



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

www.starlightquilters.com

November 2010

### Presidents Message

By Connie Flagler

It's getting close to the holidays again and it seemed to come on fast. We will be spending the Thanksgiving holiday with our daughter, son-in-law and 4 year old grandson in North Carolina. It will also be Christmas early since they aren't coming home this year. It seems like yesterday Jake was a baby. I am really looking forward to it. I hope you all enjoyed Kathy Delaney's presentation last month. Can you believe she does most everything by hand? I have taken her classes and believe me, it isn't easy. I haven't had time to practice hand appliqué much yet but hope to soon. I hope you all are finishing your Christmas quilts. I have one more to finish and will be done with handmade gifts for this year. Maybe I can get next year started early, famous last words.

We have had a great year and it wouldn't have been possible without the great team we've had. Everybody did such a great job and I can't thank them enough. We do need some new faces on our Board and in our committees next year. If you have any interest in any of our open spaces please contact me. I will let you know what we have open in an e-mail that everyone will receive. We are breaking down the Quilt Show into sub groups to take all the weight off the Chairperson. There is so much more to do with the bake sale, silent auction, boutique, Opportunity Quilt ticket sales, etc. The show was great this year. We would really like to have more Guild Members attend so please mark your calendars for next year's show. The date will be announced at our next meeting.

Please don't forget your donation for the food bank. It will go a long way to help those who can't afford their holiday meals. Thank you in advance for participating.

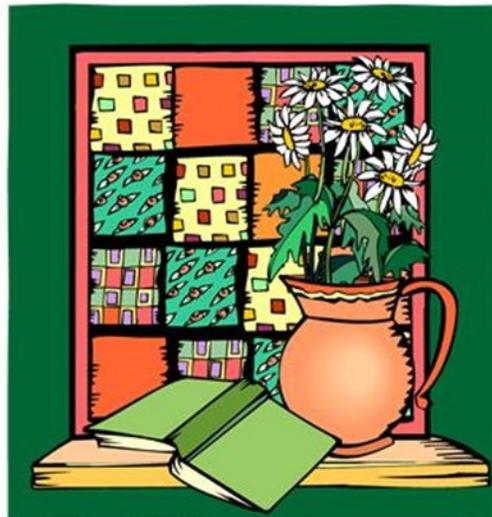


### November Program

#### November 16

#### ***Caroline Searle-Closets, Shelves, Trunks, and Under the Bed***

It's that time of the year again. The weather is changing, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and before we know it Christmas will be here. It's time to decorate for the winter season and the holidays. Caroline Searles, our speaker for the November meeting, will help us to do just that. Caroline's program will entertain, enlighten and inspire you to pull out your quilts and use them to decorate your home. Caroline is a quilter, teacher and appraiser, and has been a quilt show judge for over 30 years. You won't want to miss this program! Please note that our November meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday -- **November 16th.**



### Food pantry donations-

Remember to bring your canned goods and non-perishable items to the November meeting for the church food pantry. Please bring a canned item or two or non-perishable goods to the guild meeting.



**Happy Holidays**

## Hospitality Committee Thank you !



Thank you to all of the following people who helped at the food table and were greeters for each meeting this year.

Those who volunteered to be Greeters were: Lyn Heilman, Carol Cleary, Sue Sharp, Joyce Verstraete, Connie Lutz, Jeanne Poore, Renee Arnett, Janice Craig, Lois Bozarth, Freda Smith, Susan Jarsulic, and Cyndy O'Rourke.

Food Table Helpers were: Ellen Kidd, Connie Dunlap, Fran Garrett, Pat Moore, Shirley Lewis, Pam Eckel, Becky Larma, Sharon Slusher, Lynne Zeh, Kaye White, and Peggy Skaith.

If possible, I could use your help again next year. If you are unable to help please let me know, otherwise I will be sending you a schedule before the January 2011 meeting.

