

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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April 2015

### Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and

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- Linus Quilts: Lea Robrahn
- Past-President: Janette Sheldon

### President's Message— Jackie Rudolph



The ability to communicate with words is really quite awesome when you stop to think about it. With the invention of computers we now have the ability to communicate faster with each other than at any time in history, during the day or night with just printed words. No need any more to pick up the phone to call someone, especially if we have a smart phone which gives us the ability to communicate using a text message instantly.

The first text message is accredited to Neil Papworth, a British engineer, who texted his boss on December 03, 1992 with the message: "Merry Christmas". With this enhanced ability to communicate, along the way, we have learned some new acronyms. There are thousands of these in common use for all aspects of our lives. We have been using them without much thought: AM/PM, ATM, IOU, AWOL, DMV, JPEG, MD, USA, etc. Most of us who do text are familiar with such acronyms as: FYI, LOL, BFF, G2G, TY or BTW which are just a few examples.

As quilters we have our own language. We know what size a fabric is if someone mentions candy, a jelly roll, a turnover, a layer cake (LC) or fat quarter (FQ). We also have our nickels and dimes; and, we know how to make a sandwich.

We also use acronyms, and some of these should be familiar to you: WOF, HST, QST, FW, BOM, BSS. We have quilters who practice HP, HQ, PP, or use a MAQ or LAQ. Do you recognize these fabrics: BF, COC, WOW? How about these patterns: DIC, GFG, OBW, SnW or D4P? And of course a quilt isn't done until it's quilted doing SID or FMQ.

No matter how quickly we communicate with abbreviated language or acronyms, there still remains one truth. We have to do the work. Some quilts are finished in a day, and some take years. Some are just QIM, HSY, or a PIW. If a quilt hasn't been finished we may have quilts TBQ or UFOs. How many of us have PhD, PIGS or quilts that are WIP or WISP? FIU, girl-friend!

After all is said and done, I think for me the best of the quilters' acronyms will always be TGIF! Keep up the good work! AAYF in quilting, Jackie :-)

**April  
28**

## **Vicky Beosley—The Scrapping Story**

Vicky started quilting in 2003, when her mother invited her to do a Saturday Sampler at her local quilt shop. Her husband jokes that if he knew the firestorm of sewing that was going to be unleashed, he would have barred her from that first project - either that or bought stock in cotton.



### **Paint Chip Challenge 2015**

Have you found your paint chips with your initials yet? I hope you are enjoying the challenge of finding those initials. Then your next challenge is to find fabric that matches the chip. Remember your fabric should read the same color as your paint chip. You may use either black or white with your colors if you like but not both black and white. Have fun. You can make whatever quilt you want as long as it is not longer than 30 inches on each side. If you have questions feel free to email me at [mwelch5@kc.rr.com](mailto:mwelch5@kc.rr.com). Happy Hunting!

### **Bucket Brigade Back in Action**



It is Bucket time again and you are not going to believe what the brigade has in store for you! Ladies, Ladies, a tisket a tasket we are going to fill up baskets! Bring your pennies, your dollars, even your checkbooks because you won't believe what will be in those baskets (and you even get to take home the basket). We have a beautiful small quilt, already quilted and ready to hang. We have fantastic books and patterns. We even have quilt squares that are completed in 30's fabrics, just waiting for you to put together!! The big raffle item this month is a board that rotates so you can cut easily, without turning your fabric. Never used, it has never even seen a rotary cutter. It is a sewing room must! Thank you again for all the wonderful donations that we have received. Next month will be "April showers bring May flowers" and we will greet you with open arms on any donations you bring to the meeting with that theme (or any other theme for that matter). Come early on the 28th so you can be the first to buy your raffle tickets.

### Library Corner – Linda Clatterbuck & Cheryl Tomson

How many of you have tried Art Quilting? A recent episode of Sewing with Nancy got me to thinking about it. Tammy Bowser made it look so easy to turn a photo into a fabulous looking quilt. As a result, we've added her book and DVD "How to Sew Art" to the library. I encourage you to take a look—maybe it would be a fun challenge for next year. Thanks to everyone who filled out our Library questionnaire; all the categories got at least one vote, but the highest interest seems to be in Pre-cuts, Modern Quilts, Quick Quilts, and Small Quilts. Jenny Doan was the author most in demand. We'll be on the look-out for great books in these areas. Let us know if there are any particular books or DVDs you'd like us to add—we're here to serve you!

