



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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### President's Message-

By Connie Flagler

Well it's about time. The snow is over (knock on wood) and the sun has been out with 80 degree temperatures. That means it's time to clean out the greenhouse and start cleaning up the ugly decks and porches. I try to sew on the rainy days and I think there'll be a few of those. It also makes me think about spring flowers on fabrics and all the light and bright colors at the quilt shops. Fran and I went to a retreat in Warrensburg in March and had a great time. I actually almost finished a quilt top and Fran finished her stack and whack from a class we took with the Guild.

We are 1/3 of the way there with our placemats for the Challenge. Keep working on them and turn them in to Mary Funk after you show and tell them. I am going to use the paisley and plaid fat quarters I won in the drawing in February. I think most of them will be appealing to male "Meals on Wheels" clients. Also, at the next sew in and class for the "Landscape" quilt we hope to have some of you working on denim quilts for the homeless. For more information on that please talk to LueAnne Christensen. I will be out of town with my grandson in April and with my husband for his pistol competition in May so I leave you in the capable hands of our Vice President, LueAnne Christensen.

We have a board meeting in April before the meeting, so if you have any concerns or ideas please e-mail me with those so we can discuss them. Have a great Spring and plant lots of flowers while sewing lots of Spring fabrics!



### April Program

#### Roberta Horton Find It! Buy It! Use It!

Teacher, author, designer. These are all words that describe our speaker for April, Roberta Horton. Roberta made her first quilt in 1970 and began teaching quilting in 1973. Since then Roberta has: studied, pieced, and appliquéd traditional quilts; learned to use color through Amish quilts; designed nontraditional quilts influenced by her visits to Japan, Africa, Australia, and eleven other countries.

We will travel with Roberta as she tours the world in search of fabrics for her quilts. Then with these treasures in hand, she will answer that great quilting question: "Now what do I do with it?"

Learn how to work with fabric that is "new" to you so that you, too, can create a quilt that's a showcase for the colors and sights that you've experienced.



### Membership News-

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sue Pimpl  
Paula Quade  
Beverly Zavadil

#### A returning former member

Patty Kroll

#### March Attendance

Members Present	94
New Members	3
Guest	<u>14</u>
Total	111



## Fat Quarter Drawing-

By Marilyn Carr

Wallet size cards with 2010 Fat Quarter Themes are available at the Hospitality Desk. If you don't have one, pick one up next month. Then when you are out shopping, adding to your stash, you can check out the upcoming themes.

It's Raining Cats or Dogs	April
Mid Century Retro	May
<b>Fat Quarter Bingo</b> Plain Jane Jo's Little Women Toile Delft Blue	June
Fruit Salad	July
Geometric Art	August
Back to School	September
I am Woman	October
Caffeine Jitters	November

## 2010 Sewing and Stitchery Expo – Puyallup, WA Sponsored by Washington State University

by Lorna Larson

Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, the Expo has more than 400 vender booths plus 100 daily classes and seminars. 27,000 people attended this year, including me. It was held February 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at the Puyallup fairgrounds. Yes...lots of concrete and lots of walking. Rain daily was a sure thing. Photography was not allowed, and I wish I could have brought pictures back. What inspiration and creativity. If you ever get an opportunity to attend this Expo, I'd say go for it. I'm so glad I went.

On Saturday night I went to the Quilters Night Out Show with Eleanor Burns. I also went to seminars by Sue Hausman, M'Liss Rae Hawley and Kaye Wood, among others. While I was in the Pacific Northwest I had an opportunity to go to The Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC, Canada, for afternoon tea. This was on my bucket list, and now I can say "I've done it!" Within walking distance was the Satin Moon Quilt Shop, so naturally I had to go. Now I'm an international quilter.

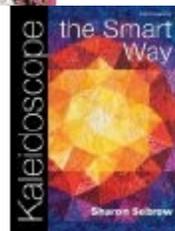
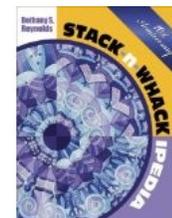
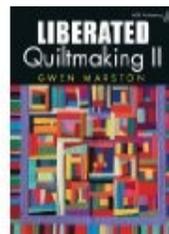


Now I'm looking at The American Sewing Expo - billed as the largest independent sewing expo in the world - Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> in Novi, Michigan. HmMMMM.

