



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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### MARCH

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Workshops: Lois Bozarth

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

Quilt Show: Lois Bozarth & Dana Switzer

#### President's Message MARCH 2020



I have been dreading March. My mother died last March and the past year has been full of “firsts,” including March Madness (she loved college basketball), and my first holiday season without her. she taught me many things, except how to make gravy. She was a quilter and a great cook (don’t those two talents often go together?), except for gravy. She couldn’t make gravy. We always laughed about that. Although we lived too far apart for her to teach me how to quilt, she took me to my first quilt show and it was love at first sight. I will always be grateful to her for that. And I am so grateful for the love and support I’ve received from some of you over the past year. Thank you. It’s been a rough one.

This month’s Color Snapshot is about blue, to match my emotional state. (Ha – I’ll bet you were expecting green.) Blue has been with us since ancient times in jewelry and art and is the most popular color in the US and Europe. Originally a mineral pigment, it was later produced as a vegetable dye and then as American indigo. Blue is said to have a calming and relaxing effect on our mood. Isn’t it interesting that there are no blue vegetables and that it is an appetite suppressant? Blue is also associated with harmony and faithfulness and its ability to slow metabolism (really?). Consider how many phrases in our language include the word blue – “feeling blue”, “out of the blue”, “singing the blues”, “blueblood”, “baby blues”, “blue language”, and (for you Jayhawks) Big Blue.

As we continue to “march” toward spring (sorry, I couldn’t resist...), let’s hope for sunny days, blue flowers, blue skies, and time to make quilts of many colors – including blue.

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**The next SQG guild meeting is Tuesday, March 23rd, 7 PM  
Overland Park Lutheran Church 7810 W 79th St. Overland Park KS**

If you know someone who is “blue” and struggling with a loss, reach out. Today. You may be afraid of saying the wrong thing, but your kindness will express all the right words.

March is Women’s History Month, so make some history of your own – make a quilt!

See you soon. JT

**Hospitality Committee**

Guild members listed below have a MARCH birthday. Please bring a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table to share with all.

- Vivian Anderson
- Michelle Atchity
- Celesta Bainbridge
- Dolores Boring
- Nancy Buzzell
- Charlya Cooley
- Laura Jan Davidson
- Jennie Fowlkes-Culey
- Colleen Guinnip
- Pam Lanza
- Becky Larma
- Ellen Larson
- Margaret Rohn
- Myrna Smith
- Rosemary Watrak
- Margaret Welch

Greeters for March are  
Peggy Skaith and Janice McKee

**December Birthdays  
Members Choice!!!**

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

**Baste**

[bāst]

**verb**

1. tack with long, loose stitches in preparation for sewing.

2. the step you skip and curse yourself for later, as you pull out the seam ripper.

**RUBY RED FAT QUARTERS**

For a special project related to our Ruby Red 40th Anniversary celebration in May, we are collecting **RUBY RED** fat quarters. Please bring your contribution to our March meeting. Thank You!!!

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD			
Treasurer's Report			
February 29, 2020			
	Beginning Checkbook B	\$ 15,104.71	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,109.45	
	<b>Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$ 21,274.16</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	Bucket Ladies	173.00	
	Welcome	4.11	
	Membership	62.50	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 239.61</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Meeting Room Set-up	50.00	
	40th Anniversary	406.50	
	Accucutter Supplies	113.79	
	Program	400.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 970.29</b>
	Ending Checkbook Bala	\$ 14,891.81	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,111.09	
	<b>Cash Balance February 29, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 21,062.90</b>
Submitted by Vivian Anderson			

## QUILT SHOW

Thank you Laura Brouge for coming up with a great show logo! Awesome! In case you missed the unveiling at the February meeting we'll show it again in March. The publicity team is sending e-mail blasts and notifications to websites. Thank you to Janice McKee and Jackie Evans.



We now have a Vendor Chair.... Carla Orner is a new member this year and is not hesitating to dive right in! She has taken over the vendor responsibilities. Carla wants to get to know her fellow guild members, so please take a moment to say hello at the March meeting and thank her for this valuable contribution to the show's success.

Our quilt show meetings are listed in the Let's Sew calendar of events. All are welcome to attend! This is a great opportunity to become involved with the guild and make new friends!!!

Dana Switzer and Lois Bozarth, co-chairs

## QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Hi Quilters! Peggy Skaith here to remind you about our Quilt Show boutique. Think about this; sewers love to be organized, or at least they love to buy things to help them get organized, or they love to buy gifts to their friends to help them get organized! Pin cushions, thread catchers, tote bags, zipper pouches, tool caddies, all things neat and tidy, just like our sewing spaces, right? We love it all.

If you have space to keep your items until closer to the quilt show, please do, but give me a heads-up about what you are working on so I can keep track!

Thank you all! Peggy Skaith EspeciallyQuilts@att.net 913-341-0525

## TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Renewal will start this month. We will be using the envelope system again. Please pick up your envelope as you visit the welcome table. Review your information and make any necessary changes on the envelope. Place your monies in the envelope and return it to the welcome table.

