

# Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

## President's Message— Janette Sheldon

Dear Quilt Guild members,

### LISTEN YOU GUYS, THIS IS CRITICAL

Have you ever wondered how quilting guilds work? It's really pretty simple. People volunteer to take on responsibilities, work together on common goals, and make things happen. Now why is it we can't do that now????



Currently we have NOBODY willing to take on the job of programming for 2015. There are several people in the guild who have taken on this job in the past and can tell you it's really not that difficult. There are all sorts of resources out there to make the job a piece of cake. So why isn't somebody coming forward to take on the job?

And that's not the only problem we have. Currently we have NOBODY who will take on the responsibility of chairing a 2014 quilt show. I've heard it said perhaps we don't need one - we can just show our quilts at the 2015 festival. Unfortunately that puts no money in our bank account to pay for the speakers you all enjoy. If we don't come up with a show chair with supporting folk in the next couple of weeks, it's going to be too late. These kind of events don't just happen overnight. There is a whole lot of planning involved.

Give me a call (913-486-5694) or drop me a note ([granola1000@gmail.com](mailto:granola1000@gmail.com)) if you think one of these jobs would be something you would be willing to tackle – with help from others. Remember, time is of the essence.

Janette Sheldon

## FEBRUARY'S SPEAKERS— SHARON LORFING & THERESA WARD



**Challenges, Swaps, Exchanges... Oh MY!** A fun motivational program: This trunk show consists of nearly 50 quilts that Theresa and Sharon have made over the years. They have quilts from charm squares exchanges, ugly fabric challenges, block of the month quilts done through their guild and many more.

**Sharon and Theresa will be selling their quilt patterns, so check out their table.**

**Sharon Lorfing** has been sewing since she was 12 and quilting since 1993. She worked and taught at two quilts shops from 1999 to 2008, including teaching at KQO in 2003. She loves both traditional and contemporary styles. She loves learning and teaching new techniques, especially those that speed up the process and improve the outcome. In her spare time, she loves to hand quilt, read and garden and is now teaching her granddaughter to quilt and appreciate fabric.

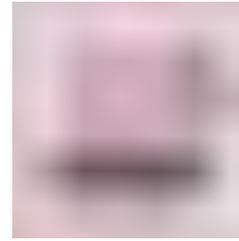
**Theresa Ward** is a national award winning quilter. She made her first quilt in 1988 and her first mystery quilt in 1998. She joined a guild and began her long-arm quilting business in 1999: that led her to being asked to teach quilting classes for the Community Ed program. She later taught classes at her local quilt shop. Theresa is married with two grown children and lives outside of Leavenworth KS.

### Opportunity Quilt

Please remember to bring your completed blocks to the February guild meeting. We need to complete this quilt as quickly as possible. Thank you to all of you who are working on this project.

## I'd Rather be Stitchin' - Donna Di Natale

Last month we went to Mexico for our stitchin' block and recipe. This month we're changing the climate and traveling across the pond to merry England. The weather in Great Britain is much the same as Kansas City. London is a bit further south than Kansas City, but winters are chilly there and they definitely have snow.



Whether you are in London or Kansas City, there's nothing quite like a nice cup of hot tea on a cold afternoon. Here is a recipe for some delicious Cranberry Scones to enjoy with your tea, and a quilt block that would make a perfect tablecloth or table topper for that afternoon tea. The free pattern is available at McCallsQuilting.com (<http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=15061>).

If tea isn't your beverage of choice, there's a lovely pattern called Cups and Mugs (as in coffee) available from Equilters at <http://www.equilters.com/library/PFP/cups-teapot-blocks.html>

### **Cranberry Scones—Makes 2**

- 4 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 cup dried cranberries (or other dried berries)
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

