



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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== January ==

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KCRQF Representative: Michele Fix

KCRQF Newsletter Report: Judy Danz

Newsletter Humor: Mary Funk

Project Linus: Mary Honas

Show and Tell Ribbons: Mary Funk

UFO Projects: Pam Avara

Happy New Year, Quilting Friends! 2021 is a time of new beginnings and the hope that we will be able to safely gather again.



The January meeting on 1/26 is kicking off a little earlier than normal - 6:45 PM. We will start the meeting with the business of approving the budget. Dana Switzer, our treasurer, has worked tirelessly over the holiday to trim costs and to bring expenses down. After a quick business meeting, our speaker, Alex Anderson, will give her 90-minute presentation. We are so fortunate to have this national speaker to inspire us! What a way to start the year!

This pandemic produced some Mask Making Machines. I am curious how many masks the guild has made. Ann Doherty has offered to be the tally master. Email her with the number of masks you have made at SewAnndsew@Yahoo.com with your estimate. We will have a total at the end of the meeting.

The year is packed with ideas and activities! Check out the Zoom Chat and Sew day on 1/16 and Quilting Bingo on 2/5. Invite a friend to the meetings or any activity. We have a gift to share in our craft and encourage inspiring and learning from each other.

Serving as your president is a happy privilege, but a little daunting. I am grateful to Jean Turvey, my mentor, and all the people who stepped up to serve on the board. There are a lot of busy hands to make this organization go, and I appreciate the energy and ideas.



Lastly, if you have the opportunity to be vaccinated, please take it!

Pam

**Until further notice, the church will be unavailable for our meetings.
Our January meeting and program will be January 26th at 6:45pm via Zoom!
The Zoom link and info will be sent out by email.**

STARLIGHT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Pam Lanza, President



Stats: born in Omaha, attended college in San Antonio, married to Jeff, two kids: Chris, 28 and Angela, 25, and two rescue dogs.

Work: nurse at St. Luke's Cardiovascular Consultants.

Hobbies: volunteers at several non-profits, including weekly reading (virtually now) with a 2nd grade girl for Lead to Read. Enjoy reading (belong to two book clubs), the Lyric Opera, running, and doing Tai Chi and Pilates.

First quilt? 7 years ago, for my daughter's high school graduation.

What do you do with the quilts you make? I have only kept one quilt that I've made, the one on my bed. Every other one I have given away. Quilts are my way of saying 'I love you.' I love to think about wrapping the person up with the quilt as I make it for them.

Lots of projects or one at a time? I have no UFOs. When I start a quilt, I finish it before I start a new one.

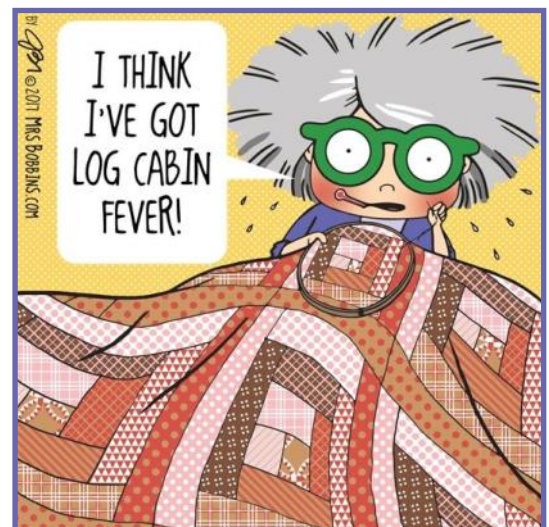
Neat as a pin or anything goes? My quilt room is messy and completely disorganized.

