



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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June 2011

Presidents Message

By Lue Anne Christensen

Dear Starlight Quilters,
What a spring we have had! The positive way to look at all the weather devastation is that we have been given the opportunity to use our sewing talents to ease the pain of those who have suffered as innocent victims of the destructive power of the EF5 and EF2 tornadoes that have impacted our neighbors in Missouri and Kansas the last week of May. I know many of



you have already begun to make pillow cases, ditty bags, decorative towels and small quilts to ease the losses incurred during the tornadoes. The projects begun at our sew-in at the RoseWood Senior apartment conference room have given us a huge start in helping our neighbors. We plan to have more sew-in days so if you missed the one on June 11th, you will have another opportunity to join the guild in our small but important contribution to the tornado relief effort led by the Red Cross. Look through your stash to see if you have some yard pieces of fabric that could be used to make the body of a pillow case. The band requires only 10 inches (WOF) to complete a new, clean and comfy pillow case. Once you get the hang of making a pillow case, it takes less than 15 minutes to make one from start to finish. Work as a team and it goes even faster. Penny Skelton and I made 20 pillow cases on Saturday, May 28th; in addition to sewing we talked continually, fixed and ate two meals as well as well as washing, drying and ironing fabric. I am sure some of you could make even more than we did. Go for it. Think of that sweet, little, long-haired, blond girl dressed in pink as she appeared on a newscast telling about her "broken house." She needs a pretty pink pillow case to lay her little head down as she tries to forget the terror of that Sunday afternoon when the winds broke her house.

By the time you receive this newsletter summer will be upon us. Our program committee has planned some very interesting and enjoyable programs for the summer months. On June 28th Linda Mooney will present a program on doll quilts and miniatures.

President's Message (cont'd)

I am sure those of us who are members of Jo's Little Women clubs will enjoy this program. In July Joanna Figueroa of Fig Tree Quilts will present a program on July 26th which will be followed by a workshop at Prairie Point Quilts on July 27th. She will show us how to use Jelly Rolls so that no one will know we have used Jelly Rolls. This workshop sounds intriguing and fun to do. Along comes August and our annual Bingo night so start collecting or selecting your fat quarters for this night of fun with some new twists to this old game. It won't be your grandmother's Bingo game.

I hope the coming months will be ones of enjoyment with some great opportunities for sewing, gardening and family time for all of us. I am very excited with the coming of summer. All ten of my grandchildren and their parents will be spending the third week in June with Grammy Lue Anne. It promises to be lots of fun with a bit of chaos dumped into the mix.

Stay safe until we meet again.

Opportunity Quilt 2011-

Karen Edwards



Our beautiful opportunity quilt for 2011, Windows on the Orient, is hanging at Harper's quilt shop in downtown Overland Park. Please tell Elaine Johnson or any of the staff how much we appreciate their continued support every year when you're shopping there. Members please pick up your Opportunity Ticket packets at the May meeting. Each member is asked to sell or purchase at least \$10 worth. Ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Workshop by Joanna Figueroa of Fig Tree Designs
 Wednesday, July 27 - 10:00 to 4:00
 Prairie Point Quilts
 7341 Quivira Road, Shawnee, KS
 Workshop Fee: \$55**

Joanna Figueroa is a fabric designer for Moda and has her own pattern company. She is known for her soft, vintage colors and prints. Her passion for vintage textiles shows in her gorgeous lines. Joanna will present a trunk show at the Starlight Quilters Guild on Tuesday evening, July 26, at 7:00 pm. There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-members.

On Wednesday, July 27, Joanna will be conducting a workshop at Prairie Point Quilts using her "Jelly Girl" pattern (above). She will discuss how to use 'jelly rolls' in making a quilt without looking like you have used 2 1/2" strips. Kits are available for the class project. Mark your calendar and enjoy a day with Joanna. To register call 913-268-3333. Register early, as seating is limited.