## Library Committee-

By Sandy Fey & Cheryl Tomson

Cheryl and I had a great time spending the Guild's money on your suggestions for new quilting books from AQS and we would like to share the titles of the books you can now check out. We purchased three books dealing with patterns for all the jelly rolls and other similar types of fabric packaging that we are buying: Jelly Roll Quilts and More by Kimberly Einmo, Layer Cake, Jelly Roll & Charm Quilts and Jelly Roll Quilts, both by Pam Lintott & Nicky Lintott. We also purchased Inchie Quilts by Nadine Ruggles for all those who like precision on a small scale. There is a follow-up of our Kaleidoscope class with Kaleidoscope the Smart Way by Sharon Sebow and Stack-n-Whack -ipedia by Bethany Reynolds. Others include Day & Night: Quilt in a Day and Orion's Star Quilt by Eleanor Burns; Liberated Quiltmaking II by Gwen Marston; and Mystery Quilts by Rita Fishel. Finally, for help with finishing up your quilts, there is Borders and Finishing Touches II by Bonnie Browning and Quilting UFO's with Helen's Hints by Helen Squire. We hope to see all of these books checked out next month, but don't keep them too long – we want everybody to get a chance to see them, too!



## Jo Morton Is Coming to Kansas City



**Lecture**  
**Tuesday July 27 7:00 PM**  
 Countryside Christian Church  
 6101 Nall, Mission, KS  
 Sponsored by Starlight Quilters Guild  
 \$5 admission for non-members



### Two Different Workshops

\$55 each (optional \$10 lunch)

Wednesday July 28 10:00-4:00  
 Prairie Point Quilts  
 7341 Quivira Road  
 Shawnee, KS  
 To register call:  
 913-268-3333

Thursday, July 29 10:00-4:00  
 Harper's Fabric and Quilts  
 7918 Santa Fe Drive  
 Overland Park, KS  
 913-648-2739  
[www.Harpersfabricandquilt.com](http://www.Harpersfabricandquilt.com)

### Save the date!

By Terri Oberle  
 On the Second Weekend in October, October 9th and 10th, The Starlight Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show will be held in the Commons at Bishop Miege High School, in conjunction with the Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival.



We are happy to be in the same location as last year in a building that is warm, light and spacious. Now that we have a contract for the space and know the time, date and place, we can begin planning in earnest. The theme for this year's show will be **"Everything Old is New Again"**. I hope to see some older quilts as well as re-makes; Reproduction fabrics as well as modern designs made in traditional patterns; Re-used, repurposed and recycled material and all things in between. We plan to have Vendors and a large Boutique and Small Quilt sale as well as a bake sale which went over well last year. We will be asking for volunteers later in the year and as always, I'd love to hear any suggestions or ideas you may have that will make our show even better. There will be more information available as the time gets closer. Keep working on your quilts and don't forget to **SAVE THE DATE**.

### TIP-

When threading a needle for hand sewing, moisten the eye of the needle rather than the thread. The moisture in the eye will help draw the thread through.

### March Speaker-

By Kim Cawthon



For 20 years, Lynne Hagmeier, has been a quilter, teacher, author fabric and quilt designer. She specializes in reproduction fabrics. Many of her quilts have her trademark "raw edge appliqué", raw edge strips sewn to enhance the designs. She particularly likes to use plaid, because the back and tops are the same which enhances the look when the edges ravel. This technique adds complexity to her deceptively simple patterns. She often goes to bed reading quilt pattern books to come up with designs that will trick us quilters into buying her patterns. Lynne thinks of herself as a "lazy quilter". She likes using pre-cut fabric such as charm packs and jelly rolls as it provides a shortcut to getting a completed quilt. The down side, she says, is that you don't end up with scraps for your stash. There is no doubt that Lynne loves her fabrics and quilts. You can find out more about Lynne at her website <http://www.ktquilts.com/index.php>.