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD	
Treasurer's Report December 31, 2020	
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$14,424.06
Petty Cash	60.00
Money Market	6,114.14
Cash Balance	\$20,598.20
Income	
Total Income	\$ -
Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$ -
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 14,424.06
Petty Cash	60.00
Money Market	6,114.40
Cash Balance December 31, 2020	\$ 20,598.46
Submitted by Dana Switzer	

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD	
Treasurer's Report 11/30/2020	
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$15,728.03
Petty Cash	60.00
Money Market	6,113.89
Cash Balance	\$21,901.92
Income	
Workshops	\$ 120.00
Cancelled check	0.99
Community Service Donation	150.00
Total Income	\$ 270.99
Expenses	
Community Service Supplies	23.30
Fall Retreat	767.66
Opportunity Quilt Quilting	214.00
Workshop Refunds	\$ 120.00
November Program	450.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,574.96
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 14,424.06
Petty Cash	60.00
Money Market	6,114.14
Cash Balance November 30, 2020	\$ 20,598.20
Submitted by Dana Switzer	

2021 BUDGET

2021 Budget will be presented for approval at our January meeting. The proposed budget is available at starlightquilters.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2021_Budget_.1294955.pdf



WIN STARLIGHT'S 2021 OPPORTUNITY QUILT!!!



It's time to celebrate a New Year! Woo Hoo! Our annual Opportunity Quilt has been in safe keeping during 2020 and is now ready for the big reveal! Made and custom quilted by Starlight member Peggy Skaith, it's a beautiful design in red and white featuring hand embroidered flowers. Who doesn't love a red and white quilt? It's a classic look and will compliment any home decor year round. Starlight Quilters Guild celebrated our 40th Anniversary in 2020... it was our ruby year and the inspiration for the quilt color and design.

Traditionally, Starlight's opportunity quilt is our biggest fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting monthly speakers and educational programs for YOU our members. Each Starlight member is asked to support this fundraiser and buy (or sell) \$20 worth of opportunity quilt tickets. That's less than \$2 a month!!!!

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will take place at the October 26, 2021 SQG guild meeting. THE MEMBER WHO SELLS THE MOST TICKETS WINS \$40 WORTH OF GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR AREA QUILT SHOPS!

2021 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales Have a "NEW" Twist COVID Style

- Paper tickets will NOT be printed or distributed/mailed to you this year. The Opportunity Quilt Chair will manage all tickets with name/phone contacts for the drawing.
- Payment can be cash, check payable to Starlight Quilters Guild, or via SQG PayPal at www.starlightquilters.com/2021_opportunity_quilt.
- A direct PayPal link is on the 2021 Opportunity Quilt page.
- For snail mail, a Ticket Sales Form is available as a PDF on the 2021 Opportunity Quilt page on Starlight's website. It is an easy way for you to keep track of your purchases and ticket sales. Print the form, fill it out and include it with your payment.
- Deliver or mail payment and Ticket Sales Form to Renee Arnett or contact Renee to make other arrangements.

Marketing our 2021 Opportunity Quilt in-person at local quilt shops, quilt shows and community events will remain a challenge with social distancing and public health restrictions still in place so social media will be an avenue to explore. As a member of the Starlight Quilters Guild, you are my best marketing partners! I would appreciate your assistance.

Together we can make our 2021 Opportunity Quilt a success! Buy your \$20 worth of tickets today! Please share a link to the SQG 2021 Opportunity Quilt webpage with your family, friends, neighbors and/or coworkers too and invite them to purchase tickets for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. Every little bit will help this year's fundraiser. Thank you!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or ideas. Your input is always welcome.

Renee Arnett, Chair, 2021 Opportunity Quilt, H-913-262-0908



JANUARY PROGRAM

The Starlight programs committee decided to start off 2021 with a bang! After 2021 we could all use a dose of pure quilting joy. On Tuesday, January 26, Alex Anderson will talk to us for 90 minutes about living the “Quilty” life. This is longer than our usual speakers but just think of it as ordering a piece of pie at a restaurant and instead you get two pieces! Just grab a cup of tea, your quilting notebook, sit back and relax.



