



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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January 2013

### **President's Message—Donna Holloway**

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to 2013! Our team of Board members has planned an exciting new year full of great workshop, speakers and activities. I can't wait to get started!

Meanwhile, I can now say that winter is officially here. I don't know about anyone else, but I really like seeing the snow. Gives me the best excuse to not go outside or run errands, and instead to put on my comfy clothes, put dinner in the crock pot, crank up my favorite music, and QUILT! I hope these past few 'mini' snow storms have given you some time to do the same, and perhaps straighten out your sewing room or get a few of those UFOs from the back of your closet. That was my resolution last year; that is, to finish up all my UFOs.. and I can say that it will be the same resolution this year since I didn't quite get it done in 2012.

A great bonus of straightening up your sewing space is the chance to play with all your pretty fabrics. We all have different stresses in our lives or perhaps can get down when the days are snowy and grey. In my mind, being in my sewing space is a perfect way to relieve that stress and to cheer up my day. Even if you only have twenty minutes to thumb through a quilt magazine or book for inspiration or to fondle your fabrics or make a quilt block or two, it will help lift anyone's spirits and put a smile on your face. An added bonus for others is if you find fabric or tools you don't want anymore; consider bringing those things in and donating them to our Linus Quilt project or placing them on the "share table", which is always located at the back of the room during each Guild meeting.

Several members have expressed an interest in developing their quilting skills. Some have just started to quilt, while others have been at it for several years and just want to improve or learn new techniques. To help address this, we will be adding a new agenda item during our monthly meetings. Headed up by Janette Sheldon, our 2013 Guild Vice President, "Quilting Tidbits" will be held for about 20 minutes prior to the start of the regular meeting. Janette or another Guild member will review a specific topic that will help us with a particular skill. The first session will be held just prior to our February meeting (6:30pm), and will cover binding techniques. Other session topics will be posted in upcoming newsletters, and might include tips on piecing, pressing, and squaring, to name a few. We hope this will be an informative, interesting and useful time for our members.

If you have any questions or concerns about the guild, or any great ideas to improve the guild, please be sure to contact me or any other members of the board. We want everyone to enjoy coming to each and every guild meeting.

Take care, be well, and have fun quilting!!!

The Rules of Quilting (as seen on Kelly Ashton's FB page)

1. Don't bleed on the quilt.
2. Measure twice. Cut once.
3. It's not a mistake. It's a creative opportunity.
4. There are NO quilt police.
5. Rules? There are rules?

LAYER CAKES, TURNOVERS, AND JELLY ROLLS! OH, MY!

The Pleasures and Pitfalls of Working with Fabric Pre-cuts



**KELLY ASHTON** will get 2013 off to a great start by sharing tips and tricks for working with all the delicious pre-cuts available to quilters today. And the icing on the cake will be LOTS of quilts she will show us that she has made from charm packs, jelly rolls, layer cakes, turnovers, etc. Kelly has had her work showcased in many books by Fons and Porter, Barbara Brackman, Kathy Delaney, and Donna Lynn Thomas. She has also appeared on the Fons and Porter's PBS television series. You can see that we will be entertained by a quilt star! Come prepared to enjoy a great evening in the new year with an accomplished speaker.

Shirley Lewis and Karen Edwards, Programs and Workshops co-chairs

**Fat Quarters for 2013**

**This year we will be bringing fat quarters to match the birthstone of each month of the year. January is Garnet so bring fat quarters of deep red solid or prints. If everyone participates, the winner should have enough for a small monochromatic quilt, or at least add to their stash. Only quilt shop fabrics should be used. Please put your name on your fat quarter and hope that you win! Someone will go home with some lovely fabrics. See you in February, as I will be in Arizona in January. Joyce Verstraete**

## BIG NEWS for the 2013 QUILT SHOW!



Co-Chairs -  
Janice Craig &  
Kim Cawthon

The 2013 Quilt Show will be October 18th & 19th. The show will be Friday and Saturday at the Abdallah Shrine Temple at 5300 Metcalf in Overland Park KS. The venue is much bigger than we used at our last several shows so we will have space for more vendors and more quilts. The Greater Kansas City Guild will be using the same space in September for their show and we're hoping to raise interest then too. The change to Friday/Saturday was needed because the Shrine has a weekly Sunday event that also uses this space. The rent is extremely reasonable and we will set up during the day on Thursday, October 17th.

