



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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February

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Community Services Projects: position open
Guild Project: position open
Project Linus: Mary Honas

Quilt Show: Lois Bozarth & Dana Switzer

President's Message FEBRUARY 2020



We have little choice or control over many things in our lives. Stoplights (running red lights is a bad idea). Taxes (the IRS = no sense of humor). Weather (we could be snowbirds). There are other things in our lives over which we have total choice and complete control. Does that include our own happiness? Maybe. Can we “choose happy” when given the opportunity? Absolutely. Does choosing quilting over other ways to spend your time make you happy? I’m happy when I’m quilting. I’m not a great housekeeper. (if you pick up the dust bunnies, it looks like you’ve vacuumed). I’m a good cook (when I’m not quilting). I don’t read a lot of books or magazines (unless they are about quilting). My happiness often (ok, not always) involves quilting and my quilting friends and using and seeing quilts in my home.

Winter can be a hard time to be happy if you don’t like dark, cold, wet days. During February, we are surrounded with Valentine’s Day reminders, as soon as the winter holidays are past. Some of our Valentines are no longer with us; fortunately, some still are. Love those you can; miss those who aren’t with you today or are gone forever. Spend time with your quilting friends and remember to smile and laugh with them. Try to enjoy the spirit of Valentine’s Day.

This month’s Color Snapshot is appropriately (and predictably) about pink. Pink is a combination of red and white and represents caring,



**The next SQG guild meeting is Tuesday, February 18th, 7 PM
Overland Park Lutheran Church 7810 W 79th St. Overland Park KS**

compassion, and kindness. It is also a sign of hope, warmth and comfort. It is believed that pink has a calming effect and may signal a need to either receive or give care to others. Some believe that wearing pink indicates a need to be accepted or supported. Many of us have that need, no matter what color we're wearing. And of course, the color of breast cancer awareness is pink – and that is an important issue - for all of us. If you haven't had your mammogram in the past year, please do so very soon.

February is the last month of winter in the northern hemisphere. I try not to wish my life away but wahoo!! Stay warm; keep quilting; choose happiness. The promise and hope of spring are just around the corner. Jean Turvey

PS - LOST AND FOUND - a pair of brown glasses were found after the last meeting. I have them and will bring to the next meeting on February 18th.

Hospitality Committee

The guild members listed below have an FEBRUARY birthday. Please bring a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table to share with all.

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| Elizabeth Brown | Cathy Stiglic |
| Lisa Clark | Cheryl Tomson |
| Carol Cleary | Charmaine Ward |
| Gia Preston | Elaine Welsh |
| Peggy Selig | |

Greeters for February are
Judy Danz and Mary Funk.

**December Birthdays
Members Choice!!!**

Chose any month out of the year to bring a treat. Your choice!!!



HELP WANTED

Volunteer(s) needed!!!

Need a volunteer or group of volunteers to design and make the Opportunity Quilt for our Ruby Red Anniversary.

This is a fantastic opportunity (pun intended) to be a part of our celebration!!!

If interested or want to know more, contact Becky Garten at 913-226-3642.

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD			
Treasurer's Report			
January 31, 2020			
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 16,665.24	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6, 107.52	
	Cash Balance		\$ 22,832.76
	Income		
	Bucket Ladies	194.00	
	Welcome	5.75	
	Total Income		\$ 199.75
	Expenses		
	Meeting Speaker	400.00	
	Lenexa Community Center deposit	500.00	
	Postage	33.00	
	OP Lutheran Church quarterly paym	225.00	
	Supplies	39.05	
	Total Expenses		\$ 1,197.05
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 15,142.16	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,109.45	
	Cash Balance January 31, 2020		\$ 21,311.61

SPRING RETREAT



On April 3-5, 2020 we will be returning to Laura and Matt's wonderful hospitality at Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS for our Spring 2020 Quilting retreat. For those that have not joined one of our retreats - think of it as a 3 day Sew In with someone else making you delicious meals. There is great fellowship and inspira-

tion; plus it is a wonderful opportunity to really get to know others in the guild.

As a reminder, due to the size of the work space, we will only be able to accommodate up to 12 quilters - so be sure to sign up early! Cost will be \$215/person (double occupancy) or \$335/person (single occupancy). The cost includes bedroom on Friday and Saturday nights, five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), and your own personal sewing spot to work on all your projects.

