

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

### President's Message— Janette Sheldon

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- Linus Quilts: Mary Funk/Lea Robrahn
- Quilts of Valor: Mary Honas
- 2015 Greater Kansas City Quilt Show: Janette Sheldon
- Past-President: Donna Holloway

In talking with past presidents of this guild, I've come to realize one of the greatest frustrations is seeing large numbers of members leave right after the featured speaker. By doing that, those of you who leave never hear the business side of the organization. We've thrown all sorts of ideas around to get people to stay. Well, I changed things around a bit to see what would happen, and from the comments I received, I'm thinking it met with the majority's approval.

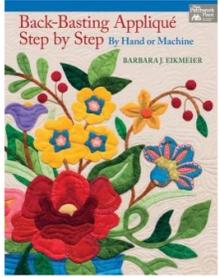


For those of you who were not present, I've changed the order of events. You will now hear the major business issues before the speaker. That's not to say the entire business meeting will occur first, but those things that are vital to the continued success of our guild will come first. Presently that will include the quilt show, boutique, ticket sales on the opportunity quilt and a description of the fund raiser baskets.

Thereafter we will have our program, break, balance of the business meeting, drawings, followed by show and tell. Okay. I'll admit I counted how many people left last meeting. Only 4. Yes, business meetings can be boring. I'll try to keep them short.

We all had a look at the 2014 opportunity quilt. It's official name is "Opportunity Knocking." And yes, we all enjoyed a moment of silence while awaiting someone to volunteer to take charge of ticket sales. I'm pleased to announce Connie Passaro and Debra Carnes have stepped forward to take on this job. The quilt will have (actually it will have happened by the time you read this) its first official showing at the Heartland Quilt Connection April 5th. Thank you Liz DiSilvestro, Donna DiNatale, Sandy Ralston, Terri Oberle, Shirley Lewis, Susan Mercer, Karen Tanyi, Carol Crouse, Jackie Rudolph, and Marsha Reeves for assisting me with the piecing. Thank you Karen Edwards for the donation of the batting, and a really, really big thank you to Freda Smith for doing the outstanding quilting. This quilt has cost the guild nothing. It represents the work of many. Let's get out there and sell lots of tickets! Janette Sheldon

## APRIL'S SPEAKER— BARB EIKMEIER

April 22, 2014 Speaker is:		Barb Eikmeier	
	It's All in the Sashing	Barb has presented at Starlight Quilt Guild before. On her last visit she spoke about the quilting friends she's gathered while traveling the world as an Army wife, and the exchanges she participated in with them. This month Barb will talk about sashing and cornerstones. She will show side by side examples of the same settings and show how different they can look based on the blocks and fabric choices.	
			Barb will be selling her book, as well as appliqué kits and sashing star rulers. She will be set up to take credit cards as well as cash or checks.

### Workshops

We are having a great turn-out for our first workshop of 2014 which is Saturday, April 12, 2014. However, after the last meeting it was clear we need to be more flexible in offering multiple dates/times to accommodate our guild members.

We will be holding another "Quilt-As-You-Go project in May which will be held on a Sunday. Date and time to be determined. It will offer a similar project with different pattern in case others will want to attend both workshops.

Looking forward to a great year filled with fun projects. Amy Senatore

**Next board meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Antioch Library and is open to all guild members.**

### Greeters for 2014

Your greeters this month are Becky Edson and Cyndy O'Rourke. 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!

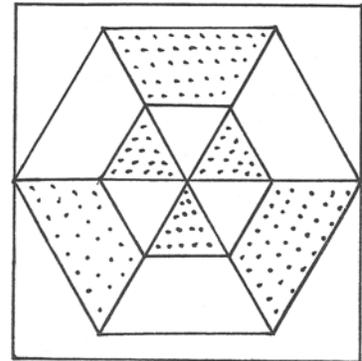
## I'd Rather be Stitchin' - Donna Di Natale

### Hexagon Vegetables

Hexagons are so popular right now – with modern quilters and traditional quilters alike. I'm not sure why. Maybe because some designers, such as Mickey Depre, have come up with ways of piecing hexagons to add interest and found ways to eliminate set-in seams. Interestingly, these "pieced hexies" are not new. Making strip sets and cutting triangles **is** new, and that is how I would make this block.

