

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

### President's Message Donna Holloway



Dearest Quilters,

I am sooo excited see sunshine and green grass instead of snow outside of my window! My dogs love the extra outside time as well.

Spring is always time for me to start something fresh and new. The newest start in our home consists of 16 baby chicks, which arrived on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I forget how fast they grow and feather out. One day they are all down, and a few days later their wing feathers have already formed and they are trying hard to take flight. I can't wait for my Cuckoo Maran's, the newest variety I added to my flock, to start producing eggs around October. Eggs have super dark brown shells; they almost look like chocolate! The past several years, I have been focused on finishing up my UFOs and working through my stash. I would actually avoid visiting quilt shops, just to keep temptation in check. I had challenged myself to only use my stash for any old or new projects I was working on. What was I thinking? If you know me well, you know that I can get a bit too practical at times, and this probably isn't the best area to be even a wee bit practical.

Last weekend, I decided it was time to see what was fresh and new in the quilting retail world and succumbed to joining in the fun of the recent Shop Hop. It was great to see all the new fabrics, projects, and tools. I explored three shops that I had never been to before, and think I have found a new favorite. I did break my practical rules, and bought some fat quarters; but will confess that they are for a current project that has shifted from being a twin to a queen size quilt. I also snapped up some new handy-dandy tools that will help me work through my current projects. Even though I didn't take a deep plunge back into the quilting retail world, I am proud to have made some baby steps away from my practical side. Maybe there is some hope of me rehabilitating into a proper quilter after all.

Wishing everyone a fresh and new start!.



## Janet Stone's Alphabet Quilt Madness Trunk Show

We are so lucky to have Janet Stone as our April speaker. You may have seen several of her quilts already, since they're popping up in nearly all the quilt magazines. Here's what she has to say about herself.

"I was born with early onset creativity. Although I have no awards to prove it, I'm pretty sure I excelled at making 3-D construction paper flowers in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade as well as gold-painted, macaroni-encrusted, tuna can pincushions in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. My love of the alphabet came when I learned how to write, coupled with the fact that my mom was in the printing business and exposed me to wonderful typeface catalogs. I was in awe of how many ways one could design the alphabet! Serious quilting came in 2006 when I purchased a new sewing machine. I finished my first alphabet quilt in 2008 to fill up a wall in my house. On a whim, I entered it in a national quilt show, won 3 ribbons, and was instantly hooked on making quilts for show. Since then, I have been on a quest to design and make 26 quilts, all featuring the alphabet. Eleven quilts that I have finished have all won awards and traveled more than I! My 7<sup>th</sup> quilt, Red Letter Daze, was awarded the honor of Masterpiece Quilt in 2012 from the National Quilting Association. I love sharing my quilts and could talk for days about the whole quilting madness!"

Karen Edwards and Shirley Lewis

There will be a \$5 charge for guests.



## Project Linus

The blanket total is at 139 and they've all been beautiful! It's nice to see the care everyone takes to ensure these children get a lovely, warm hug from their new blankets. Removing the pins, securing stitches and cutting all the loose threads only takes a few minutes, and it makes the blankets much safer for these children. Thank you.

We have kits at every meeting. Many of the kits only take a few hours. Some are more challenging and fun for quilters. All kits include the instructions, backing and the pieces for the top already cut for you. Just sit down and sew. EASY!

Recommended sizes:

36" x 36" infant

40" x 60" child/teen

Fleece blankets need to be at least 36 x 45"

Project Linus kits are available starting at 6:30pm on meeting nights. Take a kit and make a quilt!

Lea Robrahn

### Fat Quarters

The Gemstone for April is a Diamond. Most diamonds are brilliant white, but you can think in shades of yellow, or a black and white print. You cannot win unless you bring a fat quarter so make it fun and let's have a lot of entries! If you've never seen a yellow diamond, stop in at the Joslin's jewelry store on 95th and Antioch. They are beautiful, but expensive.

Joyce Verstraete

### Quilt Challenge: Round Things

A big Thank You goes out to all who participated in this challenge. What beautiful quilts we were treated to. I also give a special thank you to everyone that took the time to vote. ( I would never have been able to choose only 8!)

Ribbon winners: **1st place** - BOUNCE By Deb McCurnin

**2nd Place** - HOT FLASHES IN AUGUST III By Karen Edwards

**3rd Place** - BUBBLES THE FISH By Bernadine Farrow

The 8 quilts that will represent our guild on our application for entry

are by: Karen Edwards, Mary Brighton Funk, Shirley Lewis, Lois Hazarth, Bernadine Farrow, Deb McCunin, Susan Stevenson, and Jackie Stoaks.