Opal Yarnell, Hospitality Chairperson

## Charm Square Project-

By Kristi Orr

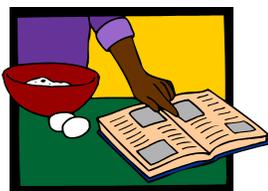
For the 5" square exchange we have 22 people signed up for the oriental fabric, so cut 44 squares. We have 23 people for the winter fabric so cut 46. You can get both of these amounts out of 1 yard of fabric.



## Cookbook

Cheryl Diebold

I am looking into the groups' interest level and the cost of putting together a quilters cookbook. Please let me know what you think. If there is sufficient interest then the guild could pursue making a Starlight Quilters Guild Cookbook, but if you think it is a not so good idea then let me know. I have 4 kids and two ovens so I am a cooking fool. Hope some of you are too.



## Quilt display case-

By Lisa Souza and Cheryl Diebold



Hi, quilting friends, this a friendly reminder that November is you last opportunity to buy your chance to win the quilt display case. The case itself is beautiful and it is full of fun and useful quilting items. Come see Lisa Souza or Cheryl Diebold at the back of the meeting room at the November meeting to get your chance(s). They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Good luck!

## 2010 Starlight Challenge

Mary Funk

# Thank you Thank you

Congratulations to Starlight Quilters! The 241 colorful placemats you have created have been turned over to Meals-on Wheels to be given to groups in Johnson County (there are several sites). The placemats were presented to Marilyn Batt, Coordinator for Meals-on-Wheels at the September guild meeting. \*Remember volunteers are welcome to deliver meals. If interested please call 913-642-0489.

## Fat Quarter Drawing-

Remember to bring you fat quarter for the November drawing. The fat quarter for the month of October is "Caffeine Jitters".



## 2010 Starlight Quilt Show

Terri Oberle

Starlight Quilters Guild annual Quilt Show was a smashing success again this year! There were more than 80 quilts exhibited, from Antiques to new quilts that look old, to modern, contemporary art quilts. We had a wide array of Vendors, something for everyone as well as a great Boutique and Small Quilt sale. A Silent Auction was the new addition this year and it was a lot of fun to watch the bidding wars and see who won the opportunity to buy and take home a handmade item. The Bake Sale was once again loved by all.

I am always amazed at how many volunteers there are to help hang and take down the Show and the dedicated members that are there most of the weekend helping where they are needed. It's reminds me of why I love Quilters. We are all more alike than different. We speak the same language. We help each other.

Thanks to all of you who took time to come to the show this year or that helped in other ways, seen or behind the scenes.

Anyone who wants to chair the show next year, please know that I will help anyway I can.

I have a notebook with all the pertinent information and will be glad to pass it on.

## 2010 Opportunity Quilt Winners



Won by Kay Van Durme



Won by Angela Moore

## Quilt Show Viewers Choice Winners 2010

### Small Quilts-

- 1st Place– Mustangs by Donna Holloway
- 2nd Place– All dressed Up by Alex Thompson
- 3rd Place– Café Latte by Bernadine Farrow

### Medium Quilts-

- 1st Place–Dancing Jacks in the Sunset by Karen Tanyi
- 2nd Place– Over the River by Pat Pennington
- 3rd Place– Flower Garden by Margaret Welch

### Large Quilts -

- 1st Place– Jungle Walk for a Cause by Bernadine Farrow
- 2nd Place– Winter Wonderland by Lisa Souza
- 3rd Place– Taupe Nouveau by Terrie Oberle



## Singer Featherweight For Sale

Donna DiNatale

Tell Santa you've found the perfect gift! Black Singer Featherweight 221 (Serial number AE539568) with case, all accessories and user manual. Great for taking to classes, workshops, and on retreats. Recently serviced, this baby sews beautifully. Price: \$375. Have Santa contact Donna di



Natale. [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net) or 913-541-0283.

