

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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February 2015

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President's Message— Jackie Rudolph

With temperatures warming, I am beginning to think about the outdoors, transplanting plants, and buying new ones for our yard. So I recently picked up a garden magazine. As I flipped through the pages, my eyes went to the words in an ad for a plant fertilizer that said, "Feed Your Passion." It occurred to me that directive is also appropriate for quilting.



One axiom for quilters is that when we start a new project, invariably the fabric we own just won't do. Off to the quilt store we go to buy the perfect fabric for our project and add it to our stash.

I am fortunate to have one of our bedrooms dedicated as my sewing room. My husband has supported my passion for quilting by building shelves and cubicles on one side of the room.

At the beginning of the year I like to clean and organize my sewing room, moving from one side of the room to the other. I have almost made it all the way around the room this year.

As I go around the room, I make a list of my unfinished objects/projects or UFOs. I pick several of the UFOs to concentrate on and finish during the year. I have dedicated fabric for many of these projects. However, my list of UFOs doesn't seem to be shrinking and neither does my fabric stash.

While I was cleaning my sewing room this year, it dawned on me that if I took the dedicated fabric out of the containers for each project that I wouldn't be able to fit all of that fabric into my cubicles.

So, I asked myself, "Can you have too much of a good thing?" Some say you can never have too much of a good thing. Can you feed your passion too much? "Nah", I thought, and in a split second thought, "Thank heavens for the walk-in attic off of my sewing room!"

As they say about quilters when they die, "the one with the most fabric wins" and I think I may be a contender. Are you?



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THERESA WARD
Stash Attack!

Out with the old, in with the new! You may be like Theresa; her stash was getting out of control. She decided it was time to find ways to use it in order to make room for new fabric. Join her in this trunk show as she inspires you and shares quilts made from her stash. Theresa has a blog called [Always Quilts](#) and she's on [Pinterest.com /always quilts](#).

LIBRARY CORNER—Cheryl Tomson & Linda Clatterbuck

Ready to use up some of those scraps you've been saving? Here are some books with patterns designed especially for scraps: Scrap-O-lator Quilts & More by Dianne Springer, Scrap Quilt Celebration by Karen Bolesta, Scraps Organized to Perfection by DeLoa Jones, Gifts from Your Scrap Basket by Bail Lawther, Scraps Plus One by Ford, Rich Traditions--Scrap Quilts to Paper Piece by Nancy Mahoney, Scrap Quilts by Roberta Horton, Scrap Quilts Galore by Nancy Wyatt, and Scrappy Stars by Jodi Barrows. Once you've used up some of those scraps, you have the perfect excuse to shop for more fabric! Thanks for all the donations; keep looking for any books you may have forgotten to return so others can also enjoy them.

Bucket Brigade Back in Action



News from the Bucket Brigade, the theme for our five buckets will be "Seeing Red" in February. A featured item will be a gift certificate for 2 to the Miami County Wine Trolley which will leave you Seeing Red and White. <http://www.miamicountytrolley.com/> Next Month (March) will be "Green with Envy". Any donations that have any association with "green" would be appreciated. You can bring them to the meeting in February and drop them off at the Bucket Brigade table. Many, many thanks to all that have contributed and/or bought tickets. We broke a record in the month of January for raffle ticket sales! Contributions for the bucket brigade and door prizes are always welcome!

PROJECT LINUS

As of February 8th, 2015, Starlight quilters have turned in 78 blankets! WOW! What a terrific pace. There's a need and Starlight quilters are stepping up to provide blankets for these children. Thank you. Let's keep that pace going. It will be easy, with quick kits offered at every meeting, Harper's Project Linus Work Night on (usually) the first Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8pm, and free patterns and instructions offered on <http://projectlinus.org/patterns/> and <http://projectlinuskc.webs.com/apps/documents/>.

If you can't do your three blankets, donate nice quality child-friendly fabric. We love flannel and quilting cottons. Please make your donations new, stain-free and smell-free cotton. We need to do our best work.

Tips for a terrific blanket:

Ideal sizes: 40 x 50 and 40 x 60. These sizes suit most all children.