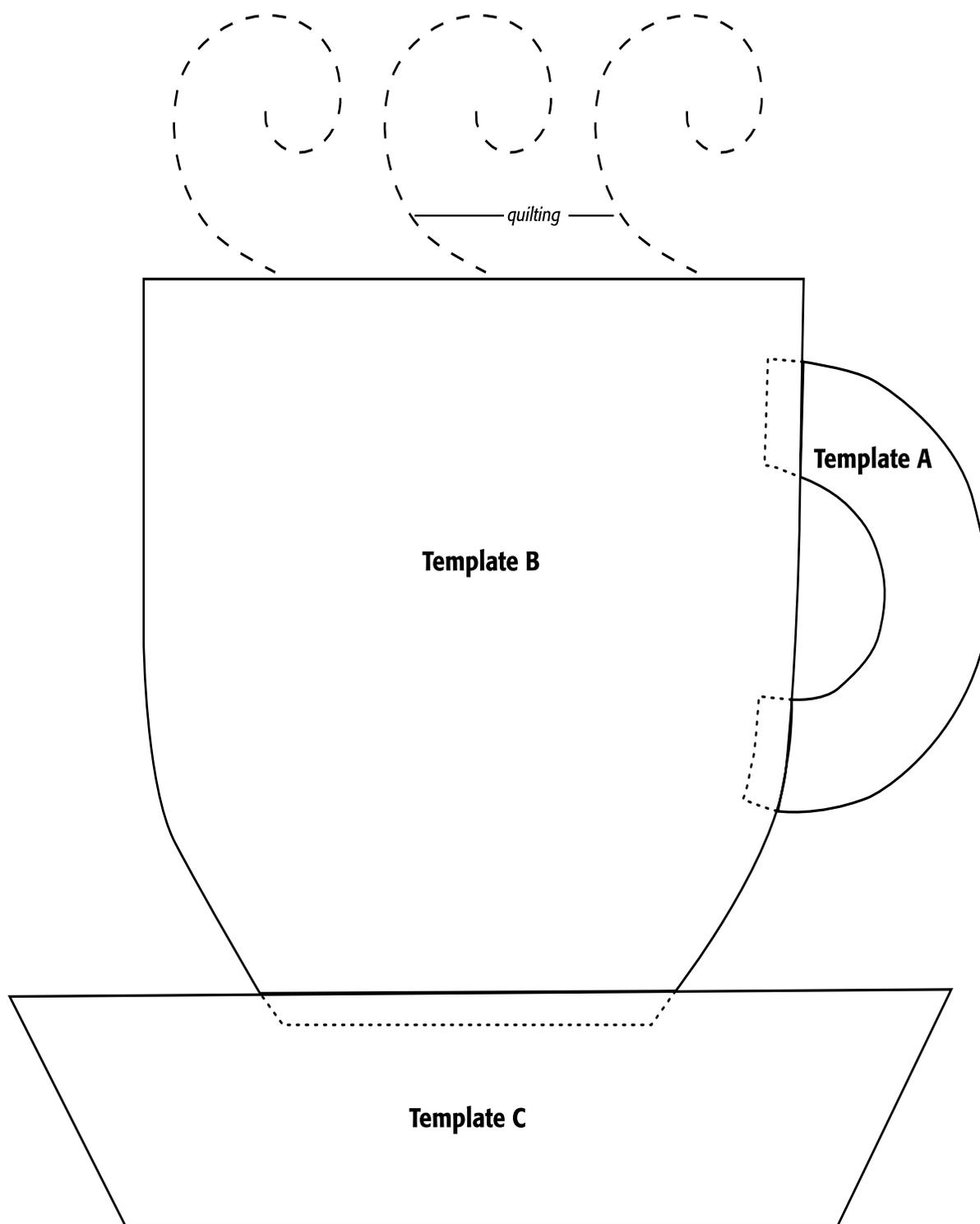
In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar together. Add dry, sifted ingredients and mix until well incorporated.

Slowly stir buttermilk into mixture just until dough forms. Gently stir in cranberries and lemon zest until fruit is evenly distributed throughout dough.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and, using clean hands, gently pat dough into a rectangular shape that measures 18 inches long, 5 inches wide and 1 1/2 inches thick.

Using a sharp knife or pastry wheel, cut 6, 3-inch squares. Cut each of the squares into triangles and place on prepared baking sheet. Bake for about 25 to 30 minutes or until tops are lightly browned.

Serve warm with butter and jam. Store in an air-tight container.



Suggested finished block size: 8" square  
Use your favorite method of appliqué.

### 2014 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** - Linda Denis, Leslie Glenn, Carol Heffernon and Liz Irving

#### January Attendance

Members	87
New members	4
Guest	<u>9</u>
Total	100

#### *Quilters Wisdom*

Quilters come with strings  
attached.

**LIBRARY CORNER**—Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck, Kristi Orr

At the February meeting we'll have a display of books about paper piecing which was demonstrated in January. And also look at our display of new books, which include Skip the Borders—Easy Patterns for Modern Quilts by Julie Herman and 100 Paper Pieced Quilt Blocks (with CD) by Linda Causee.

