

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

President's Message— Janette Sheldon

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- Quilts of Valor: Mary Honas
- 2015 Greater Kansas City Quilt Show: Janette Sheldon
- Past-President: Donna Holloway

This month we will have our school house demonstrations. It got me to thinking about where we learn about the quilting stuff we know. Have you ever wondered about how you know what you know?



I've been very fortunate to have come from an extended family of good quilters. My first attempt at quilting was my involvement in a round robin quilting project in the late 90's. I had never quilted before and knew absolutely nothing about it. Luckily I did know how to sew, and I've always had the ability to visualize what I wanted to make. Unfortunately I didn't know anything about squaring my work or adding borders after measuring, pinning, and using a walking foot. And I didn't know anything about making half square triangles, flying geese, paper piecing or much of anything else. I didn't own a rotary cutter or cutting matt. I didn't know there were web sites where block designs could be downloaded complete with instructions. I didn't even know those blocks had names!

The extended family ended up doing round robins five years. Each one was an experience in learning something new. By the second attempt I had started collecting a bit of fabric, some tools, and actually had an idea about how to do what I was about to do. The rest is history.

Don't know how you learn, but I do my best by working around and watching other quilters. Although I have quilting books, I'm not really sure I actually use them. And that's why our program this month is so valuable.

We're surrounded by some really talented people. I suspect all of us could demonstrate something. A few, however, have agreed to share their knowledge with us. I hope you will come to guild this month and take the opportunity to learn a new technique. It's always exciting to try something you've never done before. Don't forget to print off instructions our teachers are providing and bring them with you.

Starlight Schoolhouse Evening—June 24, 2014

We love our speakers; they bring us new ideas or in depth views on subjects we already love. But we have so many talented members that we occasionally try to set an evening aside to celebrate our own talents. Each of the speakers below will present a talk on a technique that is of special interest to her. When you stop at the sign in table you will be given a number 1 through 5. You and the rest of your group will rotate around the room every 15 minutes, getting a thumb nail sketch of their topics. You may not come away an expert, but you will gain enough information about the topics to decide if you want to learn more. Go to <http://www.starlightquilters.com/programs> for copies of the speaker's notes



Jackie Evans
Twisted scarves



Victoria Foley
Crazy quilts



Bernadine Farrow
Buttonhole & blanket stitches



Susan Stevenson
Post cards



Jackie Stoaks
Fabric dying

COMMON THREADS QUILT SHOW 2014

June 26-28th, 10 am – 5 pm.

Century II Convention Center, 225 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67202

Over 500 quilts, door prizes, miniature quilt auction and vendors from across the nation.

For more information see website at www.wichitaquiltshow.com

2014 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

April Attendance

Members	86
New members	1
Guest	<u>4</u>
Total	91

Welcome:

Teresa
Jones

Quilters Wisdom
A quilt provides a mental
peace.

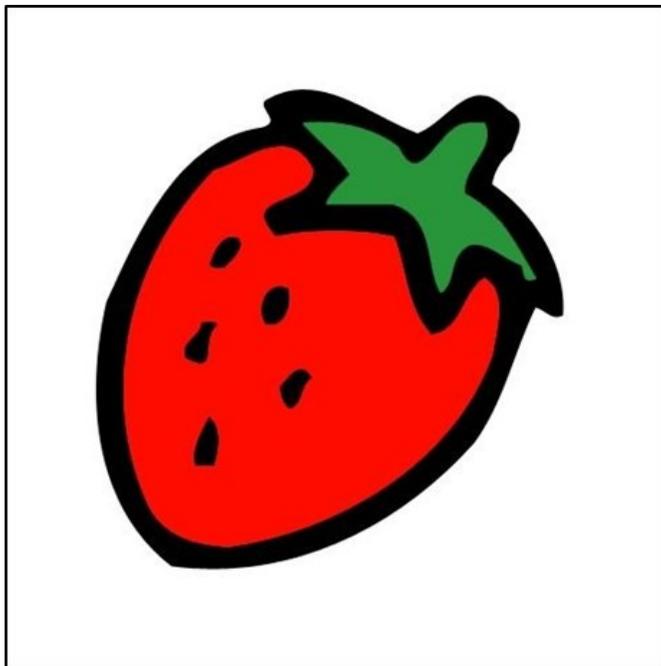
I'd Rather be Stitchin" - Donna Di Natale

June Strawberries

June is strawberry time. Here are two easy strawberry projects - a simple and healthy salad and quick little raw-edge appliqué design that can be used for some fun summer projects.

