

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

### Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and Committees:

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- Retreats: Donna Holloway
- Linus Quilts: Lea Robrahn
- Past-President: Janette Sheldon

### President's Message— Jackie Rudolph

I recently had cataract surgery. Another guild member who also had the surgery described the results best when she said that it was as if someone had turned on a light. As a quilter, that would be an Ott-Lite™. I was told that the cataract, which is yellow, blocks out the color blue. Who knew? The colors yellow and blue are a classic duo in a quilt, very compatible.



I took a class from Ruth McDowell years ago. In the class she gave examples of how to pick fabrics for a quilt. One of the many things she said was that every fabric needs a friend. When choosing fabrics to add to the quilt, she would place a fabric next to the others and ask if we liked it there. She would then take it away and asked us if we missed it when it was gone.

Sometimes we need to add another fabric color to our quilts to make them work. I've seen quilts which looked terrific and had fabrics in them that I would never have thought to use. Diversity of fabrics can lend support for the others.

We often give fabric human characteristics, and I think there are lessons about life that we can learn from them. Happy Quilting! Jackie

**Celebrate National Quilt Day, March 21, 2015.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING, April 21, 2015, Antioch Library, 6:30 P.M.**

**March**

**24**

**Trisch Price**



Trisch has been sewing since middle school. She started quilting in 1993 during graduate school after watching "The Great American Quilt" on PBS. After her first quilt was completed (a Lone Star in true 90s colors!), she joined her local guild. She enjoys the synergy of quilt guilds and continues to be an active participant. She has always leaned toward the more contemporary quilts. Now she is a dedicated Modern quilter with an occasional art quilt thrown in. Trisch will have books and patterns for sale at the meeting.

**Making the Most of Negative Space**—Are you trying to figure out what negative space is other than lots of fabric that needs to be quilted? This lecture will define what negative space is and give you ideas on how to utilize negative space in your quilts. Six different methods for applying negative space will be presented. Many quilts are shown to demonstrate each of the techniques.

**Paint Chip Challenge 2015**

Have you found your paint chips with your initials yet? I hope you are enjoying the challenge of finding those initials. Then your next challenge is to find fabric that matches the chip. Remember your fabric should read the same color as your paint chip. You may use either black or white with your colors if you like but not both black and white. Have fun. You can make whatever quilt you want as long as it is not longer than 30 inches on each side. If you have questions feel free to email me at [mwelch5@kc.rr.com](mailto:mwelch5@kc.rr.com). Happy Hunting!

**Bucket Brigade Back in Action**



The Bucket Brigade is hard at work getting the buckets ready for the March meeting. This month our theme is "Green with Envy", so be sure to bring your green dollars. March is the "Luck of the Irish" so the more green you bring the more luck you will have winning one of the wonderful raffle buckets. Remember, all the buckets contain donations from our members so all that we make goes directly to the guild. How lucky is that? All donations are welcome (cash and prizes). Next month, in April, our theme will be "A Tisket A Tasket...". Good luck to all!

### **Random Access Workshop**

Saturday, March 28

12:30-4:30

Antioch Library

8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway

Merriam, KS

Cost: \$35.00

We need a few more quilters to make this workshop happen. For only \$35 you will get an afternoon jam packed with fun. Nancy Swanwick's *Random Access* method of piecing a beautiful scrappy quilt is a terrific way to reduce your stash and use some of your fat quarters. You will complete a few blocks during the class and from there you can make your quilt as large or as small as you wish.



### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The library committee would like to find someone who is willing to staff the library area during the break at guild meetings. Talk to Cheryl or Linda at the library table during March's guild meeting and we'll explain what is needed.

### **Post Card Kits**

There are still plenty of kits left to make post cards for us to sell at the Festival. Each kit contains enough for two cards. Let your imagination go wild. Return them to Marilyn Carr by May to be stamped on the back.

### **Greeters for 2015**

Your greeters this month are Margaret Welch and Leslie Glenn. 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 March meeting. Thanks for volunteering!

## SQG 2015 Group Project—1 Million Pillowcase Challenge

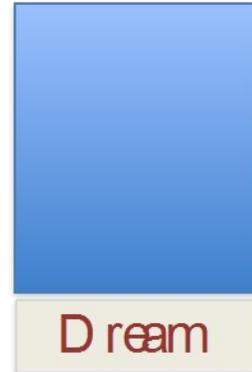
Twenty-two pillowcases were turned in at the February meeting. Teri Oberle, Renee Arnett and Jeanette Byzek are currently leading the contest for most pillowcases. Remember, the Starlight member who turns in the most pillowcases will receive a free 2016 membership. So quilters, GET YOUR STITCH ON.

If you love embroidery or twilling, stitch the word Dream onto the cuff of a simple pillowcase. Fold the 9" x WOF strip in half and then in half again to find the center. Use your favorite method to trace the word onto the cuff, as shown. Embroider or Twill, then attach to the pillowcase body. I recommend using muslin or stabilizer to back the embroidery.



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*Dream*



## Starlight Guild Retreat News

**May 1-3, 2015; Cedar Crest Lodge.** There are still a few spots left for our fifth annual Spring Fling Retreat; being 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 nights, 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).

