



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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MAY

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President's Message MAY 2020



I hope you are well and that your friends and family have not been ill with coronavirus or anything else.

Quilters love nothing more than a long string of uninterrupted hours quilting. At least, that is, until someone tells us we CAN'T go or do anything else, basically. Good grief! I know you are all anxious to get back to guild meetings – it feels essential – as long as we can all be safe doing so.

Unfortunately, our cities, counties, and states have to reopen businesses. Getting people back to work is necessary to protect the livelihood of citizens and communities. While our guild meetings are important to our emotional and artistic health, they are not essential as defined by our municipalities. The guild board is, of course, well aware of our responsibility to make thoughtful decisions protecting our health and the guild finances. It is unfortunate that it is physically impossible to “social distance” while at our guild meetings. You now know that the May guild meeting has been cancelled. The church has not yet decided whether the church will be available to us in June, and future monthly meetings are on hold until the fog in our crystal ball clears (just kidding, but not by much) so watch for future announcements about guild meetings.

The guild board has had a Zoom meeting to discuss whether or not to continue planning a fall quilt show. The board wants your thoughts, so please watch for an email and/or the Facebook Starlight Chat group for a short survey asking for your input regarding whether or not to hold the September quilt show. In the meantime, keep making those beautiful quilts and boutique items!

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**Due to the COVID-19 and Governor Laura Kelly's Stay Home order,
there presently is no meeting planned for May.**

This month's color snapshot is about yellow. Yellow affects the left side and logical part of the brain and is said to symbolize optimism, positivity, happiness and fun – we could all use a little of those right now. Yellow is also associated with food – and I don't need to be encouraged about food right now. Yellow has also historically been associated with cowardice. You've all been recently challenged – finding toilet paper, learning how to grocery shop in one-way aisles, dealing with fogged up glasses above your mask, and more important things like caring for grandchildren and home schooling. Caring for yourself and others during a pandemic has not been for sissies – there's certainly been no cowardice among our lovely guild members.

Wash your hands, stay safe, and quilt on!! As always, I hope to see you soon.

Jean

NOTE: There was no Treasurer's Report for April. There was no income nor any expenses.

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

Starlight has a Facebook Chat group that any of our Starlight members can join (and is limited to just members). You do need a Facebook account. Just go to the following link and ask to join by clicking on the JOIN button. Over half our guild now belongs and we are sharing quilts, news and events. Please join us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/224213372241214/>

It should be noted that the default settings for a new Facebook account keeps the account private and safe. They also give options on how to access the account if you should ever forget your password or need alternate access. Please use a secure password!

For testing I set up a temporary account with no friends and only belonged to the Starlight Chat group and the only news items I saw were those posted on our chat... I loved that!!! Judy

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD		
Treasurer's Report		
April 30, 2020		
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 14,891.81
	Petty Cash	60.00
	Certificate of Deposit	6,109.45
	Cash Balance	\$ 21,061.26
Income		
	Membership	\$ 175.00
	Paypal Test	0.21
	Total Income	\$ 175.00
Expenses		
	Quilt Show Promotion	75.00
	February Program	400.00
	Insurance	623.00
	PO Box Yearly Rental	148.00
	Paypal Test	0.21
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,246.21
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,819.82
	Petty Cash	60.00
	Certificate of Deposit	6,112.35
	Cash Balance April 30, 2020	\$ 19,992.17
Submitted by Vivian Anderson		

TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Starlight Quilters Guild Membership webpage has all the online membership information with links you can click to take you directly to the membership form and Paypal payment link.

Starlight Quilters Guild Website
<http://www.starlightquilters.com/> then click
Membership Info/Committee Info/By-Laws

Direct link to the webpage:
http://www.starlightquilters.com/membership_infocommittee_infoby-laws

Our membership drive for 2020 is on!!! I am making changes to the membership process - it's going electronic!!!

I've created an online form to collect your demographic information and tell me how you will pay the dues. New members will be able to use the same form to instantly become a member.

Membership has a new email address!!!! If you have any questions, please email me at my new membership email address StarlightGuildMembers@gmail.com.

Our membership year is from April 1 through March 31. You may join at any time. Our membership dues for 2020 are \$35 per year. As part of the membership, PDF newsletters are emailed to members January thru November and are always available on the Starlight website . There is an additional \$13 surcharge per year for a paper newsletter mailed to you via the US Post Office (\$48 total per year). This charge covers the cost of paper and mailing.

