

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

President's Message— Janette Sheldon

March. It's cold, snowing again, and I'm wondering if spring will really ever happen. Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter the weather has changed and we are all smiling from ear to ear.

Unfortunately as the weather warms up, it's more and more difficult for me to be interested in staying inside and finishing up quilting projects. I'm wondering if anyone has a system in place to keep on task. If so, I sure could use some help.

And speaking of help, I was really pleased to see those volunteer hands come up at the February guild meeting. For a moment there I was afraid I'd be standing at the front of the room doing nothing but waiting for someone to volunteer for a very long time.

We are going to have a 2014 quilt show after all! Thank you, Laura Carr, for volunteering to chair the quilt show committee. There are lots of members who have expressed an interest in helping out. Hope you will come forward to assist in putting this event together. Keep reminding yourself this is the way we make money for speakers instead of raising our dues. Looks like we will have the show at the same place we used last year. If you recall, there was room to hang about twice as many quilts. You don't have to be an award winning, professional quilter to hang a quilt. Feel proud of what you do and share with all of us. Every time you bring a quilt to show and tell, at least think about hanging that quilt in the show.

Peggy Skaith has again volunteered to chair the boutique part of the show. (Gee, Peggy. I hope I didn't make this up....) She's going to need all the help she can get. Does anyone know if Starlight has any organized bees? It would be sort of cool if a bee would volunteer to take on making certain types of items. Just a thought. Start your thinking machines up. Let's come up with unique items for the boutique this year.

Jackie Stoaks will be working on programs for us. If you have any particular interests or know of a good speaker, please share that information with Jackie. We need to all work together to put on the best guild meetings we can.

So here's a challenge. Enjoy spring as it develops and at the same time quilt your little fingers raw so we have great stuff for the show and boutique. And don't forget to volunteer to do something. See you all at the next meeting.

Janette Sheldon



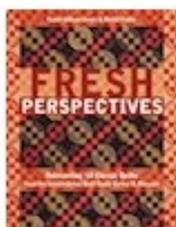
FEBRUARY'S SPEAKER— CAROL GILHAM JONES



Carol
Gilham
Jones

March 25, 2014 Program **Tile Quilts: Then and Now**

Tile quilts are a traditional type of applique quilt made during the last third of the 19th century. The form faded away after 1900.



Carol will be selling her books:
Fresh Perspectives: Reinventing 18 Classic
Quilts from the International Quilt Study Center & Museum
&
Tile Quilt Revival: Reinventing a Forgotten
Form



Carol Gilham Jones lives in Lawrence, Kansas. With Bobbi Finley, who lives in San Jose, California, Carol has written two books. Her quilts have been featured on the cover of *Quilter's Newsletter*, the cover of Barbara Brackman's *America's Printed Fabric 1770-1890* and in many other publications. Twelve free-form wall quilts, Carol's Calendar of Quilts, are currently at the Strecker-Nelson Pop Up Gallery in Manhattan Kansas.

Guild Project for 2014

We're going to Make Christmas Stockings! They can be as big as you want as long as they are between 8" to 20" long. Use your best judgment: if your pattern makes a stocking that is 21" long and you love it, then that's what you should make. We will then donate the Christmas stockings to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. If you have any questions, contact Jackie at j_stoaks@yahoo.com

Greeters for 2014

Your greeters this month are Cyndy O'Rourke and Margaret Welch. If you are unable to attend your month, please exchange with another person or call Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585. Thank you for volunteering!

I'd Rather be Stitchin' - Donna Di Natale

For those of you who have children or grandchildren in school, you know that March means Spring Break. With this in mind I have chosen Children's Delight as this month's quilt block. I love this block because, 1) it is easy to make and easy to re-size; 2) by simply changing the setting you can make a traditional quilt or a wonky modern quilt. I've provided the cutting instructions for a 10" block as this size makes up really fast. Nine or 12 blocks plus a border makes a lovely baby quilt.

The images here are from Laura Conowitch's blog, *LC's Cottage*, and are used with her permission. Laura has a wonderful blog full of patterns, blocks, and tips. Be sure to check it out.