Dues are \$35 which includes email newsletter and membership list.

If you wish to have the newsletter US Post mailed to you, it's an additional \$13 (for a total of \$48). A paper copy of the membership list will be available to the US Post members only at the sign-in table after the list is published.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michele Fix 913-579-8110 michelemfix@gmail.com

## Let's Sew!!!

### Quilt Show Meetings

March 17 at 6pm to 8pm

Contact Dana Switzer  
for more information.

**CANCELLED**

(913) 449-0457

dswitzer52@gmail.com

May 12 at 6pm to 8pm

Central Resource Library

9875 W 87th St

Overland Park, KS 66212

Contact Lois Bozarth or

Dana Switzer

### Spring 2020 RETREAT

Cedar Crest Lodge - Pleasanton, KS

April 3, 4, 5

Contact Donna Holloway

### Project Linus Blanket Day

KC Area Blanket Making Day

April 18th, 2020

8:30am to 3pm

Aldersgate Methodist Church

350 SW 150 HWY

Lee's Summit MO 64082

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

### Fall 2020 Retreat

NEW LOCATION

Lake Donophin

Excelsior Springs, MO

October 30th - November 1st

Contact Donna Holloway

## THE 2020 RUBY RED QUILT CHALLENGE

### 2020 Ruby Red Guild Challenge

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Quilts must be no smaller on any side than 24" and no larger on any side than 36"
- ❖ Your quilt must use at least 2 of the following techniques

Applique	English Paper Piecing	Paper or Foundation Pieced
Beadwork / Embellishments	Fabric Painting	Prairie Point / Scalloped Edges / 3D Elements
Embroidery / Cross Stitch	Hand Dyed Fabrics	Ribbon Work
	Hand Quilting	

#### Ruching

#### Twilling

#### Yoyo's

- ❖ 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.



## MARCH PROGRAM



Words to describe Denise Stahl, this month's speaker at Starlight Quilters Guide, is that she is creative, inspired, optimistic, silly and sassy. Denise Stahl will speak at our March Meeting on ***Confessions of a Sassy Stripper - How Many Things Can I Make From a Jelly Roll Strip?*** She is the club facilitator and head Stripper of Mea Bernina and Babylock's Sassy Strippers in Lawrence and has had the fun challenge of coming up with monthly projects that use Jelly Roll Strips. One can only make so many jelly roll race quilts - then what?

Come be inspired about what can be done with these strips. To know about Denise, visit her blog at [www.TheCuriousKansasQuilter.blogspot.com](http://www.TheCuriousKansasQuilter.blogspot.com).

Janette Luehring and Janet Wikle

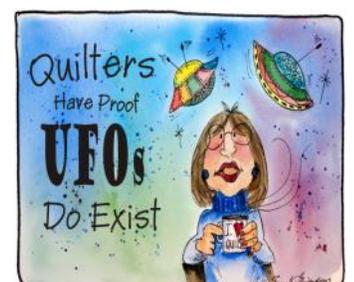
Coming in April: Sarah Maxwell will speak on "Fearless With Fabric".



## UFO CHALLENGE

UFO Challenge - Lois Bozarth, Mary Honas, Janette Sheldon, Susan Wagner and Janet Wikle all finished at least 1 of their UFOs. The rest of us need to get on the ball. Speak to Pam Avara after Show-n-Tell to get your UFO marked off after the meeting.

Pam Avara



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## FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

February's winner was Pat Monaghan. Congratulations Pat!!! Three and three-fourths yards of white fat quarters were the prize for just putting one fat quarter in the basket!

March fat quarters are **GREEN!!!**

You know God made the trees and the grass green..... they never clash with anything!

Jan Ketchum...



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## LIBRARY CORNER



Opal Yarnell looking for a good read from the guild library.

This month's program is about Jelly Roll strips and the library has lots of books on this topic. These include *Jelly Roll Inspirations*, *Jelly Roll Jambalaya*, *Jelly Roll Bargello Quilts*, *Strip Smart Quilts 2*, *Jelly Roll Magic*, *Jelly Roll Quilts*, *Jelly Roll Quilts and More*, *Jelly Roll Sampler Quilts*, *More Jelly Roll Quilts*, *Scrap Basket Beauties*, *The Big Book of Strip Quilts*, *Strip Your Stash*, and *Striking Strip Quilts*.

Books added to our collection this month are *Fabricadabra* by Paula Nadelstern, *Winter Wonders*, *Quick Method Liberty Quilts* for those of you making Quilts of Valor. Also added is *Two-Hour Teddy Bears* for those who'd like another fun idea for using your fabrics.