### More Categories

We've rearranged the quilt entry categories a bit and added others + 3 special Committee Awards that will be judged before the show opens. Viewer Choice Awards will have 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons and one Best of Show ribbon.

Quilt categories include:

Miscellaneous

Small Quilts (longest side less than 40")

Medium Quilts (longest side between 40" and 60")

Large Quilts (longest side between 60" and 90")

Extra Large Quilts (longest side longer than 90")

Hand Quilted

Antique Quilts (display only, no ribbons awarded)

Best of Show (one ribbon only)

Committee Awards (one ribbon only judged by the Quilt Show Committee awarded before the show)

Show Theme, Starlight Starbright

Rookie Quilt, Made by a new quilter

1st Quilt Show Entry, Made by someone who has never displayed in a quilt show before, this could be an experienced quilter

Quilts will be placed in categories by the entrants. Remember there are No Quilt Police! Think about where your latest project fits in and "Ladies, start your sewing machines!"

## Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends,

Have you been following

the discussion on the SQG Facebook page? The discussion has centered around the 9-part documentary series "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics."

The Kentucky Quilt Project, the groundbreaking organization that first documented American quilts and quiltmakers, created this series. The series is an in-depth exploration of the diverse world of quilts and quilt culture with a focus on how quilts are a reflection of the role women played in American history, art and politics. People may think of quilts as those blankets Granny made while sitting in her rocking chair. But after viewing this series you might just discover that she was promoting temperance, backing a certain political party, or pushing for women's right to vote. Or perhaps she was simply doing her part to provide for her family, not intending or realizing that she was creating a legacy.

I don't have to tell you quilters why quilts matter, but we all like to hear that other people appreciate our art. I personally feel it is important to make others aware of the fact that quilting is an art, and that quilts and quiltmakers do matter. And this series goes a very long way to expressing that feeling and getting the point across.

The series can be seen locally on KCPT at 6:30 a.m. on Saturdays (followed by Fons & Porter Love of Quilting). The series is available (on DVD) for purchase for \$39.95 through [www.whyquiltsmatter.org](http://www.whyquiltsmatter.org) (and other sources). Starlight Quilters Guild is considering purchasing the set for the library.

If you would like to support the purchase of this series, please let your board members or librarians know. Let them know that Quilts Matter!

Happy Quilting,

Suzy

## Spring Fling Retreat

**May 3-5, 2013.** We have reserved 16 spots for our third annual Spring Fling Retreat at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the weekend of May 3-5, 2013. (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>). Cost will be \$179/person (2 per room: 1Q and 1T). Please check with me if you'd like a single room; we may be able to accommodate this. The cost includes room on Friday and Saturday night, six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch), and your own personal sewing spot. Cedar Crest lets us arrive early on Friday (9AM), and leave mid afternoon on Sunday, so you can squeeze in almost 3 full days of quilting! We will begin accepting signups and deposits at the January Guild meeting. Full payment due by the April Guild meeting. Contact Donna Holloway (913-402-7559 or DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

## Project Linus

2012 was a great year for Starlight's Project Linus group with children who are being comforted by the blankets we've made. Makes you feel all fuzzy inside, doesn't it? The five most generous blanket makers include Opal Yarnell, Nancy Buzzell, Marsha Reeves, Mary Funk and Rosemary Waltrak. Many of you donated material, kit making, batting, and many, many Best Choice labels to add up to a wonderful year. Thank you.

For 2013, let's get to 500 blankets! That's easy enough. We always have kits available at Starlight meetings and Harper's work nights. The quickest and easiest blankets can be made with a single layer of fleece with fringed and knotted edges to give it a finished look. The best size for fleece is 40 x 60, but it should be at least 36 x 45. The best sizes for other blankets: baby blankets 36 X 36 (this is the minimum size for any blanket) and child and teen 40 X 60.

We'll see you at January's meeting.

