



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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July

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Quilt Show: Lois Bozarth & Dana Switzer

President's Message JULY 2020



It doesn't feel good to be afraid. Our little rescue dog, Hazelnut (aka Hazel) is afraid of thunder and, as it turns out, fireworks. She found refuge on the 4th at the foot of my bed, which made us both feel better. I understood how she felt. I'm afraid of snakes and have a specific shriek when encountering them while working in the yard. I did catch one in our bathtub once and let the boys take it to school for show and tell (their teachers had questions). I also chopped one in half with a shovel while standing on the back of the sofa, but usually just shrieking is involved.

COVID-19 has presented us with something new to fear. As a bedside nurse, I took care of many hospitalized patients with contagious illnesses and hazardous medical treatments. I was never afraid, just very careful. Without having a preventive vaccine or cure for coronavirus, it's scary not be able to step over it, put it in a jar and send it to school, or whack it with a shovel. I haven't put gas in my car since February, and it's tempting to go out to cure my cabin fever with retail therapy. PLEASE wear your mask, wash your hands, and just stay home and quilt if you can.

I sheepishly admit I'd like to have just one day when I don't have to hear or read or worry about COVID-19. Luckily, quilting and gardening have been my antiviral therapies. I have completed several quilts and have posted them in the guild's Facebook chat group. I would encourage you to do the same. Seeing your beautiful creations is inspiring and encouraging.

Our Zoom meetings are a second-best substitute until we can get back to "normal", which is becoming a fuzzy memory. As I write this, we don't know when large

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**The church continues to be unavailable for our meeting for July.
Our July meeting and program will be held via Zoom! Watch your email
for details. We are working to figure out August.**

gatherings in enclosed spaces will be safe or when our church venue will reopen to groups. Stay tuned.

This month's color snapshot is about the red, white and blue of our country's flag, which evolved during colonial times and the fight for freedom from English rule. The flag with stars and stripes, as we know it now, first flew in 1777, and it's a little disappointing to learn that there weren't grand meanings associated with the three colors until five years later. In 1782, the secretary of the Continental Congress described the red as representing hardiness and valor, the white for purity and innocence, and the blue as vigilance, perseverance and justice. Most flags of countries around the world contain primary colors. Red and white is the most common color combination, with blue, green and yellow or other secondary colors also used. Here's a little trivia for you – Nepal's flag is not square or rectangular, a dramatic exception from all other nations' flags. Google it if you're curious.

As always, I hope to see you soon. Hang in there.

Jean



Old Glory is a nickname for the flag of the United States. The original "Old Glory" was a flag owned by the 19th-century American sea captain from Massachusetts, William Driver (March 17, 1803 – March 3, 1886). It was a large, 10-by-17-foot flag said to have survived multiple attempts to deface it during the Civil War. Driver was able to fly the flag over the Tennessee Statehouse once the war ended. The flag is a primary artifact at the National Museum of American History.

Sew Funny by Leslie Moak Murray

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STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD			
Treasurer's Report			
June 30, 2020			
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$13,819.82	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,112.61	
	Cash Balance		\$19,992.43
Income			
	Quilt Show Refund	\$ 300.00	
	Membership PayPal payments	385.00	
	Membership (checks)	935.00	
	Total Income	\$ 1,620.00	
Expenses			
	Cindy Farrow, Fabric Chic	-	
	Fall Retreat	350.00	
	Kansas Annual Report	40.00	
	Total Expenses	\$ 390.00	
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$15,050.81	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,112.86	
	Cash Balance June 30, 2020		\$ 21,223.67
Submitted by Vivian Anderson			

ACQUILT GO! UPDATE

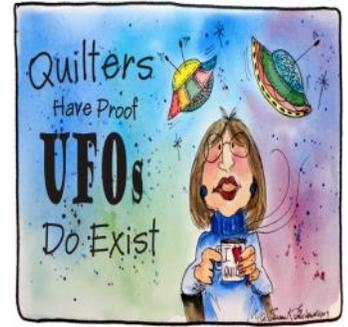
The Accuquilt Go! cutter and dies are available for your use while you are staying at home. Just contact Cheryl Tomson to arrange safe social distance pickup at her home in Lenexa. Contact her at cherylltomson@gmail.com or 913-991-8523.



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 10 challenge UFOs were finished by Pam Avara, Jan Davidson, Carla Orner, Marsha Reeves, Dana Switzer, and Jean Turvey.

That brings us to 52 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 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.



Thanks! Pam Avara
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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 year is from April 1 through March 31. 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.

There are three ways to pay membership dues. Please let Michele know which method you plan to use when you fill out the online membership form.

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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STARLIGHT FACEBOOK CHAT

Last month on Facebook Chat a survey by Donna diNatale was posted asking how many facemasks members made so far during this pandemic. There was an estimated 1,000 masks made by Starlight members counting just the Facebook replies! Way to go!!! That is an awesome number.