**Starlight Quilt Guild Fall Retreat -
 September 16-18, 2011**

It's time to start planning for our annual Fall Retreat at the Barn in Valley Falls, KS. It will be held on September 16-18, 2011, and cost is \$185/person (2 per room) for Guild members, and \$200/person for non-Guild members. This will include 5 meals (Fri-dinner; Saturday-breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and Sunday-breakfast); a comfy bed and you own personal sewing spot. Sign-ups will be available at our next Guild meeting, and will require a \$50 non-refundable deposit. You will be able to reserve your sewing spot as soon as you pay in full. Final payment in full is due by our August guild meeting. Contact Kristi (913 602 9461), Donna (913 402 7559) or Ellen (913 897 5343) if you have any questions



Membership	
Marilyn Carr	
May Attendance	
Members	64
Guests	10
Total	74



**Letter received from Town
 and Country Quilt Guild
 (Joplin, MO) president:**

We are a quilt guild (72 of us) who does charity work for local needy groups
 We give 172 or more quilts annually to Crosslines charity group, Lafayette House, Children's Haven, Ronald McDonald house, and to the local hospital baby unit.
 We made 150 pillow cases for cancer children and drove them to Kansas City to the Children's Cancer Center.
 We made 100 star blocks for the military quilts.
 We've sent many little girl dresses to Africa. Our quilts and layettes are presented to needy women and teenage girls when they have their babies.
 Every Christmas we all make Christmas stockings and present them to children at Lafayette House for Battered women's children with money in them.
 We make receiving blankets, bibs and crib quilts for new babies whose mothers have nothing.

The May 22nd tornado that hit Joplin, MO completely destroyed/blew away our member's HOME...along with all of our guild's fabric, supplies, and already finished quilts kept there. We need fabric, batting, supplies, quilts and/or cash donations. We have been taking care of the needy and now we are the needy.

Thank you in advance.
 Gloria Park, President

June Program

Linda Mooney

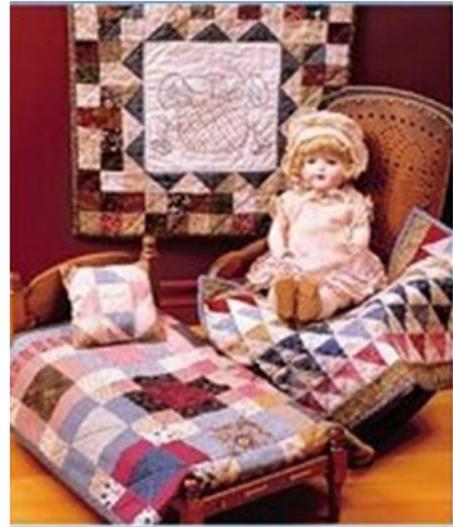
American History Represented in Doll Quilts

We are in for a very exciting and informative program at our June Guild meeting. As you can tell by the title, we will be learning a bit about the role of quilt-making in American History while viewing some lovely miniature or doll quilts.

Linda Mooney was born in Pratt, Kansas, but has spent most of her life in Johnson County. She was a school nurse in the Shawnee Mission School District for 26 years, in addition to other positions, and currently works part-time at Prairie Point Quilts. Linda took her first beginning quilting class 32 years ago at the Calico Cupboard Quilt Shop (remember?) and now she enjoys quilting on Wednesday mornings with her friend Jeanne Poore and the other very talented hand quilters at The Legler Barn in Lenexa. Linda has won many ribbons at both the Johnson County Fair and the Kansas State Fair and has won awards in various regional competitions. In 2009 She was awarded the Lucille Graham Memorial Award, which "recognizes a quilter who carries on the timeless tradition of hand quilting."

Linda has been most influenced by the book *American Doll Quilts*, by Kathleen Tracy (2004). She discovered that making miniature quilts was a way for her to create more of the traditional and historical quilt patterns that she longed to make. I think we can all relate to this situation – so many quilts; so little time. Linda's appreciation of the old quilt patterns led to an appreciation of the women who made them and the times in which they lived.

