

December 2009

Your guide to what's happening!



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
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Starlight Express

Madam President!

They say time flies when you are having fun, which explains why my year as president has gone by so fast. It has been fun. That's not to say there wasn't a lot of work involved. Being a leader of any type of organization requires work, but never have I gotten so much in return than my year as president of Starlight Quilters Guild. So many of you have thanked me or told me I've done a good job, but it is you, the guild members, who deserve the credit. I have heard time and again what a nice, friendly group of people our guild is, and what an active group we are. Active because of the number of members who attend each meeting, the number of members who participate in the meetings and events, and the number of people we have for show 'n tell. Speakers and shop owners have told me Starlight has the best show 'n tell they've ever seen. Comments like this are what makes me proud to be an SQG member, and proud to have been your leader. It has been a very rewarding year.

And speaking of rewards, I can't even begin to express my thanks for the fabric bestowed upon me at the November meeting. I'm still overwhelmed. Every time I go through the fabric and touch each piece my eyes get moist. I've decided I'm going to use the fabric to make a friendship quilt and have every member sign it. It will be a work of love.

Everything in life has a beginning and an end. So as this year ends, the new year begins, with promise and hope for ourselves, our families, and our country. My year has had its ups and downs and I know next year will be the same. But one thing I can count on is the joy I will share with my fellow Starlight quilters.

—Donna di Natale



Donna accepts outgoing Presidential gifts!



Opportunity Quilt Winner—Victoria Foley

It REALLY was a thrill to win the Opportunity Quilt this year. I have purchased tickets each year so I really was not expecting to win, but thought purchasing tickets helps support the guild. I purchased \$30 worth of tickets throughout the time available to purchase tickets.

I loved the pattern and had been admiring this year's Opportunity Quilt based on the pattern and colors. Needless to say the workmanship is beautiful. It is quite a thrill and honor to win a quilt of this quality and beauty.

The night I won the quilt I immediately took it home and spread it out in my guest room on the iron bed that was my father's when he was a little boy. This quilt just warms my heart and makes me remember my father and imagine

him as a little boy sleeping under such a quilt. This quilt is going to be the feature item in my guest room and I plan to update the room to match.

It is a privilege and honor to know such talented quilters as Karen Edwards and Donna Simpson that made this quilt. It will always be treasured in my home.

Thank you,
Victoria Foley

1855 Harris-Kearney House—SQG Quilt Day on April 24 and 25

We've been invited to show our favorite quilts, tell their stories, talk about quilting, why we quilt and anything else that might interest visitors to this lovely historic Westport home. I would love to have approximately 10 quilters per day. April 24 (11am-4pm) or April 25 (2pm-5pm). If you're interested, please call Jan Fortney 816-523-7841 or e-mail fortney@swbell.net for more information.



2009 Opportunity Quilt—"Woolie Churn Dash" made by Karen Edwards, quilted by Donna Simpson.



Fat Quarter Drawing for 2010—

—by *Kim Cawthon*

What's a fat quarter? It is a new piece of fabric, approximately 18" x 22" in size. Here's a list that covers the type of fat quarters members

should bring for the fat quarter drawings each month.

- **Jan – Toys Are Us**
- Feb – Forever Plaid or Paisley
- Mar – Out of Africa
- Apr – It's Raining Cats or Dogs
- May – Mid Century Retro
- Jun – Fat Quarter Bingo:
 - 1 – Plain Jane
 - 2 – Jo's Little Women
 - 3 – Toile
 - 4—Delft Blue
- Jul – Fruit Salad
- Aug – Geometric Art
- Sep – Back to School
- Oct – I am Women
- Nov – Caffeine Jitters

Notice! All Potential Quilt Holders!

Please consider being a quilt holder for the next meeting or for Show and Tell.



Don't be bashful, just step right up. What a great way to get to touch and inspect those terrific quilts. It takes 4-6 people to properly do the job during one meeting. Please be generous and lend a hand. Thanking you in advance.

Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone gets to do things they enjoy during the holiday season. Try to relax, recoup, recycle and make gifts and rejoice in whatever way you like. Enjoy a

sugar-free, non-fat eggnog and really whoop it up. But sneak in a little quilting, me-time. You'll probably find it energizes you for any have-to's on your list. At least drool over a magazine or catalog. And, if the spirit moves you, remember those kids in the hospital or in crisis and make a Linus blanket. That will definitely make your holidays bright.