Our Facebook Chat group has been active this past month. Lots of UFO's have been finished and posted. Pam notes by who and what UFO then marks them off the list. Pam has a great update in the UFO Challenge report in this month's newsletter.

Overall, we are a busy group with photos posted of quilts, quilts in progress or whatever fun projects are underway. Our Facebook Chat is a great way to share.

Also posted are quilt-related and fun events and activities around Kansas City. Facemask panel fabric has arrived at a number of quilt shops in the area (Harper's in downtown Overland Park and Li'l Red Hen in Paola for starters), but I have do doubt most will have it in the coming days. Call your favorite quilt shop to see if they have it in yet!!!



If you are not yet a member and wish to join, you will find us as at:

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

Judy Danz

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

Coming Fall 2021

Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak St, Lenexa, KS 66215

Contact Lois Bozarth or
Dana Switzer
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Fall 2020 Day Retreat

Fabric Chic Sewing Lounge
170 English Landing Dr, Suite 111
Parkville, MO 64152

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/>

JULY PROGRAM

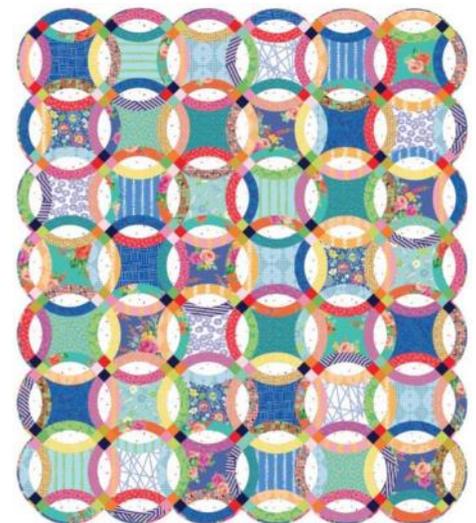


For our program this month, Victoria Findlay Wolfe will be taking us on a tour of her exhibit "Playing with Purpose" at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. In this video she talks about her quilting journey and about the quilts in the exhibit. Join us on ZOOM and enjoy the tour. Victoria is a fabric designer as well as a quilt designer.

Learn more about Victoria at:

<https://vfwquilts.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/VictoriaFindlayWolfeQuilts/>



[VFWquilts.com](https://vfwquilts.com/)

STARLIGHT FALL DAY RETREAT

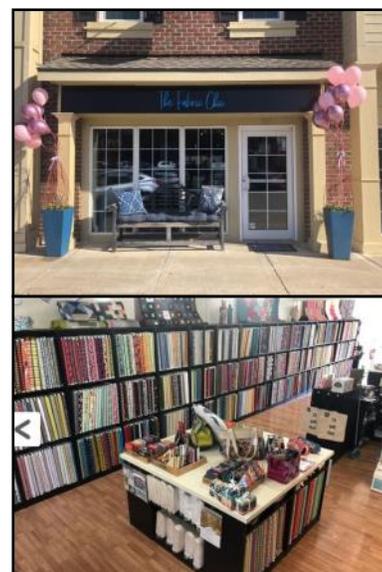
The Starlight Fall Day Retreat will be held at Fabric Chic's Sewing Lounge (Parkville, MO) on Oct 30 - Nov 1, 2020. We will have 3 full days (8am - 8pm) of sewing, with your own personal sewing space that you can leave set up for the duration of the retreat. Some meals will be provided, but there will not be any overnight accommodations.

We will have limited sign ups to ensure adequate social distancing and compliance with whatever the local regulations will be in October. Final pricing will be dependent on the final number of participants (more quilters = lower price); minimum price will be \$50, maximum should not exceed \$110.

The Lounge is a separate area next door to Fabric Chic, with it's own entrance, kitchen and bathroom. There is a second quilt shop just down the road. I will be taking signups via snail mail - please send me a check (made out to Starlight Quilters Guild) for \$50 to hold your spot.

It will be first come-first serve if interest exceeds the final allowed capacity. Final payment (TBD, based on final headcount) will be due by September 15th. Meanwhile, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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The Fabric Chic Sewing Lounge
170 English Landing Dr, Ste 111
Parkville, MO 64152
www.thefabricchic.com

JULY BASKETS



The Babes can't wait until we are all together again. It was fun seeing the speaker via Zoom last month but.....NO BUCKETS! Just not the same. And guess what, the Babes are drowning in donations! We need our buckets to be filled and won by the lucky and cool Starlight Quilt Guild members!!!

Watch out! We are certainly not complaining about all the neat stuff we have and those buckets will be overflowing at our next in person meeting. So, if any of you have been cleaning out those sewing rooms, remember the Buckets. We love your donations.

Thank you all for your generosity and hope to see you soon. Stay safe and healthy.

The Bucket Babes

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

I know some of you have been busy making some really nice items for our quilt show boutique. Thank you so much! Just hang on to them for the 2021 show. We know that it will be a stellar show and boutique!

