Quilting Journey

Greeters for 2015

Your greeters this month are Bernadine Farrow and Mary Funk. 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!

Advertisements

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

Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. **Winter special:** Bring a quilt top to be quilted in January and I will piece your back or add a border at no charge.



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. There is no December meeting.



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, January 27, 2015

6:30—Social

7:00 PM— **Lori Lee Triplett**—

Celebrating the Blues

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Library Books
- Dessert if it's your birthday
- Money for Raffles
- Things for the Share Table
- Linus Quilts
- 10" block for Janette

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