Full payment is due by the March Guild meeting. Don't hesitate to contact me at DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM or (913) 433-6752 if you have any questions.

**For more information about our retreat venue
visit [http:// www.cedarcrestlodge.com](http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com).**

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!! I am looking for someone or a group of someone's to step forward to design, sew and finish our Opportunity Quilt! Since it is our Ruby Anniversary something with a ruby red color theme would be great. If you are full of great ideas and would like to be part of the Opportunity Quilt, please contact Becky Garten at 913-226-3642. You don't need to do it all by yourself. This is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends... or reconnect with old ones and share your skills!!! Thank you! Becky Garten

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

The winner of fat quarters last month was Jannice Barland who won **6¾ yards** of blue fabric fat quarters!!! What a stash builder!!! Jannice picked White for February which brings us to a short poem by Jan Ketchum...

White ... like clouds, teeth, bright light, snow, milk, marshmallows or socks,
Neutral white

Maybe... off- white, reads white, shiny white, flat white,
Neutral white

Might not... white polka dots...someday maybe we will choose polka dot Blocks.
Neutral white

Accent..... light white, dark white, or clean white... we each have a different site.
Neutral white.

Just saying

Let's Sew!!!

Open Sew Day

February 22nd

10am - 5pm

Shawnee Library

13811 Johnson Drive

Shawnee, KS 66216

Contact: dinatale@att.net
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Spring 2020 RETREAT

Cedar Crest Lodge - Pleasanton, KS

April 3, 4, 5

Contact Donna Holloway
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Fall 2020 Retreat

NEW LOCATION

Lake Donophin

Excelsior Springs, MO

October 30th - November 1st

Contact Donna Holloway
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Starlight Quilters Guild

A Gem of a Quilt Show

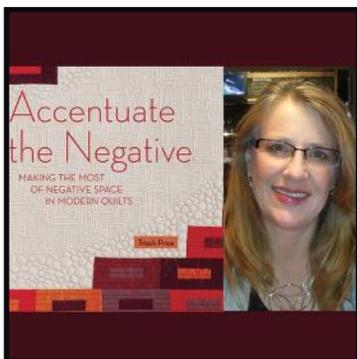
September 25th & 26th

Lenexa Community Center

13420 Oak St, Lenexa, KS 66215

Contact Lois Bozarth or Dana Switzer

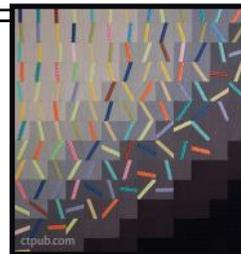
FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Have you ever wondered what to do with the negative space in your quilt? Come hear Trisch Price speak on ***Making the Most of Negative Space***.

She also authored ***Accentuate the Negative*** in 2014 and has been published in several magazines. Her current work can be seen at Hadley Street Quilts and Everyday Stitches on Facebook and Instagram.

Janette Luehring and Janet Wikle



Program Coming in March - "Confessions of a Sassy Stripper (What Can I Do With a Jelly Roll Strip)" by Denise Stahl

UFO CHALLENGE

We have 23 quilters who have taken on the challenge to complete 242 UFOs by the end of the year. Let's cheer them on.

In January Lois Bozarth, Mary Honas, Janette Sheldon, Susan Wagner, and Janet Wikle brought in completed UFOs and now 15 are checked off the list! For each quilt they showed they'll get their name put into a hat for a prize drawing at the end of the year.

If you have signed up for the UFO Challenge, please be sure I get your quilt checked off the list after Show and Tell at each meeting.

Pam Avara



THE 2020 RUBY RED QUILT CHALLENGE

NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ❖ Quilts will be shown at September 22, 2020 meeting ❖
- ❖ Ribbons will be awarded at the Quilt Show: September 25, 2020 ❖
- ❖ You must fill out Entry Form to enter your Ruby Red Quilt in the Quilt Show ❖



Now, the HARD part - the quilt must be made using at least two of the following quilting techniques.