### Starlight Quilters Guild 2015 Group Project

#### 1 Million Pillowcase Challenge

The awesome quilters of Starlight Quilters Guild turned in 45 amazing pillowcases at the March meeting. Whoo hoo! We are nearly one-third of the way toward our goal of 200.

If you are wondering what kind of pillowcases to make, we could use more made for children or teens. Sports themes, bright colors, and kids prints will make great cases to donate to Johnson County CASA. But of course we want pillowcases of all kinds.

The formula is  $27 - 9 - 3$ . The main case is 27" x WOF; the cuff is 9" x WOF folded in half; the trim (optional) is 3" x WOF folded in half. If you use a 3" trim it is a good idea to top stitch the loose edge to the case to keep it from rolling back. I prefer to start with a 1 1/2" strip folded in half. This narrow trim does not need to be stitched. In either case, press the trim toward the case. You can also use extra wide rickrack in place of trim. Just tuck it in so that about half of the rickrack is expose on the outside.

### Post Card Kits

There are still plenty of kits left to make post cards for us to sell at the Festival. Each kit contains enough for two cards. Let your imagination go wild. Return them to Marilyn Carr by May to be stamped on the back.

### Greeters for 2015

Your greeters this month are Marsha Reeves and Jan Ketchum. If you are unable to attend your month, please exchange with another person or call Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585. Thanks for volunteering!

**Starlight Guild Board Meeting—6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 21st in the Antioch Library. All members are welcome.**

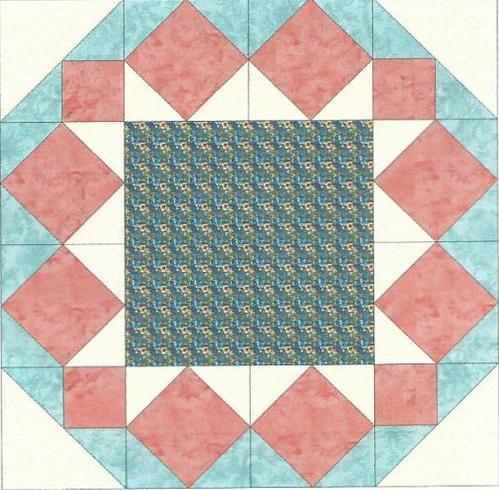
STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD—2015 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

**FRAME SHOT**

By Amy Senatore and Donna di Natale

Finished size: 56" square; Finished block size: 12" square

**Block 3: Tumbling Block Frame**

<p><b>Fabric Requirements:</b></p> <p>Focus Fabric: 1 – 6 ½" square (center square)</p> <p>Fabric 1 (cream/light): ¼ yd or 1 FQ</p> <p>Fabric 2 (blue/dark): 1/8 yd or 1 FQ</p> <p>Fabric 3 (peach/medium): 1/8 yd or 1 FQ</p>	
<p><b>Terms:</b></p> <p>SQ - square</p> <p>HST – half square triangle</p> <p>WOF – Width of Fabric (selvedge to selvedge)</p>	

**Cutting instructions**

Center Square:

6 ½" previously cut

Fabric 1 (light):

2 – 3 7/8" squares; cut diagonally once to make 4 HST

1 – 2 3/8" x 20"; subcut into 8- 2 3/8" " squares; cut diagonally once to make 16 HST

Fabric 2 (dark):

1 – 2 3/8" x 30" strip; subcut into 12– 2 3/8" " squares; cut diagonally once to make 24 HST

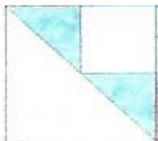
Fabric 3 (medium):

1 – 2" x 8" strip, subcut into 4 - 2" squares; 1 – 2 5/8" x 22" strip; subcut into 8 – 2 5/8" squares

**Sewing Instructions—Corner Units**

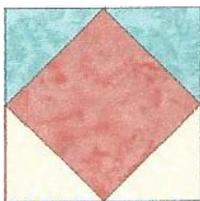
1. Sew a Fabric 2 triangle to each side of a 2" Fabric 3 square as shown. Press seams toward Fabric 2. Make 4.

2. Sew a Fabric 1 Triangle to the section made in Step 1 to make a corner unit. Press the seam allowance toward the large triangle. Make 4.

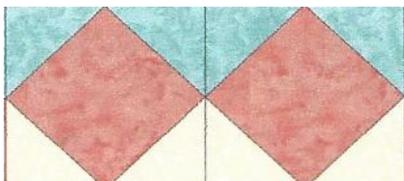


### Side Section

1. Sew the long side of 2 Fabric 1 triangles and 2 Fabric 2 triangles to each side of a  $2\frac{5}{8}$ " Fabric 3 square as shown. Make 8.