Looking back at last year, we did great things together for the boutique and small quilts sale during our annual quilt show. You guys did super at creating all the wonderful things we sold. And the bake sale! Our first & very successful bake sale! I think I'm still recovering from the calories. Yum, yum, yum. Anyone game for a guild cookbook? I would volunteer to put it together (what am I saying? Have I lost my mind? Too much holiday spirit?) We definitely have the talents.

It has been an honor coordinating the Boutique/Small Quilt/Bake Sale for the last year. I will start collecting again in January (hint, hint); although some adventurous soul already donated in November! I can't wait to see what comes my way next year. The sale fills out my holiday list admirably with the money going to our guild programs.

My holiday wish is that each of you makes a plan to come to the guild's annual quilt show next year. It was sad to note that some of you missed it this year. Admission is free. Parking is free. And the quilts we make are inspiring to see in a mass display. It just charges you up to create. So, wait for the announcement of when and please, please mark your calendars. Your guild representatives work hard to put together the show. It should be on your must-see list. Just drag your spouse, friends, family & your out-of-town company to see what it is we do. I guarantee you'll have fun and maybe a cookie.

Make joy!

—by *Alex Thompson*



Welcome Table

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the awesome quilters that helped make the meetings this year run so smoothly! Pat Pennington, Lisa Souza, Opal Yarnell, Jeanne Poore, Lea Robrahn, Cheryl Diebold, Kristi Orr, and all who pitched in to help, you are all much appre-

ciated by the guild. I would like to thank Opal Yarnell for assuming the position of Hospitality/Greeting chair for 2010.

—by *Lyn Heilman*

Treasure Chest Winner



Winning the Treasure Chest is definitely an awesome experience! I was totally excited and flabbergasted that I was lucky enough (I should say, blessed enough) to win a third (yes, third) large item from the guild. I've won the opportunity quilt twice since I joined in 2001. People tell me I should purchase lottery tickets. I'm wondering if members want me to buy chances on anything from now on!

Winning the Treasure Chest was good news to share with my friends. It still puts a smile on my face. It was motivation to clean up and organize my sewing room. It gave me many tools, fabric, kits, books and magazines to work with and share. It boosted me to finally finish the Linus Quilt I've been working on for too long. It gave my husband, Henry, a chance to hang something else on a wall, his favorite thing to do. He threatened to hang the ruler holder with the slots going vertical. Didn't happen.

So a huge thank you to all who had anything to do with putting the Treasure Chest together. And I must say that although winning is definitely FUN the best thing that comes from membership in the guild are the friendships, learning, sharing and inspiration that I've gotten from all of you.

—by *Connie Passaro*



Thanks!

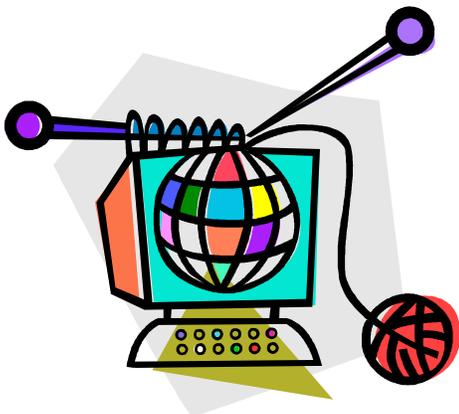
My sincere appreciation to Starlight Quilters Guild Members for your support of me as a quilter, artist and fellow member. Tuesday night at the meeting so many people asked

about my quilt, "What Were We Thinking?" that I debuted at our guild show. I had entered it in a show called *The Artist as Quiltmaker XIV* held by the Firelands Association of the Visual Arts at the New Union Center for the Arts in Oberlin, OH and still had not heard whether or not it would be accepted. Everyone was so encouraging and hopeful for me.

I am ecstatic to say that I was accepted into the show and that my quilt is safely back in my hands! The package and the letter both arrived Thursday, November 19th. The show will be on display in Oberlin, OH May 16th—July 31, 2010. Opening reception May 16th at 2:00pm.

My growth as a quilter is attributable to all the wonderful programming, individual advice and show-me-how-to sharing, friendships, retreats, and workshops offered by Starlight over the last 7 years. Maybe I could have done this by myself... but it wouldn't have happened so quickly and it wouldn't have been nearly so fun, fulfilling and meaningful! Thanks Starlight Friends for everything!!!