Here is the link to fill out the form, yes it's long.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLILiVKWQyZn1Mmvmk1scVvpTQSP3IQOp8nAoXcWBelZ2LxwA/viewform>

There are now three ways to pay membership dues.

1. Cash – please pay the Membership Chair at the next Guild meeting.
2. Check – mail a check direct to the Membership Chair (address below).
3. PayPal – direct link to pay (you must have a PayPal account).

<https://www.paypal.me/starlightquilters>

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UFO CHALLENGE

The UFO Challenge continues on-line in our new 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 14 challenge UFOs were finished by Pam Avara, Lois Burrell, Marilyn Carr, Mary Honas, Carla Orner, Marsha Reeves, and Dana Switzer. That brings us to 32 of the 242 challenge UFOs completed!

If you have any questions about this challenge please reach out to Pam Avara via email pamela@avaraarts.com.



QUILT SHOW

There is no concrete news on the quilt show right now. Watch your email — we will share as we learn more.

To announce our 2020 Starlight Quilters Guild Opportunity Quilt... it was pieced and quilted by our own Peggy Skaith!!!

Just to give a little background on this awesome quilt - the size is 77" X 83". The embroidered blocks were designs from Aunt Martha's. For a few years Peggy would take the blocks on camping trips to keep her busy, that and also because daylight is the best light for handwork.

The pieced blocks are from a Block of the Month at Prairie Point, designed by Jeanne Poore. Peggy had the blocks sitting in a drawer for a few years then decided to combine them into one project, thereby completing two UFO's into one project! Given the theme of our 40th Ruby anniversary, it seems this quilt was destined to belong to the guild.

Thank you Peggy for such a wonderful donation!!!



**Starlight Quilters Guild
2020 Opportunity Quilt**

Let's Sew!!!

With the COVID-19 situation, cancellations, venues, dates and times are all subject to change.

Starlight Quilters Guild **A Gem of a Quilt Show**

Quilt Entry Deadline
September 14th
Show Dates
September 25th & 26th
Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak St, Lenexa, KS 66215
Contact Lois Bozarth or
Dana Switzer
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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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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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QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

I know lots of you have been busy making fabric masks, but please don't forget to make a little something for our quilt show boutique!

At this time we are planning to have our quilt show even though that could change given the current situation. I am making mug rugs, (and masks) and am planning to add more hotpads (and masks) and probably some needle keepers and pin cushions. If anyone runs out of fabric, because I know you are making masks, bless you, we have received a large donation of fabrics that I'm certain the quilt show committee would release for a few more masks if need be!

Stay healthy everyone! Peggy Skaith, EspeciallyQuilts @ att.net 913-341-0525

STORIES OF YOUR FIRST QUILT



The newsletter is a bit thin right now so Starlight member Mary Funk made the following suggestion to fatten it up: quilters send the newsletter details of their first made quilts.

This is a wonderful idea! While I don't know many stories would be sent to me or how much room I really would have in the newsletter to publish them, I think it is an idea worth considering! Not only would this be a great filler for the newsletter right now, our new SQG Facebook Chat is also the perfect platform to make this happen!

If you wish to participate and don't have internet access, please feel free to drop the newsletter a note (address following). If you have internet access, please visit the Starlight Chat at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/224213372241214>. There you will find a post titled "**Stories of your First Quilt**" and put your story in the comments of that post.

Mary's story... in 1965 before the first child's birth, I cut three fabrics into 3 inch squares: yellow, light blue, and pastel polka dots on white. Then I stitched together randomly. The binding was blue. I quilted the 36 x 48 inch crib quilt by hand on the block's edges. I didn't know sex of baby so neutral choice of colors. Laurel was born October 4, 1962. I still own that quilt today. I didn't quilt again until 1998.

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ACQUILT GO! UPDATE

The Accuquilt Go! cutter and dies are available for your use while you are staying at home. Just contact Cheryl Tomson to arrange safe social distance pickup at her home in Lenexa. Contact her at cherylltomson@gmail.com or 913-991-8523.

PS Note from the Newsletter: I have shared Go! dies with a friend during this lockdown and they can be wiped down with a Clorox wipe just fine. A list of dies that is available to borrow is on the Starlight website at http://www.starlightquilters.com/accuquilt_info.



MAY BASKETS

Hello Quarantine Quilters! Just want to let you know that the Babes have been thinking about you and the next time we get together. We have so many wonderful items we are not sure how we can put it all in five buckets. We may have to change our name to the Barrel Babes!

Stay safe and healthy, save your dollars because you really don't want to miss out on our barrels... oops, buckets! Missing you all. Hopefully we will all be back together soon.