During her lecture Alex will share stories from her childhood, life challenges she has faced, serendipitous events that have shaped her career, and the people who have influenced her ever-evolving approach to quilting! In her stories, Alex offers words of guidance, encouragement and plenty of laughter.

Alex’s love of quilting all began in 1978 when she completed her Grandmother’s Flower Garden Quilt as a part of her work towards her degree in art from San Francisco State University. Over the years her central focus has been to understand fabric relationships and an intense appreciation of traditional quilts and beautiful quilting surface design.

Alex is the author of 30 books selling over 1 million copies worldwide (a few of them are pictured below). She is a designer of fabrics with RJR Fabrics, and Co-Creator with RNK Distributing (Floriani) of the Quilters Select brand. Alex is a founding partner of The Quilt Show.com and The Quilt Life magazine with Ricky Tims.

Alex’s personal mission is not only to share her love of quilting with anyone who will listen, but to educate and encourage those interested in quilting as clearly and simply as possible, so quilting can continue to be handed down from generation to generation. - Carla Orner and Janet Wikle



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The Starlight Quilt Guild’s February meeting will be a show and tell for all our members! The Programs committee agrees that one of the best parts of our in person meetings is that we get to see each other’s quilts. Here is your opportunity to show us how you occupied yourself during the pandemic.

Please pick out your favorite quilt made in 2020 and be prepared to tell all of us all about it. More details to follow next month. We just wanted you to start thinking about which quilt to show!

NEWSLETTER—SCAM ALERT!



In response to the attempted scam this fall using Jean Turvey’s name to solicit gift cards, we are restricting email addresses visible on our web pages and in the newsletter. With this scam it’s suspected that BOTs look for a high level position within an organization, president for example, then use the other email addresses it finds as targets for the scam. The only way to avoid this scam is to not allow the BOT to find email addresses.

This scam is still happening today! If you receive an email looking for gift cards from one of our board or committee members, please contact us!!! Chances are it’s a scam, we didn’t send it!!! - Judy Danz

HOW MANY MASKS DID YOU MAKE???

QUILTERS SAVED THE WORLD with their quality fabric stash and mask making know-how. We are curious how many masks SQG members made during the pandemic. Email Ann Doherty with your best guess! Put the text Starlight plus the number in the subject line and she will tally it up and let us know during the meeting our Tuesday. Email Ann at SewAnndsew@yahoo.com. Click her email address, or if you email directly, please note there are 2 "N's in a row.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Each month I will submit minutes from early meetings of Starlight. The earliest minutes we have are from 1984. If you know any of the people mentioned in the minutes? Please let me know. Donna di Natale

January 31, 1984—15 members present

- ✂ Betty Chapman gave the treasurer's report
- ✂ President Barbara Bruns informed members of a magazine article about very old quilts found in the Kentucky Quilt Project.
- ✂ Jeani Owens received an invitation from the Olathe Quilters Guild regarding their quilt show June 2, 1984.
- ✂ Lavonne/Yvonne passed out a questionnaire concerning workshops, guest demonstrations, and other items or areas of interest.
- ✂ Name tags will be made it the next meeting.
- ✂ Barbara suggested creating a type of brochure or information booklet for new members.
- ✂ Jo Anne (?) suggested having a quilt and craft show – just display, no sales. This will be tabbed for the time being and more ideas to be brought forth in the future.
- ✂ Yvonne conducted a workshop on Hawaiian applique.
- ✂ Show and tell (no details or photos)

FUNNY STUFF FROM MARY FUNK

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and call it "Pumping Rust".

I've gotten that dreaded furniture disease... that one where you're chest is falling into your drawers!

When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?'. Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment applications always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I always write, 'A good doctor!'

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me. They are cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve!

Enjoy your days and love your life because life is a journey to be savored!

Let's Sew!!!

With the COVID-19 situation, cancellations, venues, dates and times are all subject to change.

BINGO NIGHT!!!