### Linus-

Hugs, Karen and Mary

For the third month in a row we had a great total for blankets. We also received donated fabrics and batting. Thanks so much to all - we have a great group. Just as a reminder the Linus people can only use "new" blankets.



## Once Upon a Time ... 1990-

by Toni Caro.

... Newsworthy: Programs / Announcements / Quilters Can Cook/ Block of the Month/ Flying Fingers & Helping Hands / Biz Matters / Special Events / Field Trips / Charity Quilts / Publications/ Quilt Show Round UP!/ Work Study Techniques / Call For Quilts / Challenge: Stars! Kits available for \$5 ... Charter Update: Starlight Quilt guild chartered & - bylaws updated! By year's end the budding group boasted of 69 members, thus the NAME TAG MORATORIUM was enforced! Annual Dues were still \$12 in addition to 12 SASE. Meetings had been moved to its current location: Countryside Christian Church!

~ **FUN TO KNOW:** Nintendo free-motion Quilting - with a JOYSTICK! & Lawrence Community Theater featured "QUILTERS" A Musical Celebration.

**Projects:** "The Serial" 12-inch Quilt blocks from 1989 were available. The monthly newsletters continued to publish Block of the Month patterns, sometimes including recipes of snacks shared at the meetings. A typical meeting consisted of a "Program" with projects ranging from: a stuffed bead necklace; fabric lampshade; a pillowcase dolls; Appliqué techniques; Landscapes; Primitive Miniatures; in addition to putting together Christmas Ornament "Kits" to be sold as a fundraiser at the October Quilt show. Starlight Friendship Pins were available for \$5. A workshop was held to work on Sweatshirts to be worn at the Quilt show. The Starlight Annual Quilt Show returned to the Fall Festival at the Shawnee Mission Historical Museum. The guild donated \$150 to the Friends of the Indian Mission. as well as an "INDIAN BEADS" quilt for the Christmas fundraiser. Flying Fingers contributed in preparation for the quilt show, posters were made and quilts were completed for display and donation. Students from Prairie Elementary became excited about Kansas history and quilting by creating quilts for the quilt show. Sadly a fire destroyed one of fourth grade class quilts, yet the students were excited that TWO quilts were able to be salvaged to be displayed at the Quilt show!

"TRIPPING OVER QUILTS" ~ attendance to DOZENS of nearby Quilting Events was encouraged, as well as not so nearby events ranging from the Ozarks, Chicago, Kentucky, Houston, and as far away as Hawaii. The Kansas Museum of History in Topeka held quilting programs, workshops & lectures including **Kansas Quilt Project** researchers Barbara Brackman ("Clues in Calico" book signing) and Sara Reimer Farley (Developing Mennonite Quilting Tradition), including a *Call for quilts* for their book, [Kansas Quilts & Quilters](#) which was later published in 1993. Author June Ryker, who taught a "Round Log Cabin" quilt class in '89 requested students to send color slides/photos of their finished quilt to be considered for publication. Guild member Flo Pallanich's Lilac tone Round Log Cabin was chosen to be included in the publication.

Author Mary Ellen Hopkins book was added to the growing Library and teaching her class in Eureka Springs was big news. "Quilting Today" was a source of inspiration, requesting submissions and encouraging "Work Study" specialty groups to work on techniques. "Study & Stitch" started an "if only..." wish list and "Stitch Droppers Anonymous" met for "sewing circle" outside of regular guild meetings.

### Donation Quilts:

- Quilt Show donation Quilt: Navajo Pinwheel Wall Quilt was designed by Jeanne Poore.
- Hospice Care of Mid America - Hospice Project: Holiday fundraiser - kits were made available for the *Quilt as You Go* Sampler.
- Aids Baby Crib Quilts (ABC) - 250 Kansas quilts were donated, of 3,500 nationwide quilts .
- Mennonite Raffle Sale to raise funds for those affected by the Spring Tornado's.

