

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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July 2013

President's Message—Donna Holloway

Dearest Quilters,

I've been thinking a lot about how things go in cycles over time. My exchange student left a few weeks ago, and we are now anxiously waiting for that cycle to start again in early August when Alexander arrives. Kids are out of school and relishing the lazy days of summer; but in a matter of weeks, the school/homework/event frenzy will start up again. Everyone is wearing leggings and tunics again...weren't those popular in the early 90s? And, I've totally enjoyed this year's cycle of weather; in a matter of months, we will be facing the wonderful Fall colors. I bet they will be magnificent this year with all the moisture we have gotten. This month's program will feature Brenda, the Farmer's Dotter, who embraces anything vintage and preserving memories of past days. This brings to mind my personal quilting cycle. Years and years ago, whenever I thought of quilts, I would yawn and think of those calico prints so popular in the 70's. I did sew, but would never dream of creating something like that; and to this day, I really don't like brown and orange. Fast forward about 15 years when I moved to California and had a neighbor who was an avid quilter. She didn't fit what I had thought would be the typical 'quilter type' (remember, quilt = 70s calico in my mind) in that she was this hip young mother, very fashion forward, and super trendy. But she did like to sew and we got to chatting about this and she showed me her sewing room. It was full of gorgeous fabric and the coolest looking quilts; many were whimsical folk art while others had a "French country" look and feel. It had never occurred to me that one could take super cool trendy fabric and make a stunning quilt with it. The light bulb clicked on, and I was hooked. She was the one who introduced me to the local quilt shops and taught me how to rotary cut, piece, pin, and machine quilt. Her husband warned my husband that we were up to no good and to basically kiss the bank account goodbye.



Fast forward several years and several quilts later and I am starting to cycle around. The same type of fabrics still draw me (can I have enough red and green?), but as I have watched my kids grow up (aka – 'have gotten older'), I have developed a deeper sense of appreciating the past and preserving memories. I cherish all the hand embroidered linens from my grandmother, and take the time to preserve all the family photos and ensure there is some story attached to each one of them. As many retreat goers know, I have been working on a few quilts using 30's fabrics. Ask me 20 years ago if I would be doing this, and I would have said "Heck no! That's grandma fabric". But now I think those fabrics are the coolest thing ever and have a wonderful charm to them. Think about it, this print style is almost 100 years old and is still selling! That being said, will I ever embrace the 70s calico? (Will anyone ever embrace that style again?) Well maybe not, but I may decide to make a memory quilt using all my old dresses and tops that my mom made me during that era. Now that I mention this...that might actually happen!

Happy Quilting!

Donna

JULY'S SPEAKER—BRENDA WEED

Our speaker for July is Brenda Weed, the Farmer's Dotter. She is, indeed, a farmer's daughter, a quilter, a collector and she loves polka dot fabric. Brenda and her husband now have an empty nest and have decided to open their home for quilting retreats in Bedford, Iowa. (See her website www.frontiernet.net/~farmersdotter).

Brenda will bring many of her feed sacks, antique quilts and items made from recycled materials.



Dotter's Puzzle



Itty Bitty

Quilt Show Crisis Averted!

The quilt show gear was transported from our temporary warehouse site and is now stowed safely in the barn at Janette Sheldon's house. Many thanks go out to everyone who helped move the gear, especially to Donna Holloway who provided the trailer and to Janette who provided the space! Quilt Guild members really came through in a pinch! We'd still like to find a more permanent storage solution. If you have a brilliant idea that's inexpensive and convenient, please contact Kim Cawthon or Janice Craig.

Plans for this year's Quilt Show, "Starlight Starbright" are coming together. We'll have 22 judged prize ribbons this year for more opportunities to win. The quilt show will include: Boutique, Vendors, Linus Quilt Workshop, Bake Sale, Technique demonstrations from Guild Members, Door Prizes, and of course all of our beautiful quilts. Please go to the Starlight web site for details: www.starlightquilters.com. The 2013 Quilt Show page contains all the details including a link to the Google map to our new venue, the Abdallah Shrine Temple (5300 Metcalf, Overland Park KS). October 18 & 19 (Friday & Saturday) 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM both days.