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk



## 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)



## 2013, A New Year for the Starlight Library

It's the beginning of the new year 2013, and winter is such a cozy time to quilt. The library added books on a variety of topics last year, both through donations and the guild order. These included Christmas projects, easy patchwork, applique by hand or machine, T-shirt quilts, embroidery, projects for precuts, using up scraps, art quilts, and quilts of valor. New additions for this month include photo transfers, hand and machine embroidery, fabric bags, miniatures, and children's art quilts. What projects are you currently thinking about? If we don't have books on that topic already, just let us know. We'll be ordering later this spring and again in the fall, so let us know what you'd like and we'll do our best to get what you need. In the meantime, don't forget to browse our shelves during each meeting to spark the fires of inspiration.

Cheryl Tomson &  
Linda Clatterbuck

## STARLIGHT QUILT GUILD RENEWAL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Combined fee for another person - name:

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List changes to **email, address or phone:**

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About a year ago, I presented a quilt at show and tell on which was ladies hankies folded in the shape of a butterfly. A member of the guild asked to borrow my pattern book (I don't recall the name or author). I don't remember who I lent my book to. If you happen to be that person, please bring it to the next guild meeting and leave it at the project Linus table.

Thank you.

Carol Cleary



### Guild Project



### Round Things

30in to 60in in width

30in to 60in in length

#### Due at our February meeting

I hope you're all working on your quilts.  
I look forward to seeing all your projects.

If you have any questions contact me  
at 913-362-3244

Jackie Stoaks

## SQG 2013 Programs

**February 26—Deb Rowden—** Flea Market Quilts—Improv, Gees Bend & a Pile of Wild Quilts

**March 26—Annie Helmericks-Louder—** Beyond Words: Visual Stories by Annie Helmericks-Louder

**April 23—Janet Stone—**Alphabet Quilt Madness Trunk Show

**May 28—Jane Kennedy -** Trunk Show

**June 25—TBA**

**July 23—Farmer's Dotter -** Feedsacks & Recycling Trunk Show

**August 27—First & Favorite Show & Tell**

**September 24—Martha Heimbaugh—**A Little Bit of Everything

**October 22—Candy Hargrove—**My Quilt Journey from Beginner to Published Designer

**November 19—Mary Honas—**Color Play

## Fons & Porter Love of Quilting

New and renewed subscriptions to *Fons & Porter Love of Quilting* magazine are available for just \$15 through Starlight Quilters Guild. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November and January meetings. Cash or check. Please make checks payable to Starlight Quilters Guild.

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

## Do you have a birthday this

**month?** Enjoy your day! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share. This month's birthdays are:



Karen Berley    Laura Bogue

Ruthann Bonin    Victoria Foley

Karen Huffman    Pat LeBar    Sheila Lynch

Jean Patchen    Patty Yeradi

### February Birthdays:

Luanne Christensen    Carol Cleary    Ellen Kidd

Paula Quade    Terri Richmond    Peggy Selig

Cheryl Tomson

## 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.

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**Machine Quilting.** Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. [especialyquilts@att.net](mailto:especialyquilts@att.net) or 913-341-0525

**Machine Quilting:** longarm custom or overall quilting. Award winning quilter. 2 WEEK TURN AROUND TIME! Holidays are coming quick! Lindsay Lawing -The Protege Quilter 816-888-9964 [ProtegeQuilter@gmail.com](mailto:ProtegeQuilter@gmail.com)



**Membership Information:**

Membership, New or Renewal, \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chock-full of information and news of upcoming events to your e-mail or home; provide a lending library of quilting books available to members; and other benefits too numerous to mention!

**Meeting Date and Time:** Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, January-October at **Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nell, Mission, KS**. The November meeting date is determined each year based on the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no December meeting.



**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



**Newsletter Deadline:**

Articles are due the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey [sandyfey@kc.rr.com](mailto:sandyfey@kc.rr.com) (913-432-0855).

**NEXT SQG**

**MEETING! Tuesday, Jan 22, 2013 6:30 PM—** Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**7:00 PM— Kelly Ashton,** The Pleasures and Pitfalls of working with Fabric Pre-Cuts

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter

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