- If you're tying a blanket, please stitch ½" in around the edge. Edge stitching will keep that blanket together.
- Every blanket you make should be AT LEAST 36" by 36". That's one yard by one yard.
- The uncut area on a fringed fleece blanket should be at least 36" wide.
- Every fleece blanket needs a personal touch. Cut off the selvages, fringe it, sew on patches.
- For a fleece blanket, one layer of fleece only! The places who accept the Project Linus fleece blankets WILL NOT take a double layer of fleece.
- Crocheted, knitted, fleece, and cotton blankets are accepted.
- Cut those threads!
- No ribbons, buttons or any embellishment that could be considered a choking hazard.
- No metallic thread
- No double knit fabric.
- No large holes
- Do your best work. This is a gift to these children who are in some type of need.
- The quilts should be flat. If they are bubbling in some spots, and not in others, it needs more quilting.
- If you're tying a quilt, use cotton crochet thread
- Check for those pins. Straight pins should not be included in any blanket. (I found one last month.)

If you want to be thanked by the local chapter, include your email address.

Lea Robrahn

Starlight Quilt Guild Challenge 2015 - Paint Chip Challenge Rules

1. Pick out paint chips that are your initials. Example-Margaret C Welch, I need to find a color that the paint name starts with M, C, W. You can go to any paint shop and chose your paint chips.
2. Select fabric that is the same color as the paint chip. You must use all three colors so they are identifiable, and seen by the naked eye as one of the colors. The paint chips must be pinned to the bottom of the quilt when brought in for display.
3. Black and white are not colors and do not count as one of your colors.
4. You may add either black or white to your quilt if you desire.
5. You may piece the quilt with your favorite block, machine or hand appliqué the quilt, or combinations of all. It may be traditional or art—it is your choice. This is your quilt after the challenge.
6. The quilt must be completely finished with quilting and binding.
7. It can be long and narrow, but no longer than 30", it can be square, it can be round, but NOT larger than 30" in any one direction.
8. Completion date is the September 2015 quilt guild meeting.
9. Viewer's choice judging will determine the winner—there will be First, Second, and Third place winners.

If you have questions, please contact Margaret Welch at mwelch52@outlook.com.

THANK YOU

40! Counted up all of them up and there were 40 beautiful blocks. Thank you all for thinking of me. When I start putting them together they will represent more than mere pieces of cloth. They will all a part of you. Thank you for a great 2014 year as your president. It was a great opportunity to meet so many really interesting people. I don't think I lead the guild into disaster but left the organization in pretty good shape. Jackie is on board and ready to have a productive 2015. Again, thank you, thank you. Janette

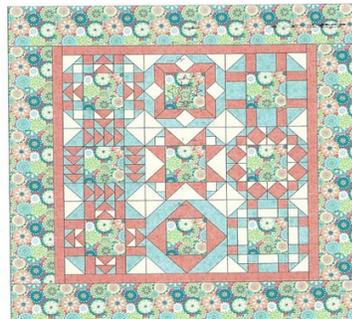
KCRQF Update

Donna diNatale is in need of those quilt registrations **SOON**. Remember, we have a pot load of space to hang quilts. We don't want to have empty spots and look like we never make anything cool. So get going and get those entry blanks to Donna.

We will be able to sell hand-made items at the KCRQF. If you have any ideas about items to make/sell, please contact Marilyn Carr (mjcarr12@yahoo.com) or Jackie Rudolph (rudolphs@kc.rr.com).

Tickets will be available for purchase at our next guild meeting. \$10 for a one day pass, \$25 for three days. If you wait and purchase your ticket at the door, the cost will be \$12.00. Laura Carr will have the sign up sheets for the additional volunteers Starlight will need. Remember, all people who purchase tickets before April 1st (that includes the volunteers who have signed up) will have their names put into a drawing for ten \$50 vouchers to be used at any vendor at the festival. Some of the classes are full and some are nearly full. If you are wanting to take a class I'd suggest you not wait too much longer to sign up. Remember, classes taken on Friday and Saturday require the purchase of a ticket for the festival that day. I'll be bringing tickets to all the guild meetings over the next few months. Janette Sheldon

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD 2015 BLOCK OF THE MONTH



FRAME SHOT

By Amy Senatore and Donna di Natale

Finished size: 56" square

Finished block size: 12" square

Fabric Requirements:

Focus fabric: 3/8 yard (this fabric will be the **center square** in each block)

Background fabric: 5/8 yard light tonal or small print

Fabric 1: 5/8 yard (blocks)

Fabric 2: 1 1/8 yards (blocks and inner border)

Outer border: 1 5/8 yards

Backing: 3 1/4 yards

Binding: 1/4 yard

To avoid confusion from block to block, be sure to label your fabrics. A good way to do this is to glue or pin a scrap of each fabric in the squares below. Refer back to these samples for each block.

