



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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Presidents Message-

By Connie Flagler

Happy Spring Everyone!
I just returned from North Carolina and it was 99 degrees in the shade! Wow. I wasn't prepared for the hot weather. My grandson has grown so much in the past 4 months and I hated to leave him but they will be up soon for a visit and I'll keep him awhile then.



I am working on my placemats and Linus quilts in my spare time. Meanwhile I'm trying to get my plants and seeds in the ground and clean up the outside. What a mess.

I hope everyone enjoyed the last meeting and I'm sorry to have missed it. Many thanks to LueAnne for chairing the meeting. She is going to be a great president.

I just picked up the new Debbie McComber book and the new quilt book by Jennifer Chiaverinni called "The Aloha Quilt". When I finish them I will donate them to the library. I can't wait to get started.

Don't forget to start thinking about donations for the Quilt Show Boutique. Small quilts, fabric remnants, patterns you are finished with etc. We hope to have better weather this year and another great turnout. Check your schedule and sign up to help if you can.

I'll see you in June. Have a great Spring Season.

May Program

LibQuilts Collection Trunk Show

Libby Wallis, began collecting quilts in earnest in 1997. But if having more than 3 of something makes it a collection, Libby's quilt collecting began twenty years earlier in 1977, when she was the high bidder on two rather primitive



wool crazy quilts, The dull brown colors were the perfect complement to the chocolate brown carpet and harvest gold kitchen of her first apartment! Libby has decorated her home with her growing collection ever since.

Libby developed a passion for quilt history, including fabric dating and restoration, and has studied with some of the best, including Terry Clothier Thompson, Barbara Brackman, Merikay Waldvogel, and Dr. Virginia Gunn. Her research has uncovered the stories behind the quilts in her collection and gives them voice. Libby now assists others in researching their quilts and documenting their stories.

The LibQuilts Collection specializes in vintage quilts and comforters dating from the 1880's to the 1980's. The collection is strong in two color quilts pieced in block format as well as planned scrap quilts in block format. Many bear strong resemblance to the patterns published by mid-western sources from the 1920's thru the 1960's including Kansas City Star, Capper's Weekly, Ladies Art Circle, Aunt Martha's and Mrs. Danner. The collection also includes silk, cotton, and wool crazy quilts and wool log cabin quilts.

Libby will share 25-35 of her quilts with us, along with the stories behind and about the quilts. **Members are encouraged to bring their favorite vintage quilt for a special Show 'N Tell.**



Quilt Retreat Sept 17-19, 2010

By Carol Cleary and Jackie Stokes

The guild quilt retreat will be at The Barn at Valley Falls, KS. Carol Cleary and Jackie Stokes are in charge of this year's retreat. Costs this year are \$185 per person for two persons to a room and \$175 per person for three or more persons in a room. A non-refundable \$50 deposit holds your reservation. As soon as you pay in full, you can choose your sewing seat. Look for us at the next guild meeting to sign up!

Tip-

Clean the lint from behind the blade of your rotary cutter and lubricate the cutter blade with a drop of sewing machine oil to keep it rolling smoothly. Shoot digital photos as you take it apart so you can reassemble it correctly.



Fat Quarter Drawing-

By Kim Cawthon



I love to open my drawer and look at all my fat quarters. I love the color and the feel of them. I love them the way I loved crayons when I was a kid. So every month I add my fat quarter to the basket on the hospitality table hoping I can add to my stash. Here are the themes for the remainder of the year.

May	Mid Century Retro
June Fat Quarter Bingo:	Plain Jane Joe's Little Women Toile Delft Blue
July	Fruit Salad
Aug	Geometric Art
Sept	Back to School
Oct	I am Woman
Nov	Caffeine Jitters
Fat quarters should be quilt store quality fabric	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By Marilyn Carr

Marilyn Gussman
Jean Liggett
Luella Roemer
Karen Vertin



April Attendance

Members Present 103
New Members 4
Guest 23
Total 130

Bus Trip Information:

By Jackie Evans



Starlight Quilters Guild is sponsoring a bus trip on Sat. June 26, 2010 to the Prairie Quilt Guild's quilt show in Wichita, KS. The "Common Threads Quilt Show" promises to have over 100 quilts and 60 vendors this year. We will leave at 6:30 AM from the parking lot in front of HyVee at 6655 Martway in Mission. We aim to be back by 8:30 PM. The parking lot is near Johnson Drive and Metcalf. Other landmarks in the area are Target and Hobby Lobby Stores in Mission. The cost is \$45 with deposits due in April and final payment in May. We have space for 45 with 22 currently committed. **IF** the bus fills up we will refund some of your money and/or purchase your admission to the show. Questions? Call Jackie Evans at 816-590-0763.