Bake Sale Goodies— 2 Ingredient Angel Food Cake—Susan Mercer

NO FAT/ DIET-FRIENDLY Pineapple Angel Food Cake Recipe: Just two ingredients!! 1 large can crushed pineapple w/juice and 1 box angel food cake mix. Blend in large bowl and bake 350 for 30 min. in 9x13 ungreased pan. Oh so easy! 1/12 cake =165 calories

You can also use any of the pie filling such as blueberry, apple, cherry, peach. I used peach and creme but my favorite is the pineapple.



Quilting Tidbits

Thank you Brianna McSpadden for a job well done demonstrating the Go Cutter in June. In July Christy Underwood will demonstrate how to handle the T- shirts for those of you wanting to make T-shirt quilts. We saw her work at the spring retreat and I guarantee this is one demonstration you are going to love. Sherry Snare will be demonstrating mitered corners in August, and Susan Mercer has volunteered to show how to paper piece in September.

If you have a subject in mind or would like to volunteer, please let me know. Two more slots for this year....but many more opportunities in 2014. Janette Sheldon

Museum Store Wants Quilts to Sell

The Kansas Historical Foundation is planning a quilt exhibit in the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka, starting this Fall. Along with the exhibit, the Museum Store would like to offer quilts made by Kansas quilters for sale. The Retail Coordinator of the Museum Store has contacted me for names of Kansas Quilters who would interested in selling their quilts through the Museum Store. She is interested in small to medium size quilts, but also could carry a few large quilts.

The Museum Store would also like to eventually sell Kansas quilts in the new Visitor Center at the Kansas State Capitol building. So this could be an on-going venture.

I do not have details about commissions or anything else, but if you would be interested in selling quilts through the Museum Store, please contact me. Donna di Natale

Suzy Scissorhands

Dear SQG Friends,



Just got back from a fab vacation in the Rocky Mountains. Between the pine beetles killing great swaths of trees and the forest fires past and present, the area wasn't as beautiful as it used to be. But it was still cool, calm, quiet and relaxing. Exactly the kind of vacation I like. I spent time working on some embroidery, reading books, and just enjoying being out in the mountains.

Our trip took us through Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas. Along the way we stopped at four quilt shops. I had been to all of them before and knew that they held many treasures. I also wanted to see what kind of quilting was trending in these areas and make sure the shops were still in business. These days one never knows.

Bolds and brights are trending in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Grand Lake, Colorado. Lincoln I can understand. It's a university town, home of the International Quilt Study Center and a fantastic graduate textile program, so I expected quilters will have more modern tastes. But Grand Lake? Even the shop owner couldn't explain. If you're looking for Thimbleberries check out her shop. She's got them on sale to make room for brights. Oh, if you are ever looking for flannels, she has rows of quality flannel.

North Platte is where to shop if you are looking for western or cowboy fabrics. She had the cutest little quilt on the wall made with westerns and bandana type fabric. Unfortunately she had sold out of the bandana fabric and wasn't able to get more. (insert sad face here!) However, I did pick up some great Dalmation (dog) fabric for my friend Janette.

The shop in Hays has to be the largest quilt shop in Kansas. It's easy to miss the shop because it is housed in a metal building with no windows and absolutely no personality. If it weren't for the name over the door, you wouldn't know it was a quilt shop. But walk inside and you are in heaven. Fabrics? Got thousands of bolts. Wool? Got rows of wool. Yarn? Got yarn galore. Embellishments? Got those too. I could spend an entire day in that shop alone.

To get to my point (finally), wherever you travel, seek out the area quilt shop and drop by. You'll find fabrics that are different from what your local shop carries. Trust me on this one. I bought about 20 different pieces of red fabric in 4 shops – every one of them different and not one repeat from my local supply. Plus, my vacation "souvenirs" are going into a gorgeous quilt that will remind me of our trip forever. Just one more way to support quilting wherever you may be. Happy Quilting, *Suzy*

2013 Additions to the Library



We've added several new books to the Guild Library. Volumes 1 and 4 of the "Quilter's Academy" series join volumes 2 and 3 that we already own. They're great for both new quilters and for providing new variations of techniques to those who've been quilting for years. At the request of members, we've added "Paper Piecing Quilts of Praise: Patterns Inspired by Beloved Hymns" and "Fresh from the Prairie" from Kansas City Star Quilts. Get those stacks of T shirts off the shelf and into a cozy quilt using the process in "How to Make a Too Cool T Shirt Quilt." Learn more about Project Linus and try some new patterns from "Quilt It with Love: The Project Linus Story". Update your collections with ideas from "Quilting Modern". Thanks for giving us suggestions so we can keep the library fresh and exciting!
Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck & Kristi Orr

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

We're seeing some beautiful quilts for children in need. Thank you all!

