



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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June 2013

President's Message—Donna Holloway

Dearest Quilters,

Some of you know that I host foreign exchange students, and our Norwegian daughter is getting ready to go home after 10 months with us, which is making me a little sad. When we first read her profile last year, one statement written by her mother caught my eye. She described Cathrine as their “happy pill”. This is coming from someone who barely speaks English, so one needs to add some interpretation to that. But the mom was right. Cathrine is a “happy pill”; she is so positive and upbeat, embraces life and wants to be sure everyone with her is enjoying the ride as well.



Last week I embarked on a great adventure with my two teenagers and Cathrine; we all packed into the car and drove to Colorado for a few days of white water rafting and hiking in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Rafting is one of my favorite addictions, and I try to run a river at least once a year. We had decided to try the Arkansas River through the Royal Gorge which can boost up to Class 4 rapids (Class 1 is a bubbling brook while Class 5 is raging white and Class 6 is impossible!). Cathrine had never sat in a rubber rafting boat and the pre-trip safety talk can be very intimidating to a novice. But she slapped a smile on her face and grabbed her paddle - it didn't hurt that our river raft guide was very cute and friendly, which immensely pleased both Cathrine and my daughter. We headed down the river, got used to navigating the raft around boulders, and tore through several Class 3 and a few Class 4 rapids without dumping anyone out of the boat. We were all quite proud of ourselves, especially Cathrine. Then, in usual “let me embrace the moment” style, Cathrine was offered an opportunity to swim a bit in a quiet part of the river and she took it. Not me! That water was snow just a few hours ago; 42 degrees is a bit too refreshing. But, she reminded us all that she is from Norway... this was a piece of cake! Gotta love that. Her “happy pill” attitude really made the trip the most memorable I have ever had.

She is now packing up all the things she acquired this year. When watching her struggle to fit it all into a few bags, I had one of my few “aha” moments. I offered to take all her t-shirts from a multitude of high school, local sporting, and memory making events like river rafting, and make her a t-shirt quilt. She thought it was a brilliant idea, so now I am thankful one of our upcoming Quilting Tidbits topics is around making t-shirt quilts. I best get working on it, as it is intended to be a Christmas gift for her. Another great example of how our quilting hobby really does have such a wonderful impact on the people in our lives. Happy Quilting! Donna

Janet Stone's Alphabet Quilt Madness Trunk Show

We are so lucky to have Janet Stone as our speaker for June! She has been quilting only since 2006, but has already won many awards for her alphabet quilts. It seems her quilts are featured in nearly every quilting magazine I have opened the past few months. She says she loves sharing them and could talk for days about her quilting madness, so fasten your seat belts! Karen Edwards

Janet Stone was born with early-onset creativity. Even though she has no awards to prove it, she excelled at making 3-D construction paper flowers in the first grade as well as gold-painted, macaroni-encrusted tuna can pincushions in the second grade. Her love of the alphabet came when she learned how to write, coupled with the fact that her mom was in the printing business and exposed her to wonderful typeface catalogs. She was in awe of how many ways one could design the alphabet! Serious quilting came in 2006, when she purchased a new sewing machine. Janet finished her first alphabet quilt in 2008 to fill a vacant wall. On a whim, she entered it in a national show, won three ribbons, and was instantly hooked on making quilts for shows. Since then, she has been on a quest to design and make 26 quilts, all featuring the alphabet. The 11 quilts she has finished so far have all won awards and have traveled more than Janet. Her seventh quilt, Red Letter Daze, was awarded the honor of Masterpiece Quilt in 2012 from the National Quilting Association.



The Votes Are In

Wondering about the 2014 opportunity quilt? At the May meeting a questionnaire was handed out in an effort to get guild involvement in the Opportunity Quilt. Members voted on what they would most like to have made, and some even signed up to help. For 2014 we will be making a traditionally pieced bright batik bed sized quilt. If you didn't sign up but would like to work on this project, please contact me. Also, we will be needing a commitment from someone to take the lead on this undertaking. Do you want to do it? Janette Sheldon

Bake Sale Goodies—Donna di Natale

It's time to start thinking about what to make for the Bake Sale at our quilt show. Have a favorite that you like to make? Send the recipe to Sandy Fey at sandyfey@kc.rr.com, and she'll include it in the newsletter sometime between now and September.

This cookie recipe is both easy and yummy.