Mini Vacation Quilt Bus Trip 2010

Attached is a link for an unbelievable opportunity to take a mini vacation and see some very unique "quilts" Members of the guild have taken vacations with this company and have nothing but positive comments to share. This trip is open to the public therefore be sure to contact **Caren's Charters, Inc. —3540 W 194th St., Stilwell, KS 66085-9412— (913) 897-2084** to make reservations.



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Schoolhouse Workshop-

by Donna DiNatale



It's confirmed -- the Schoolhouse Workshop on **Saturday, Au-**

gust 28th, will be held at the Community of Christ Church on Mission Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Demonstrations from 9-12; open sew from 12-4.

Putting the quilt layers together: Mary Honas
Quilting on your home machine with a walking foot: Shirley Lewis
Free motion quilting on your home machine: ??
Quick and easy binding: Susan Jarsulic

April Speaker: Roberta Horton-

By Kim Cawthon

In 1994, Roberta Horton was selected as one of the 88 most influential quiltmakers in the world by **Nihon Vogue**, publisher of *Quilts Japan*. In 2000, the International Quilt Association awarded her a **Silver Star Award** presented in recognition of her lifetime body of work and the long-term effect it has had on quilting. In April, Roberta brought her expertise and love of fabric to Kansas City and Starlight Quilt Guild.



Roberta believes that American Quilters are very fortunate, because fabric is so diverse and plentiful. But she believes that it is important to use ethnic fabrics, because they help move you out of your comfort zone. She uses the word ethnic very loosely. For her, it can mean anything from American or British to Australian Aborigine or African Zulu fabric. Whatever fabrics you use, the fabric design must be true to the theme of your quilt.

It was very clear that Roberta loves fabric. "I had to have it, because I didn't own it" was her simple explanation on why she buys fabric. But she believes it's not enough to just buy fabric, it needs to be used, because the full creativity is not released from it until the fabric is cut. She says that the fabric will tell you how to cut and quilt it.

Robert Horton ended her slide presentation with her Six Rules:

- Don't Center
- Keep the eye moving
- Repetition makes things go together
- If it's too big, cut it off: if it's too small, add to it
- You don't want straight lines
- A quilt must be big enough to say something

You can see her quilts, many of which she brought with her, on her website, <http://www.robortahorton.com/index.html>



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66" x 55"
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June 22nd is Fat Quarter Bingo Night-

by Lorna Larson

It's almost here. Our popular Bingo Night is a time to have fun and add to the guild's treasury.

To play, bring four *quilt shop quality* fat quarters.

We previously listed a set of four categories for this year but we've added a second set. I know several have already bought their four fat quarters. That's great (in fact I have mine, too). You can choose to bring from either of the two sets below. They are not lines or collections. Just use your imagination and have fun picking out your set of four. Bundle them with a ribbon or band.



Set # 1	Set #2
Plain Jane	Ball
Jo's Little Women	Doll
Toile	Small
Delft Blue	Crawl

Bingo cards will be sold* two for \$5. There will be lots of regular bingo winners who will choose two bundled sets for a total of eight fat quarters. After the break we'll need to pay again for Blackout Bingo which will be \$5 per card. There will be only one Blackout winner and they will get the night's grand prize.

If you would like to volunteer to help on Bingo night contact me at lolarson@kc.rr.com I'm also looking for more door prizes for that night. Let me know if you would like to make a donation.

Quilt display case-

By Lisa Souza and Cheryl Diebold

You can have the opportunity to win this Quilt Display case with lots of goodies included. This is one of the guild's money making projects for this year. The tickets are \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. Please see either Lisa or Cheryl at the guild meeting to get your opportunity to win. The drawing will be held at the August guild meeting. Good Luck!!