We need more! The summer months mean fewer blankets turned in from around the Kansas City area. If time is getting away from you, donating kid-friendly yardage is the way to go. Project Linus donates blankets to children from newborn to age eighteen. Please keep this in mind when picking the fabric to donate. Be sure this fabric is clean with no mold, mildew, offensive odors or animal hair. Fleece yardage donations are welcome, too, as are flannel and quilting cottons. Thank you in advance!

We make kits with precut pieces and the backing so the maker only has to piece, sandwich with batting and quilt. We always have them available at guild. Come on by now, ya'hear.



SQG 2013 Programs

July 23—Farmer's Dotter - Feedsacks & Recycling 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 Journey from Beginner to Published Designer

November 19—Mary Honas—Color Play

Fat Quarter for July

The July gemstone is a **Ruby**. Let's try to get more participation in the Fat Quarter Drawing this month. July is also Patriotic - **red**, white and **blue** - take your choice. There are lots of fabrics to choose from! Joyce Verstraete



Membership Cards and Rosters—Marilyn Carr

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—

Chris Haubein, Cassie Schwarz, Melissa Towne (Vendor Member), Chrysa Zinser

June Attendance

Members	80
New members	4
Guests	<u>8</u>
Total	92

Quilters Wisdom

Great quilts from little fabrics grow.

"FIND US ON FACEBOOK"

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106359079270>

Starlight Quilters Guild Retreats Donna Holloway

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'. Deadline to sign up and pay in full is our September meeting. Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com)

<p>Upcoming Sew Day: A Sew Day is coming, A Sew Day is coming!!</p> <p>A sew day is planned at the JoCo Lackman Library. There will be a full day of sewing and a small workshop.</p> <p>Let Peggy Skaith, Janice Craig or Kim Cawthon know if you have a skill you would like to demonstrate.</p>			
WHERE:	When	WHY	COST
Lackman Library 15345 W. 87th St. Lenexa, KS 66219	August 17 9:30 – 3:30	Because we need it!!	FREE

GUILD CHALLENGE REMINDER

THEME—Toys in the Attic

WHEN—August Guild Meeting, August 27th

SIZE—Not to exceed 48" square or 192" all around

RIBBONS—Top 3 vote getters

2015 Quilt Festival Update

By Janette Sheldon

The board and representatives of the respective guilds have been working hard over the last few months to get organized. In visiting other large events of this nature, that early organization and buy in by all parties really pays off. When the time comes, we will have a lot of visible volunteers to help pull the event off.

The contract has been signed, and we are committed to the dates of June 18th through 21st, 2015 at the Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, KS. With the date firmed up and the location established, we can now move forward on our solicitation for vendors and sponsors. If have a suggestion in this regard, please contact either Kristin Smith (kristensmithks@yahoo.com), Lynn Droege (lmdrdh1@aol.com).

The board has passed by-laws which will require each participating guild to advise the board in writing before January 1st of the year preceding the event of its desire to participate. With the email communication we have had with those involved at this point, that requirement has been met for the 2015 show. In addition, we are asking each guild to designate its voting representative. In an effort to be fair to all, each participating guild will be entitled to one vote. Non-voting participation, however, is always encouraged and welcome.

Our web site is up and running. We will be adding more and more items as time goes on. At this point we are asking for information on each guild as well as a quilt to be photographed. The site's address is kcrqf.wordpress.com.



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: 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

Next month's birthdays are: Sue Allen, Johnna Boswell-Duncan, Jan Davidson, Jan Fortney, Deborah McCurnin, Susan Mercer, Niki Page, Sandy Ralston, Janette Sheldon, Esther Stafford, Susan Wagner

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 karen7315@gmail.com

Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. 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



Membership Information:

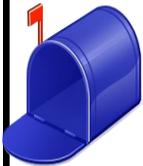
Membership, New or Renewal, \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chock-full of information and news of upcoming events to your e-mail or home; provide a lending library of quilting books available to members; and other benefits too numerous to mention!

Meeting Date and Time: Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 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.



Newsletter Dead-line:

Articles are due the 9th of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey sandy.fey93@gmail.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, July 23, 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— **Farmer's Dotter - Feedsacks & Recycling Trunk Show**

Remember to bring:

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

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