Easy Cake Mix Cookies—Makes about 4 dozen cookies

1 pkg. any flavor* cake mix (but not the pudding kind)

1/2 c. margarine or butter, softened

1 egg

*If using chocolate cake mix, add 2 T. water.

Combine all ingredients at low speed until thoroughly moistened.

Drop about 1 rounded tablespoonful onto an ungreased cookie sheet, about 2" apart.

Bake at 350 degrees for 9-12 minutes.

Cool for 2 minutes; remove from pan.

Optional additions: 1 c. chocolate chips and/or 1/2 c. chopped nuts.

Make sandwich cookies by spreading frosting between two cookies. Put 4 sandwich cookies in a zip top plastic bag and bring them to the bake sale.

Fat Quarter for June

Pearl is the gemstone for June. Since pearls are considered a feminine stone, think **PINK**. The pearl is the most universally worn gem of all the birthstones, prized by women born in any month. Joyce Verstraete

Quilting Tidbits

Our little mini sessions are getting more and more popular. If you have a subject you would like to see presented, or if you want to present a subject, please see me. One of our members, Brianna McSpadden, will do a presentation on the Go Cutter at the June meeting, starting at 6:30. In July, a new member, Christy Underwood, will do a presentation on handling tee shirts for a tee shirt quilt. Sherry Snare has volunteered to teach mitered corners in August. Janette Sheldon

What's Up With KCRQF?

The contract has been signed and it's official now. The first Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival will be held June 18 through 21, 2015, at the Overland Park Convention Center. More and more area guilds have thrown in their hats and agreed to participate. This event is going to be huge. Our quilting community will be putting on an event that will make us all proud. There is an official web site which should be up and running by the time this article is published. More information to come.....
Janette Sheldon

Suzy Scissorhands

Dear SQG Friends, To steam or not to steam. I'm talking about pressing, not cooking or tempers, or typical summer days in Kansas. When pressing pieces while making a quilt, should you use a dry iron or steam?



Steam pressing is somewhat of a personal decision. Using steam supposedly causes the thread to shrink a bit, thus setting the seams a little better and pressing fabric a bit smoother. I've always liked to use steam, but hate refilling my iron all the time so I usually end up using Best Press and a dry iron. But if you are working on a paper-pieced quilt and ironing both the fabric and the paper template, pressing can be a whole different matter.

Recently I was reading the instructions for making a paper-pieced quilt. The instructions said to photocopy the patterns, as usual. But then there was a CAUTION! The caution stated that the dye in dye-based inks used in ink-jet printers might dissolve when exposed to water, thus raising the possibility that the ink might transfer to the fabric when using steam. Yikes! Black ink dissolving into cream-colored fabric was not something I wanted to deal with. The caution went on to say that pigmented inks are more water resistant and that you should check to make sure what kind of ink was used in the copy machine.

So I checked the information on my printer. The printer is intended for printing photographs and uses pigment dyes – not the water-soluble kind – so I figured my creamy white fabric was safe. But I decided to do a little experiment just in case.

I printed a copy of one of my patterns on my printer, another copy of the same pattern on another standard ink jet printer, and a third copy on the laser printer at the local Fed Ex Office store. I took these to my ironing board and laid a piece of white fabric on each sheet. First I used a dry iron on each. No bleeding, no ink transfer. Good. Next I turned on the steam. Still no bleeding or ink transfer. Then I spritzed the fabric with starch. Oops! Bleeding! Both ink jet prints started bleeding into the fabric, and I hadn't even touched them with the iron yet. The laser copy didn't bleed with or without the iron.

The moral of this story is that it's always good to read through all of the instructions, including the cautions, before starting a quilt. And whether to steam or not depends not only on personal preference, but also on the technique you are using and, in turn, the printer you use to copy the patterns. Now, back to my paper-piecing and my dry iron.



Happy Quilting, Suzy

Susan B. Anthony Quilt Exhibit

The public is invited to immerse themselves in a little bit of the past at the Legler Barn Museum, 87th & Lackman in Lenexa, Kansas. Currently on display is a replica of Susan B. Anthony's first quilt, recently completed by the Legler Barn Quilters.

Started at the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, Mass., the quilt travelled to Lenexa in July 2012. The 13 ladies of the Legler Barn Quilters spent more than 600 hours custom hand-quilting Anthony's exact stitching pattern, reproducing her original design as close as possible. The completed quilt matches the original eight-pointed LeMoyné star pattern and predominantly features indigo and tan calicos with muslin background, resembling the original fabrics.