**In Memory:** babies were born, weddings, anniversary's and holidays were celebrated, members relocated & were missed, the loss of loved ones and one founding member was fondly remembered and greatly missed when she unexpectedly passed away in a car accident. The guild grew and changed, often commemorating an event with a Quilt!

## Charm Square Project-

By Kristi Orr

Our next charm square project is "Polka Dots", any color, any size. Please remember to sign up at the April meeting and Kristi will announce the yardage that you will need to purchase in order to cut the 5 inch squares needed to bring to the May meeting.



## 2010 Starlight Guild Challenge

—Mary Funk

Reversible placemats for donation to Johnson County Meals-on-Wheels. Sixty placemats needed.

### Challenge:

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

Finished placemats are due at the August guild meeting.

Members will vote for prize winners.

### Categories:

- Workmanship—hand or machine
- Most fabrics used
- Most placemats turned in

Please DO NOT use juvenile or holiday print fabrics. If questions, call Mary Funk at 913-262-8455.

## If Quilts Could Talk! Workshop

by Libby Wallis

Saturday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

Community of Christ Church, 7842 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS

Do you collect quilts or have family quilts that have been passed down to you? Do you wish you knew more about them? If so, this workshop is for you.

If quilts could talk we would hear the most amazing stories. We would learn about the quiltmakers' lives, hopes, dreams, aggravations and sorrows. We would learn about the fabric, the life of the quilt, whether it remained in the same place where it was made or traveled to other places. We would learn the circumstances of its journey and the situation of its final destination. Every quilt has a story and in this workshop you will begin to uncover and document your quilt's story. Through pattern identification, fabric dating, and a review of the style and methods of construction we will place it in a historical context so that you can tell its story.

Participants should bring paper and pencil (NO PENS) and a quilt (or two) that they would like to research and any known information about the quilt and its maker. The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person, paid directly to Libby Wallis. For more information contact Donna di Natale at [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net).



## Starlight Quilt Guild Retreat 2010

September 17-19

By Carol Cleary

If you need something to look forward to – plan on attending the guild retreat this year. If you're wishing you had more time to yourself and could quilt all night long, this is the weekend for you. You can stay up as late as you want, sew in your jammies, get up as early or late as you desire and relax the weekend away with fellow quilters. The food is plentiful and delicious, the surroundings restful and beautiful. There is a pool and hot tub to add to your relaxation. We always have a wonderful time.

Our retreat is held at The Barn in Valley Falls, KS. We are limited to 30 people this year. Costs this year are \$185 per person for a 2 in a room and \$175 per person for 3 or more in a room.



A non-refundable deposit of \$50 will hold your spot for the retreat. Final payment will be due at the August guild meeting. **New this year**, as soon as you pay the balance of what you owe, you can select your sewing seat. We will have a seating chart for you to pick the spot where you want to sit; so if you want a window spot, or the spot near the snack table, get your money in quick. This is not a guild budgeted event and has to be self paying. What you are charged is what we need to cover our expenses and does not make money for the guild treasury.

For your money you get Friday and Saturday night lodging, Friday evening dinner, Saturday morning breakfast and dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. Saturday lunch is on your own. There are quilt shops in Winchester, Holton and Topeka KS that are a short drive from The Barn. We have the facility until noon checkout time on Sunday.

## 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: Jan Galvan-Colson  
Arlis Wickstrum



Starlight Quilt Guild will be taking a bus trip to Wichita for the Common Threads Quilt Show on June 26, 2010. A payment of \$20 to reserve your spot on the bus will be due at the March guild meeting with final payment due in May. Jackie Evans and Renee Arnett are planning the trip.

