

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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### November

#### Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and Committees:

President: Jean Turvey [[jean.turvey@yahoo.com](mailto:jean.turvey@yahoo.com)]

Vice-President: Pam Lanza

Past President: Janette Sheldon

Secretary: Janet Wikle

Treasurer: Dana Switzer

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Door Prizes: Ann Dougherty/Tina Darrow

Fat Quarters: Jan Ketchum

Fundraising/Raffle: Deb McCurnin/Beverly Renner

Guild Challenge: Kim Cawthon

Historian: Connie Passaro

Hospitality: Dana Switzer

Humor Presentation: Mary Funk/Shirley Lewis

KCRQF Representative: OPEN/Asst: Michele Fix

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Program Chair: Janette Luehring 2020/Janet Wikle 2021

Retreats: Donna Holloway

Show and Tell Ribbons: Mary Funk

UFO Projects: Pam Avara

Website: Pam Avara [[pamela@avaraarts.com](mailto:pamela@avaraarts.com)]

Workshops: Lois Bozarth

Community Services Projects: OPEN

Guild Project: OPEN

Project Linus: Mary Honas

Quilt Show: Lois Bozarth & Dana Switzer

When I envisioned being president of this guild, the challenges posed during the pandemic in 2020 were not what I had in mind. But, as they say, I tried to “play the hand I was dealt”. Guild members figured out new ways to stay in touch and share your beautiful quilts and, in the end, helped yourself and others continue to be inspired as we trudged through the pandemic. For that, I am grateful to the guild members and I hope you are too. As I finish my year of being president, thank you for your support and encouragement.



November is the month of Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday. As much as I enjoy the craziness and razzle dazzle that comes with the year-end holidays, the emphasis on spending time with family and friends on Thanksgiving is the best for me (not to mention the four-day weekend and the pie and football...). I hope you are able to spend the holiday with someone you love.

We’ve had a beautiful start to November weather with sunshine and warm temperatures, but traditionally November weather begins to take on (no, not fifty) shades of gray. So, this month’s color snapshot is about gray, also spelled grey. Of the two common spellings, gray is more frequently used in American English, while grey is more common in British English. Either way, the color is considered a neutral and midway between black and white. In the Middle Ages, grey was the color of undyed wool and was the color most commonly worn by peasants. It was also the color worn by monks and friars as a symbol of their vows of humility and poverty. Grey did not become important in fashion and art until the Renaissance and Baroque periods. In the 18th century, grey became a fashionable color for women’s dresses and men’s waistcoats. The grey business suit appeared in mid-19th century London. Gray is also a very common color for animals, birds and fish, acting as a natural

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**Until further notice, the church will be unavailable for our meetings.  
There is no DECEMBER meeting!!!  
Our January meeting and program will be January 26th at 7pm via Zoom!  
The Zoom link and info will be sent out by email.**

camouflage.

Thank you again for your kindness and friendship during the past year. Please welcome next year's president with the same encouragement and support you showed me.

As we end the year, I hope your world is warm, comforted, and colorful with quilts. Let's all hope that 2021 is, well, better.

Jean



**We NEED a volunteer to fill the  
Vice President position for 2021.**  
It takes a village and you have one with Starlight. We are all here to support whoever steps up to this exciting job!!!

We are also in need of  
an **Assistant Treasurer.**

Contact Pam Lanza  
913-302-8862

**2021 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

At the November zoom meeting we will vote on 2021's slate of officers. Below is the list up for vote:

**OFFICERS**

- President Pam Lanza
- Vice President **VACANT**
- Past President Jean Turvey
- Secretary Janet Wikle
- Treasurer Dana Switzer
- Assistant Treasurer **VACANT**

**COMMITTEES (per bylaws)**

- Door Prizes Ann Doherty
- Fundraising Deb McCurnin/  
Beverly Renner
- Guild Challenge Kim Cawthon
- Historian Connie Passaro
- Hospitality Ashley Scott/  
Mary Funk
- Library Cheryl Tomson
- Membership Michele Fix
- Newsletter Judy Danz
- Opportunity Quilt Renee Arnett
- Programs Janette Luehring/  
Janet Wikle/ Carla Orner
- Quilt Show Lois Bozarth/  
Dana Switzer
- Retreats Donna Holloway
- Website Pam Avara
- Workshops Tina Darrow
- Community Services Deb McCurnin/  
Janet Wikle

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD			
Treasurer's Report			
October 31, 2020			
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$15,528.79	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Money Market	6,113.63	
	<b>Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$21,702.42</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Fall Retreat	\$	1,105.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,105.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Quilt Show Venue Deposit		500.00	
Annual Website Fee		155.76	
October Speaker Fee		250.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 905.76</b>	
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 15,728.03	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Money Market	6,113.89	
	<b>Cash Balance September 30, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 21,901.92</b>
Submitted by Dana Switzer			

## BY-LAW CHANGES

The bylaw change below was approved by the Board of the Starlight Quilters Guild. The change, if approved by guild members, would eliminate the separate Group Project(s) Committee and move oversight of an annual group project to the Community Services Committee.