Starlight Quilters Guild 2010 Workshops

Programs and Workshops Contacts:

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Lorna Larson: lolarson@kc.rr.com 913-422-0226

Date	Time	Class	Instructor	Fee	Location
May 29	9am-noon	Documenting Quilts	Libby Wallis	\$15	TBA
July 28	10am-4pm	TBA	Jo Morton	\$55	D
July 29	10am-4pm	TBA	Jo Morton	\$55	E
August 28	9:00-12:00 + open sew	SQG Schoolhouse Workshop	Various	\$20	A
September 23	6:00 p.m.	Quilted Postcard	Deb Rowden	\$5	B

Workshop Locations:

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

2010 Starlight Guild Challenge

—Mary Funk

A Reminder:

Turn in your finished 2010 Challenge Placemats for "Meals on Wheels" at any meeting. They are all due at the August SQG meeting. Use bright quilt fabrics and enjoy. Any questions-Mary Funk, 913-262-8455.



Charm Square Project-

By Kristi Orr

Remember to bring your Polka Dots Charm Squares to the May SQG meeting. You will need 82 Charm Squares. Put your squares in a baggy with your name and a piece of the selvage with the manufacturer listed on it.



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:

Renee Arnett
Marilyn Carr
Karen Edwards
Christine Foo
Patty Kroll
Cyndy O'Rourke
Lea Robrahn
Jackie Stoaks

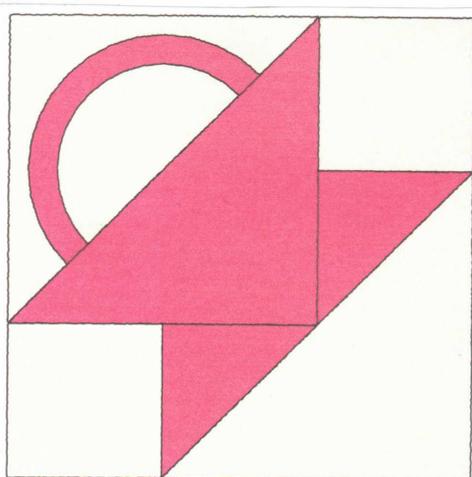


Opportunity Quilt-

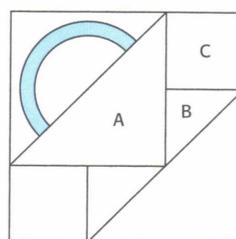
Keep an eye out for pictures of the two Opportunity Quilts being offered this year as a fund raiser for Starlight Quilt Guild. The tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The tickets will be available at each guild meeting. Please check with Ruth Ann Bonin for your opportunity to win one of the quilts.

Block of the Month

There are so many basket quilt blocks that it was difficult to pick just one for this month's block. The pattern I have chosen is certainly one of the simplest basket blocks in my collection. The handle can be made from a piece of bias fabric (approx. 1" finished width) appliquéd or fused to the background fabric, or try a piece of wide rickrack for the basket handle. For more fun, dress up your basket with some yo-yo flowers. If you like this basket pattern go to the Robert Kaufman Fabrics website to download a free pattern for the Sweet Dreams quilt pictured here (with or without the birds). http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/sweet_dreams_quilt/



May Basket
6"



A 4⁷/₈" B 2⁷/₈" C 2¹/₂"

“Everything Old is New Again”- 2010 Quilt Show

By Terri Oberle

Our 30th Anniversary as a Guild is this year and the celebration is a year long event with the Quilt Show being no exception. Our theme for the show this year is in



keeping with Jo Morton’s program (coming up in July) and is no less true today than it was “back then”. We will be celebrating the history of quilts and taking a look at the old as well as the new. Each is enhanced by the other.

The show this year will be held in the Commons at Bishop Miege High School on October 9th and 10th from 10:00 to 4:00 both days.

The Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival will be held that same weekend but we will not be part of the festival although we do hope to partake of the food and entertainment that is offered. And of course the weather will be beautiful!

I’m very excited about this year’s show. We will have two Opportunity Quilts offered, Boutique and Small Quilt Sale, Vendors, a Bake Sale and brand new this year- a Silent Auction. There will be more about the Vendors as the time approaches. The proceeds will be used to support our Guild’s educational speakers, programs and events as well as local charities that will receive monetary donations from our Guild.