Museum hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Visit their website at www.leglerbarn.org for more information on this and other exhibits.

A change in Quilts Of Valor size minimum shared in the latest QOV newsletter.

QOVs Growing, In More Than One Way!
By June Moore

The number of QOVs made and awarded annually has increased year by year since 2003, as has the rate of this increase; growth of actual quilts—in terms of size—is under way as well! The original minimum size established for a Quilt of Valor was 50 × 60 inches, which is very much a lap-size quilt, not a nap-size quilt. In 2010, we upped the minimum to 55 × 65. If we truly want to wrap a Quilt of Valor recipient in honor and comfort, the quilt really should be large enough to enfold an adult. Recognizing most men are around six feet tall, and that the majority of wounded service members are men, 60 × 80 inch quilts are best.

The QOVF Board of Directors recently agreed unanimously to increase the recommended size to 60 × 80. Please know we are aware fabric companies and other vendors have offered patterns that are undersized. We are doing our best to let the industry know what size QOVs should be. If anyone would like to read more about QOV, here's the link to their latest newsletter: http://www.govf.org/Pdf_Files/2013/QOVNewsletter_May2013_FINB.pdf

Mary Honas

PS—We have some Quilts of Valor ready to present. If you have the name and contact information for people you feel should receive a quilt, please send them to Donna di Natale at dinatale@att.net.

Starlight Starbright Quilt Show 2013 Update

October 18th & 19th at the Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf, Overland Park. (A map is available on the Starlight Quilters website under the tab for the Quilt Show.)

This is just a reminder of the new list of categories for this year's Quilt Show.

Viewers Choice Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd Place ribbons except for Best of Show. Best of Show will receive one ribbon only.)

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), and 1st Quilt Show Entry (made by someone who has never displayed in a quilt show before; this could be an experienced quilter). The next planning meeting will be on July 9th at 6:30 PM at the Johnson County Central Resource Library. All SQG members are welcome!

Janice Craig & Kim Cawthon

More Quilt Show Info

BOUTIQUE

Hi Quilters, Thank you for your continued donations to the boutique! In the past, knitted and crocheted articles have been very popular; people love things like dishcloths and hot pads. Also, we sold quite a few small quilts last year and we need MORE! Wall hangings with coffee shop themes are fun, as are garden themed things and pet themed items. We love our flowers and our pets! Don't forget baby items for those grandparents shopping for the little ones. See you all soon, and Happy Quilting! You can contact me at EspeciallyQuilts@att.net or call 913-341-5-0525 Peggy Skaith.

Here is a list of possible sites for free patterns:

Sewdaily.com

If you sign up for the daily newsletter you can then go to the home page and download free patterns from the "patterns" tab. This is sponsored by Stitch magazine, and you will NOT get junk mail if you sign up.

KnitAndCrochetNow.com

I found this one through the PBS series "Knit and Crochet Now." You can download free patterns as well as shop for patterns; they also have a blog and lots of good information.

KnittingDailyTV.com

Also on PBS, there are lots of free patterns available. I haven't noticed any spam resulting from signing up for any websites connected to public television.

YouTube.com

Plug in any search you want and you'll find many people who like to share their skills.

Others are:

LionBrand.com, CoatsandClark.com, Burdastyle.com, Sewing.about.com, AllPeopleQuilt.com and Sewing.org.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for people to teach "Tidbits" at the quilt show in October. We plan to have a short demo hourly, and although we have a list of subjects and people to teach them, we would be interested in adding additional teachers and subjects to our list. We will also have a sign-up sheet at our regular guild meetings for functions we need members to take charge of. Be looking for the sheet. If you have a topic you would like to demo, or you would like to assist in some other function for this year's quilt show, please contact Janice Craig or Kim Cawthon.

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

Due to the tornado in Oklahoma, we're asking for more blankets. Make a quick quilt or a quick fleece blanket. If you have no time to make a blanket, bring in a yard or two of a kid-friendly fabric. We serve boys and girls from birth to age 18, so remember the older kids, too. A fun, bright modern print is a nice choice.

Our local blanket recipients will not go without. We've been told the Kansas City area meets the local needs first, and then will send extras to Oklahoma.

If you can give a little more this month, please do.