Paper or English paper pieced	Applique	Beadwork
Embroidery	Twilling	Fabric Painting
Hand Died Fabric	Trapunto	Hand Quilting
Prairie Points or Scalloped Edges	Ribbon Work	Yoyo's

If you would like to use a technique not mentioned above, let me know and we can decide if it should be added to the list. Kim Cawthon

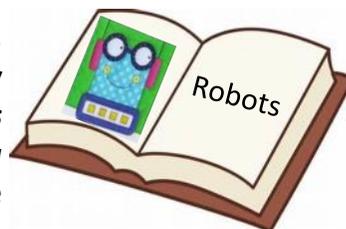
NEWSLETTER NEWS - PAPER COPY PRICE INCREASE



The price of paper newsletter mailed to members will increase at the next membership renewal. The new price is \$13.00 for one year of newsletters mailed by regular post to the member. The price will also include a paper copy of the membership list for those members who pay for paper newsletters. The membership list will be available at the membership table with the paper copy member's name label on the list. Due to the high cost of postal mailing, the membership list will not be mailed to those receiving paper copies, it will only be available for pickup. Judy Danz

LIBRARY CORNER

Your librarians encourage you to view our extensive collection of quilting books and novels. New donations include: **Portable Patchwork** and **The Anniversary Sampler Quilt** by our November speaker Donna Lynn Thomas, **10-20-30 Minutes to Quilt**, **The Collector's Dictionary of Quilt Names and Patterns**, **Diamond Log Cabin**, **Quilts in My Cubicle**, **Strip Delight**, **Wonky One-Block Quilts**, and the applique pattern for **Robots** by Amy Bradley.



Thanks to everyone who has donated books. Please let your librarians know which authors or topics you'd like to see added to our collection. Cheryl Tomson

ACQUQUILT GO! UPDATE



New to the AccuQuilt die collection is the set of **2" Upper Case Letters**. The AccuQuilt is always available for use before meetings, located in the same room as the give-away table, and at scheduled workdays. Remember to contact Cheryl Tomson to check out the cutter and/or dies for use at your own home or at a mutually agreed upon location between meeting dates. Cheryl Tomson

FEBRUARY BASKETS



Starlight Quilters can you feel the love? You should be able to because the Babes love FUN RAISING (get it? Play on words....fund raising...never mind). You may be seeing red, but you won't want to be mad. You may want to iron out all your problems. You may not want to think color or patterns and a quilt kit will do the thinking for you. You just may want to get organized, or you might want some new fabric to add to your "collection". No matter what you want the Babes have a cure for all your "wants" in at least one of the buckets!

So, come on back and see the Babes because it's only \$5.00 and a loving smile that will get you six tickets and \$1.00 (yep, you heard it right) will get you a chance to be more than just lucky in love. Of course if you buy your tickets before the meeting you will get extra chances to make your heart pound when we call your number.

Thank you all for the donations and purchasing of tickets., you are the best. We love your chances of winning. Last month we raised \$192.00 in just one night....and that will buy us a whole lotta love (not to mention great programs).

The Bucket Babes



PROJECT LINUS

In 2019, Starlight members were very generous and turned in 231 completed quilts to Project Linus at our guild meetings!!! I want to thank each and every one of you who made a donation either from the kits provided at our meetings or from your stash.

I would like to encourage you in the way that best suits how you like to quilt, either in a group setting or in your own sewing space. Please let me know if you want: kits, patterns or something else.

You can email me at mary.honas@surewest.net, text or call me at (913) 424-3597 or just come visit with me at our guild meetings.

And just to give you another idea or two of quilts that are quick and easy to make, below are a couple photos of recent donations. Mary Honas

Project ♥ Linus



Just a few of the quilts
donated in January

STARLIGHT TRIBUTE TO LUELLA ROEMER

Starlight Quilt guild has recently learned about the passing of Starlight's oldest member Luella M. Roemer of Overland Park on January 7, 2020. Luella was the mother of another member, Cheryl Tomson, who is the guild's librarian and AccuQuilt coordinator. Luella was born on April 3, 1929 and was also survived by two other children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Many of you will remember Luella as one of the luckiest Starlight members who was always so generously supportive of the Buckets fundraiser at each meeting and often won! Luella's kind and gentle smile was contagious.

She made numerous baby quilts and loved taking quilting classes near her home in western Kansas before moving to Overland Park. Her latest nearly finished quilt is for her third great-grandchild due in May. Luella's mother was also a quilter, so Cheryl was fortunate to have both her mother and grandmother pass quilting along to her.

On behalf of the Starlight Quilters Guild we extend our deepest sympathy to longtime SQG member Cheryl Tomson and her family.



Jenifer Dick presented our program
9-Patch Revolution



Greeters Carol Cleary
and Sue Sharpe.

A few photos from our Show and Share

