



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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February 2011

### Presidents Message

By Lue Anne Christensen

Dear Guild Members,  
The weather men/women predicted it all right; we did have snow in huge amounts. To me that meant I was "stuck" at home to work on projects. All other activities and appointments had to be cancelled. Whoopee! It was so nice to pretend that I was a woman isolated on the prairie with the luxury of a warm house and a snow plow that would eventually clear the neighborhood. I could sew all day without interruption. No where to go and nothing I had to do. I have begun and finished a small quilt this first week of February, but there is so much more to do. I hope most of you enjoy the snow days in similar pursuits.

Thinking of how cold it has been, I have been even more interested in finishing up the "ugly quilts" I have started. Small groups you might consider making a couple of "ugly quilts" for the people who live under KC's bridges. They must be very cold there unless they have gone inside to the shelters. This is a good project for those without a place to call home. I know that we as a guild are very responsive to the needs of children and those we receive meals on wheels, yet there is a huge need for warmth for these people who are the forgotten ones. Kids and older people are cute each in their own way, but we seem to be intolerant of the homeless since they appear unattractive, unproductive, and unworthy of our help. I hope to see some "ugly quilts" at show-n-tell. The youth director and the youth group at my church, Presbyterian Church of Stanley, will deliver these quilts to the homeless whom they visit on a regular basis one Saturday a month.

Our next meeting will be very helpful for all of us. Those of us who have others quilt our projects will benefit from Angela Walters, our February speaker. Her information on how to direct our quilter so that we get what we want in our finished quilt will help all of us. Those of you who quilt for others will learn the right questions to ask so that you can meet your client's needs. I am excited to learn more from Angela.

Be sure to notice all of the articles in our newsletter. There is some very interesting news you will want to be aware of as we begin this new year.

Happy sewing!



### February Program

#### Angela Walters

#### *I'm Done. Now What?*

We've all asked ourselves this question, haven't we? We've spent time, money, and sometimes blood working on our quilt top but then what?

Be sure to come to the February guild meeting where Angela Walters, machine quilter extraordinaire, will share with us some of her tips for deciding how to quilt your project. She will also give us some tips on working with a quilter so as to achieve the most from our quilt top.

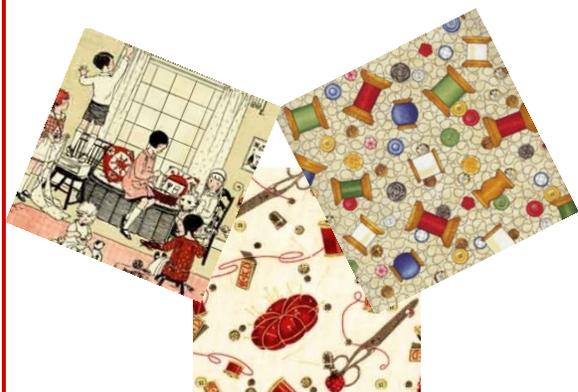
The story of how Angela came to quilting is fun and interesting, but I'll let her tell you that story. It's enough for me just to know that Angela quilts all of Tula Pink's (Jenny McLean's) quilts, and we know how gorgeous those are! Angela's designs are truly amazing.

**BTW** – rumor has it that a couple of special guests from somewhere north of Kansas City might be in attendance at the February meeting. Be sure to bring your wallet, check book, or plastic card just in case.



### February Fat Quarter Drawing

#### Things in My Sewing Room



## Suzy Scissorhands

Handy tool? Or just another ruler? The e-mailman brought me a note from Marilyn Carr. She recently purchased a Cutting Edge Ruler that claims to sharpen your rotary blade as you cut. Wow! This could save a lot of money if it works. The rule comes in 10 sizes, has a frosted coating on one side to keep it from sliding around, and has red and black markings. The "cutting edge" is diamond-powder-encrusted. The diamond powder is not sharp to the touch but is abrasive to the blade, thus keeping the rotary blade clean and sharp when it is run along the edge. Marilyn hasn't used it enough yet to know if the edge really works, but it sure sounds good. The ruler is made for right-handed cutters, with the diamond power on the "right" side, so if you're a lefty don't bother. Turning the ruler over so that the cutting edge is on the left makes the markings and non-skid frosted side moot point.

The ruler is available from Nancy's Notions and Keepsake Quilting, but check your local quilt shops for availability before you order. If any of you readers have used a Cutting Edge Ruler Suzy would like to know if you feel the claims are true. Is the cutting edge worth the price of a new ruler?