Make a strip set using 2 or more strips of fabric. Using strips of different widths makes the hexagon more interesting. Cut the triangles, reversing the template or triangle ruler (remember the April Tid Bit?) as you move across the strip set. Sew three triangles together; then sew two sets of three together. Voila! You've made a hexagon.

This month's recipe is a favorite of mine. It is oh-so-easy, delicious and healthy. For some reason, the 2-color hexagon makes me think of carrot slices (yellow and orange). So, here's my recipe for pennies from heaven (a.k.a. glazed carrot slices).



### Pennies From Heaven

- 1 1-lb bag of sliced carrots (or 1 lb. carrots peeled and sliced 1/4" thick)
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 T. butter
- 1 t. brown sugar or honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 t. fresh parsley, chopped (or 1/2 t. dried parsley flakes)

Put all ingredients in a sauté pan large enough to hold the carrots in a single layer. Cover and simmer until most of the liquid has been absorbed. When the pan is almost dry, sprinkle with salt and parsley. Add more butter, if desired, toss and serve. To add a bit of spice to this recipe, add 3 whole cloves and 1 T of orange juice to the liquid. Remember to remove the cloves before serving.

## Fat Quarters as Backings – a Chart

Posted by Penny Haren

It is that time of year....many of us were snowed in a LOT this winter and had a chance to finish a lot of UFO's. And now, all of those UFO's need quilted.

Here's an alternative to traditional backings? Fat quarters! Sometimes piecing a back from fat quarters can actually save money – and is a great opportunity to add interest to your quilt.

These measurements assume that the fat quarters are squared up to 17" x 19" before sewing. Not all fat quarters are cut accurately – and some people wash their fabrics – so these measurements reflect that. This chart assumes and includes 1/4" seams.

<u>Fat Quarter Arrangement</u>	<u>Finished Size</u>
2 x 2 (4 Fat Quarters) □	33 1/2" x 37 1/2"
3 x 3 (9 Fat Quarters) □	50" x 56"
4 x 4 (16 Fat Quarters)	66 1/2" x 74 1/2"
4 x 5 (20 Fat Quarters) □	66 1/2" x 93"
5 x 5 (25 Fat Quarters)	83" x 93"
5 x 6 (30 Fat Quarters) □	83" x 111 1/2"
6 x 6 (36 Fat Quarters) □	99 1/2" x 111 1/2"

What a great way to reduce your stash!



### BLOCK EXCHANGE



Inspired by past speakers, we initially thought we'd incorporate a block exchange into a guild challenge; but, decided instead to just do a block exchange. The theme of the block exchange will be cups/mugs. Each participant will make a 6 1/2" unfinished block. You choose your own pattern of a cup or mug. You'd be required to make one of your cups/mugs for everyone who has signed up for the exchange. Sign-up will be at the April and May meetings. The blocks will be due at our September guild meeting. If interested, be sure to sign up at the next two guild meetings. Jackie Rudolph

## 2014 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** - Sharon Dodd

### January Attendance

Members	99
New members	1
Guest	<u>3</u>
Total	103

### *Quilters Wisdom*

*If quilts were a crime, I'd be  
doing time.*

## Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting* Magazine

The offer you've been waiting for is here. A 1-year subscription to Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting* is available to guild members at the reduced price of \$15 per subscription.

If you want to sign up for a new subscription – or renew your current subscription – bring your **\$15** subscription fee to the April or May meeting. If paying by check, please make the **check** out to **Starlight Quilters Guild**. Subscriptions will be submitted after each of these two meetings. For new subscribers, you can expect your first issue in 6-8 weeks.

## Quilt Show 2014

Mark your calendar for **Nov 14-15** for our quilt show “Look What We Made”.

Are you excited about what you can create for our quilt challenge “Flights of Fancy”? Remember, YOU are an artist, YOU can do this challenge. The three required materials are available at Prairie Points and you can buy as much as you see fit for your wall hanging. Along with these 3 materials you can add up to 3 more materials and unlimited amount of embellishments. The quilt can be any size up to 30 x 30 and finished by our **Oct** meeting. During this meeting every member can vote for their favorite. As I mentioned in the meeting, there will be a cash prize. All of the quilts will be shown at the Nov quilt show.