—by Susan Stevenson



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I hope everyone has had a chance to visit our new website, www.starlightquilters.com/

Although the name is long, once you have entered it you can save the site to your favorite places. Please let me know

what you would like to see there. If you haven't been there, here is a little walk around:

- It will open on the "**home**" page. Here I have information about the guild, i.e., when we started, where we meet, when we meet, and there is also a picture of our logo. If you click on the logo it will take you to the pattern so you can make it into something like a name badge for guild meetings. Lots of luck doing it as it is a very difficult pattern to piece, at least for me.
- At the top of each page is the name for each page which you can click on to take you to that page.
- The next page in the list is the "**special events**" page. This page will change all the time based on what special or one-time events are going on. Right now it has a reminder about when the next guild retreat will be with a link The Barn's website.
- Next you will find the "**Newsletters**". There will be a link to the previous month's newsletter and the current month's newsletter. There is also a picture of the new 2010 board members that was taken at the November meeting.
- Moving on, you can select the "**Programs**" page. Here you will find a brief description of the current month's program, plus a list of all the programs for 2010. Sometimes there will be a link or a brief description of the last program.
- Then we have the "**workshops**" page. This page will give you information on the workshops coming up which have a confirmed date. It will tell you the topic, teacher, cost, date, where, etc. Be sure to take advantage of these low cost opportunities to learn new skills, improve ones you have, or just have a great time sewing with your friends. You don't need to commit to making a big project, although you may want to do that, so don't worry about ending up with another UFO. Just make a small wall hanging, place mat, or coaster using your new skill.
- Then there is a page called "**What's going on...**" Right now it just tells about Project Linus. But I'll try to keep it up to date with new things as I learn about them. If there is something you

would like to highlight, let me know.

- Then there is the "**Pictures past and present**". Here you will find links to pictures of the quilt show, our programs with show & tell, the bus trip, and the retreat. As events happen and we get pictures, I will post them also. Send me any pictures you would like to see.
- Last of all, there is a "**Contact Us**" page. Here there is a map that shows our location and a link you can click on to get driving directions. There is also a place to fill out and send comments to me.

Hope you enjoy your tour of our web site. Stop by often and keep up to date on what is happening. And don't forget to send me any suggestions you have. You can do that on the contact page or just e-mail me at: bernief@kc.rr.com.

Happy Holidays!!

—by Bernadine Farrow

Mary Edith Gall

Our friend Mary Edith Gall passed away on December 14, 2009 after a furious 8 week fight with illness.



Mary has lived in Prairie Village since the 1950's and sewed all her life. She was a long time member of the Starlight Quilters Guild as well as other guilds and several small stitch groups. Some of you may have taken classes with Mary at the Bernina shop in Overland Park.

I came to know Mary while serving on the board of the Starlight guild and then through a small stitch group that has been meeting together since 1997. Mary was generous with her time, knowledge and fabric. We did several projects over the years and one of our favorites was the Round Robin. After a year of secret meetings and much midnight consulting we managed to stretch ourselves to complete our pieces. To this day the Round Robin is my most favored and treasured piece. Mary was always a source of great design ideas and a cheerleader for all of our efforts. We did many a shop hop together, solved the world's problems over applique projects and cried together through the triumphs and trials of life. She will be missed.

Sincerely, Susan Calvet, Diane Retzke,
Mary Goodman and Lynne Zeh



2010 Programs and Workshops—by Donna di Natale

We have an exciting line-up of programs scheduled for next year.

JANUARY—a trunk show and presentation by our own author, designer, and teacher, **Jeanne Poore**. Jeanne will show us how to spark up our quilts using borders that go beyond the usual with her presentation, “Border to Border.”

FEBRUARY—**Jeanne Poore** will also present a 3-hour Cathedral Window workshop on Saturday, February 6. There are only 4 spots left for this workshop so be sure to sign up right away. The fee for this workshop is \$15.00. **Jerry Stube**, owner of Quilter’s Quarters in Leavenworth, will show us her trunk show of “Great Quilts (I Have Known (or wished for)).”

MARCH—fabric and pattern designer **Lynne Hagmeier** will present her trunk show, *Kansas Troubles Quilts -- Moda and Beyond*. Lynne will also present a mini Tulip Scissor Holder workshop at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular guild meeting. The fee for the workshop is \$10, and includes the complete kit. Sign up for this workshop at the January and February meeting.