## JoAnn VIP Discount Card

Quilt guild members who show their JoAnn VIP Card are eligible for a 10% discount on purchases at JoAnn's. To receive your VIP Card go to [www.joann.com](http://www.joann.com). Type VIP Card in the search box. When the information window appears, click on Enroll Now. Choose the VIP Discount Card and complete the form, including the name of the quilt guild. Your card will be sent to you by mail. You will need to show your guild membership card the first time you use your VIP

**Tip–** Loosen the paper backing of fusible web to remove it from appliques by scoring the paper with a straight pin

## Money, Money, Money.

Donna DiNatale

At the recent board meeting the topic of fund-raising was brought up and discussed. If we as a guild have money in the bank (which we do), why do we need to raise more money through fund raising activities? What happens to the money from our membership dues?

Guild expenses include speaker fees and expenses, room rental for our monthly guild meetings, rental of space for workshops, rental of our mail box, website/domain fees, insurance, rental of space for quilt show, door prizes, library books, meeting supplies, material for opportunity quilt, bank fees, legal fees, and miscellaneous operating expenses. (Activities such as the Retreat and bus trips are designed to break even so are not included as expenses here.) Looking at 2010 alone, with approximately 150 members, our \$25 annual dues membership dues cover only 31% of our expenses. The rest of the money must come from our fund raising projects: bingo, treasure chest, opportunity quilt, boutique and bake sale income, and workshop fees. To date, we are running a deficit of approximately 22%, in part due to lack of support for the various fund raising activities this year.

Everyone likes to have known speakers for our guild meeting programs, but the cost of speakers has risen drastically over the past few years. Speaker fees this year ranged from \$150 to \$500; expenses for these speakers varied according to means of travel and the need for lodging. Many speakers have simply stopped traveling unless they can drive to the meeting (airline fees have simply become unaffordable) but have increased their speaker fee to cover other expenses. And if they drive to the meeting, many understandably want to stay overnight rather than drive home after an evening meeting. SQG sponsored five workshops this year. Workshop instructor fees varied from \$20 to \$200; church rental was extra. None of the workshops brought in enough money to cover expenses.

So what is the answer? Increase membership dues? Charge a small fee for speaker programs? Increase workshop fees? Your board feels it is important to keep the cost to members as low as possible and thus has said no to all of these. Instead, we hold fund raising activities. For 2011, these activities will include an Opportunity Quilt, bingo night, and the quilt show boutique and bake sale (assuming we have a quilt show in 2011). These activities need your strong support. Please remember to renew your membership early, and start putting money aside now to purchase Opportunity Quilt tickets and to play bingo in August. And if you are tired of our current fund raisers, new ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Contact any member of the board.

*T'was the night before Christmas, I'm  
glued to the tree.*

*I'm wondering what Santa brought just  
for me.*

*Could it be fat quarters or a pattern or  
lace?*

*Or a quilt kit, I said, with a smile on my  
face.*

*And that's when I heard him,  
"Hi Santa," I said.*

*"You know...good little girls should be in  
their beds."*

*"I know I should, Santa, and now I've  
been caught,*

*But I was just so excited to see what  
you brought."*

*Well, let's take a look in this room where  
you work."*

*He shook his head quickly, and left with  
a jerk.*

*I heard him exclaim as he put it in gear,  
"You've got enough stuff, I'll see you  
next year!"*

## Potato Chip Cookies

Kristi Orr

$\frac{3}{4}$  c. margarine or butter  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  c. sugar  
1 egg yolk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  c. crushed potato chips  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  c. chopped pecans (optional)  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1  $\frac{3}{4}$  c. flour



Cream together butter, sugar, egg yolk and vanilla. Add potato chips. Mix. Add pecans if desired. Mix. Add flour gradually. Mix. Roll into small balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down with a fork both ways for criss cross. Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes. Makes 2-3 dozen depending on how big your cookies are. I usually double the recipe because we love them. Enjoy!