Mark your calendars and save that weekend to be part of our show.

Open Sew Saturday-

By Jamie Morgan

Are you ready for a day of sewing fun, friendship and laughter? Then we hope to see you at Perry, Kansas for the next open sew date. Our next open sew day at the Perry, Kansas American Legion is scheduled for **Saturday, June 19th** from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Bring your sewing machine and supplies for what-



ever you want to work on. There will be ironing station(s), cutting mats and rulers provided. Lunch is pot luck and for supper, can you say leftovers? Individuals are asked to supply their own beverages. All paper products and ice are provided. Participants are asked to pay \$10 with the proceeds going to the American Legion. Remember you can bring a friend, bring a relative, bring a stranger off the street or just bring yourself. The more the merrier! Please contact Jamie Morgan (code43top@yahoo.com) or Janette Luehring (luehring@kc.rr.com) for more information or to confirm your spot.

Project Linus-

Hugs and Kisses, Karen and Mary

Just wanted to let everyone know that during my panic while speaking at the meeting I always forget to say something IMPORTANT. Here it is ---- I did not intend to take all the credit for the kits for Linus --- Lisa Souza, Lea Robrahn and Cheryl Diebold are always at Linus night at Harper’s and they are the very hard workers who cut and put together the kits -- all I did was tidy them up for you.



I asked Patty G. from Linus to explain about washing the blankets or fabric - here is what she said - They don't want us to start with an old sheet, fabric from used clothing, or new fabric that has been stored in a damp or dirty place. Washing your new fabric (as some of us do) is OK as long as no strong smells remain from the detergent or fabric softener. Also

some of you asked where the blankets go --- from the Linus blog I got this list: Children’s Mercy, Children’s Mercy South, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, St Lukes South - East & Downtown, Truman Lakewood, KU Med Center, Cass Co. Med Center, Hope Haven, Hope House, Centerpoint Med Center, Wyandotte Co Children’s Services and many more. Also -- on April 21st, 2010 Project Linus of Greater Kansas City was honored by Children’s Mercy Hospital with their Community Service award. They received a very nice trophy to commemorate the event. They say THANK YOU to all who have made this possible.

General Guidelines for Project Linus-

- All blanket materials used must be new, machine washable and machine dryable.
- Please use colors and prints that have child appeal. Children love bright colors.
- Make sure blankets are finished with no thread tails or runs of thread stitching lines.
- Blankets are securely constructed and able to withstand repeated washings and a child’s love and abuse.
- Blankets must be clean and must not smell of smoke or chemicals.
- Use your favorite pattern and see our website for pattern sources.

<http://KCProjectLinus.home.att.net>

Blanket Size Suggestions

Preemie Baby	24” x24”
Baby Blanket	30’ x 30”
Toddler Blanket	35’ x 40”-45”
Child Blanket	40” x 60”
Teen Blanket	50” x 70”

"Tell Tale Sign ~ knows a quilter by the Threads she wears."

By Toni Caro

1991 ~ 1990 was a hard act to follow, but laid the foundation for another amazing year. Bylaws were revised and approved, budget reviewed (year II at Countryside Christian Church rental), Guild Pins were again available & the guild library continued to grow. Not only did the guild Library grow, but interest in quilting was growing prompting the KC public library (near the plaza) to exhibit a mini quilt and book display. TRAVELING TIMES ~ invitations to attend Neighboring Quilt guilds and participate in Quilt shows, including the Leglar Barn Quilters Weekly Wednesday Quilt Bee's from 10am to 3pm, and the Powell Botanical Garden held a Dying Workshop for \$20. Party Bus to Silver Dollar City for the Quilt Show! Good times! Quilt shows aplenty, NEW Quilt shops, and Quilters Piecemaking everywhere!

Invaluable Tools: Rotary cutting 101, "little foot" for machine quilting, hand dyed fabric, washable marking pencils.... Freezer Paper extinction scare prompted a letter writing campaign to encourage Reynolds to continue producing the valuable product, later in the year guild members were assured the freezer paper would continue to be available, considering grocers were encouraged to include it in the inventory.