2. Sew 2 blocks made in Step 1 together to make a Side Section. Make 4.



### **Assembly**

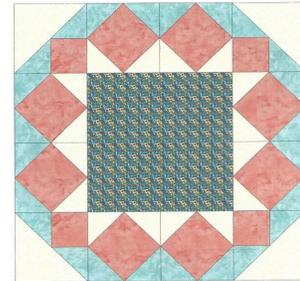
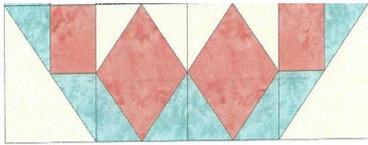
1. Sew a corner unit to each end of a Side Section. Make 2.



2. Sew a Side Section to each side of the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " center square.



3. Sew a unit from Step 1 to the top and to the bottom of the center unit in Step 2 to complete Block 3. Press the seam allowances toward the center square.



Don't forget to bring your finished Block 3 to the May meeting to be entered for a prize!

### Project Linus - Lea Robrahn

Starlight members have turned in 174 blankets in the first four months of 2015. Thank you! Just think of those children in need being comforted by a blanket you made. The goal in the past has been for each member to make three Project Linus blankets per year. That can be as simple as a fringed fleece blanket or as complicated as you want to make it. For the simpler fleece blankets, it should be personalized in some way. It could be hand-fringed, crocheted or have another embellishment, such as a fabric patch. You can make a quilt as complicated as you want to get. Just remember to make that fleece blanket a single layer. Double fleece blankets are not accepted because they are too warm for our area.

Other tips for blanket creation:

\*When knotting the fringe on the fleece blanket, go easy. If the knots are too tight, the blanket turns into a parachute.

\*Use fleece or flannel for a back. DO NOT use batting for these blankets. It will be too heavy and hot for our area. Just use the top and the fleece or flannel.

\*To pillowcase: Lay batting down. Lay backing fabric, right side up, on top of batting. Lay quilt top, right side down, on top of backing fabric. Using a 1/2" seam, sew all around the edges, leaving a 6"-8" opening to turn the quilt. Trim corners diagonally. Turn quilt. Stitch opening shut and press blanket. Stitch 1/2" around the edge of the quilt. Quilt.

\*You may hand quilt, tie or machine quilt the quilts.

\*Whether you machine quilt, hand quilt or tie, your stitches also need to be at the MOST 6" to 8" apart. Please do not leave any area larger than 8" by 8" unquilted. This will need to be fixed and will take longer to get to that child in need.

\*Trim those threads! \*Check for pins.

\*If you want a thank you note, please include your email address on a paper, attached to the quilt with a SAFETY PIN.

REMEMBER to bring those Best Choice labels. Those labels pay for the Project Linus labels that are affixed to every blanket donated to the children.



### Starlight Quilters' Guild



#### Upcoming Programs

#### 2015 Programs

**April 28, 2015 Vicky Beasley**

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”

**September 22, 2015 TBA**

**October 27, 2015 Nedra Bonds**

Community Quilts

**November 17, 2015 Deanna Hudson**

Rose Cottage Quilts—My Quilting Journey

#### 2015 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

**March Attendance** - Please welcome these new members— Lynn Jenkins, Jan Skillman and Sue Tuttle

Members	81
New members	3
Guest	<u>4</u>
Total	88

### 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](mailto:karen7315@gmail.com)

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**Do you have a birthday this month?** Enjoy your day! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share.

April's birthdays are : Karen Boyd, Carol Hefernon, Ginny Nelson, Marsha Reeves, Luella Roemer, Wendy Sime, Karen Vertin, Arlis Wickstrum and Janet Wikle

May's birthdays are: Renee Arnett, Marilyn Carr, Karen Edwards, Sue Howard, Cyndy O'Rourke, Lea Robrahn, Kathy Rogers, Ann Schriver, Amy Senatore, Jackie Stoaks, Lila Taylor and Suzanne Waithaka

### *Quilters Wisdom*

*Finished is better than perfect.*



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey [sandy.fey93@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.fey93@gmail.com) (913-432-0855).

## NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

6:30—Social

7:00 PM— **Vicky Beosely—The Scrapping Story**

Remember to bring:

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

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