Focus fabric:

Background:

*Fabric 1 and
Inner Border*

Fabric 2:

Outer Border:

A new block will appear each month's newsletter. Bring your completed block to the next month's guild meeting. Bring your completed Block 1, which is in the February newsletter, to the March meeting. Bring block 2 (in the March newsletter) to the April meeting, etc. Everyone who brings a completed block to the meeting will be entered to receive a special prize that month.

Block 1: Goose Frame

Cutting instructions

Focus fabric:

2 – 6 1/2" x width of fabric strips; cut into 9 – 6 1/2" squares
(set aside 8 squares for future blocks)

Background fabric (light tonal/print):

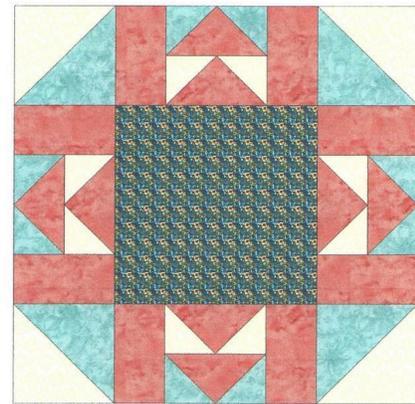
2 – 4" squares and 8 – 2" squares

Fabric 1:

2 – 4" squares and 8 – 2" squares

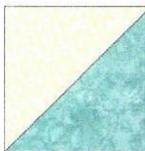
Fabric 2:

1 – 3" x width of fabric strip; cut into 8 – 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles and 8 – 2" x 2 1/2" rectangles



Patch A (half square triangles)

1. Lay a 4" fabric 1 square on a 4" background square, draw a diagonal line across the background square. Sew 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Make 4.



Patch C & D (flying geese)

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the reverse side of 2 – 2" background squares. Lay one square on one side of a 2" x 2 1/2" fabric 2 rectangle. Make sure the diagonal line points toward to center top. Sew on the diagonal line. Flip open to make sure the seam is going in the right direction. Trim the seam to 1/4" and press toward the center.

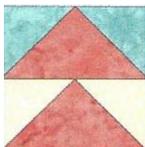


2. Repeat on the opposite side. Make sure the line points to the center top. Make 4

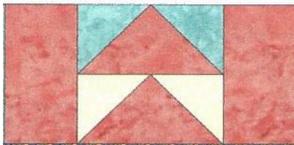
3. Repeat the steps for Patch C using 2 – 2" fabric 1 squares and 2 fabric 2 rectangles. Make 4.



4. Sew a Patch C to a Patch D as shown. Make 4.

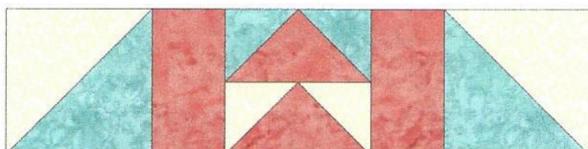


5. Sew a 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle to each side of the block created in step 4 to make a Patch E. Trim to 3 1/2" x 6 1/2". Make 4

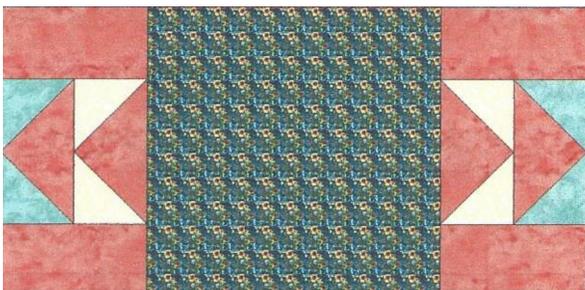


Make the Block

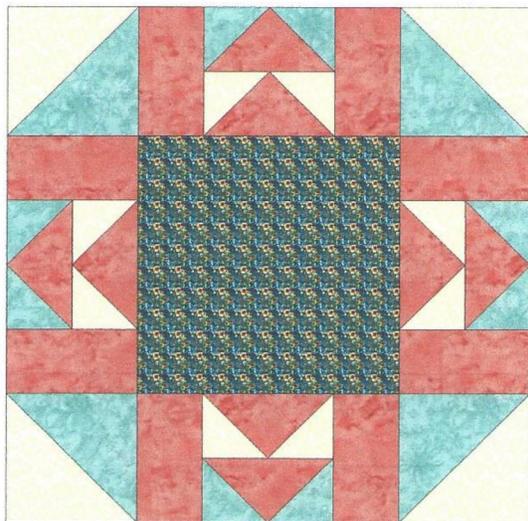
1. Sew a Patch A to each side of a Patch E as shown. Make 2.