LIBRARY CORNER -
Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck, Kristi Orr

Did you know we have books about borders? You can find the following book titles in the section indicated by the letter (author's last name):

- (B) Borders & Finishing Touches
 - (H) Foundation Borders
 - (K) The Border Workbook
 - (M) Pieced Borders
 - (S) Sensational Sets and Borders
 - (W) Illustrated Guide to Borders
- And some hidden gems like
(G) Press for Success

If you have any books specifically about t-shirt quilts or modern quilts (geometrics with white space), please consider donating them to the library. We have very few books on those topics. Thanks.

Membership Cards and Rosters—Marilyn Carr

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—

Judy Williams, Lynn Doyle (Vendor Member)

May Attendance

Members	69
New members	1
Guests	<u>5</u>
Total	75

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Starlight Quilters Guild Retreats

Donna Holloway

Starlight Quilt Guild Fall Retreat:

The Fall Retreat will be held at Unity Village on November 1-3, 2013. We will have a large conference room for our work-space, and very nice and modern sleeping accommodations (2Q beds/room) all on the same ground floor level. There is a great bookstore across the parking lot that has a Starbucks, as well as fresh sandwiches, drinks and salads and other snacks, which will be useful if you want to stay later on Sunday. Plus, we will be minutes away from a few great quilt shops. I have reserved enough rooms to accommodate 20 quilters, but this will be easy to expand to more, if needed. Cost will be \$185 (double) or \$275 (single) and will include quilting space from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon, 4 hot meals (Fri dinner; Sat lunch/dinner; Sun breakfast); and continental breakfast on Saturday. We will also have access to the grounds within Unity Village to take walks and otherwise enjoy this peaceful setting. Even though it is still within the city limits, you really feel on retreat and 'away from it all'. Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com)

OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2013

Selling tickets for our opportunity quilt is the major way we can bring in the fine speakers that we have come to enjoy and expect. Each year the expenses for those speakers go up a little as does everything else. When talking with different members from other guilds, it appears that we enjoy more speakers than most. This makes us unique, but it also means that all of us need to contribute one way or another for this privilege. Our guild has had many national speakers as well as local teachers, but in order for us to continue with this caliber of training, we are asking that you help us. It means we would like each member to consider selling a minimum of \$10 worth of tickets or make a donation for \$10.

I will have tickets with me at each meeting. The tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. You can turn in your money any time prior to the drawing in October 2013. I will have enough tickets available for everyone to pick up their 10 tickets.

Ruthann Bonin

GUILD CHALLENGE REMINDER

THEME—Toys in the Attic

WHEN—August Guild Meeting,
August 27th

SIZE—48" square or 192" all
around

RIBBONS—Top 3 vote getters

SQG 2013 Programs

June 25—Janet Stone— Rescheduled—
Alphabet Quilt Madness Trunk Show

July 23—Farmer's Dotter - Feedsacks & Re-
cycling Trunk Show

August 27—Jenny Doan— Quilting Quickly

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

October 22—Candy Hargrove—My Quilt Jour-
ney from Beginner to Published Designer

November 19—Mary Honas—Color Play

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 birth-
days are: Kim Cawthon, Cheryl



Diebold, LaVon Gryska, Sandy
Fey, Patty Morgan, Terri Oberle, Jeanne
Poore, Freda Smith, Alex Thompson, Opal
Yarnell

Next month's birthdays are: Lois Bozarth,
Rosie Brinker, Jeanette Byczek, Janice
Craig, Donna diNatale, Connie Dunlap, Doris
Gosney, Mary Honas, Connie Mai, Breeanna
McSpadden, Donna Simpson, Dana Switzer,
Dorothy VanBooven, Kay VanDurme, Joyce
Verstraete

FOR SALE

- 84" sq quilt Thimbleberries fab-
ric; machine quilted w/ overall
stippling - \$150

- 56"x78" quilt Buggy Barn stars;
machine quilted overall & custom -
\$50

- Two cotton throws - \$15 each

- Wooden quilt tri-fold display
rack; each section 71"x24" (21"
bars) - \$50

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at 913-262-0908 or [rar-
nett03@gmail.com](mailto:rarnett03@gmail.com)

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Meeting Date and Time: Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4th 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 9th of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey sandyfey@kc.rr.com (913-432-0855).

NEXT SQG

MEETING! Tuesday,

May 28, 2013 6:30 PM—

Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

6:30 PM— Quilting Tidbit

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)
- Fat Quarter

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