Justification for this recommendation includes the elimination of confusion regarding the role of each committee and to simplify the focus for membership involvement on one group project annually.

The revised bylaws responsibilities of the Community Services Committee would read:

1. *Identify prospective community services organizations, with membership input and/or a vote, to annually donate \$250.00 budgeted as the Guild's charitable donation.*
2. *Identify a 'group project' annually, based on membership interest, to benefit a community organization. Encourage and coordinate membership involvement to make handmade items, such as quilts, which benefit the recipients.*
3. *Coordinate the collection of donated fabric and supplies and the creation of kits if applicable.*

Membership review and vote is requested at the November meeting.

## FUNNY STUFF FROM MARY FUNK

Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me again, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time. "Like me sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing,"

I asked. My "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation. She was "only thinking of me," she said, and suggested that I go down to the Senior Center and join something.

Sooooo..... I did this and when I got home last night. I e-mailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club. She replied, "Mother, are you nuts? You are 73 years old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes? I told her that I even got a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to her.

She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Mom, where are your glasses? This is a Membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club." I calmly replied, "Oh my, I think I'm in real trouble then, because I signed up for five jumps a week!!" The line went quiet. Her friend picked up the phone and said that my daughter had fainted.

Life as a Senior Citizen is not getting any easier, but sometimes it sure can be fun!



  
**Let's Sew!!!**  
With the COVID-19 situation, cancellations, venues, dates and times are all subject to change.

**COMMON THREADS**  
**Every Quilt has a Story**  
November 7, 2020 thru  
January 23, 2021  
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm  
Saturday 9am - 5pm  
Closed Sundays and Holidays  
913-826-2787  
Johnson County Museum  
8788 Metcalf Avenue, Overland  
Park, KS 66212  
[jcprd.com/327/Arts-Heritage-Center](http://jcprd.com/327/Arts-Heritage-Center)  
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**2021**  
Kansas City  
Regional  
  
**Quilt Festival**  
June 17-19, 2021  
**Kansas City Regional  
Quilt Festival**  
June 17 to 19, 2021  
Thur Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm  
Overland Park Convention Center  
6000 College Boulevard  
Overland Park, Kansas 66211  
<https://kcrqf.com/>  
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**A Gem of a Quilt Show**  
Lenexa Community  
Center  
13420 Oak St,  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
913.477.7100  
Friday-Saturday  
Oct 1st & 2nd, 2021



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## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th (3rd Tuesday) and the program will be presented by either Weeks Ringle or her husband, Bill Kerr. We had scheduled to have a “live” program from them at this meeting and are delighted that they can present a program through ZOOM. The lecture topic will be “Rethinking Color”. They will explain new ways to combine fabrics, how to build and edit palettes for your projects and how your color choices change the feel of your finished projects.

The email has gone out with a link to a 45 minute video you should view before the lecture. The live portion on the 17th will be a Q&A session on ZOOM where a discussion of the lecture will be held as well as answering your questions and getting a sneak peek of what they are working on. So get your questions ready to ask on the 17th!!!

**Workshop Information:** The decision was made to cancel the workshop by Weeks Ringle that was scheduled for November 18th. It is just not economically feasible to hold it with the small enrollment that we had even after reaching out to other guilds.

Questions should be directed to Janet Wikle at [janet.in.kc@gmail.com](mailto:janet.in.kc@gmail.com).



### DATE CHANGE

**Due to the  
Thanksgiving holiday,  
our meeting date has  
changed to  
November 17th!!!**

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## QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE



I’ve heard from several members that you are making boutique items and we thank you for that! If you would please hang on to those items we would appreciate it so much! This is a reminder that if you like to get online, I have a Pinterest board with lots of ideas for projects, just search for me, Peggy Skaith on Pinterest and see my “Crafty Boutique Items” board. For those of you who like to touch and feel the patterns or instructions I have a pile of patterns that I would be happy to share, either by mail or friendly contactless drop off or pickup! If you’re looking for a library book I might suggest

“Quick and Easy Christmas” available at Johnson County Library or go to [jocolibrary.org](http://jocolibrary.org) and search for “crafts”. Plenty of inspiration there!