## Membership

Marilyn Carr

Don't wait, **renew** your membership at our November meeting.

Print out or pick up an application, attach your check, & give to Marilyn Carr.

Please see me if I don't have your **picture**.

### Welcome New Members:

Ann Marie Nelson

Kari Sime

## Outgoing President's Gift

Please bring a fat quarter to the November guild meeting to give to our outgoing President Connie Flagler. She has requested "cat" fabric. Have fun finding a cool and unusual or just plain cute piece of "cat" fabric.



## Project Linus-

We are nearing the end of the year. Remember that if you turn in more than 3 Linus quilts you will be entered into a drawing for a free guild membership for each Linus quilt over the 3 expected from each member each year. So bring your completed Linus quilts to the November meeting to be potentially eligible for the free guild membership



## History of Christmas Cards



The tradition of sending Christmas cards begun in 1843 – about the same time as the first Christmas seal was published. The first Christmas

card was produced in England, and the idea was well-received, because the following year, more than 25,000 Christmas cards were sold. However, the first Christmas card provoked controversy in certain circles in England, because the Christmas card pictured a company of people touching glasses and saying "Merry Christmas". Putting alcohol and holy Christmas in one picture did not please the English citizens then.

For more than thirty years, Americans had to import greeting cards from England. In 1875, German immigrant to the U.S. Louis Prang, opened a lithographic shop with \$250, and published the first line of U.S. Christmas cards. His initial creations featured birds and flowers, unrelated to the Xmas scene. By 1881, Prang was producing more than 5 million Christmas cards per year.

From [allthingschristmas.com](http://allthingschristmas.com)

## Looking for Suzy Scissorhands

Donna DiNatale

Next year I would like to start a monthly feature at our guild meetings that introduces members to one gadget or tool or piece of equipment that makes life as a quilter easier and/or better. This can be anything from a needle threader to a sewing machine and everything in between. If you have a favorite thingamabob or whatchamacallit that you would like to share, or something you've seen or read about that you would like to know how to use, please send an email to Suzy Scissorhands at [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net).

## 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:

Cecelia Annissy  
Diana Bean  
Toni Caro  
Kathy Caswell  
Cheryl Dvorak  
Patti Groover  
Marg Higgins  
Susan Jarsulic  
Marcia Lichtenaur  
Connie Lutz  
Barbara McCartney  
Pat Monaghan  
Karen Moore  
Ginny Nelson  
Robin Pate  
Kathleen Purduski  
Jackie Rudolph  
Peggy Skaith  
Lisa Souza  
Susan Stevenson



## December Birthdays

Since there is no meeting or newsletter in December lets take a moment to wish Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthday in December. Those of you who do have December Birthdays might want to adopt a month in the next year to celebrate your birthday and bring a treat to the meeting. Those having birthdays next month are:

Linda Clatterback  
Carol Crouse  
Jackie Evans  
Mary Funk  
Fran Garrett  
Lyn Heilman  
Kelly Jones  
Lorna Larson  
Beverly McCreery  
Beverly Renner  
Sharon Slusher  
Sandy Teeple  
Ellen Walbridge



