

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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October 2013

President's Message—Donna Holloway

Dearest Quilters,

Finally, the weather is cooling down and it is starting to feel like Fall! For most this also means football weather, but in my household, soccer rules. Don't get me wrong, I do like Football, because I know that when the Chiefs are playing, the stores are empty and I can get my errands done more quickly. The only bummer is that many of my favorite quilt shops are not open on Sundays.



This year, we are hosting Alexander, a German high school boy, for 10 months; and I hate to admit it, but I was thrilled when I learned his passion was soccer. My son graduated high school a few years ago, and I have had serious withdrawal from the lack of high school soccer games in my life. Didn't expect that, and I seriously thought about driving to his college to watch him play his intramural recreational soccer games (was told that would be too embarrassing!). But my luck turned, and Alexander made the HS Varsity team. He is also quite good, so gets a lot of playing time, which makes it more fun for me to watch. We have intense discussions on the way home about how the game went, just like I had when my son played... so for now, my soccer life is back in balance.

Meanwhile, I have finished the memory t-shirt quilt for the student we hosted last year. I was so anxious to send it to her; I couldn't wait to share at Guild, so thought I would share this picture she sent me. Her smile tells the full story. I actually shed a few tears when making it; as I really miss her and looking at all the blocks brought back all these great memories we had with her. We are hoping to find a time to visit her in Norway within the next few years.

Happy Quilting, Donna



SEPTEMBER'S SPEAKER— CANDY HARGROVE

We are fortunate to have Candy Hargrove as our October speaker. Candy is well known in the quilting world. She is a designer for Jo Morton, for Andover Fabrics. She has made over 100 quilts, and especially enjoys hand applique. She has been quilting for over 20 years. She will speak to us on the topic "My Quilt Journey from Beginner to Published Designer".

OCTOBER WORKSHOP WITH CANDY HARGROVE

Even more good news! Candy is offering a class on Saturday, October 26. It will be a 1/2-day workshop where we will concentrate on improving techniques. Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, October 26

Time: 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Harper's Fabric & Quilt Shop at 7918 Santa Fe in downtown Overland Park

Cost: \$35.00 (money due at the October guild meeting)

Maximum number of students: 12



We will be working on blocks from the Yorktown Strippy Sampler pattern, which will be provided. The object of the class is to: 1) have fun; 2) make some traditional quilt blocks; 3) improve piecing accuracy; 4) maybe learn a new technique or discover a new tool. If you have any questions prior to the class, please contact Candy at cahquilter@kc.rr.com or [816-734-1497](tel:816-734-1497).

For the class you will need:

- Ø Sewing machine in good working order that you know how to operate
- Ø 4 coordinating fat quarters – 1 dark, 1 medium, 1 light, 1 other (could be dark, med or light)
- Ø Rotary cutting supplies: Mat (large enough to cut a FQ), ruler and cutter
- Ø Pins, scissors and neutral thread
- Ø 4 or 6-1/2" square ruler (for squaring up)
- Ø Ironing surface and iron (There are some in the classroom at Harper's.)
- Ø Your favorite gadget or tool (for discussion)

To view the pattern, go to this link: <http://www.andoverfabrics.com/Quilts/Yorktown.pdf>

See you on October 22!

Shirley Lewis and Karen Edwards

Programs and Workshops

Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends, Do you love to embroider? I do, and hand embroidery stitching is really a hot topic in quilting. Whether it's embellishing a quilt with stitches here and there or embroidered blocks or whole tops, we're seeing lots of embroidery patterns on the market and I predict we'll see even more next year.