Happy Quilting and Crafting! Peggy Skaith. You can reach me at [EspeciallyQuilts@att.net](mailto:EspeciallyQuilts@att.net)

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## NOVEMBER BASKETS

The Bucket Babes continue to sit around and look at all the wonderful Quilty stuff they have just waiting to fill the buckets. We continue to get wonderful donations and soon we may need a warehouse instead of buckets! We so appreciate all your generous donations and most certainly so will your fellow Starlight Quilt members.

We hope you are staying safe and healthy and, most of all, your quilting love is keeping you sane in this “most wonderful time of the year” (ha! Somebody please revise that Andy Williams song!). Buckets of good wishes to you all....happy trails to you until we meet again (wait, that was Roy Rogers). Anyway, be positive and stay negative (a bit of plagiarism there, too). Words cannot express how much we miss our in-person guild meetings!

The Bucket Babes





## GAMES

### Childhood Games you Played with your Friends A 2021 Quilt Challenge



The Games Challenge is amazingly simple. Create a quilt that represents games we played as children. The quilt must be made using one of the following. We're on the honor system, but item must be identified:

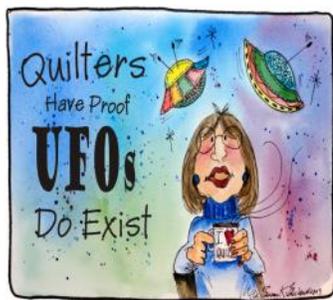
- An item from the share table
- An item from your stash that's more than 5 years old
- An item from a friend's stash

Quilts must be 24" or more, but 48" or less on any side.

Completion date is September 28, 2021. A Quilt Show entry form must be completed to enter your challenge quilt in the 2021 Gem of A Quilt Show.



## UFO CHALLENGE



The UFO Challenge continues on-line the Starlight Quilters Guild Chat on Facebook. Post a picture of your completed UFO and tell me if its on your list. I'll leave a comment saying I've checked it off the list so you know I've done so. This month Jan Davidson completed 2 of her UFOs and Janet Wikle finished one of hers. I'm keeping the 2020 Challenge open until December 31st. So, keep posting! In January I'll have the final statistics on UFOs finished.

In the meantime, start compiling your lists for 2021. Next year I'm listing EVERYTHING as only half of the UFOs I completed were on the list I turned in.

If you have any questions about this challenge please reach out to Pam Avara via email [pamela@avaraarts.com](mailto:pamela@avaraarts.com) or call her at 816-204-7287. She'll be happy to send you your list if you have forgotten what is on it or help you post your picture. If you don't have a Facebook account, send her a picture of your finished UFO and she'll post it for you.



## KU CANCER CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The charity items for the KUMed Cancer center continue to come in. So fun to find such acts of kindness on our doorsteps!!!

We recently received a wonderful donation for those of you that have quilt tops that aren't quilted or tied. Terri Carolus, a Mary Kay consultant and friend of Renee Arnett, heard about our community service project and was touched by the generosity of our guild. Like all of us, she too has been touched by cancer through friends and family. Terri doesn't quilt but she sent us a check for \$150 to help with quilting costs! I estimate that this could pay for approximately 3 quilts to be quilted by one of our own hard working business long armers!

So, here is the deal, I will send this check to our treasurer and if you have a quilt quilted for the Cancer Center please send the invoice to the Starlight Quilt Guild treasurer and she will either reimburse you directly or pay the long armer directly. Please check to see how our funds are holding out before making this commitment. We have a wonderful list of quilters in our newsletter, so I ask that you utilize someone from our guild.

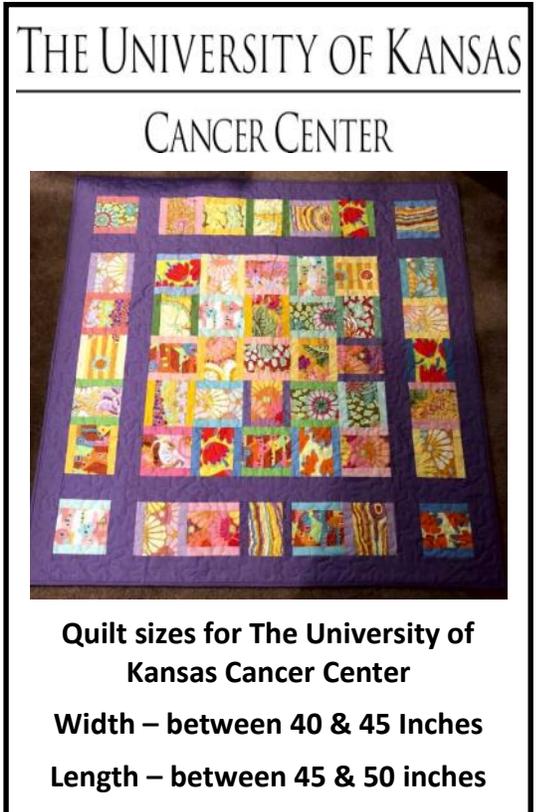
This was such a generous gift and we all thank Renee and her friend for helping us to achieve some comfort and smiles to those patients in treatment at the cancer center.