Our next quilt show meeting is Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and then June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Central Library, 9875 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street in Overland Park, KS in the “Nancy Pickard” room. Please feel free to e-mail me and let me know if you would like to help. Keep on quilting.  
Laura Carr, Lc.carr@yahoo.com

## Starlight Quilters' Guild



### Upcoming Programs

**Apr 22, 2014**

Barb Eikmeier, It's All in the Sashin'

**May 27, 2014**

Lori Lee Triplett, Turkey Red Trunk Show

**June 24, 2014**

Starlight Schoolhouse

**July 22, 2014**

Melissa Towne,

Primitive Stitches: Wool Applique

**Aug 26, 2014**

\*\*Betty New, What the Pro's Say

**Sep 23, 2014**

\*\*Donna Lynn Thomas, Patchwork Palette

**Oct 28, 2014**

\*\*1st's, Favorites and Food

Pot luck dinner and first quilt

**Nov 13-14, 2014**

\*\*\*Quilt Show—Look What I Made

**Nov 18, 2014**

Kelly Ashton

Quilting isn't a matter of life & death—It's more important than that

### Program Continued

\*\*\$5.00 fee for guests

Guild meetings held at

Countryside Christian Church

6101 Nall, Mission, KS

6:30-9:00pm

<http://starlightquilters.com>

\*\*\*\*Abdallah Shrine Temple

5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park

### Library Committee

Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck & Kristi Orr

Here is a list of the new(er) books we've added recently: Block Magazine, vol.1 by Jenny Doan; Easy Paper Piecing by Browning; Cheerful Charm Quilts by Martingale; Fun Quilts for Kids by Fons and Porter (27 projects plus 10 techniques); Wildflower Appliqué by Bea Oglesby; Scraps Plus One by Ford (20 projects and very detailed instructions); 101 Fabulous Small Quilts by That Patchwork Place (lots of ideas that could be sized up for larger quilts). Come check us out!

### QUILTING TIDBITS

Opel Yarnell will be giving us a demonstration of how to piece batting for the April tidbits. She was given an award by Fons and Porter for developing this method. Her presentation will begin at 6:30 at one of the round tables. We all need to know how to do this. If you would like to do a presentation or have a subject you would like to learn about, please let me know. Janette Sheldon

## Project Linus

For a fast Project Linus blanket, there are at least two kits that can be used for quilt-as-you-go. Simple Gifts and Quilt Quilts are the easiest. If piece onto fleece or flannel, you don't need batting. It's quick and simple!

Fleece blankets are also easy. They do have to be personalized in some way, so please use a print and at least fringe the top and bottom edges. If it's a solid, please decorate with an applique or crochet the edges. Remember, these blankets are supposed to be homemade. The larger fleece blankets probably go to teens, so please decorate accordingly.

We can always use fabric yardage for making kits. We especially could use more "boy" fabric, as we seems to be getting lots of pretty, girly fabric. We also serve ages from birth to teens, so ducks and bunnies don't work for every child out there. When donating fabric, please make sure they are stain-free, no musty or strong odors, no cat or dog hair. **These children receive and use their blankets year-round.** Holiday fabrics, such as Christmas, Kwanza, Chanukkah, are not used for Project Linus blankets, so please donate those to other causes.

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

## 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: April's birthdays are: Karen Boyd, Sharon, Dodd, Carol Heffernon, Marsha



Reeves, Luella Roemer, Karen Vertin, Arlis Wickstrum and Janet Wikle

May's birthdays are: Renee Arnett, Marilyn Carr, Karen Edwards, Christine Foo, Sue Howard, Cyndy O'Rourke, Lea Robrahn, Kathy Rodgers, and Jackie Stoaks

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)**

## QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

We are already receiving some great hand-made items for our Quilt Show Boutique. Thanks so much and keep them coming. Don't forget to hang on to your quilt and sewing related books and magazines until the show. If you have items that you just have to get rid of let me know and we'll find a way to store them. Be thinking about small quilts, baby items, pet accessories, crocheted and knitted items, and gently used or unused sewing supplies.

See you at the meeting! Peggy Skaith

[EspeciallyQuilts@att.net](mailto:EspeciallyQuilts@att.net) or 341-0525

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**FIND US ON FACEBOOK—** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106359079270>

The "Cabin Fever Quilt Show" is in Camdenton, Mo. on Sat. April 26th from 9 to 3.



### 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, April 22, 2014

6:30 PM—Tidbits

7:00 PM— **Barb Eikmeier**—It's All in the Sashin'

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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