Strawberry Time—Finished size: 6" square

Here is a simple block with a trick. Enlarge and trace the entire berry outline onto black fabric. Trace the red berry and green top on to red and green fabric. Using fusible, glue or basting spray, center and adhere the black, red and green pieces on top of a 6 1/2" background square. Use your favorite stitch for raw appliqué around the edges and you're done. Use just the berry appliqué on a towel or placemat, or add a border to the block for a fun hot pad.



Spinach and Strawberry Salad—Makes 8 servings

2 bunches spinach, rinsed, stems removed and torn into bite-size pieces

4 cups sliced strawberries

1/2 cup canola oil

1/4 cup wine or balsamic vinegar

1/2 cup white sugar

1 tablespoon poppy seeds (optional)

1/2 cup slivered almonds

In a large bowl, toss together the spinach and strawberries.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, sugar and poppy seeds (if using). Pour over spinach and strawberries. Add the almonds and toss to coat everything with the dressing.

Enjoy!

Don't Miss This Opportunity!!!

Calling all members! Don't miss your opportunity to win "Opportunity Knocking," our opportunity quilt for 2014. All guild members are encouraged to purchase or sell \$10 worth of tickets. You get 12 tickets for the \$10. Enter yourself or sell them to friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. If you can't do \$10, how about \$5 worth of tickets? If that doesn't work, how about one ticket for a \$1? Wouldn't it be great if we could get 100% participation?! Let's do it!

Quilt details: Queen Size, 90" x 90"; pieced by Starlight members; quilted by our member, Freda Smith, award winning, long arm quilter; drawing to take place at our last guild meeting of 2014 on November 18th.

Also, we need volunteers to set up and take down the quilt at other guilds and shops. We hope to display the quilt at guilds this month and in July. We are awaiting OK's from the guilds we've contacted. The quilt will reside at area shops for approximately two weeks during August through early November. Please, please consider delivering and setting up the quilt at a shop or taking down and picking it up. We already have a "yes" from Prairie Point, Harper's, Quilter's Station, Quilting Bits and Pieces, Rustic Yearnings and Sarah's Fabric. Consider partnering with a friend; one delivers and sets up, the other picks up and takes down. Our sponsor, Mazda on Metcalf is willing to display our quilt and sell tickets. How nice is that?! Please consider giving your time to transport the quilt.....a great excuse to visit a favorite or new shop.....as if you need an excuse!! Please contact Connie Passaro cpfromkc@gmail.com or Debbie Carnes speedeb@msn.com if you can volunteer.



Quilt Show "Look What We Made" Nov 14-15 at the Abdallah Shrine

Our quilt challenge is called "Flights of Fancy." Prize money -1st Place \$100.00, 2nd Place \$75.00 and 3rd Place \$50.00. The three required materials are available at Prairie Point 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 an unlimited amount of embellishments. The quilt can be any size up to 30" x 30", finished by our Oct meeting when everyone attending the meeting will vote for their favorite. All of the quilts will be shown at the Nov quilt show. Please feel free to e-mail me and let me know if you would like to help. Lc.carr@yahoo.com - Laura Carr

Upcoming Programs

October 28

First, Favorites and Food

The planning committee for Starlight's October FF&F evening had its first meeting early in June. The name tries to define the nature of the evening, but to make it clear: First and Favorites refers to your quilts. The first quilt you ever received, or the first quilt you ever made. Favorites is your favorite quilt. It may be one you collected, one your great-aunt Betty made, or even one you made and kept for yourself. We are asking that all members bring up to two F&F quilts for a massive Show and Tell evening. The food portion of the evening is a pot luck dinner. Starlight will provide the meat dish. The committee is getting quotes now, so if you have a favorite caterer, pass that information on to the FF&F group. Members will be assigned a category of dish or item to bring according to your birthday. If you're in the salad group and you want to make your great-aunt Betty's famous rum cake, because you're bringing her quilt, just find a member to switch with you. Categories will be Salads, Sides, Desserts as well as Bread/Rolls, and paper products. Each should be enough to serve 8-10 persons. We'll have more on this as we get closer to the date. We'll need some additional help to make this evening work so look for sign-up sheets at the June meeting for serving and clean up help. Kim Cawthon

Quilts of Valor

Starting on the first Monday of each month we are going to begin sewing for Quilts of Valor at Prairie Point. Gather your fabric and join us! You can bring your lunch or there are places to eat around Prairie Point. Hope to see you there. If you have questions e-mail me at susan_mercer3@yahoo.com.