Thank you all for the generous and beautiful items. Keep them coming.... we keep buying more tubs to keep them in until we can finally deliver. That day will be so much fun!

Stay healthy and be grateful that we belong to such a fun, talented and generous guild!

The Charity Chicks

[http://www.starlightquilters.com/sqg\\_cancer\\_center\\_project](http://www.starlightquilters.com/sqg_cancer_center_project)



## PROJECT LINUS

Starlight Quilters... I just heard from Patty Gregory, the Kansas City Chapter Coordinator for Project Linus and quilt requests are coming in after months of quiet! KU is accepting donations and other organizations are making requests. Children's Mercy is not accepting donations yet but some of the organizations making requests are giving Christmas gifts to kids, including quilts.

Project Linus work nights at Harpers have not resumed as the classroom will only hold six quilters, social distanced. I will wait until it is safe for more quilters to gather in the classroom space before offering a work night again.

In response to more information about the sizes needed, Patty said: **40 x 40** through **50 x 60** are the sizes requested. Harper's Fabrics and Quilts is the drop-off location, 7918 Santa Fe Drive in historic downtown OP. So if you've been holding on to your Project Linus quilts, your donations are needed now!

Mary Honas

## Project ♥ Linus



We have requests for  
Linus Quilts

Sizes needed

40 x 40  
up to  
50 x 60

## IT'S BEEN A STRANGE YEAR

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A note from Donna di Natale - It's Been a Strange Year

I'm sure I'm not the only one who is going to be glad to see the year 2020 come to an end. I hope with that 'end' will include many other ends – like not being able to meet in person.

With all the time we've spent at home, you'd think that we would be so productive that we'd have many sewing projects to show for it. At least in my case, that is certainly not true. I can't seem to find the initiative to start or finish projects. I started to organize my sewing room, but that just made matters worse. I pulled out patterns for things to make for our boutique, but then who knows when our next show will be so I lost any enthusiasm for that. There was the group challenge – made mine but finished it too late to enter. The group project – good intentions have not blossomed yet. And the Women's Suffrage challenge – I did manage to finish and enter my 12" block, but at the last minute.

We all need to start looking forward to a new and improved 2021. Get our creative juices going. Participate in more guild activities, whether it's the group challenge, the guild project, Project Linus, or by being an officer or chairperson. It's not too late to volunteer!

Above all, be a member. If you were a paid member in 2020, your membership was extended through 2021 at no extra charge. If you haven't renewed, do so now. The membership year begins in April, but join now so you can participate in member-only events. Besides, we need your \$35 membership dues to fund next year's programs.

The fabulous Bucket Babes brought in roughly \$100 a month with their fabulous baskets, but obviously no in-person meetings means no bucket raffles. Please consider making a donation of all that money you saved in 2020. Either by making a direct donation to the guild, or by doubling the number of tickets you usually purchase when we are able to meet again. Once again, the Bucket money supports our speaker programs.

Our 40th Anniversary celebration will be held sometime in 2020. Plans were put on hold but can be activated as soon as it is safe to meet again. We will have so much to celebrate and be thankful for, it is sure to be a gala event. Now maybe THAT will get my creative juices flowing again.

Donna di Natale

## INTERNATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM

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### Too Hot to Handle – Make a Potholder

First – thank you to everyone who made pincushions for the International Quilt Museum Project Pincushion. It was a huge success.

Friends of the International Quilt Museum will soon announce their fund-raising project for 2021 – potholders. This is an exclusive announcement just for Starlight, but feel free to pass the information along.

So, if you have some extra scraps or orphan blocks or simply need something to keep busy, please consider making potholders for the museum. Size is anything from 6" to 9". They can be any shape. Please make them in pairs. They can be duplicates or two that go together. Please add a loop for hanging. Detailed guidelines and suggestions will be in the January newsletter.

Donna di Natale will be collecting them at meetings throughout 2021, and can answer any questions you have about the project.

To learn more about IQM, visit <http://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/>.



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**Machine Quilting** - Machine Quilting, all styles of quilting from simple hand-guided designs to custom creations. Guild members, I will piece your backing at no extra charge!

 I am still taking quilts for Christmas completion up to December 11th

Email Peggy Skaith at [EspeciallyQuilts@att.net](mailto:EspeciallyQuilts@att.net) or call 913-341-0525.