Friday, February 5th at 7pm
Watch Email for Zoom Invitation
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Starlight Zoom Sew Days

Saturday, January 16th
9am to 12pm
Saturday, February 20th
9am to 12pm
Watch Email for Zoom Invitation
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2021
Kansas City Regional
Quilt Festival
June 17-19, 2021

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival

June 17 to 19, 2021
Thur Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm
Overland Park Convention Center
6000 College Boulevard
Overland Park, Kansas 66211
<https://kcrqf.com/>
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A Gem of a Quilt Show

Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak St,
Lenexa, KS 66215
913.477.7100
Friday-Saturday
Oct 1st & 2nd, 2021



Celebrating our 40th Ruby Anniversary
A Gem of a Quilt Show



KU CANCER CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Deb and Janet are SUPER excited! We can now take the Community Service items you have made for the KU Cancer Center to them!!!

We will deliver them the week of January 25th, so please give all completed items to either Deb McCurnin or Janet Wikle before the 25th. Contact us if you need items to be picked up from you.

We will plan to take another group of items in a couple of months, so don't panic if something isn't finished yet. Still time! Thanks to all of you for all that you have done.

The Charity Chicks

http://www.starlightquilters.com/sqg_cancer_center_project

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

CANCER CENTER



Quilt sizes for The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Width – between 40 & 45”

Length – between 45 & 50”

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!



Quilt Guild Fabric Bingo Night is Coming! Make a Bingo card from your stash and join us Friday February 5th at 7:00 PM for some fun. Instructions on how to make the Bingo card are available on the Starlight website at www.starlightquilters.com/events_and_retreats. We would love for the “cards” to be donated after. More details to come! - Pam Lanza

UFO CHALLENGE

The results of the 2020 UFO Project are in -- 20 quilters completed (and showed) 91 UFOs over the course of the year! Jan Davidson, Dana Switzer, Jean Turvey, and Janet Wikle each completed all but one of the quilts on their list, with Jan finishing a whopping 19 of 20! Jan Davidson, Susan Wagner, and Marsha Reeves each received a \$15 gift certificate to one of our local quilt shops for participating and completing UFOs. Congratulations to all who participated and finished one of their UFOs!!!

It's now time to get your 2021 UFO Project list turned in. There is no limit on the number of quilts you can include on your list -- I'm listing them ALL as although I had many finishes in 2021, many of them were not on my list!

The lists can be submitted to me via email at starlightquilter@yahoo.com, via Facebook Messenger, or via mail. Unless you tell me otherwise, I'll roll over your 2020 projects that were not finished to 2021. I'd like to have the lists by the end of February if possible. Let's finish some quilts! -- Pam Avara



LIBRARY CORNER



Have you been looking through your collection of quilt books to get inspiration for the new year? I'm looking forward to the day when we can get even more ideas from the books in the guild's library collection. In the meantime, consider what you might like to donate or suggest that the guild add to its collection. - Cheryl Tomson, Librarian

ACQUILT GO! UPDATE

The Accuquilt is still available for use and I'm looking forward to seeing the completed projects created by those who have been using it. Several people have purchased cutters of their own after enjoying using the guild's. I have ordered the Pineapple and Snail's Trail block dies and will donate them to the guild so they are available for all to use. Contact me if you'd like to use the Accuquilt cutter or any of our dies. Happy New Year! - Cheryl Tomson



PROJECT LINUS

We are accepting donations at Harper's. No work night yet but I'm hopeful for them to resume later in 2021! Just received this message from Patty Gregory (below).

Happy New Year from Patty Gregory, Greater Kansas City Area Chapter!

I want to say Thank You for all the wonderful blankets you helped us with in November and December where we delivered 3,576 blankets! In 2020 Project Linus of Greater Kansas City delivered 6,186 blankets.

