



# Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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August 2013

## President's Message—Donna Holloway

Dearest Quilters,

August has always meant “Fair” to me for the past decade. It all started years ago when I wanted my daughter to get involved with “something”, and Girl Scouts didn’t appeal to her. We discovered 4H and entered the world of rabbit showmanship which culminated each year at the county fair competing against all the other 4Hers. There are two ways to “show” a rabbit. One is called “conformation” where the judge looks at the animal and determines if it is a good representation of the “standard” for that breed/variety. This all depends on the rabbit’s genetics, and a little bit of grooming expertise by the owner. The second way to “show” a rabbit is called “showmanship”, where the 4Her stands in front of a judge with her rabbit and literally shows the rabbit to the judge. It mimics a physical exam to ensure the animal is healthy, checking the eyes, ears, teeth, feet, and abdomen. One step requires turning the rabbit on its back to check the abdomen.. something rabbits are not too keen to do (and boy, can they kick!). The judge then asks the 4Her several questions about the rabbit, how she takes care of it, what to do if it gets sick, etc. The rabbit doesn’t have to be the perfect specimen of the breed (it can be a mutt), but if the 4Her really knows her rabbit knowledge and can calmly handle the rabbit during the examination, she will certainly earn a purple ribbon.



My daughter really enjoyed showing her rabbits, which then led to poultry showmanship, and she is now actively involved with 4H dog obedience and showmanship and showing our dogs at American Kennel Club (AKC) events. For a little “something” activity, it sure has paid off big in developing key life skills like responsibility, leadership and public speaking as well as building her self-confidence.

Of course, watching her show her animals is one of the best parts of the Fair for me, but the second best part is sneaking off to the Textiles building to see all the quilts, knitted/crocheted/woven items, and clothing on display. I am always inspired by the talent displayed, and am especially thrilled when I realize an amazing item was created by someone who can’t legally drive. In this fast paced, instant gratification world, I feel sewing is becoming a lost art so it is pretty cool to see a young person embrace this activity. Most times, they are inspired and taught by someone in their life, and I imagine many of you have inspired a young person to join our world of fabric and thread. I know this is a fact, given the several mother-daughter members we have in our guild today. I encourage everyone to keep sharing our passion, especially with the young folks. At a minimum, they will at least know how to get that button back on their shirt!

Happy Quilting! Donna

## AUGUST'S SPEAKER— JENNY DOAN

We're so fortunate to welcome Jenny Doan as our August speaker. Her thoughtful children set up the Missouri Star Quilt Company as a way to help supplement their parents' retirement and maybe pay for groceries. They had no idea they were starting a thriving business with customers from all over the world!

Veteran quilter Jenny Doan has risen to stardom in the quilting world with her YouTube tutorials. A former costume designer, mother of 7 children and grandmother of 20, Jenny is beloved for her approachable demeanor and contagious enthusiasm for quilting. Jenny and her husband live in the small town of Hamilton, Mo., where they run the [Missouri Star Quilt Co.](#) with several of their children. Check out her videos for a real treat and a lot of helpful hints. And meet her in person at our August 27th meeting.



### Starlight Sew Day

Saturday August 17

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lackman Library



15345 W. 87th Street Parkway (~87th Street and Lackman Road in Lenexa – turn at the Capitol Federal entrance).

Open sew or work on items for boutique.

SQG has been given boxes of denim samples that are basically short legs with a pocket. Our challenge is to use this fabric to make bags and other items for the boutique sale. There will be sample and suggestions available. And we're looking for more ideas. So pack up your sewing machine and other supplies and join us for a full day of stitching.

You may bring your lunch or there are several places to grab lunch in the area. Bottled water will be provided.

For information contact Kim Cawthon or Donna di Natale

## Starlight Starbright Quilt Show Update

October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday and Saturday)

There are only 2 more guild meetings before the quilt show. Hopefully you've thought about which of your quilts to enter. We've expanded categories this year so more ribbons will be awarded. There will also be 3 special committee awards. The Quilt Show Committee will award these ribbons before the show opens on Friday.

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Viewers' Choice Awards will be given for the following categories: Miscellaneous, Small Quilts, Medium Quilts, Large Quilts, Extra Large Quilts, Hand Quilted. Please see the quilt show entry form for size guidelines. The quilt that receives the most votes will receive the Best of Show ribbon. Committee Awards are for: Show Theme (Starlight Starbright), Rookie Quilt (submitted by beginner quilter), 1<sup>st</sup> Quilt Show Entry (submitted by someone who has never displayed in a quilt show before). There is also a special display only (no ribbons awarded) category for Antique Quilts. Please turn in quilt show entry forms to Kim Cawthon ([cawthonk@compassminerals.com](mailto:cawthonk@compassminerals.com)) or Janice Craig ([jc-9922@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jc-9922@sbcglobal.net)) by the end of the September meeting. Quilts will be collected the week before the show or Thursday during setup at the Shrine. Please enter quilts that have not been shown before at a Starlight Quilters Show.