APRIL—will begin with the very popular landscape quilt class by **Shirley Lewis and Karen Edwards** on April 10. This is a 4-hour hands-on workshop and the fee is \$15. Sign up in January. April will end with a bang with internationally known quilter **Roberta Horton**. Roberta will present a digital slide show of her travels around the world teaching quilting and collecting fabrics in her presentation “Find It! Buy It! Use It!” She will bring quilts to show how to use those special fabrics that we find and just have to own. Roberta and her sister, Mary Mashuta, will be in Kansas City for 35th anniversary of the Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City. We are going to piggyback with QGGKC to host Roberta, and will have an opportunity to share in their celebratory events.

MAY we are going to look back on quilts from the past with **Libby Wallis** and her “LibQuilts Collection Trunk Show.” We will also have a special Show ‘n Tell in May. Members are invited to bring 1 or 2 of their favorite old quilts to share with the guild (in addition to our regular Show ‘n Tell). On Saturday, May 29, Libby will present a special workshop on Documenting Quilts. Libby’s fee for this workshop is \$15 each. More details will be available later.

JUNE is **BINGO** month and Kim has selected some intriguing themes for the fat quarters. Check out the 2010 Fat Quarter card and start collecting.

JULY is the month we have all been waiting for. **Jo Morton** is coming to Starlight! Jo will inspire us to try our hand at “Making Something New That Looks Olde.” Jo will be giving two workshops while she is here: one at Prairie Point Quilts on Wednesday, July 28, and a second one at Harper’s Fabric and Quilts on Thursday, July 29th. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and sign up for both.

AUGUST will bring us a special program by Kansas City Star Books author **Deb Rowden**. Deb will talk about her latest book, *Making Memories*, and show us how to include family treasures in our memory quilts. Deb encourages members to bring family treasures, especially old clothes or accessories, so she can suggest ways to preserve them in a quilt.

SEPTEMBER is time to finish up our quilts and donations for the quilt show. As a special treat, **Deb Rowden** will return to present a Quilted Postcard workshop during the regular meeting. The fee for the workshop is only \$5 and will include some of the supplies for the postcards. Everyone who makes a postcard and donates it to the quilt show boutique will receive an extra ticket for the door prize drawing. (NOTE: This program is subject to change as the actual date of the 2010 quilt show is unknown at this time.)

OCTOBER is the time to start working on those special holiday gifts. You may get some ideas when **Kathy Delaney** presents her beautiful appliqué quilts and asks the question, “If I’m the Appliqué Queen, Where is My Crown?” This ‘strictly appliqué’ trunk show follows Kathy’s love of appliqué from the beginning to her recent award-winning work.

NOVEMBER **Caroline Searles** will show you how to use your quilts to decorate for the holidays in her presentation “Closets, Shelves, Trunks and Under the Bed.” Quilts are meant to be displayed and what better time than when friends and family gather to celebrate. Bring paper and pen to jot down ideas from Caroline’s great trunk show.

Whew! What a year we have to look forward to with these amazing speakers and programs. You won’t want to miss a single meeting!

Workshops Coming Up!

Cathedral Window Workshop—Feb 8

Don’t forget to sign up for **Jeanne Poore’s cathedral window workshop**.

The date is Saturday, February 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$15.00. You will receive a list of supplies and pre-class cutting instructions when you sign up. If you have any questions about this class, contact Donna di Natale at dinatale@att.net or (913) 541-0283.



Lynne Hagmeier Mini Workshop

Fabric and pattern designer Lynne Hagmeier will present a mini workshop at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular guild meeting. Participants will learn wool felt appliqué to make this Tulip Scissor Holder. The fee for the workshop is \$10 (due at the time of sign-up), and includes the cost of the complete scissor holder kit. Sign up for this workshop at the January and February meeting.



Library News

The Library Committee will be receiving a new installment of \$200 to buy new books &/or videos for the coming year. Look through your favorite catalogue or at a quilting shop for items that you think would be beneficial for our Guild. We will be sending in an order in February to AQS. You can also order books for yourself at that time. Since we typically have a number of books with this order, we all can get the best rate! Please return any book that you are not using so that others can check them out. We hope to be able to see some finished products from books that you have already borrowed! Sandy Fey and Cheryl Tomson

—by Sandy Fey, Librarian



Finish Fabulously

—by Lynne Zeh

Backing Your Quilt



Theoretically you can use whatever you want for the backside of a quilt but keep in mind that if your choice makes the quilting process hard you may just decide not to finish. I would bet there are a lot of great quilts hanging in your closet, folded neatly in plastic zippered bags or acid free boxes. But those tops deserve to be finished quilts so let's give ourselves every advantage in getting the best results possible.