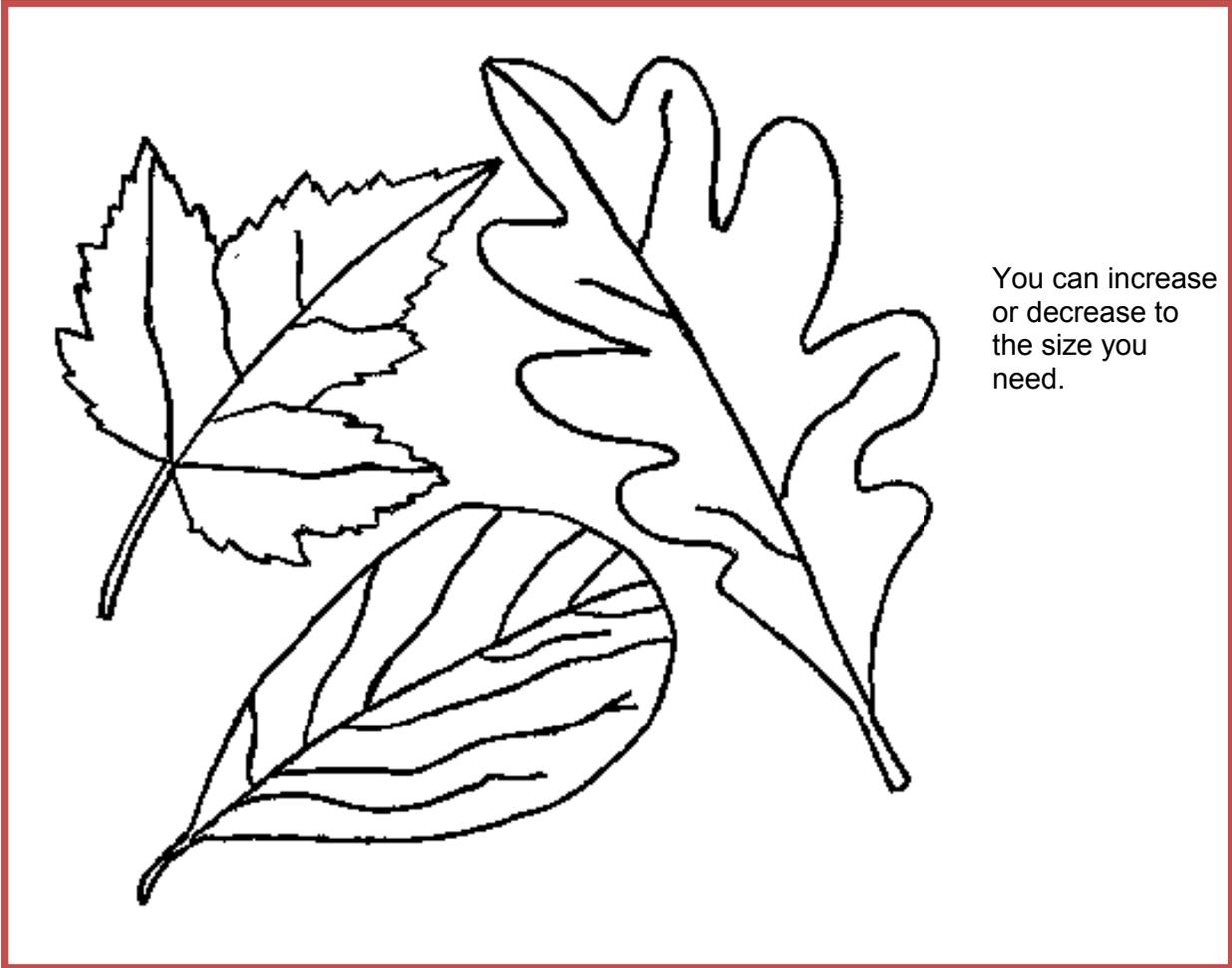
I learned to embroider when I was 5 years old. Mom would thread the needle with 6 strands of embroidery floss and I'd try to follow the lines. I'm happy to say that my embroidery skills have improved a lot since then. For one thing, I no longer use 6 strands of floss all the time. And today, we have lots of helpful 'tools' for embroidery.

First there's the floss. DMC 6-strand cotton floss is the old standard. I still use it, but now I usually use only 1 or 2 strands at a time. But there are lots of other brands available. One online store carries over 20 different brands of thread for hand embroidery. Some thread comes on spools, some in "hanks", some on cards. Some thread is even pre-cut into 18" lengths. There is also DMC Perle Cotton that comes in different thicknesses, and similar threads by other companies. I don't have a favorite because I use different brands for different projects. I love Lecien thread. It is 2-strand floss made in Japan and comes on a spool. I don't have to separate the threads and it doesn't shed, but it's difficult to find in shops. Not shedding is important, especially when doing red work. I hate having red lint all over my white color. And that brings to mind color-fastness. You do not want a thread that is going to bleed dye when the item is washed. That is why I never ever use or recommend inexpensive off-brand floss.