In addition to the beautiful quilts, we will have: Vendors, Technique Demos by Guild Members, Bake Sale, Linus Quilt Workshop, and the ever popular Boutique full of hand-made items, books, patterns and more donated by our members.

Our Website: [www.starlightquilters.com](http://www.starlightquilters.com) has an updated demonstration schedule and map to the Shrine Temple on Metcalf. The Quilt Show Entry Form is available there also.

Please also think about helping during the show. This is our biggest fund-raiser for the year and helps us to keep membership dues low while supporting all of our wonderful monthly programs. Our quilt show also makes the world a little better place to live in. Wouldn't you agree?

Janice Craig



## Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2013 Entry Form

Quilt Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owned By \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern Created By \_\_\_\_\_

Pieced By \_\_\_\_\_

Quilted By \_\_\_\_\_

### Category (select one)

\_\_\_\_\_ 100 – Miscellaneous (purses, wearables, anything else)

\_\_\_\_\_ 200 - Small (longest side less than 40 inches)

\_\_\_\_\_ 300 - Medium (longest side between 40 and 60 inches)

\_\_\_\_\_ 400 - Large (longest side between 60 and 90 inches)

\_\_\_\_\_ 500 – Extra-Large (longest side greater than 90 inches)

\_\_\_\_\_ 600 – Hand Quilted

\_\_\_\_\_ 700 – Antique (not judged, but we need to know who it belongs to!)

Also consider for

Show Theme (Starlight Starbright)

Rookie Quilt (beginning quilter)

1st Show Entry (quilter who has never displayed in a show before)

### Construction Techniques

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### Comments for viewers

Please include any information you'd like to share. (Use the back of this form if needed.) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bake Sale Goodies— Sandy Fey—Terribly Terrific Toffee**

Preheat the oven to 350. Line a cookie sheet or jelly roll pan with aluminum foil and spray with a cooking oil. Line up saltine crackers to fill this area. Melt one stick butter and add one packed cup of brown sugar. Cook until boiling and simmer 3-5 minutes more to thicken. Spread this on the saltines and place in the oven for 8-10 minutes (until the sugar bubbles). Remove and cool for 3 minutes. Place the contents of a 12 oz package of semi-sweet chips on the warm mixture and let melt. When the chocolate is soft, spread to cover. Can place in refrigerator to harden and then break into small pieces. Nuts on top are optional. Package and mark for selling.



### **Quilting Tidbits**

Thank you Christy Underwood for demonstrating how to make a T- shirt quilt. 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

### **OPPORTUNITY QUILT**

Don't forget!! Our guild needs everyone's help in selling Opportunity Quilt tickets. We really need each of you to sell \$10 worth of tickets or consider making a donation to the guild. The guild has received \$155.00 so far toward the quilt. Also keep in mind that we have 2 more months after the August meeting to sell tickets. It would really be great if we could collect \$750 to go toward the fantastic speakers we have had in the past.

Come see me at the next meeting to pick up your tickets. [Ruthann Bonin](#)

## Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends, When Janet Stone spoke to our guild in June, she talked about gluing things together or onto her quilts as embellishments, or as part of putting the quilt together. I was curious as to what type of glue she used so I did a bit of research.

There are literally hundreds of kinds of glue available, but I knew to begin with that I needed fabric glue. That narrowed my search some, but there were still lots of options. The glue you use depends on what you want to glue and what you plan to do with that object later.

For example, if you want to “glue” fabric to fabric temporarily – for appliqué or positioning – until you can stitch it down, you want glue that adheres quickly but washes out or dissolves with water. For that, you need a **water soluble** adhesive. If you want to glue fabric to fabric permanently, you want **washable glue**. If you are gluing embellishments to fabric, you may want glue that will adhere to **nonporous surfaces**, such as rhinestones or beads. Then there is the choice of liquid, stick or spray.

First I asked some of my friends whom I know use glue for quilting. About half of them use Aleene’s adhesive. This liquid adhesive comes in 5 different forms: Fabric Fusion, Flexible Stretchable, OK to Wash It, Jewel-It and No-Sew. Aleene’s also makes Fast Grab, Super Thick and Quick Dry Tacky Glue. You can buy them at almost any craft or department store (as well as some quilt shops) individually or in a variety pack. Individually they are about \$5-\$6. These are all permanent adhesives. They recommend you wash the fabric before gluing it. I tried Fast Grab Tacky Glue. It worked okay – grabbed quickly but could be repositioned a bit – but I thought it was messy to work with, and if you had to reposition the fabric it smeared the glue.