### Starlight Quilters Guild Retreats-

**Spring Fling Retreat: May 3-5, 2013.** The Spring Retreat is just around the corner and should be a great time. We currently have 12 signed up, and could accommodate a few more. If you are interested in joining, please call me as soon as possible. Final payments are due at the April meeting. Please note that I will not be able to accept any payments after that time, as Cedar Crest's policy has changed and they now require advanced payment. If you are not paid in full by the 23rd, then they will not be able to accommodate you.

**Fall Retreat:** I am currently exploring moving our retreat to Unity Village; if this becomes a viable option, then the retreat dates will be in early November rather than September. Please keep an eye on this spot for more information next month.

Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com)

TIP: Need to s-t-r-e-t-c-h the width of your fabric you are using for a backing? John Flynn has a formula for doing this on his website: <http://www.flynnquilt.com/workshop/FreeLessons/> - scroll down the page until you see the heading —Diagonal Pieced Back . Now, if you are not mathematically minded, there is another website that has a calculator for this. All you do is plug in your numbers. You can find it here: [http://www.multipatch.com/html/diagonal\\_backing\\_calculator.php](http://www.multipatch.com/html/diagonal_backing_calculator.php)

### Membership - Marilyn Carr

There still some cards and directory's that need to be picked up.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**—Emilee Rose, Amy Senatore and Esther Stafford

#### March Attendance

Members	73
New members	3
Guests	<u>10</u>
Total	86

#### Quilters Wisdom

*A stitch in time is rarely possible*

## Starlight Starbright 2013 Quilt Show Update

October 18th & 19th at the Abdallah Shrine Temple, Overland Park KS

The last newsletter listed the quilt judging categories. If you missed it, the list can be found on the Starlight Guild Website: [http://starlightquilters.com/2013\\_quilt\\_show](http://starlightquilters.com/2013_quilt_show).

As we are not proud, we'll be begging for helpers at the next Guild Meeting. Here are a few tasks we'd like to have help with:

Making Quilt Award Ribbons

Door Prize Coordinator

Money Counter

Volunteer Coordinator

Greeting Table

Demo Coordinator

The more folks we have helping, the easier it is for everyone. Think about those quilts you'll enter and how much fun we're going to have showing them off to the world.

The next planning meeting will be held on May 14 at the Johnson County Central Resource Library at 6:30 PM. For information, contact Janice Craig or Kim Cawthon

## Quilt Boutique

Hello fellow quilters! You've been bringing some really cute items for the boutique, keep them coming! Renee Arnett brought us some really cute baby bibs made with chenille on one side and bright and pretty fabric on the other. She embellished with rick-rack and decorative stitching to make them super adorable. Someone brought us a darling little bag made from neckties; I don't know who it was so I can't give credit. If you have a creative idea to share please do, we love to have your contributions and your ideas! Also keep those quilting and crafting magazines and patterns coming. Thanks so much and I'll see you at the meeting! Peggy Skaith - [EspeciallyQuilts@att.net](mailto:EspeciallyQuilts@att.net)



## Quilting Tidbit Makes Its Debut

The first session of quilting tidbits was held before the March guild meeting where the fine art of binding was tackled. Thank you all for attending, and I hope I gave you some helpful hints. If there are enough of you who would like me to repeat this in a few months, I can do that. For the April tidbit, Donna diNatale will be making a presentation on pressing. She will start her presentation at 6:30. Please join her. Upon request, I'll be doing a presentation on making a hanging sleeve in May. If you have other ideas for presentations or if you have a subject you would like to present, please contact me.

Janette Sheldon



## Quilts of Valor

We have heard over and over again that we should label our quilts. When making a Quilt of Valor it's more than a "we should do this", it's a requirement. From the Quilts of Valor website, here are the guidelines for labels:

Labeling requirements and suggestions:

The label may be hand written, embroidered, printed, or purchased.

- must say "Quilt of Valor"
- documents quilt, quiltmakers
- personalizes the quilt for the recipient

validates to recipient that quilt is official

What to include on your label

1. The words "Presented To:" followed by a blank space. This is so the recipient's name can be inserted at a later date. (If you know the name, you can put it in.)
2. First name of Quilt-topper, state
3. First name of machine quilter, state

Dedication. This can be one dedication or one from each of the QOV makers. Ex: Dedicated to my dad, a WWII veteran.

For more information about how to make your label, including links to videos, go to the Quilts of Valor website: [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org)

## Library Corner

This month we look forward to the presentation by Janet Stone with her Alphabet Quilt Madness. She does wonderful things with applique. If you're interested in expanding your applique skills, especially in quilts for kids, we have a wide variety of selections in the library. Amy Bradley has all sorts of cute designs and we have 3 of her books. You might also enjoy "Clowns on Parade" or "Ladybug and Friends". "Cuddly Snuggly Quilts" or "Colorful Quilts for Kids" sound like fun. "Snuggle and Learn Quilts for Kids" is a great opportunity to combine teaching with comfort. You might send a message with "The ABCs of Words on Quilts". And if you want to brush up on technique, try "Machine Applique Made Easy". There are also a number of more traditional applique books, so be sure to browse the library this month. Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck & Kristi Orr

## Guild Challenge

This is a reminder to keep working on your 2013 Guild Challenge: "Toys in the Attic".