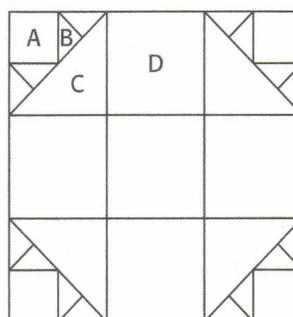
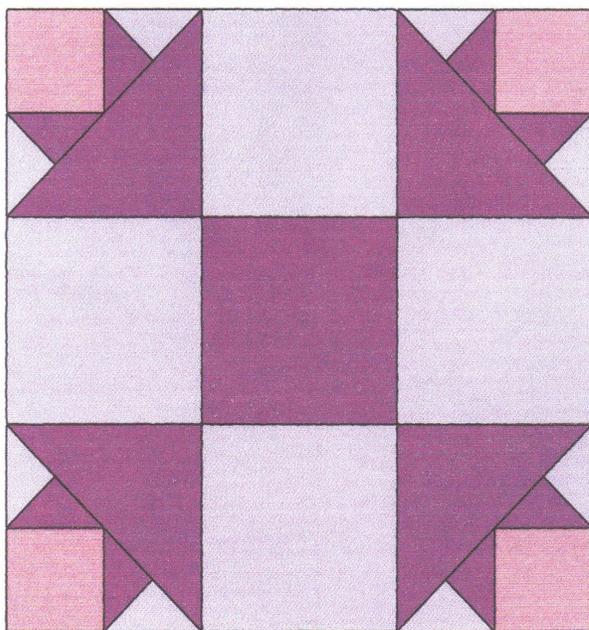
**November Block of the Month**  
**Turkey Tracks**  
**9" Block**

Turkey tracks is an interesting quilt block. Like many blocks, it has more than one name. An alternate name for this block is Wandering Foot.

The story goes that in the 18<sup>th</sup> and into the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries children were, quite literally, the property of their parents but male children earned their "freedom" at their majority (21 years of age). Prior to that time anything they earned went to the father. Boys not needed at home were often sent to work at neighboring farms and any wages earned were given to his parents. Any inheritance was not handed over until a boy reached that magic age. Turning 21 was a hugely important event in a man's life and this event was often commemorated by his proud mother and sisters with a Freedom quilt. (If the young man was well thought of or a good catch the neighbor girls might make him a quilt too!)

Patterns for these quilts varied widely with one exception, a Turkey Tracks (also know as Wandering Foot) was never, ever made. It was said that if a Turkey Tracks quilt was given to a boy or young man he would wander for life and never settle down. Not a risk even the least superstitious mother cared to take! Perhaps such famous wanderers as Johnny Appleseed received a Turkey Tracks quilt from their unsuspecting or unsusperstitious mother.

The pattern here is not the one most often used for Turkey Tracks, but it is the simplest and makes a lovely design when the blocks are joined without sashing.



A  $\square$  2"    B  $\boxtimes$  2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "    C  $\triangle$  3 $\frac{7}{8}$ "    D  $\square$  3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

## 2011 Events Calendar

January 25– Amy Bradley, *Getting Ready for Quilt Market*



February 22– Angela Walters, *I'm Done. Now What?*

March 22– *Quilting for a Cause*

April 26– Edie McGinnis, *Kansas City Star Quilts*

May 24– Tony Munoz, *The Five W's of Mystery Quilts: Who, What, When, Where, Why*

June 28– Linda Mooney, *Doll Quilts and Miniatures*

July 26– Joanna Figuero, *Fig Tree Quilts*  
\*\*Bring a Friend Night\*\*

August 23– *Bingo Fundraiser*

September 27– *Quilting Bee*

October 25– *It's A Mystery, Bookstore Event*

November 15– TBA

## 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 [barbstoys4u@hotmail.com](mailto:barbstoys4u@hotmail.com)

## Blog-

For those of you who are interested in quilts, especially old quilts, Donna DiNatale 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/>



**Tip–** When making a signature quilt, press pieces of freezer paper to the wrong side of signature areas

## 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.

**Machine Quilting.** Let's make your quilt special! Machine quilting; traditional or contemporary, simple or custom. Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525 or [Especially-Quilts@att.net](mailto:Especially-Quilts@att.net)

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



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

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

## Tip-

When working with fusible web, slide a paper grocery sack over your ironing board to protect the cover. Cut the bottom out of the bag to make it slide on easily. As you work, Rotate the bag to position a clean area at the top.





### 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!

### Newslet- ter Dead- line:

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, November 16, 2010 6:30 PM**—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00 PM— Caroline Searles, Closets, Shelves, Trunks, and Under the Bed**



### 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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