Join us on June 28th for an entertaining and enlightening presentation and show of Linda's doll quilts and quilts that she has collected that symbolize pieces of the past. Please bring miniature or doll quilts from your own collection to share with everyone during Show 'n Tell.



Starlight Quilters Fall Quilt Show "The Art of Quilting"

Janice Craig

Plans are in the works for the 2011 SQG Quilt Show named "The Art of Quilting". We chose this name to honor all the fantastic quilters in our guild who make art every day, expressing ourselves in quilts and other projects. The quilt show will be October 8 & 9 at Bishop Miege High School during the Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival.

Members making up the planning committee are:

Advertising: Jackie Evans

Vendors: Jean Turvey

Silent Auction: Lue Anne Christensen

Bake Sale: Victoria Foley

Boutique: Peggy Skaith

Small Quilt Sale: Cheryl Diebold

Co-Chairs: Kim Cawthon and Janice Craig

We're looking forward to another fabulous show this fall. Let's show our community how artful we are!

Next planning meeting July 5, 2011 7 PM at the Johnson County Main Library.

Thanks, and have a great day.

Suzy Scissorhands

Dear SQG Friends,



The recent marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton got me thinking about the great rulers of our time, which led me to one of my favorite quilting tools – the square ruler. (How's that for a Segway?) One can never, ever have too many quilt rulers, but you want to make sure you have at least one square ruler in your toolbox. When the pattern says to "square up the block" nothing does the job like a square ruler.

Square rulers come in all sizes, from 2" to 20.5". I personally don't have anything smaller than a 4.5" square, and I really only use my smaller square rulers for fussy cutting. But once you get to 12" and beyond, the square ruler reigns! The larger the square the more they cost, but the right tool for the right job can be worth its weight.

My first experience using a square ruler was when I took a class on making a T-shirt quilt. We used a 15.5" ruler to cut out the T-shirt blocks. The blocks were even, square, and centered on the design. And it was all done in one easy step. The next time I used a square ruler was for an appliqué class. That is where I really found the value of a square ruler. Always start your appliqué block with an over-cut piece of fabric (i.e., if you want to end up with an 18" block, start with a 20" square piece of fabric). After you finish the appliqué (the instructions will use say "square up the block to ___ inches." Why? Because no matter what technique you use to appliqué, the stitching will always take up a bit of the cloth. If you start out with an 18" square you are likely to end up with a 17" square – so start out bigger to end up better.

So, when your appliqué is complete you get out the appropriate ruler for your finished block, center up your appliqué design, zip the rotary cutter up one side, turn, zip up the 2nd side, turn, zip up the 3rd side, turn, zip up the 4th side and you have a perfect square. This also works oh so well for pieced blocks, which never seem to end up exactly square. There are many brands of quilt rulers on the market. Look for rulers that are easy to read, have quarter-inch grids as well as 1" grids, have 45- and 65-degree angle marks, and are an appropriate size. **A word of caution:** you also want to look at the actual size of the square – does the size include ¼" seam allowances or do you need to add the seam allowance? Be sure to check this before cutting around your square ruler.

Happy Quilting,
Suzy

Quilters Wisdom

Those who die with the most fabric, didn't sew enough.

Tip– It may sound strange, but put your ironing board on a different floor in the house than your sewing machine. Every steps counts as exercise and it keeps you from being rooted to the spot.

Sewing for Joplin



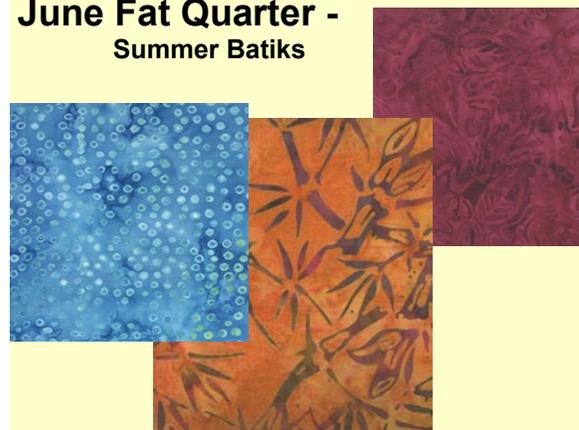
Starlight Quilters Guild is held an open sew day on Saturday, June 11, to make pillowcases and/or ditty bags for victims of the Joplin, Missouri, tornado disaster. We will fill the ditty bags with sewing items needed to mend clothing, etc. We may also try to make some "man bags" and include items such as flashlights, batteries, and duct tape.