I have a number of donated patterns for those of you who would be interested: items including tote bags, pin cushions, quilter's tool caddy, scissor case, fabric bowls, necktie pocket pouch, among others!

Any questions? Contact me at EspeciallyQuilts@att.net, or call 913-341-0525. Stitch on!



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 September 22, 2020
- ❖ Details of how quilts will be shown is TBD. It may be virtual, or a drive by, but we will show our challenge quilts.



Applique	Fabric Paining	Ribbon Work
Beadwork / Embellishments	Hand Quilting	Ruching
Embroidery / Cross Stitch	Hand Died Fabric	Tilling
Curved Piecing / Scalloped Borders	Foundation/ Paper Pieced	Trapunto
English Paper Piecing	Prairie Points or 3D	YoYo's

This is a dynamic list and changes will be made as requested. If there is a technique you'd like to use that's not listed, contact Kim Cawthon.



We are going ahead with Ruby Red Challenge and are working on ways to display and vote on the challenge quilts in the coming months.

The quilts from the challenge are all invited to hang at the 2021 Quilt Show, but the challenge voting will be this year.

This is an exciting challenge and we look forward to seeing the exciting entries!

REQUEST FROM KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE

The following letter came to Starlight this past month. Passing along the update and request:

Hello Starlight Quilters!

In light of the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Fiber department at KCAI is working to prepare for the fall semester and the possibility of teaching classes online. We are looking for donations of sewing machines in good working order. We have many students that rely on our shared departmental sewing machines to create their work. This fall semester we have three classes that will be relying on sewing: I'm teaching a quilting class, local artist Hadley Clark is teaching an introduction to sewing class, and Associate Professor Marie Bannerot McInerney is teaching our Junior major studio class that will be covering three-dimensional sewing techniques for texture and sculptural forms.

Should we have to move to online teaching we will not have enough sewing machines to provide each student with their own to take home for the semester. Any sewing machine would be welcome, no matter what brand or age, as long as it runs. KCAI is a nonprofit institution of higher education and can provide documentation to make any donation tax-deductible.

Would you be willing to pass this along to your members? If you know of any other individual or organization in the Kansas City area that may have sewing machines to donate please also send this their way. If you or any Starlight Quilt Guild members are able to donate please reach out and we can coordinate its pick up or drop off. Let me know if you have any other questions or suggestions.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Best,

Kim

*Kim Eichler-Messmer
Associate Professor of Fiber
Kansas City Art Institute
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PROJECT LINUS

Great news!!! Quilts for Project Linus can be dropped at Harper's Fabrics until we can meet in person to give them directly to Mary Honas. Yeah!!!

Guidelines and our calendar of worknights is available on the Starlight web site at www.starlightquilters.com.

To stay in touch with Project Linus activities in the Kansas City area, visit Project Linus of Greater Kansas City at www.projectlinuskc.org.

Mary Honas

Project ♥ Linus



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We are so excited to be starting a new community service project....making masks. Ha! Only kidding! I think we have all made enough for awhile. What is being planned is for the KU Med Center Cancer Treatment Center.

Janet Wikle volunteers at the center and they are in need of several homemade items that we feel the Starlight Guild can easily supply. We will be providing directions for most of them (there are 5 different ones) within the next few days, either through email or our website. If you have problems accessing any of them please let Deb McCurnin or Janet Wikle know and we can happily mail or email any of the directions to you.

Just in case you were wondering (and I am sure you are) there is a new name for this particular committee for this particular project. Janet and Deb will now answer to THE CHARITY CHICKS!

So here are a couple of projects to get you started... we will be sending more directions soon. Remember that since this is for cancer patients we must use new, clean, unused fabric in our projects. We also plan on putting some sort of label on them but we have not worked out the details yet (suggestions and ideas welcome, along with the "how to").

KU has been very enthusiastic and wanting anything we can donate. Since this is our pilot project we will do this for KU first then possibly follow up with other cancer centers. We are also working out the details of pick up. Right now you can drop off with no contact to the front porches of either of the Charity Chicks homes. Just let them know that a donation is being left there.



Here are the five projects KU is requesting:

- Port Pillow
- Underarm pillow
- Bone pillow
- Seat Belt protector
- Lap quilt about 40" x 45" or 45" x 50"

Patterns for Port Pillow, Underarm pillow and Bone pillow will be posted soon.

One option for a pattern for the Seat Belt protector is a free download from byannie.com. Go to free patterns and you will see "Bosom Buddy". That is the pattern we felt really gave great directions. KU said this is their most requested item.

Quilt size should be about 40" x 45" or 45" x 50". They want these quilts lap size so not to be a tripping hazard. They should be made from cotton material (no fleece please), tied or quilted. Any kind welcome, masculine or feminine.

Thank you all so much for your generosity and talent. I think all of us have been affected by someone with cancer or ourselves have had to fight the battle. The Charity Chicks felt this would be a nice tribute to those members of our guild that lost their battle. Please if you have any questions about this project, contact one of the Chicks. Again, a heartfelt thank you.

The Charity Chicks