They are due at the August Guild meeting (8/27). As in the past, they will be displayed and the membership will vote for their favorite quilt during intermission. They can't be any larger than 192" all the way around or 48" on one side; smaller quilts are fine. We can't wait to see what's in YOUR attic!

## Starlight Quilters Guild Garage Sale

June 25, 2013



It's spring. Time to clean up that sewing room, garage, basement and other rooms and get rid of what you no longer want or need. That's where June's program comes in to play.

What can you donate? Quilts and quilting fabric, home dec fabric, patterns, books, magazines, tools, UFOs, orphan blocks and anything else related to quilting are preferred. But you may donate anything you would put in your garage sale except clothing. New or used kitchenware, home décor, furniture, lawn and garden tools and décor, sewing machines, plants and baked goods. These are just a few suggestions. Please, no clothing (unless it is vintage clothing of interest to collectors) and no junk. Everything must be clean and in working condition. AND if the item is too large for one person to easily put in a car and haul away, you may be responsible for transporting it, if necessary.

Here is how the garage sale will work. Set-up will be from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 25. There will be tables and space set up all around the room. Each table will have a price on it, such as 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, etc. **You** will place your donated items for sale on the appropriate table. There will be sticky dots color-coded to each table. Dots will be placed on your items to assist the cashiers at checkout.

The sale will begin at 7:00 and stop at 9:00. At 9:00 all items must be paid for and removed from the building. **This is our fund raising event in place of Bingo. All income will go to Starlight Quilters Guild. We will accept only cash or checks—no debits or credit cards.** All sale items remaining in the room at 9:30 will be donated to the SQG Quilt Show Boutique or a to community charitable organization (i.e., Catholic Charities, Goodwill, Savers).

We hope this event will be well supported by all SQG members. It should be fun for everyone, as well as a good way to clear space for more fabric. Items will be reasonably priced. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, colleagues – everyone is welcome at the June program. Remember, this is a fund-raising event so we want lots of shoppers.

Questions and comments can be directed to Donna di Natale at [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net).

## SQG 2013 Programs

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

**May 28—Jane Kennedy - Trunk Show**

**June 25—SQG Garage Sale**

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

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

**September 24—Deb Rowden— Flea Market  
Quilts—Improv, Gees Bend & a Pile of Wild  
Quilts**

**October 22—Candy Hargrove—My Quilt  
Journey from Beginner to Published Design-  
er**

**November 19—Mary Honas—Color Play**

### Singer Featherweight For Sale

Reconditioned and ready to sew. Great for workshops and retreats. For more information and prices, email me at [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net), or call me at 913-541-0283.

### FOR SALE - Quilts and related items

I'm changing color/decor in my home. If interested in pictures and information (e.g., quilts, table runner, cotton throws, handmade pillow covers, wooden quilt rack), call or email Renee Arnett at 913-262-0908 or [rarnett03@gmail.com](mailto:rarnett03@gmail.com)

## Do you have a birthday this

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

Luella Roemer Karen Vertin



Arlis Wickstrum

### May Birthdays:

Renee Arnett Marilyn Carr Jill Chittum

Karen Edwards Christine Foo Cyndy O'Rourke

Lea Robrahn Jackie Stoaks Suzanne Waithaka

## 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.

**Machine Quilting** - Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you finish all those tops! Low pricing, full Longarm services - all over designs or custom quilting [913-638-4625](tel:913-638-4625) Karen Huffman or email me at [ka-ren7315@gmail.com](mailto:ka-ren7315@gmail.com)

**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:**

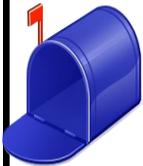
Membership, New or Renewal, \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chock-full of information and news of upcoming events to your e-mail or home; provide a lending library of quilting books available to members; and other benefits too numerous to mention!

**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 Nall, Mission, KS.** The November meeting date is determined each year based on the Thanksgiving holiday.



**Newsletter Dead-line:**

Articles are due the 9<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).



**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

**NEXT SQG**

**MEETING!** **Tuesday, April 23, 2013 6:30 PM**—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

**6:30 PM**— Quilting Tidbits

**7:00 PM**— **Janet Stone**—Alphabet Quilt Madness Trunk Show

Remember to bring:

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

---

Starlight Quilters Guild

P.O. Box 9362

Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-2062

[www.starlightquilters.com](http://www.starlightquilters.com)