Guild Highlights:

Name tags required: helpful for newbies as well as older members without a perfect 'remeberly' ~ Programs & Mini Workshops: Name tags, Planning & Designing Quilts, "Speed Cutting" -- Intro to ROTARY CUTTING. & Aprons, Prairie Points, Flying geese, Flip-n-stitch, Applique, & "Fluttering Hankies" butterfly quilts utilizing Handkerchiefs.

Speakers: Quilters and the stories behind their quilts.... Silk fabric painted quilts....

Quilt Detective, Barbara Brackman, conducted a one day seminar in dating and identifying antique quilts...

Monthly patterns were published in the newsletter.

Current "Sign-in" protocol was adopted...

Small groups "Stitch and Visit" & a Color Study group began meeting on a regular basis...

Cook book fundraiser idea: collecting Grandmother Style recipes...

Christmas in July: Ornament Kits for the Quilt show; November: UFO auction - unfinished projects; Holiday Cheer potluck supper celebration.

(see next column)

Tip-

To lessen the noise of a sewing machine and keep the machine from moving around on the table, try placing it on the thick plastic mat typically used under typewriters, which you can find at an office supply store.



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Quilt Highlights:

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD QUILT with guild logo block was finished to be displayed at shows and to be passed to the guild chairman for safe keeping.

Star Wall Hanging in blue & white Thank you gift created for the law firm Bunn & Feree for assisting the guild in becoming a non-profit charter for *Pro Bono*.

"Attic Window's" **Challenge** boasted 27 participants Having fun ~ the requirements creating finished works: 41x48 inches, using the "Attic" design theme, in any color combo.

"Quilt As you Go" blocks for the Hospice Care for Mid America "You Light up My Life" Holiday Fundraiser.

Opportunity Quilt: 30 kits shared, created and returned for the Red, White & Blue full size "Linked Star" quilt.

Russell Kansas celebrated it's 120th anniversary "Saga of the Plains" Opportunity quilt was a striking contemporary Sunflower quilt.

Block drawings in which each block offered the maker a chance to WIN that quarters block entries.

Winners Circle: I) "Star Chain" from Harriet Hargraves new book "Heirloom Machine Quilting"; II) 12" "French Cafe"; III) Kaleidoscope; IV) Flying Geese

Charm Square Exchange! A charming idea "among the most spectacular pieced quilts in our repertoire as a quilter" where no 2 fabrics are alike, taking years to accumulate 100's of different fabrics. Bring your Charm Quilts for SHOW AND TELL!

[[This helpful tip was adopted: 'Anyone reading an announcement at the guild meetings, please give a written copy to the secretary to assure accuracy in spelling and number usage.']]

1991 boasted yet another year in which milestones were celebrated in fabric. Blessed be the Peicemakers.

Fabric Sale!!

By Lisa Souza

If you missed the past two times to buy a bolt of fabric @ \$1.00 a yard, then don't miss this. There will be a garage sale @ Beverly's, 6501 W. 125 Pl. Overland Park, KS 66209 on June 10 & 11. There's plenty of fabric left, nice quality. There is Wonder Under (that's 50 cents a yard!, bolt purchase required) and lots of felt @ the dollar a yard. If you missed the other sale dates or need to go back & get more, this is your chance!!



2010 Events Calendar

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



Advertisements

FREE! Post your AD HERE! If you are a guild member in good standing and would like to run your **FREE** ad, send your information to the newsletter editor. See back page for details.

Pieces in Plaid Quilting by Lynne Zeh. A professional full service quilter for 6 years. Located in Lenexa, KS.
lynnez@everestke.net

Machine Quilting by Lyn Heilman. Please call 913-492-8877. Edge to edge, custom and heirloom quilting. T-shirt, memory, and memorial quilts designed and created. Official Hobbs distributor.
lyn@quiltedmemories.com

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Machine Quilting. Call Lea Robrahn

Machine Quilting by Julia Day. Is your piecing ready to transform? Call for your consultation today.

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
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or sll849@aol.com
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or barbstoys4u@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/>



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
2. You'll then be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site
3. Join.

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



Membership Information:

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 5th of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at mwelch5@kc.rr.com (913-432-4515) .



NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

7:00 PM– Libby Wells, Lib Quilts Collection Trunk Show



Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM 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.

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.

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter (see list)
- **“Polka Dot”** Charm Squares



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

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