<http://lscottage.wordpress.com>

Children's Delight Quilt Block

For a 10" block cut:

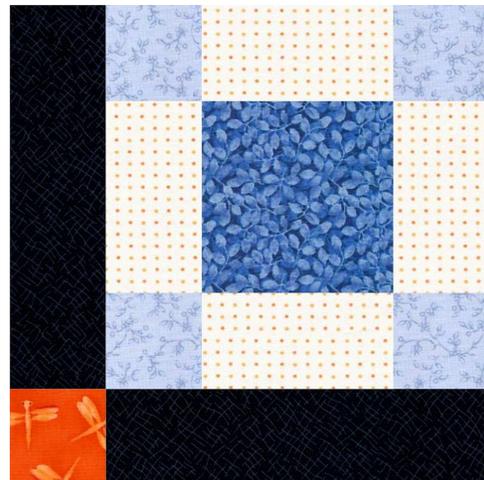
Light blue: 4 - 2 1/2" squares

Dark blue: 1 - 4 1/2" square

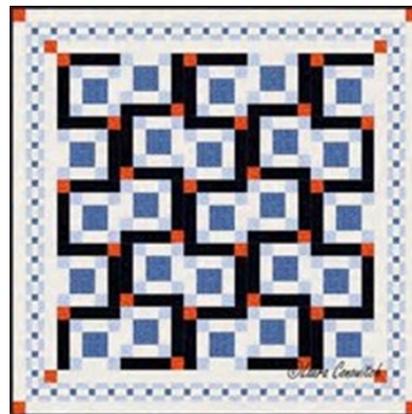
Light print: 4 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles

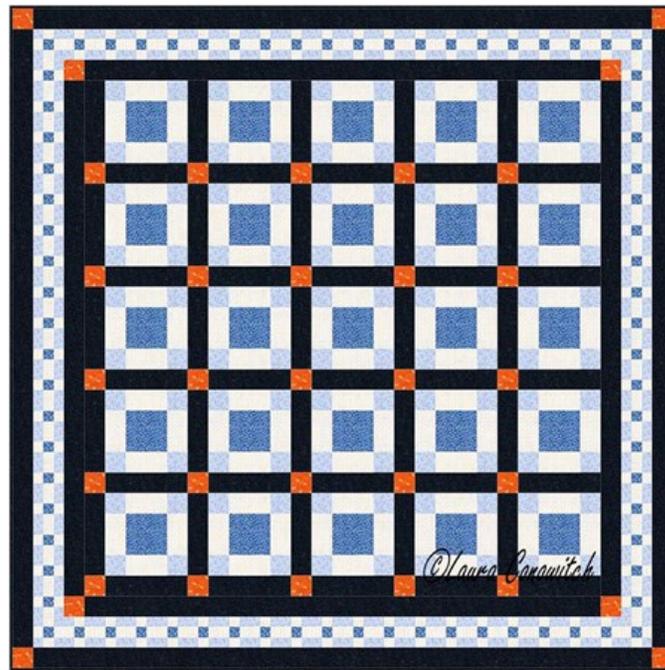
Dark print (orange): 1 - 2 1/2" square

Black: 2 - 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangles



Some setting suggestions (also from Laura):





And while the kids are at home, let them prepare their own flat bread pizza. Here's a simple recipe for the flat bread. You supply the toppings.

Flat Bread Pizza

1 loaf unbaked frozen bread, thawed

1 t. salt

3 T. olive oil

1/2 t. basil

2 T Parmesan cheese

Roll out bread to about 1/4" thick. Use your finger (or the kid's finger) to poke holes in the dough about 1" apart. Mix salt, oil and basil together and sprinkle over the dough. Dust with cheese.

Cut into rectangles about 4" x 6" and place on a cookie sheet; space about 2" apart. You may need more than one cookie sheet.

Let rise in a warm place about 30 minutes, or until doubled in size.

Add toppings of your choice and bake at 425° for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the crust is golden.

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

We're hard to get to, but worth the trip. The stage area is crowded now, but you can still check out books. We will have a display of our newer books, as usual. Also, if there are some books you are looking for, you can call me and I'll try to have them pulled and ready for you to check out. Call Linda Clatterbuck, 913-649-7236

Quilt Show 2014

Mark your calendars - Our quilt show will be on Friday and Saturday Nov 14 & 15 with set up on the 13th. More details to follow. Laura Carr

BUS TRIP

We are excited to announce we are planning a Prairie Point Quilt and Fabric Shop **Bus Trip** for April 25-26, 2014! Participants will be visiting five quilt shops in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska in addition to the International Quilt Study Center and Museum in Lincoln, NE which includes a behind-the-scenes tour! The shops include Prairie Point in Shawnee, KS, Quilting on the Square in Holton, KS; The Quilted Moose in Gretna, NE, Quilts and Other Notions in Creston, IA, and Quilter's Harvest in Higginsville, MO. The cost will be \$199.00 for double occupancy and sign-ups will start on March 1st. More details coming soon. You may call or visit PP to register. This is an opportunity to travel with quilting friends, make new quilting friends and create fun, lasting quilting memories.