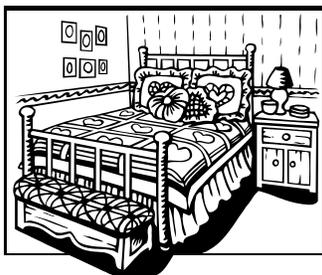
So let's turn our attention to the back of a quilt. There are quite a few options for the back of your quilt and with a little for thought you can take advantage of another opportunity of finishing fabulously.

You have an unlimited number of choices in ways to back a quilt. You can use the newer options of 100% cotton wide backs, piece a back, use some less often used options like wool, decorator weight cottons, flannel, fleece, an old blanket or even another quilt top. But here are some general hints for great success no matter what option you choose.

1. Make sure your backing is larger than your quilt top. Two to four inches on **all** sides is a good rule of thumb.
2. Wash and/or color test your fabric to prevent bleeding to the front. The unwritten rule is that if you pre-wash your fabric and use them in front then used pre-washed fabrics for your back. Vice versa if you do not pre-wash.
3. Remove selvages. These are the printed edges with information from the manufacturer. They are a tighter weave than the fabric in the middle. When seamed they tend to form a bow, they can be very hard to quilt through (either by hand or machine) and can cause ridges in the finished quilt.
4. Make sure the backing is well pressed and clean. If there are wrinkles and deep folds in your backing fabric they will quilt into your finished piece. This is one time where fabric sizing or starch is good and ironing is fun. And if the selvages are removed, the fabric will lay nice and flat.

5. Back-tack any seams that will end up on the edge of your backing. This will prevent the seams from unraveling as you quilt the layers together.
6. Remember when using any stretchy fabric like flannel, brushed cottons or fleece to stay stitch the outer edges. When stay stitching use a strong cotton thread and a medium stitch length of 6-8 per inch. Stitching too tightly will draw up the fabric and you'll end up with a very large fabric bowl.
7. Check for shadowing. Hold up your top and backing choice to a light source. If your pieced seams really show or your colors in the top are distorted you may need to consider something closer in color value to your top.
8. Muslin is good for really light colored quilts.
9. Printed fabrics with small designs, low contrast and tone on tones are great for hiding not so perfect quilt stitches, and for reducing shadowing. Caution with tone on tones, those that use a rubber like substance on the surface can be very hard to quilt through by hand or machine.
10. Very large prints with high contrast colorations need to be auditioned with the quilt top with a light source.
11. If you are going to hand quilt, I would needle test the fabric. Thread your needle with the quilting thread and run it through a piece of scrap fabric. If the needle is hard to push through, or squeaks or the thread feels more like a shoe string then I would have to rethink the fabric or the needle or the thread. But imagine what it would have been like with the top and the batting....

In the next issue will continue on the topic concerning backing and will cover sheets as a backing choice. As always enjoy your quilting and with these tips you are well on your way to Finishing Fabulously.



Tip—Use a Taleidoscope?

Lay your fabric selections out and view them through the taleidoscope (see wiki definition below) to see what they might look like all cut up and pieced back together. This is a great way to single out colors/values/patterns that won't "work" in the overall design.

A taleidoscope is a kind of kaleidoscope. Unlike other kaleidoscopes, teleidoscopes have a lens and an open view, so they can be used to form kaleidoscopic patterns from objects outside the instrument, rather than from items installed as part of it. It was invented by John Lyon Burnside III.