It's All in the Sashing - Workshop with Barb Eikmeier

Saturday, July 26—9:30am – 4:00pm

Lackman Library Meeting Room

15345 West 87th Street (87th & Lackman), Lenexa, KS 66216

Workshop fee: \$30 (includes \$5 materials fee)

In this workshop you will:

- Learn Barb's system for fitting sashings and cornerstone designs to blocks of any size
- Create a custom sashing project using 6 to 9 of your own completed blocks
- Try on different sashings to find the one you like for your project
- Create a cutting chart and calculate yardage for your custom project
- Begin cutting and sewing your custom project



- Go home with a complete set of all workshop sashing options

Sign up at the June meeting or mail fee to:

Donna di Natale

14509 West 92nd Street, Lenexa, KS

If registering by mail, please include name, address, phone number and email.

Starlight Quilters' Guild



Upcoming Programs

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

**\$5.00 fee for guests

Guild meetings held at

Countryside Christian Church

6101 Nall, Mission, KS

6:30-9:00pm

Upcoming Programs Continued

<http://starlightquilters.com>

****Abdallah Shrine Temple

5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park

Library Committee

Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck & Kristi Orr

We are trying to make it easier to find books on a specific subject (like hand quilting or paper piecing). We have updated the subject list that we have at the library table, and we are starting to put dots on some of them (red for paper piecing; yellow for children's, etc.) This is a work in progress, but hopefully it will be helpful.

Here are our newest donations – Two books by embroidery expert Judith Baker Montano – **Elegant Stitches** and **Silk Ribbon Embroidery**; **Cute Quilts for Kids** (with 3-dimensional appliqué, 2014) by Roylance; **Quilt It As You Go** (five different ways, 2014); and **Easy Weekend Quilts** by Martingale (2013).

Also four new donations on pre-cuts (Jelly rolls, charm square, etc.) have been added. **Block Magazine, Vol. 2** by Jenny Doan (this new "magazine" is as big as a book); **Pre-Cut Combo Quilts** by Greenway; **Quilts from Sweet Jane** (uses pre-cuts) by Pfau; and **3 times the Charm**, by Me and My Sister.

Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

It's been a Starlight Guild goal to do at least three quilts per person per year. It's doable for many. However, if you just can't do that, then donate fabric. Our Project Linus group always needs fabric! Good quality, child friendly fabric is a must—free of stains, no musty, moldy smells, or animal fur. Many of the children who receive these blankets have medical and sensitivity issues. The lengths of fabric we need for backs begin at one and one-half (1 ½) yard, so if you want to make a donation, donate two of these.

To repeat, if you can't make blankets for Project Linus, donate two clean, smell-free and animal fur-free quality fabric pieces of at least a yard and a half each. We could ALWAYS use more fabric for boys.

Thanks!



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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.

June's birthdays are: Toni Anderson, Kim Cawthon, Cheryl Diebold, Sandy Fey, Karla Filo, LaVon Gryska, Patty Morgan, Terri Oberle, Jeanne Poore, Cassie Schwarz, Freda Smith, and Opal Yarnall



July's birthdays are: Lois Bozarth, Rosie Brinker, Jeanette Byczek, Janice Craig, Donna Di Natale, Connie Dunlap, Doris Gosney, Conni Mai, Breeanna McSpadden, Diane Ostermeier, Donna Simpson, Lori Triplett, Dorothy VanBooven, Kay Van Durme, and Joyce Verstraete,

Everyone looks forward to treats!

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

Greeters for 2014

Your greeters this month are Jeanne Poore and Freda Smith . 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!

Tidbits

No tidbits for the month of June since our program is the School House demonstrations. If you have a topic in mind and/or would like to present one, please let me know. Janette Sheldon



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, May 27, 2014

6:30 PM—Tidbits

7:00 PM— **Starlight Schoolhouse**

Remember to bring:

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

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