### Girls Day Out

Hello everyone, are you feeling like a day trip outside of Kansas City to see what Missouri can to "show" us? I'm putting a day trip together to go to St. Joseph, MO and would love to have you join me. I thought we would start out around 8 a.m. on a Saturday in April or May. A few stops could be the following - visiting the Pattee Museum and a few historic homes including the Wyeth Tootle Mansion and Shakespeare Chateau where we would have lunch and a tour. We will try to be back around 6 p.m. that evening. Cost will include use of a vehicle, entrance fees and food. Walking with some stairs is involved. Friends are welcome. Price will depend on number of participants. Let me know if you are interested in this trip and I can put details together. [Lc.carr@yahoo.com](mailto:Lc.carr@yahoo.com) - Laura Carr

## Spring Fling Retreat

May 2-4, 2014. We had a brisk sign-up for the retreat during our January meeting; and I only have 6 spots left! Our fourth annual Spring Fling Retreat will be held at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the weekend of May 2-4, 2014. (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>). Cost will be \$189/person (double occupancy) or \$290/person (single occupancy). The cost includes room on Friday and Saturday night, five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), and your own personal sewing spot. Cedar Crest lets us arrive early on Friday (10 AM), and leave mid afternoon on Sunday, so you can squeeze in almost 3 full days of quilting! Full payment is due by the March Guild meeting (or no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, if you mail me your check). Contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; [DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com](mailto:DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions!

## Dress A Girl Around the World

Do you have fabric yardage in your stash that you're no longer interested in? Have you seen some cute fabric at the quilt shop that caught your eye? Why not make a dress or two or three for the Dress A Girl Around the World project? Contact quilter Mary Ann Marland ([mamarland@kc.rr.com](mailto:mamarland@kc.rr.com) or cell phone 913-620-3398) for details about pattern/fabric suggestions and sizes needed for the next Mission delivery to girls around the world. Mary Ann coordinates a local group of sewers and supplies the dresses for requested Mission deliveries. She welcomes your involvement with the local sewing efforts. >

> Pictured on the right are some very happy recipients from last year. Three of the girls are wearing dresses that were made and donated by SQG members Renee Arnett and Jeanette Byczek.

## PROGRAM CALENDAR—2014

**February 25—Winged Designs—** Challenges, Swaps, Exchanges, Oh My!

**March 25—Carol Gilham Jones—**Tile Quilts

**April 22—Barb Eikmeier—**It's all in the Sashing

**May 27—Lori Lee Triplett—** Turkey Red Trunk Show

**June 24—Melissa Towne—** Primitive Stitches: Wool Applique

**July 22—**Starlight Schoolhouse

**Aug 26—Betty New—**What the Pros Say \*\*

**Sep 23—**1st's, Favorites, & Food— Pot luck dinner and Show & Tell \*\*

**Oct 28—Donna Lynn Thomas—** Patchwork Palette \*\*

**Nov 18—Kelly Ashton—**Quilting isn't a matter of life & death—It's more important than that!

\*\* - \$5.00 fee for guests



### Project Linus - Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

Thank you for your contributions to Project Linus in 2013. Let's make 2014 another excellent year. There are kits available at every meeting. The kits include instructions and precut fabric to make the top and the backing fabric.

If you don't have time to make a quilt, consider a fabric contribution. We always need more fabric for backs, so at least a 1 ½ yard cut would be greatly appreciated. We accept many types of fabric, including cotton quilting fabric, polyester fleece, and flannel. This fabric should be clean, free of harsh chemicals and smells, and have no animal fur. Many of the children receiving these blankets have sensitivities that need to be respected.

The Best Choice labels are used to raise funds to purchase Project Linus fabrics. Keep bringing them in! Happy New Year!

### 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: February are: February's birthdays are:



Luanne Christensen, Carol Cleary, Ellen Kidd, Lindsay Lawing, Terri Richmond, Cheryl Tomson and Elaine Welsh

March's birthdays are: Celesta Bainbridge, Nancy Buzzell, Laura Carr, Charlya Cooley, Pat Pennington, Myrna Smith, Rosemary Watrak and Margaret Welch

Everyone looks forward to treats!

If we have your wrong birthday month, let me know at [sandy.fey93@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.fey93@gmail.com)

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### Donna Holloway's

### President's Gift

Donna completed her year as our President last November, turning the ropes, or perhaps the threads, over to Janette Sheldon for 2014. As our way of thanking Donna for her leadership, we will be gathering fat quarters of her favorite modern bright fabrics -- Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler, Heather Bailey -- you get the picture!

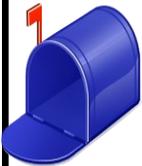
Please bring your fat quarters to the January and February meetings. We will present the bundle to Donna at the February meeting.



### Membership Information:

Membership, New or Renewal, \$25/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 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.



**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 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).

### NEXT SQG

**MEETING!** Tuesday, February 25, 2014  
6:30 PM—Social

7:00 PM— **Sharon Lorfing & Theresa Ward— Challenges, Swaps, Exchanges, Oh My!**

Remember to bring: Nametag

- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter
- Money for Raffle
- Opp. Quilt blocks
- Donna's gift/fat quarters

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