The lens at the end of the tube is not an optical requirement, but protects the internals of the teleidoscope from objects which a child might insert. A spherical ball lens is often used. An advantage of using a sphere is that it will not press flat against the object being viewed, which would block all light and result in no image being seen. (from Wikipedia)

—by Susan Stevenson

2010 EVENTS CALENDAR



Jan 26—Jeanne Poore, *Border to Border*

Feb 23—Jerry Stube, *Great Quilts I Have Known (or wished for)*

Mar 23—Lynne Hagmeier, *Kansas Troubles Quilts -- Moda and Beyond. Bring a Friend Night*

Apr 27—Roberta Horton, *Find It! Buy It! Use It!* \$5 for nonmembers

May 25—Libby Wallis, *LibQuilts Collection Trunk Show*

Jun 22—Fat Quarter Bingo

Jul 27—Jo Morton, *Making Something New That Looks Olde*. \$5 for nonmembers (Location TBA)

Aug 24—Deb Rowden, *Making Memories*

Sep 28—Quilting Bee and Quilted Postcard Workshop

Sep 17-19—SQG Retreat at The Barn

Oct 26—Kathy Delaney, *If I'm the Appliqué Queen, Where is My Crown?*

Nov 16—Caroline Searles, *Closets, Shelves, Trunks, and Under the Bed*

SQG Anniversary Pin



A beautiful cloisonné pin celebrating the 30th anniversary of Starlight Quilters Guild is now available at the low price of only \$5 each. Many of you may have seen this special pin when it was given to all 2009 and 2010 officers at the November meeting. This limited edition pin is 1 1/4 inches square with our guild logo block in 4-color cloisonné with a polished gold background. Around the block are the words Starlight Quilters Guild 1980-2010. Proceeds from the sale of these pins will go to support the Programs and Workshops committee and pay for special programs in the coming year. Only 100 pins were purchased and when the last one is sold there won't be any more available. So be sure to purchase your anniversary pin at the next guild meeting.

Starlight Quilters Guild 2010 Workshops



Programs and Workshops Chair:
Donna di Natale dinatale@att.net
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Date	Time	Class	Instructor	Fee	Location
February 6	9:30-12:30	Cathedral Window	Jeanne Poore	\$15	A
March 23	6:00 pm	Tulip Scissor Holder	Lynne Hagmeier	\$10	B
April 10	9am-1pm	Landscape Quilt	Shirley Lewis and Karen Edwards	\$15	A
April 29*	9am - 3:30 pm	Foolproof Machine Quilting: The fun stuff	Mary Mashuta	\$40	C
	9am - 3:30 pm	Great American Scrap Quilt	Roberta Horton	\$40	C
April 30*	9am-12 noon	Creating Great Borders with Pieced Strips	Mary Mashuta	\$25	C
	9am-12 noon	Plaid Appliqué	Roberta Horton	\$25	C
	1pm-4pm	Designing Workspaces	Mary Mashuta	\$25	C
	1pm - 4pm	Folk Art Bouquet	Roberta Horton	\$25	C
May 29	9am-noon	Documenting Quilts	Libby Wallis	\$15	A
July 28	10am-4pm	TBA	Jo Morton	\$55	D
July 29	10am-4pm	TBA	Jo Morton	\$55	E
September 23	6:00 p.m.	Quilted Postcard	Deb Rowden	\$5	B

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A	Community of Christ Church 7842 Mission Road Prairie Village, KS
B	Countryside Christian Church 6101 Nall Shawnee, KS
C	Pastoral Center 12601 Parallel Parkway Kansas City, KS 66109
D	Prairie Point Quilts 7341 Quivira Road Shawnee, KS 913-268-3333
E	Harper's Fabric and Quilts 7918 Santa Fe Drive Overland Park, KS 913-648-2739

New President—Connie Flagler

Connie (in orange) is getting ready to assume her new duties as President of the Starlight Quilters Guild in January 2010. Donna di Natale and Connie have been working hard to secure a full team to serve you in the new year. As always, we give Connie a warm welcome and wish her the very best as she takes on this new challenge.

Occasionally throughout the year we may be asking for volunteers to work on a special project, hold quilts, make our fall 2010 Quilt Show look easy, or we may just ask you to encourage someone who may need a hand. Thank you in advance for your participation. Welcome, Connie.



2010 New Members and Renewals

—by Marilyn Carr

It's time to renew your membership to the STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD.

The fee is just \$25 for a year of fun and excitement. If you have not had your picture taken, Jan Fortney will be back by the refreshment tables to 'shoot' you. If there is any change in your address/phone/email, please let us know. We want our roster to be as accurate as possible. For those who are not able to attend the January meeting, a check can be dropped in the mail to PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201.