The ditty bag pattern will be available on the sew day and at the June meeting. The bag uses 2 fat quarters and some cording or ribbon for each bag. If you were unable to attend the sew day, you can still make a ditty bag to donate to the cause. We are also seeking donations of items to put in the bags. These items include (but are not limited to):

- Sewing needles**
- Thread**
- Safety pins**
- Straight pins**
- Small scissors**
- Small sewing kits – such as those you get at hotels**
- Fabric glue**
- Mending patches**
- Buttons (shirt, pants)**
- Thimbles**
- Batteries (mainly AA)**
- Small flashlights**
- Small rolls of duct tape or other mending tape**
- Small note pads and pencils**

If you have pillowcases, bags or items to donate please bring them to the June or July meeting. The bags will be delivered to the local American Red Cross organization for them to distribute in Joplin. Questions regarding the sew day should be directed to Lue Anne Christensen (lueanne@gmail.com). Questions regarding donations to fill the bags should be directed to Marilyn Carr (mjcarr12@yahoo.com). Volunteers are also needed to help with the sew day and/or organizing the donations.

June Fat Quarter - Summer Batiks



Zingy Log Cabin Workshop

August 20, 9:00 am – 3 pm
 Taught by Jeanne Poore

Love Log Cabin quilts but hate cutting all those little pieces? Then this is the workshop for you. Jeanne Poore will show us how to make log cabin blocks the easy way. This is a good way to use up those leftover strips you have in your stash, too.

This is a hands-on workshop so you will need to bring your sewing machine AND there will be some pre-class cutting instructions.

The cost is \$15 for SQG members, \$25 for nonmembers. Be sure to sign up soon because class size is limited. The nonrefundable* workshop fee must be paid when you sign up.

*If you sign up and are unable to attend you may transfer your fee to someone else.



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:

Kim Cawthon
 Cheryl Diebold
 Sandy Fey
 Jan Ketchum
 Patty Morgan
 Terri Oberle
 Jeanne Poore
 Freda Smith
 Alex Thompson



Condolences

Condolences to Jeanne Poore whose mother passed away Sunday, May 29, 2011.



Get Well

Get well soon wishes to Susan Mercer who has had shoulder surgery on June 7th.



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Omaha Quilters' Guild

The 33rd Annual Quilt Show
 Thursday, June 23 5 pm - 8 pm
 Friday, June 24 9 am - 8 pm
 Saturday, June 25 9 am - 4 pm

LaVista Conference Center
 12520 Westport Pkwy,
 Exit I-80 #442
 LaVista, NE

Admission \$7 for Adults
 \$6 for Seniors and Students

Underground Railroad

The Lives & Stories of those who used this path to freedom

Sat. July 30th at 10 a.m. at the Harrisonville Library
 Linda Hendricks, Joplin, Mo. portrays a plantation wife who helps slaves to freedom without her husband's knowledge

She tells all:

Secret Phrases Slave Narratives

Underground RR terms

Quilt Code Avid Abolitionists

There will be a display including Civil War Book Clusters, Handmade Underground Rail Road Quilt, Quilt Books, Quilt Patterns and their meaning, Drawings and Paintings of buildings & safe houses and Codes Used, A Model Showing How Slaves Hid on their way to Freedom & Examples of Slave Diaries.

This is sponsored by the CCPL Genealogy Branch
 816 884 6285

And the Winner is.....