Happy Quilting  
Suzy



## CAT FABRIC

Connie Flagler  
Thank you all so much for all the wonderful cat fabric! I am making a purse out of 6 of the fat quarters and I have a quilt pattern for the rest. I will work on it at an upcoming retreat in March so hopefully I can bring it to guild in April or May. Again, thank you. I had so much fun looking at all the different fabric. I saw so much that I hadn't seen before. Cat'n lol wait to make the quilt.



## Library Corner

Cheryl Tomson  
Winter's snows appear to be never-ending, so it's a great time to pour over some quilt books and dream of your next projects. (Maybe something with Batiks or flowers to remind us of warmer times) Bernadine will be putting a copy of our library list on the web site, so you can see what you'd like to check out next. Thanks to Amy Bradley for the 3 books she donated after her presentation and to each of you who have donated to our library collection. We'll be sending in our winter book order to AQS after the February meeting and welcome your suggestions for books to add to the library. Please bring your list to the meeting or email me at [cheryltomson@hotmail.com](mailto:cheryltomson@hotmail.com). We can also order books for your personal library—just bring the title and payment to us at the meeting. Happy Quilting!



## Boutique

Peggy Skaith

Does anyone out there have an extra head I can use? It's to display hats and caps at the boutique! There is huge potential for projects for you knitters and crocheters too! You can find free patterns for easy and quick projects online at places like the Lion Brand Yarn website: [www.lionbrand.com](http://www.lionbrand.com), [www.knitandcrochetnow.com](http://www.knitandcrochetnow.com), (these two sites don't generate as much extra e-mail as some others) There are also lots of books at the library with nifty patterns. I have lots of ideas AND raw materials that I will share at the next meeting for you sewers and crafters.

## Quilters Wisdom-

Quilters never cut corners.



**Tip-** When chain piecing, stop with the needle down between pieces. When the needle is down the feed dogs are also down so they won't get in your way as you slide the next pieces into place. Tip by Terry Atkinson in April 2011 American Patchwork and Quilting magazine

## Fabric Recycles— A place to save

Fabric Recycles is a new, innovative resale store in Overland Park. It provides the public with a unique store that caters to the needs of those requiring fabric, notions, trims and machines at a discount price in the Kansas City Metro. Fabric Recycles allows an opportunity for textile users to purchase unusual lengths and sizes of fabrics and trims as well as notions and machines at a fraction of retail prices. Fabric Recycles' inventory comes from personal stashes and estate reductions.

**LOCATION:** 9268 Metcalf in the Regency Park Shopping Center

(a few doors north of MicroCenter)

**HOURS:** Monday - Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm, Saturday, 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sunday, Closed

**PHONE:** 913-385-0614

**WEB SITE:** [www.fabricrecycles.com](http://www.fabricrecycles.com)

## National Quilting Day

March 19, 2011  
 RoseWood Place Senior Apartments  
 Community Room  
 8500 Pflumm Road  
 Lenexa, Kansas  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join your fellow guild members for an entire day of sewing and friendship. There will be plenty of room to meet all of your cutting, layering and sewing needs, plus a design wall, cutting mats, irons and ironing pads. Bring your own sewing machine and supplies – or whatever you wish to do. No rules on this day of celebrating quilting and quilters.



There is no cost for this open sew day. However, there will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting so we can know how many people to plan for. For information contact Donna di Natale: [dina-tale@att.net](mailto:dina-tale@att.net), or 913-541-0283.

## SQG Challenge 2011

Mary Funk

Create small decorative panels for shut-ins and home bound.

Panels can be pieced, appliqué, quilted by machine or by hand or quick stitch. The panel will need a sleeve for hanging (Mary will furnish dowel sticks).

Sizes: 8 inches to 10 inches wide  
 15 inches to 18 inches long

\*Please not holidays!

Suggestions– fruits, postage stamp, cats/dogs, birds, flowers, sports, scenic, rainbows, etc.

Placemats for Meals on Wheels

Make colorful reversible placemats of cotton quilt fabrics. Batt: light loft polyester or two layers cotton flannel (washed)

Finished size: 12 to 14 inches by 16 to 18 inches  
 Please DO NOT use juvenile or holiday print fabrics.

## MYSTERY QUILT, FIRST INSTALLMENT

–Shirley Lewis

This is a reminder that there will be copies of the first step of the mystery quilt available at the February SQG meeting. The pattern parts will not be in the newsletter, so you must be present to pick up your copy, or have a willing friend who will pick one up for you.