This is wonderful considering all the restrictions that we have been placed under. We were able to begin again making deliveries to KU Medical Center and St Luke's downtown as well as Ronald McDonald House. We hope COVID is over soon so we can get back in Children's Mercy. I also was able to find a great number of other places that help children living below the poverty level and were in need of a warm blanket.

We teamed up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace who make beds for children who don't have blankets. We are providing **twin** size blankets for these beds. I encourage you to keep making blankets! We are going to work towards gathering them up so we are ready for the months ahead and not scrambling like we did this year in the end. Patty Gregory

Project ♥ Linus



Quilt Sizes Needed

40 x 40 up to

50 x 60

**Please note, TWIN size
also needed**



First Call for quilts to hang in the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival!

It's time to decide... which quilt do you want to hang in the 2021 KCRQF!

- ✕ All quilts must be quilted by hand or machine - no tied quilts
- ✕ Must be a minimum of 24 inches and not bigger than 96 inches on any side
- ✕ We would like to hang as many of the Ruby Red Challenge quilts as possible.
- ✕ The deadline for entry is March 15th.

Please visit the Starlight KCRQF webpage at [Starlight Quilters Guild 2021 KCRQF](http://StarlightQuiltersGuild2021KCRQF) for quilt registration and photo submission. The photo will be used for identification purposes only.

Please DO NOT enter your quilt on the Festival website!

Pam Avara and Donna Holloway are the SQG Quilt Registration Representatives to KCRQF. For updates, please visit www.starlightquilters.com/2021_kcrqf.

KCRQF UPDATE FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Mark your calendars! The Festival is scheduled for June 17, 18 and 19 at Overland Park Convention Center.

Pre-orders are being taken for Festival tickets and merchandise. Single Day tickets are \$15 or a Three Day ticket is \$30. Prices will go up after March 31. Payments should be made to the Starlight Guild and are due in March. Check out this link to place your order: bit.ly/2021kcrqfGuildPreOrder

Our Guild has been asked to host the course classrooms during the festival. This work includes making sure people find their classrooms, assist the Instructor and just make sure the area is running smoothly. If this is something you are interested in doing, please email Michele Fix and Laurie Gorton. An official sign-up will come in April.

Thanks, Your SQG Guild Representatives to this year's Festival, Michele Fix and Laurie Gorton.

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Advertisements

City's Edge Quilt Shop has classes and more! Amy Senatore Owner. www.citysedgestudio.com
616 W. Main Street Warsaw, MO 65355
Mon-Fri 10a - 5p and Sat: 9a - 3p.

Custom Machine Embroidery - quilt labels, towels, gifts, T-shirts, logos, banners, and so much more. Fast turnaround time on orders. Phone **Judy Brennan**, 913-788-0582.

C & S Creations - Custom wood working projects. Let us help with your sewing/hobby room needs. Custom workstations, Featherweight cabinets, ruler holders, scissor racks. **Cheryl & Scott Diebold**, phone 913-677-0838.

Donna's Singer Service - Does your Featherweight need a good clean and oil? Is it not sewing like it should? I can clean and service your Featherweight including Singer models 15, 99, 221, 222, and 301. Reasonable fees & timely service. **Donna di Natale**, phone 913-451-0283.

Machine Quilting - Computerized Edge-to-Edge machine quilting by **Pam Avara**, 816-204-7287.

Machine Quilting - Edge-to-Edge computerized longarm machine quilting by **Elizabeth Brown**. Phone: 913-626-7135. Website: Duelingthread.com.

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting, all styles of quilting from simple hand-guided designs to custom creations. Guild members, I will piece your backing at no extra charge! **Peggy Skaith** 913-341-0525.

2021 CHALLENGE

Don't for the 2021 Games Challenge!!! It is amazingly simple - create a quilt that represents the games we played as children. The quilt must be made using one of the following. We're on the honor system, but item must be identified:



- An item from the share table
- An item from your stash more than 5 years old
- An item from a friend's stash

Details at www.starlightquilters.com then click on the Challenge Quilt page.