When it comes to transferring a design to fabric, we again have many options. Aunt Martha still makes iron-on transfers. Most patterns and books tell you to trace the design, and for that there are all kinds of pencils and pens. You can use a transfer pencil to make your own iron-on pattern. This is helpful if you are going to use the pattern more than one time. My personal preference is a Pigma Micron 0.5 permanent ink pen or an extra-fine chalk pencil by Bohin or Fons & Porter (they're the same product). The chalk is available in several colors and the lines are easily erased. I like Pigma pens because the lines are easier to see and they don't come off. That's why they are called permanent. But that means my mistakes are permanent, too. However, especially when using a single strand of floss, using a pen that same color to trace the design tells me what color goes where and enhances the fine thread.

There's even more to embroidery than what I've mentioned here. Next month we'll talk about transfer paper, stabilizer and Crayons. Oh boy! In the mean time, here are some autumn leaves for you to embroider. Trace them onto plain napkins for a festive table setting.

Happy Quilting, Suzy



Quilt Show Boutique

Hello Quilters! The quilt show is next week and we are busily preparing entries and organizing boutique items. Thank you all so much for your generous donations! You can still bring items if you'd like, please have prices on them, or if you have questions give me a call. Don't forget you can also bring bake sale goodies; our guild member volunteers love to purchase snacks while working the show, as well as our visitors. Peggy Skaith; especiallyquilts@att.net [913-341-0525](tel:913-341-0525)

Quilting Tidbits

Did you miss the tidbits last month? It's all my fault. Susan Mercer had graciously agreed to present foundation piecing, but then she had back surgery. Instead of filling in for her, I filled in for our president. I PROMISE foundation piecing will be presented at the October meeting. If Susan is still recovering I'll do it myself. November will be demonstrating the right way to add a border. See you all at the next meeting, Janette Sheldon

Our condolences go out to Sue Sharpe, whose father recently passed away. We're thinking of you, Sue.

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

Beautiful fall weather! While you should enjoy the weather, make sure to spend a little time making Project Linus blankets, too. There is always a need for blankets. There are kits at every meeting with precut pieces, instructions, and a quilt back. You add batting and your labor to get it done. Easy! You can also make your own blanket from clean, new fabrics.

Remember to check for loose threads, pins and other quilt issues. The children deserve our best work.

We always accept Best Choice UPC labels. Our local Project Linus chapter turns these labels into cash to buy labels for the blankets we make.

We always accept donations of new, clean fabric for use in our kits. Quilting cottons, fleece, flannel fabric, and batting packages are cheerfully accepted. If you have a lot to donate, contact Lea Robrahn. She's in the directory.

Thank you so much for your support for Project Linus.

SQG 2013 Programs

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

November 19—Mary Honas—Color Play

Fat Quarter for October

Last month's fat quarters were beautiful. Thank you, ladies, and keep up the good work. October's birthstone is Opal, but since we have already had a similar stone color this year, let's celebrate the cool Fall weather by bringing your favorite fall fabric color. Make it a color that reminds you of Thanksgiving and Good Luck. Joyce Verstraete

BE A GREETER!!

There will be a sign-up sheet for those of you who would like to be a greeter next year (2014). It's a great way to meet other Guild members and learn people's names. Opal Yarnall, Hospitality Chairperson

Membership Cards and Rosters—Marilyn Carr

It's that time again to start planning for the 2014 year with Starlight Quilt Guild. Membership dues are still at a bargain of only \$12.50 for 1/2 year. Stop by the membership table for a renewal form and make sure you won't miss out on any of the fun.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS— Karla Filo, Tina Fowler, Sue Howard, Diane Ostermeier and 5 vendors

September Attendance

Members 89

New members 4 **TOTAL— 93!**

Quilters Wisdom

May your ups and downs in life be with a needle and thread.