Spring Fling Retreat

May 2-4, 2014. Only a few spots left for our fourth annual Spring Fling Retreat, which will be held at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the week-end 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. Contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNALHOL-LOWAY@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

TIDBITS HAS BEEN RESURRECTED!

With the assistance of volunteers, we will do another year of Tidbits starting at 6:30. Donna diNatale has volunteered to go first with a presentation on different types of rulers and how to use them. Please join her at the back of the room for this short lesson. There are lots of subjects to be presented that not only assist those of us who have been quilting for a while, but also the new quilters in our group. Let me hear from you if you have a subject in mind and/or are willing to teach a short class. Janette Sheldon

Susan Wagner's mother died 2/19/14. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers. She continues to be our Historian.

PROGRAM CALENDAR—2014

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—Starlight Schoolhouse

July 22—Melissa Towne— Primitive Stitches: Wool Applique

Aug 26—Betty New—What the Pros Say **

Sep 23—Donna Lynn Thomas— Patchwork Palette **

Oct 28—Pot luck dinner and Show & Tell **

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

**** - \$5.00 fee for guests**

THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU!

Dearest Members, I want to thank everyone for all of the lovely Fat Quarters you gave me as the President's gift! Most amazing was that there were no duplicates, yet they all seem to work so well together! You are a special group of ladies and I have been honored to lead the Guild for the past year. All the best! Donna Holloway

Project Linus

Project Linus remains our primary charity effort for Starlight. It's important that we all pitch in and do our best to promote the effort of the guild. If you have an outstanding kit, try your best to finish it up before the weather turns warm and nobody wants to work inside. If you have fabric to donate, it's always welcome. We always have a need for child appropriate yardage. Please be sure it's not total junk or dirty. Receiving unusable stuff makes our job more difficult. You are always encouraged to come up with a finished quilt of your own, and please don't overlook taking one of our prepared kits at guild. Janette Sheldon

SQG member Donna di Natale blogs for Kansas City Star Quilts every Wednesday. Go to Pickledish.com to see what she has to say. Past blogs are also available on the website.

Mark Lipinski will interview SQG member Donna di Natale on his weekly Internet talk radio broadcast Creative Mojo on Wednesday, March 19. To hear the interview live go to marklipinski.com and click on the Creative Mojo logo. The show airs at 2:00 central time and Donna' interview will start about 15 minutes into the show. You may listen to the program at your leisure any time after it airs.

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



April's birthdays are: Karen Boyd, Carol Hef-fernon, Marsha Reeves, Luella Roemer, Karen Vertin, Arlis Wickstrum and Janet Wikle

Everyone looks forward to treats!

If we have your wrong birthday month, let me know at sandy.fey93@gmail.com

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Hi there Starlight Quilters! Peggy Skaith here, I have agreed to oversee the boutique portion of our quilt show yet again, and I need your help! The boutique has been a great fund raiser for us in the past and I hope we can continue that tradition. If you like to find great ideas and inspiration on the internet, point yourself to AllPeopleQuilt.com and search for free patterns for a number of projects. We also need small quilts, particularly baby quilts, because those non-sewing grandparents love love love cute quilts for snuggling! This year I am going to ask you to hold on to your quilt books and magazines until closer to the show, but feel free to bring anything else to our meetings.

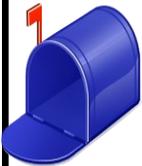
I have a challenge for you! What kind of crafty thing would you make with thread cones or empty thread spools? I envision painted spools made into Christmas garlands and I'm trying to come up with a way to make a pencil holder or tool caddy from the cones. I have a stack of cones that I would be happy to share. See you at the March meeting! You can reach me at [913-341-0525](tel:913-341-0525) or EspeciallyQuilts@att.net



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 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 Deadline:

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, March 25, 2014

6:30 PM—Tidbits

7:00 PM— **Carol Gilham Jones**—Tile Quilts

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday or even if it's not!)
- Money for Raffle
- Things for the Share Table
- Linus Quilts

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