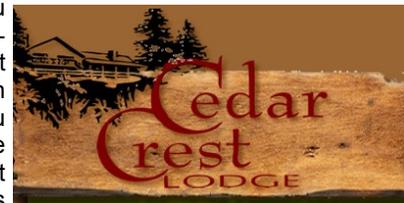
Also, yours truly plum forgot she was going to be out of town for the February meeting. Donna di Natale has very graciously agreed to be me in my absence. She will have the pattern copies with her, as well as a sample board of the fabrics I used in my quilt. She can answer questions you may have about the quilt. I will also be happy to answer questions when I return. My phone number is 913-722-5486; e-mail address [sll849@aol.com](mailto:sll849@aol.com).

Happy Mystery Quilting!!

## ANNOUNCING THE SPRING FLING RETREAT - May 13-15 2011

Donna Holloway

Bummed that you missed the Fall Retreat? Need to put the final touches on the project you worked on during the Fall Retreat? Can't wait until next Fall's Retreat? Well, we



have a wonderful opportunity for you!! Announcing the Spring Fling retreat at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the weekend of May 13-15, 2011 (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>). Yes, that is only a few months away! Cost is \$179/person (2 per room) and includes all meals, snacks, and a very bright and sunny sewing space. We will need a \$50 deposit by March 15th, with full payment due by April 30th. Contact either Ellen (913 897 5343) or Donna (913 402 7559) for full details. We will also have Cedar Crest Lodge brochures and be available to answer questions during the February guild meeting.

## Area Quilt Shows 2011

**Pioneer Garden of Quilts**– In Homes Quilt Show, Ponca City, Oklahoma. April 16 and 17, 2011. Admission- \$5.00

**1861-2011: 150 years of Kansas Quilting**– Kaw Valley Quilt Show, Douglas County Fair Grounds-Bldg 21, 2100 Harper, Lawrence Kansas. April 30 and May 1, 2011. Admission- ?

**Up and Away**– Quilt Guild of Greater Kansas City, Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas. May 5-7, 2011. Admission- \$5.00

## 2011 SQG Bus Trip

Kim Cawthon

Who doesn't love a field trip? When we were kids, they were wonderful because it was a way to get out of class. Now, as grown women, it's a way to spend a day with other guild members, 100% immersed in quilts .

This year we are planning a June 11 trip to Lincoln NE to visit the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. The tour will consist of a docent guided tour of the galleries. Special exhibits in June will be Nebraska Quilts and Quiltmakers and Elegant Geometry: American and British Mosaic Patchwork.

We will also receive a Behind the Scenes tour. The 'Behind-the Scenes' tour will be led by a full-time staff member and will include a viewing of 1 to 3 quilts displayed in the collections care work room, a brief presentation about how we care for our collection, and a question and answer session with the full-time IQSC staff member

After a boxed lunch in one of the museum's meeting rooms, you will have some on your own to finish viewing the galleries. Next stop will be to the Quilted Kitty. Since our last visit, Quilted Kitty has moved to a larger location and they are thrilled to have us visit their new location. They will be just back from Market when we visit, so they are promising demos of new tools, product and techniques.

The cost for this trip is \$68. We must fill the bus to keep the price down, so please sign up early. If we still have seats available on May 1, we will offer them to other guilds as we must have a full bus. The full itinerary will be available at the February meeting, but plan on boarding the bus at 5:30 and returning around 8:30.

Go to <http://www.quiltstudy.org/> for more information about the Quilt Study Center & Museum.

A down payment of \$40 should be paid by the March Guild Meeting, with the final payment of \$28 due by May 1.



## From the Spider's web-----

Bernadine Farrow

Hope the Spring look to the website makes you feel warmer and inspired to make some new quilts. Remember that each month we will have a new look.

I am pleased to announce that Susan Jarsulic has agreed to be my backup for the web site. It's good to know that there is another spider for the web.



Susan will be working on acquainting us with blogs for quilters. There are many out there that offer a lot of good help, information, hints, etc., and give you a chance to share your ideas or ask for help. Of course there is Starlight's blog for starters. If you have a favorite, let Susan know so she can feature it on the web site.

The home page now has a link to a list of our library books. Be sure to check it out. We have one of the best quilt libraries of any guild.