Starlight Starbright Quilt Show Update

This is the very last update before the show and it contains very important information!

We have over 90 quilts for this year's show! **Thank you** so much for your support.

The Shrine Temple is a great place to hold a quilt show. It is big and bright with lots of space. Below is a schedule of events.

Thursday, October 17th, Setup

12:00 Noon, meet at the Abdallah Shrine Temple to caravan to Janette's house where the gear is stored

2:00 return to the Shrine for setup

4:00 – 7:00 Bring your quilts!

Friday October 18th

9:00 AM show opens

6:00 PM show closes

Saturday October 19th

9:00 AM show opens

6:00 PM show closes

6:00 Pick up your quilts and Teardown

Alternate quilt drop off

If you cannot take your quilts to the Shrine Temple during setup, you may bring them to the Countryside Christian Church on October 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 (during the Guild's Board Meeting). Go inside the same door we use for the Guild Meetings and go to the right and up the stairs. You will find us there.

During the Show

1. Support the Vendors – we want them back next year so open your piggy bank. We have a nice variety of vendors from jewelry to fabrics to Featherweights!
2. Support the Guild – Buy hand made items, books, magazines, patterns and more from the boutique. Buy your Opportunity Quilt Tickets!
3. Volunteer – if you have a couple of free hours, drop by and work in the Linus Quilt Workshop, white glove, greet, help in the boutique.
4. Bring your Baked Goodies to the Bake Sale! – buy someone else's baked goodies, calories consumed during the quilt show just plain don't stick, it's true.
5. Attend a short workshop, every hour on the 1/2 hour someone will show you an interesting technique.
6. Look at all the beautiful quilts! We have over 90 of them. VOTE for your favorites.
7. HAVE FUN!

Your Quilt Show Committee has been working to create a great experience and not all of us will be returning to our positions next year. Think about what you enjoy most about the quilt show and volunteer to pitch in next year. See you at the Shrine!

Janice Craig & Kim Cawthon

Library Corner

The days are shorter and temperatures are dropping, a sure sign the holidays will soon be here. How about a project to add a bright spot to your home, or a gift for someone near and dear? We have a good selection of books with holiday projects. Try "Thimbleberries Christmas Cottage", "Joy to the World", Nancy Holvorsen's "I Believe", Better Homes & Gardens' "Christmas at Home", "Quilted for Christmas Book III" from That Patchwork Place, or Debbie Mumm's "Decorating with Quick & Easy Holiday Quilts". In between working on those projects, don't forget to curl up with a good quilting novel. Our selection continues to grow and we always welcome new donations. Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck, Kristi Orr

For Sale:

BOM Quilt Kit (\$180 value) for Yesterday's Garden Sampler by Winnie Fleming 52"

x 68". Fabrics include wonderful soft florals from Robyn Pandolph and Sandy Gervais for an old-fashioned look. Quilt has 35 blocks and a simple appliqué border. Asking \$50.

Vintage Feather Tree handmade from real goose feathers. (\$125 value) Perfect for displaying handmade cross stitch or quilted ornaments. Measures 31"h x 20"w set on a painted wooden oval base. Asking \$25.

Pictures available. If interested, contact Renee Arnett 913-262-0908 or

rarnett03@gmail.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: Cassie Diebold, Bernadine Farrow, Kathy Hurley, Sharon Lopez, Janette



Luehring, Kristi Orr, Cheryl Reynolds, Jean Turvey, Pat Wineland

Next month's birthdays are: Cassie Diebold, Bernadine Farrow, Kathy Hurley, Sharon Lopez, Janette Luehring, Kristi Orr, Cheryl Reynolds, Jean Turvey, Pat Wineland, Beverly Zavadil

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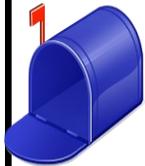
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Membership Information:

Membership, New or Renewal, \$12.50/1/2 year. 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.



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 Dead- line:

Articles are due the 9th of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey sandy.fey93@gmail.com (913-432-0855).

NEXT SQG

MEETING! Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013 6:30 PM

6:30 PM— Quilting Tidbit

7:00 PM— **Candy Hargrove - My Quilt Journey**

Remember to bring:

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

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