2. Sew a Patch E to each side of the center block. Make sure your geese are flying in the right direction.



3. Sew the rows together. Trim 12 1/2" square.



Don't forget to bring your block to the **March** meeting

Spring Fling Retreat

May 1-3, 2015; Cedar Crest Lodge. We had a brisk sign up for the retreat during our January meeting; and I only have 6 spots left! Our fifth annual Spring Fling Retreat will be held at the beautiful Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS on the weekend of May 1-3, 2015. (<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 10th, if you mail me your check). Contact Donna Holloway (913-402-7559) at donnaLholloway@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Do you have a birthday this

month? Enjoy your day! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share.



February birthdays are: Carol Cleary, Ellen Kidd, Terri Richmond, and Cheryl Tomson

Since there are so few birthdays in February, we would appreciate if other people could help out as well!

March's birthdays are: Delores Boring, Nancy Buzzell, Laura Carr, Charlya Coo-ley, L. Jan Davidson, Leslie Glenn, Barbara Parman, Pat Pennington, Myrna Smith, Rosemary Watrak and Margaret Welch

2015 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is still going on. At the February meeting Membership cards will be available. Picture directories will be sent under separate cover by email. For those that do not have email, a copy will be available to you.

January Attendance

Members	96
New members	6
Guest	<u>6</u>
Total	108

Quilters Wisdom

There is no such thing as too much fabric in your "stash".

Greeters for 2015

Your greeters this month are Liz Di Silvestro and Deborah Carnes. If you are unable to attend your month, please exchange with another person or call Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585. We still need greeters for October and November. Sign up at the sign-in table at the February meeting. Thanks for volunteering!

Starlight Quilters' Guild

Upcoming Programs



2015 Programs

February 24, 2015 **Theresa Ward**
Stash Attack

March 24, 2015 **Trish Price**
Making the most of negative space

April 28, 2015 **Vicky Beasley**
The Scrapping Story

May 26, 2015 **Kelly Ashton**
60 Degrees of Inspiration

June 19-21 2015

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival

June 23, 2015 **Kathy Pflam**
Play with Fabric

July 28, 2015 **Pot Luck**
Quilts and Food

August 25, 2015 **Barb Eckmeier**
"Something Blue"

September 22, 2015 **Question and
Answers—UFO's**
Continued next column

October 27, 2015 **Nedra Bonds**

Community Quilts

November 17, 2015 **Deanna Hudson**

Rose Cottage Quilts
My Quilting Journey

Advertisements

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you finish all those tops! Low pricing, full Longarm services – all over designs or custom quilting [913-638-4625](tel:913-638-4625) Karen Huffman or email me at karen7315@gmail.com

Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. **Winter special:** Bring a quilt top to be quilted and I will piece your back or add a border at no charge.

especiallyquilts@att.net or 913-341-0525

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

pictures.

FOR SALE: Antique Bow Tie Quilt

The quilt measures 68x82. It is machine quilted and has a lot of vintage fabrics in it; primary color is blue. It has been lovingly used but there are no major tears or stains on it. Contact Renee Arnett at [913-262-0908](tel:913-262-0908) or rarnett03@gmail.com for more information and pictures.

FOR SALE

KANSAS CITY CLASSIC QUILT PATTERNS 1928-1961; 13 VOLUME SET COMPILED BY HAROLD AND DOROTHYMAE GROVES; Cost is \$75

CALL ROSEMARY @ 913-908-6740



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. There is no December meeting.



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, January 27, 2015

6:30—Social

7:00 PM— **Theresa Ward—Stash**

Attack

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Library Books
- Dessert if it's your birthday
- Money for Raffles
- Things for the Share Table
- Linus Quilts

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