Welcome New Member: Jeanette Byczek

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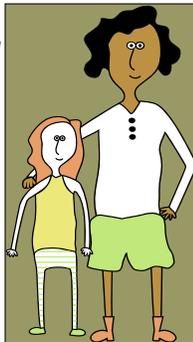
Let us know of any concerns, deaths, triumphs, or if someone needs help with something. This way we know what is going on with our fellow members and can send cards, etc. Contact one of these members:

- Rosie Brinker—268-8819—rosie474@aol.com
- Shirley Lewis—722-5486—sll849@aol.com
- Barbara DeMack—485-3966—barbstoys4u@hotmail.com

Linus Quilts

—Carol Cleary, Mary Funk and Cheryl Diebold

We've done it!!! Our goal this year was 320 quilts for Project Linus and we collected a total of 344!! Give yourselves a big pat on the back. Remember that children are especially in need of warmth at this time of year, so take a break from all of the holiday hubbub and do some relaxing at your sewing machine; put together a quilt. Everyone has been a great support to Project Linus these past two years during my term as chairwoman. THANK YOU!!! As mentioned last month, Karen Moore will be your chairwoman for next year. Her creativity and inspiration will guide us to another success year in 2010. Have a Blessed



Holiday Season, and remember - Giving a blanket is like giving a hug!!

Linus Blanket Size Guidelines

—by Mary Honas

The blanket size guidelines have been updated. Premie baby blankets must be very soft with few seams and no embroidery. Premie and newborn baby afghans must have a filled-in pattern with no holes to catch little fingers, toes or medical equipment.

Blanket Size Suggestions	
See fleece blanket sizes below.	
Preemie baby	24" by 24"
Newborn baby	30" by 30"
Toddler	35" by 40" to 45"
Child	40" by 60"
Teen	50" by 70"

There are separate size guidelines for fleece now. The hospitals won't use fleece in the preemie sizes and we've received larger blankets that are too narrow. We are stitching small fleece blankets together to make larger blankets.

Fleece Blanket Sizes	
Make blankets with one layer of fleece.	
Child & Teen	Use at least 1 1/3 yard of fleece. i.e., the full width of the fleece by at least 48".
Toddler	Use 1 yard of fleece; cut a 12" wide strip off 1 end, leaving fleece about 36" by 45".

Testimonial! My printer is out of ink, but plan on paying my dues tomorrow night...I love the guild meetings. They are so much fun, and so interesting. Everyone is so friendly at the Starlight Guild. I looked the form over good and will fill one out tomorrow night. I doubt that I will pick up new ink tomorrow. Am debating on buying a new printer, as the one I have is very old. And of course I enjoy being with my girls at the meetings.

Love the fat quarter drawing, door prize drawing and the speakers.

- Joyce Verstrate

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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 Starlight E-Site, which leaves your inbox less cluttered. To join:

1. Send an email message to Lea Robrahn (remove spaces)
2. You'll then be sent an invitation from Starlight E-site.
3. Join!



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

•2010 Membership New or Renewal \$25.00.

•Your annual dues bring the newsletter

checked 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!

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00pm every 4th 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles are due by the 5th of the month. E-Mail your article to Jan Fortney at fort-

ney@swbell.net (816-523-7841) AND copy Margaret Welch at mwelch5@kc.rr.com (913-432-4515). We both work on your newsletter!

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.

DO YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH? Well, **Happy Birthday!**



Ordinarily we'd ask you to please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share because your fellow SQG members will be deliriously happy to share your goodies! No doubt someone will beg for your recipe! But, since there's no meeting this month, you lucked out! This month's birthdays: Sandy Teeple, Lorna Larson, and Kelsi Bean.

Quilt Show 2010!

It's never too early to start planning for next year.

My co-chair will be Alice Scott and our first meeting will be held in January 2010.

If anyone is interested in being on the quilt show committee, please contact me or Alice.

We don't know yet when the show will be because we are waiting to see when Bishop Miede is available and they won't have their calendar set up until January. Hopefully we will have some definite news by the next meeting.

We have a theme for next year: Everything Old is New Again.

This goes along with our Anniversary Year and also with the Jo Morton Program.

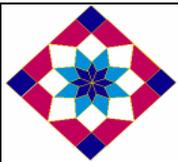
I'm seeing reproduction quilts, old quilts, quilts made from old fabrics, re-used, re-purposed, recycled fabrics as well as our usual Challenge quilts and new quilts.

Last year's show was great! Next year's will be better yet!

See you in January. —by Terri Oberle



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 the Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201.



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