## Open Sew Saturdays-

By Jamie Morgan

Open sew days scheduled at the Perry American Legion in Perry Kansas are on April 24th and June 19th from 10am to 10pm. Cost is \$10 per person. All paper products are supplied. Lunch is potluck and supper is leftovers. Everyone brings whatever they'd like to work on for the day. Its a great way to sew, have a good time with friends and fellow quilters

410 Perry Place  
Perry, KS 66073-4202  
(785) 597-5277

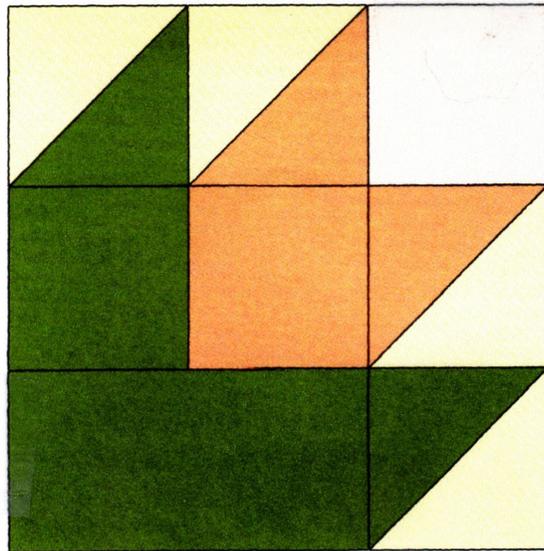


## SQG Roster 2010

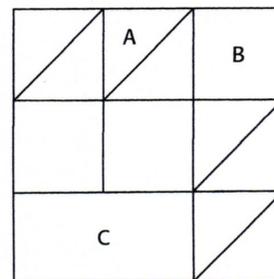
If you haven't picked up your new 2010 roster, they will be on the Membership table.

**April Block of the Month**  
Donna di Natale

**Flower Bud**

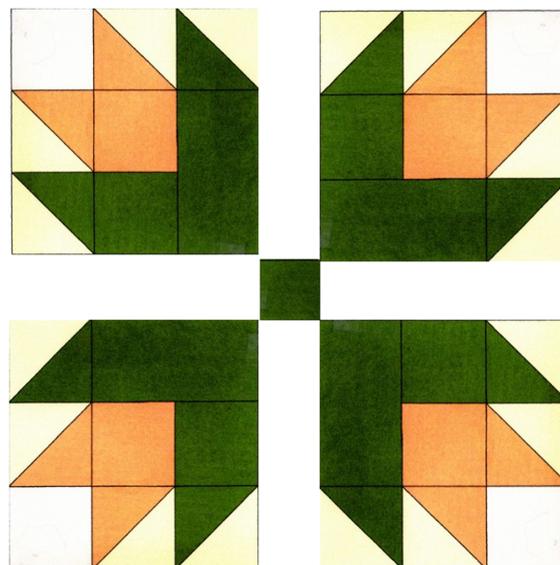


**Flower Bud**  
6"



A  2 7/8"    B  2 1/2"    C  2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Spring is popping up all over, including those early spring flowers. This month's block is called Flower Bud. It is a 6" block made entirely of squares and half-square triangles so is easy even for a beginning quilter. Use sashing (2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle) and a setting square (2 1/2") between the blocks to make a beautiful 14" block.



## 2010 Events Calendar

April 24— Open sew Perry American Legion, Perry, Kansas. 10 AM-10PM. \$10/person

April 27---**Roberta Horton**, Find It! Buys It! Use It! \$5 for non-members

May 25---**Libby Wells**, LibQuilts Collection Trunk Show

June 19— Open sew Perry American Legion, Perry, Kansas. 10 AM-10PM. \$10/person

June 22---Fat Quarter Bingo

July 27--- **Jo Morton**, Making Something New That Looks Like Olde. \$5 for non-members

August 24---**Deb Rowden**, Making Memories

September 28----Quilting Bee and Quilted Postcard Workshop

September 17-19---SQG Retreat, The Barn

October 9 & 10-- SQG Quilt Show-" Everything Old is New Again"

October 26---**Kathy Delaney**, It I'm the Appliqué Queen, Where is My Crown?

November 16---**Caroline Searles**, Closets, Shelves, Trunks, and Under the Bed

## 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 Di-Nalale 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/>



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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 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 than be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site
3. Join.

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



### Membership In-

**formation:** 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 MEET-

**ING! Tuesday, April 27, 2010 6:30 PM**—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00 PM**

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



### 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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