The Bucket Babes



Of course we'll have to drink the wine first!

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - RED ALERT!!!

We originally planned to celebrate our ruby anniversary at the May guild meeting. That is not going to happen. We still are not allowed to meet as a large group, and the church is not allowed to hold large gatherings, either. So that's a no times two. We certainly want to keep our members safe and well and will follow whatever rulings our city, county and state leaders make.

So, will we have an anniversary celebration? Absolutely, yes. When will we have our celebration? We honestly don't know. We'll have it when the pandemic is over, and it is safe to meet once again. When that happens, we will have lots to celebrate in addition to our anniversary, including show and tell of all the things we've been making while quarantined.

Check the SQG website www.starlightquilters.com. Check our Starlight Quilters Guild Facebook page and Facebook Chat. Read the SQG newsletter. Watch for email. When we have information to pass along, we will do so through at least one of these venues.

If you know members who do not have email or for whatever reason is not receiving the newsletter, please share this information with them.



A beautiful ruby colored fabric flower bouquet created by Vivian Anderson!

THE 2020 RUBY RED QUILT CHALLENGE

2020 Ruby Red Guild Challenge

- ❖ Quilts must be no smaller on any side than 24" and no larger on any side than 36"
- ❖ You must use at least 2 of the following techniques on your quilt
- ❖ Quilts will be shown at September 22, 2020 meeting
- ❖ Ribbons will be awarded at the Quilt Show: September 25, 2020
- ❖ You must fill out an Entry Form to enter your Ruby Red Quilt in the Quilt Show



Applique	Hand Quilting	Ruching
Beadwork / Embellishments	Foundation Pieced	Tiling
Embroidery / Cross Stitch	Prairie Points or 3D	Trapunto
Curved Piecing / Scalloped Borders	Ribbon Work	YoYo's

English Paper Piecing

Fabric Painting

Hand Died Fabric

If a technique that you would like to use isn't listed, contact Kim Cawthon. This is a dynamic list and changes will be made as requested.



PROJECT LINUS

Project Linus has a new website! Below is the link to find the latest news and events for the Kansas City Project Linus organization. Also available are patterns to keep you busy during this time of isolation and social distancing. While we might not be able to turn in Project Linus quilts just yet, the day will come!

The new Kansas City Project Linus website is: www.projectlinuskc.org.

I looked at some of the new patterns posted and plan to try the Chameleon Block.

If I get it done soon, I may even post a picture on the Starlight Guild Chat page on Facebook.

Keep making Linus quilts and we'll let you know when the Linus volunteers begin picking up donations and delivering them!

Mary Honas

Project ♥ Linus



WHILE IN QUARANTINE



For this newsletter editor, face masks and helping with the grandkids home schooling have been keeping me busy! As those projects wind down (for now), it's time to think what else can I do??? Starlight member Donna Di Natali came up with a few suggestions. Thanks Donna!!!

Here are a few suggestions for keeping busy while in quarantine:

- ✂ Clean and lubricate your sewing machine. Get out your user manual. If your machine can be cleaned and lubricated at home, the manual should tell you how.
- ✂ Change the needle on your sewing machine. This should be done when cleaning the machine and at the beginning of each new large project.
- ✂ Make items for the quilt show boutique. While we don't know for sure if we'll be able to hold our quilt show, it looks promising. By then, we should have a large number of viewers as everyone will be looking for excuses to get out of the house. This means we will need a lot of handmade items for the boutique!
- ✂ Make a charity quilt. Raid your stash and your scrap bag to make a quilt for Project Linus or any of the other charitable organizations who desperately need medium size quilts.
- ✂ Shop at local quilt shops online. Having to stay closed is really hard on our local shops. There are bills to be paid whether they are open or not, so let's help them out by placing orders for fabric and supplies online. Most have curbside pickup or reduced shipping rates. Check their online websites or call the shop to find out their hours and if they have re-opening restrictions.
- ✂ Hold a Zoom meeting with your quilting friends. It's easy and free!
- ✂ Sew and donate face masks.

Newsletter note - as of the writing of this newsletter, hospitals are not as in need for our homemade masks as they were initially. PPE's are becoming more plentiful and can now be purchased by individuals and business as well. But this need is not going away soon. My family and friends all want one I made, not one from a store or purchased online so face masks will be a project for me for the rest of 2020! One for every holiday coming up next!!!

I could go on and on, but I want to make use of my "time off" and head for my sewing room. I can't wait to see what everyone has been working on. Donna Di Natali