Anytime you need a reminder of: programs for the year, the theme for this month's fat quarter drawing, Linus night at Harper's, what's the next workshop, articles in the newsletter, etc, etc, etc, check it out on the website.

## Do you have a Birthday This Month?

Well, Happy Birthday! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share. Fellow SQG members will be deliriously happy to share your goodies! No doubt someone will beg for your recipe. This month's birthdays are;

- Lue Ann Christensen
- Carol Cleary
- Ellen Kidd
- Paula Quade
- Kari Sime
- Cheryl Tomson



## Project Linus --

Project Linus is doing well -- Just a reminder-when you sign in at the meeting please indicate how many blankets you brought in. Once you have turned in 3, you will get your name put in a drawing for each quilt over 3, for a chance at a membership for 2012.



**Tip-** Do not use fabric softener when pre-washing fabrics or for projects you've appliquéd with fusible web. The agents in the fabric softener may prevent the fusible web from adhering or may loosen you appliqués.



## 2011 Events Calendar

February 22---Angela Walters, I'm Done , Now What

March 22---*Quilting for Charity, Several community service organizations will explain how SQG can assist in helping their organization serve people in need.*

April 26---*Edie McGinnis, Kansas City Star Quilts trunk show*

May 24---*Tony Munoz, The Five W's of Mystery Quilts: Who, What, When, Where, Why*

June 28---*Linda Mooney, Doll quilts and miniatures*

July 26--- *Joanna Figuero of Fig Tree Designs, TBA*

August 23---*Fat Quarter Bingo*

September 27----*Sewing Bee*

September 16-18— Retreat –The Barn

October 25---It's A Mystery, Author event

November 15---*Ada Niedenthal, Timeless Textiles*

## Communications-

Let us know of any concerns, deaths, triumphs, or if someone needs help with something. This way we know what is going on with our fellow members and can send cards, etc. Contact one of these members:

- Rosie Brinker---913-268-8819 or [rosie474@aol.com](mailto:rosie474@aol.com)
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or [sll849@aol.com](mailto:sll849@aol.com)
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or [barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com](mailto:barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com)



## Blog-

For those of you who are interested in quilts, especially old quilts, Donna DiNatale has started a new blog that will talk about some of her quilts. She will include information about collecting and caring for quilts, old and new. She'd love to have you follow along and provide comments. Here is the link: <http://heartlandquilts.blogspot.com/>



## Advertisements

**FREE! Post your AD HERE!** If you are a guild member in good standing and would like to run your **FREE** ad, send your information to the newsletter editor. See back page for details.

**Pieces in Plaid Quilting** – Owner / Operator Lynne Zeh, a full service long arm quilter with 8 years experience. Located in Lenexa, KS.

**Machine Quilting by Karen** - Let me help you with your quilting! 913-638-4625 Karen Huffman. Quilts up to 52 inches in width.

**Machine Quilting.** Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. I am offering a winter special. Bring your quilt top in February and I will piece your backing OR add a single border at no charge. [especiallyquilts@att.net](mailto:especiallyquilts@att.net) or 913-341-0525

**Machine Quilting by Julia Day.** Is your piecing ready to transform? Call for your consultation today.



## Starlight E-site—the Yahoo Group

---Lea Robrahn  
Starlight E-Site is an online club where Starlight members get together to share photos, links, documents or files, and have a message board to post items of interest.

It sounds more complicated than it is. You can elect to read all information on the E-Site, which leaves your inbox less cluttered.

To join:

1. Send an email message to Lea Robrahn (remove spaces) [leannieq@hotmail.com](mailto:leannieq@hotmail.com)
2. You'll then be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site
3. Join.

**"FIND US ON FACEBOOK"** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106359079270>

**Tip**– Use the plastic instruction sheet that comes with interfacing or fusible web to make a pouch to store the product. Fold one section of instructions in half and stitch (or staple) the two long sides closed. Product and the instructions for use stay together.



### Membership Information:

2010 Membership, New or Renewal, \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chocked 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!

### Newsletter Deadline:

Articles are due the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at [mwelch5@kc.rr.com](mailto:mwelch5@kc.rr.com) (913-432-4515) .



### NEXT SQG MEETING!

**Tuesday, February 25, 2011 6:30 PM**—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00 PM— Angela Walters, I'm Done, Now What?**

### 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.

### Meeting Cancellation:

SQG meetings will be canceled if the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes. Monitor announcements on TV and radio when bad weather threatens.



**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

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter (see list)

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