Your Librarians, Cheryl Tomson, Christine Foo, and Pam Jenkins

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## ACQUILT GO! UPDATE

The Accuquilt check-out program is going well. We've had a donation of the 5" square die and the 12" Ohio Star block die, which makes 2 ½ " quarter square triangles and 4 ½" squares. Cheryl Tomson



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## FEBRUARY BASKETS

It's time for the March meeting and the Babes are Marching in like lions, spreading the luck like the Irish and filling baskets (not buckets) like a bunny! Confused by all this excitement? Don't be because the Babes are bringing it with everything else... lots and lots of fun and surprises.

You Ott (hint, hint) to be jumping for joy when you see what is in store (or should I say "kit), and a fat quarter won't buy you a ticket but a Kelly green dollar will buy you all the luck you need and five green ones will make St. Paddy do a jig with six chances. Enough hints, just come back and visit our table for amazing raffle prizes, or just come and say hi to the Bunny Babes (we may not have been Playboy Bunnies, but better yet, we are the BUCKET BABES!).

Come early and get those extra tickets. Remember we are all lucky because we have all the friends and inspiration a quilter could want by being a member of the Starlight Quilt Guild. See you Tuesday evening (the 24th). Erin go bragh .... No Erin, do not go bragh-less (he he, Irish girl humor)..

The Bucket Babes



## 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - RED ALERT!!!

As you already know, Starlight is celebrating its 40th anniversary as a guild at our May 26th guild meeting. Ruby is the gem for a 40th anniversary so we are going to glow the red in May.

Your party planning committee is: Donna di Natale, Chair; Vivian Anderson, Renee Arnett and Shirley Lewis. This is a fun group of hard-working gals so it should be a night to remember.

Your committee needs your help, though. We can't do this alone, so here is what we are asking members to do.



1. Donate a red fat quarter (or 2 or more). It doesn't need to be a solid red. It can be a print or an ombre, as long as the primary color is red. We are using them to make something special. If you have some red yardage laying around cut it into fat quarters (18" x 22") or donate the yardage and we'll cut it.
2. Put on your thinking cap and come up with some special memories, events, speakers, workshops during your time as a member. Please contact a planning committee member with any other information, stories, memories to share for our 40th Anniversary Celebration.
3. We want to invite all past presidents to the celebration, but we are missing contact information for some of them. If you know how to get in touch with any of these people, please let a committee member know.

✂ The very first president or any president between 1980 and 1984.

✂ Yvonne Vanoy (1985-86)

✂ Debbie Cramer (1987)

✂ Sylvia Lally (1992-94)

✂ Judy Hall (1995-96)

✂ Mary Benson (1997-98)

✂ LaDonna Marks (2001-02)

✂ Fran White (2003-04)

4. **PHOTOS!** We need photos from past meetings to use in a slide show. Photos will be returned unharmed. Prints are okay, digital photos are better. Send photos by email to: [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net).

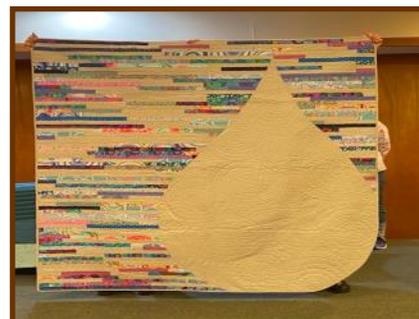
Donna di Natale, Anderson, Renee Arnett and Shirley Lewis

**Please bring your red fat quarters to the March meeting.**

**P.S. Please plan on wearing something red to our May meeting.**



**February: Trish Price's program  
Making the Most of Negative Space.**



## PROJECT LINUS

Quilts donated last month bring our year to date total to 30! Thanks to all who contribute.

If you are making quilts for Project Warm Embrace and want to continue to drop them off at the guild meetings, any quilts turned in at a Project Linus drop-off point and marked "Project Warm Embrace" is delivered to them. Additionally, Project Linus had made a commitment of 400 quilts to Project Warm Embrace annually. Our quilts are icing on the cake!

Last month in the newsletter I asked for input on how you like to work on Project Linus quilts. My phone number was incorrect (my typo, sorry). I would love to hear from any and all Starlight members to know how you would like to continue our involvement: working individually, group gatherings, kits and patterns or not.

Here's the correct phone #: (913) 424-3697. Or you can talk with me at our guild meetings. Emails are welcome as well. Just email me at [mary.honas@surewest.net](mailto:mary.honas@surewest.net).

Mary Honas



## Project Linus

A Project Linus Special Event

### Project Linus Blanket Day!

April 18th, 2020

KC Area Blanket Making Day

Please Save the Date!

8:30am to 3:00pm

Aldersgate Methodist Church

350 SW 150 HWY

Lee's Summit MO 64082

We are going to have hot dogs, chips, and cake to celebrate my 20 years as coordinator, 21 years with PL and then Project Linus's 25 years.

We will have jelly roll races so please save your 2½ inch strips!!! You will need 40 that are width of fabric.

If you wish can you also bring a solid cut into 2½ inch x 2½ inch squares for accents between the strips.

Reminder - we are still saving and collecting Best Choice labels! Please save and send them in with your blankets.

*Patty Gregory*



**A few of the Show and Share Quilts from our February Meeting**