The other half preferred to use glue sticks. There are several brands available. Elmer’s, Scotch, Dritz and Fons & Porter to name a few. You have to pay careful attention when buying glue sticks. Read the fine print to see if the glue is washable or water soluble. You don’t want to get the two confused. I’ve used Elmer’s, Dritz and Fons & Porter. I like F & P because it comes in a pencil-like stick, but it is expensive compared to everything else, and you need to stick it immediately or it dries. It is water soluble so only meant to be temporary. My second stick of choice is Dritz. It is easy to use, tacky enough, and doesn’t smear too much. Elmer’s is fine, and can be the least expensive depending on where you buy it, but it is pretty sticky and picked up lots of threads and fuzz off the fabric.

Spray adhesive is good if you are working with large areas. It tends to be not as tacky as other adhesives, and often it is difficult to get the fabric really smooth. Spray basting adhesive is great for putting together a quilt sandwich. It is re-positional and washes out but it can cause some wrinkling. Tailor’s, Thermo-Web Sprayn’ Bond and Sullivan’s Quilt Basting Spray all work well. I like 505 Spray and Fix. It is odorless and doesn’t gum up your needle, and it seems to have less over-spray mist than some of the others. However, 505 tends to be expensive so my next choice is Tailor’s. It’s also odorless and is available at most craft and fabric shops. Just be sure to protect whatever surface you are spraying on. You don’t want your cutting mat or the dining table covered with spray adhesive.

So that’s the nitty gritty on the grippy. Know what you want the glue to do, read the label, and don’t over-glue no matter which product you use.

Happy stickin’ and stitchin’, Suzy

### Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

We've gotten so many lovely donations. Thank you! We always need more. We provide kits that include pre-cut pieces for the front and a full piece for the back. To keep up with the demand, we need yardage of kid-friendly, non-seasonal prints for the front and back. The kits we provide use between 3 and 5 yards of fabric. We turned in 500 blankets last year, so Starlight Quilters used between 1,500 to 2,500 yards of fabric. WOW! Donations are always needed and we accept clean cotton and fleece yardage that are free of musty and strong smells.

We have some fleece blankets, already commercially finished, that need personalization in some way. These blankets need to have fabric patches sewn on or they need crocheted edges. Let Lea know if you'd like to personalize a blanket so she'll bring it to the Starlight meeting. We have a few baby blankets and a few larger-size fleece blankets.



### SQG 2013 Programs

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 August

The August FAT QUARTER's birthstone is Peridot which means "Friendship." I don't recall seeing that stone, but that color is yellow-green to olive green. Good Luck. Whoever wins this month, there will be a little extra gift so be sure to enter. Thank you to all who brought fat quarters last month; there were a few more than usual, enough to make it worth winning! More fabric means more fun! Joyce Verstraete



#### Membership Cards and Rosters—Marilyn Carr

WELCOME BACK A MEMBER — Suzanne Waitkaha

#### June Attendance

Members	77
New members	<u>5</u>
Total	82

#### Quilters Wisdom

To Quilt is human, to finish, Divine.

#### "FIND US ON FACEBOOK"

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

## Starlight Quilters Guild Retreat 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)

## Library Corner

Have you been working on donations for the boutique at our upcoming quilt show? Maybe you need a few ideas to spark your creativity. An item made from scraps can help reduce your stash as well as help the guild. Try "Gifts from Your Scrap Basket" or "Scrap-o-lator Quilts", as well as books by Debbie Mumm and others. There's also "Last-Minute Patchwork & Quilted Gifts". Kids' items are always popular, so check out "Cherished Quilts for Babies & Kids", "Cuddly Snuggly Quilts", or "Baby Patchwork". We have lots of books on small quilts that should give you ideas. Don't forget to join us for the sew-in on August 17, when we can work together on projects. See you there and at the August meeting! Cheryl Tomson

## 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

## Boutique Projects by Peggy Skaith

Hi Quilters! Our quilt show is on the horizon and we need your crafty items for the boutique. We've had some really adorable contributions so keep them coming! Our biggest need is small quilts: wall hangings, table runners, table toppers, baby quilts, doll quilts. We sold a lot of our inventory of small quilts last year, so we need to "re-stock" You all are really talented and creative so show us your stuff! Here are some more suggestions - since our show is in October, it would be a perfect time to make some simple Halloween costumes. Thanksgiving and Christmas themes are also a good idea. Of course knitted and crocheted projects and patterns and books are great, as well as those leftover full skeins of yarn and kits you never got around to making. See you all soon and Happy Quilting!



## 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: Sue Allen, Johnna Boswell-Duncan, Jan Davidson, Jan Fortney, Deborah



McCurnin, Susan Mercer, Niki Page, Sandy Ralston, Janette Sheldon, Esther Stafford, Susan Wagner

Next month's birthdays are: Terri Callison, Becky Edson, Donna Holloway, Shirley Lewis, Barbara McMahon, Carol Nash, Connie Passaro, Sue Sharpe

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### 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 Deadline:

Articles are due the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey [sandy.fey93@gmail.com](mailto: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, August 27, 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— Jenny Doan—  
Quilting Quickly**

Remember to bring:

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

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