Susan Mercer

I belong to Carol Doak's Internet Web Site (I think most people in the guild know this) but... The web site is 5 years old now and she designed a pattern called Great Balls of Fire and gave everyone a couple of weeks to make this block, take a picture of it and post it on the web site. I finished mine and sent in my picture. On June 5th my name was chosen and I won some fabric from Carol's collection. It is just beautiful and it made my day when I received it since it was after my shoulder surgery.



Johnson County Fair - August 8-14, 2011

Help needed for the quilting section on the following days and times. A few hours will help and the section could be cancelled if enough help isn't found.

Monday August 8th - Check-in 3-9pm

Tuesday August 9th - Check-in 7:30-10am

Assisting judges 10am - 2pm

Display Set-up 2pm until finished - depends on the number of quilts

Wed.-Sat. August 10th-13th Shifts to sit with display - 10-2;2-6;6-9

Sunday August 14th Pick-up 9-12am

Call Sandy at 913-685-3867 if you can help.



Area Quilt Shows

July 8--9 *QuiltFest 2011*; 10am--5pm. Jubilee Quilters Guild, Bartlesville, OK. Washington County Fairgrounds, Dewey, OK. Quiltfest2011@gmail.com

Sept 16--17-- *Annual Quilt Show 2011*; Twilight Stitches QG, Blue Springs, MO. Timothy Lutheran Church, R.D. Mize Rd. Blue Springs, MO

Sept 24--25-- *Flower Valley Quilt Show 2011*; Sat. 10--4; Sun. 12--4. Flower Valley Quilting Guild, Ferguson, MO Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 1285 North New Florissant Rd, Florissant, MO <http://sites.google.com/site/flowervalleyquiltguild>

Project Linus --

By Karen Moore and Mary Funk



The generous members of our guild have continued to make me proud. Our total so far (through May) is 349 quilts. Yeah !! It has been good to see the number of weighted blankets go up as well. I know summer is here and it gets harder to sit inside and sew warm things but, as you all know, these blankets are still needed to comfort the recipients. Keep up the good work.

Operation Kid Comfort

Operation Kid Comfort creates custom-made quilts for children of deployed military personnel who experience grief from missing their mom or dad.

Created in 2004 at Ft. Bragg/Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, N.C., ASYMCA's Operation Kid Comfort is designed to address the emotional stress that children of military personnel suffer during a parent's absence from home, providing free quilts for children ages 6 and under and pillows for children ages 7 and older. To date, the program has made nearly 6,000 quilts for children of deployed parents.

Contact person-Lisa Bright, Executive Director,

Web site-- asymcaFLW.org



2011 Events Calendar

June 28---Linda Mooney, *Doll quilts and miniatures*

July 19---SQG Board meeting

July 26--- Joanna Figuero of *Fig Tree Designs, TBA*

July 27---Joanna Figuero *Workshop, Prairie Point*

August 23---*Fat Quarter Bingo*

September 27----*Sewing Bee*

September 16-18— Retreat –The Barn

October 8 & 9– The Art Of Quilting, SQG Quilt Show, Bishop Miege High School

October 18---SQG Board Meeting

October 25---It's A Mystery, Author event

November 15---Ada Niedenthal, *Timeless Textiles*

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 – Owner / Operator Lynne Zeh, a full service long arm quilter with 8 years experience. Located in Lenexa, KS.

Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you with your quilting! 913-638-4625 Karen Huffman. Quilts up to 52 inches in width.

Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. especiallyquilts@att.net or 913-341-0525

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 barb-stoys4u@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/>



Here is the

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



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.

Tip-

Make your rotary mats last longer.

To avoid excessive wear, don't cut repeatedly in the exact same spot. When your mat becomes nicked and worn in the area you use for cutting, flip it around and use the opposite side or end. Using a clean, unmarked surface will double the life of your mat AND your blades. You can also use the back of your mat. And remember, don't leave your mat sitting in the hot sun, in a hot car, or put it near a heating source. Your mat will become warped and will be useless and dangerous for cutting.





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



NEXT SQG MEET-

ING! Tuesday, June 28, 2011 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

7:00 PM— Linda Mooney-Doll Quilts and Miniatures

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)



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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