**October 30-Nov 1, 2015; Unity Village.** For those of you planning ahead, the dates have been set for the Fall retreat at Unity Village. I am still working on the exact pricing, but it should be very close to what we are paying for the Spring retreat.

Contact Donna Holloway ([913 402 7559](tel:9134027559); [donnaHolloway@yahoo.com](mailto:donnaHolloway@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions!

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

**Block 2—Coronation Frame**

**Fabric Requirements:**

Focus Fabric: 1 – 6 1/2" square (center square)

Fabric 1 (cream/light): 1/4 yard or 1 fat quarter

Fabric 2 (blue/dark): 1/8 yard or 1 fat quarter

Fabric 3 (peach/medium): 1 – 2" x 16" scrap or 1 fat quarter

**Cutting Instructions**

Fabric 1 (light)

2 – 3 7/8" squares; cut diagonally once to make 4 half square triangles

1 – 2" x 8" strip; cut into 4 – 2" squares

1 – 2" x WOF strip; recut into 2 – 16" strips

Fabric 2 (dark)

4 – 2 3/8" squares; cut diagonally once to make 8 half-square triangles

1 – 2" x 16" strip



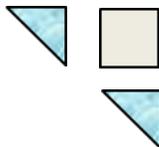
Fabric 3 (medium)

1 – 2" x 16" strip

**Sewing Instructions**

Corner Units

1. Sew a Fabric 2 triangle toward Fabric 2. Make 4 to two sides of a 2" Fabric a square to form a triangle. Press seams



2. Sew a Fabric 1 triangle to the section made in Step 1 to make a block. Press the seam allowance toward the large triangle. Make 4.



Side Sections

1. Make a strip set using the 2" x 16" Fabric 2 and Fabric 3 strips. Press the seam allowance toward Fabric 2. Recut into 8 – 2" pieces.

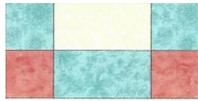


2. Make a strip set using the 2" x 16" Fabrics 1 and 3 strips. Press the seam allowance toward Fabric 3.

3. Recut into 4 – 2" x 3 1/2" pieces.



4. Sew a piece from Step 1 to each side of a piece from Step 2. Press seam allowance away from center section. Make 4.

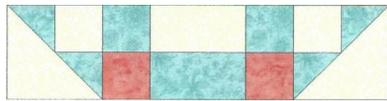


### Assembly

1. Sew a unit from step 3 above to one side of the center square. Sew a second unit to the opposite side. Press the seam allowances toward the center square.



2. Sew a corner unit to one side of the unit from step 3 above. Sew another corner unit to the opposite side. Press the seam allowances away from the center unit. Make 2.



3. Sew a unit from step 3 to the top and to the bottom of the center unit to complete Block 2. Press the seam allowances away from the center.



## **PROJECT LINUS** - Lea Robrahn

There have been 95 lovely blankets turned in for Project Linus. Thank you! There are lots of choices for the girls. The boys, however, have much fewer choices. **Let's work on making some blankets for the boys!** If you're purchasing fabric to donate to Project Linus, make it fabric suitable for a boy. Search your fabric pile to find fabric suitable for older boys. Let's remember the boys!

### **Tips for Project Linus Blankets:**

Flannel or fleece makes a terrific back.

If you're tying the quilt, use cotton crochet thread or cotton embroidery thread and tie approximately 6" apart. (No acrylic yarns!)

If you use flannel or fleece as a back, leave the batting out. It is too heavy with added batting. One layer of fleece only. Two layers are too heavy and hot for our area.

If you use the pillowcase method, remember to stitch in ½" around the edge. This is for all cotton, flannel and fleece blankets.

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Please use new, stain-free, smell-free fabric. Cut those threads and check for pins.

Do your best work. If a blanket needs to be fixed, it can't get to the children as fast.

Remember those Best Choice labels. Our local chapter turns those in for money to buy our Project Linus labels. Every blanket given to children has a Project Linus label.

### **PURCHASE TICKETS HERE**

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival tickets will be available at our next guild meeting. You can purchase for friends, neighbors, sisters, brothers and of course yourself. If you make your purchase before April 1st, your name will go in the drawing for one of ten \$50 vouchers to be used with any ven-

### **LIBRARY CORNER—Cheryl Tomson & Linda Clatterbuck**

We have some new (2014) items – a DVD – Modern Machine Quilting; English Paper Piecing II by Bellino; and Quick Quilts with Rulers by Pam Linott. (3 different rulers – triangle, kaleidoscope, and flying geese). We've had a lot of recent donations, including, Small Talk by Donna Lynn Thomas (miniature quilts); and Pretty Little Mini quilts. Two paper piecing books – Cats, Cats, Cats by Four Corners, and The Cat's Meow by Janet Kime. We have added three Barbara Brackman books – Prairie Flower, a year on the plains; Quilts from the Civil War; and the Encyclopedia of Applique – an index to traditional and modern patterns. Other donations include – 50 fabulous paper pieced stars with CD by Carol Doak; Beautiful Foundation Pieced Blocks by Hiney; and Paper Piecing Patterns by Liby.

**Come check us out!**

**Starlight Member Helps Make Donation of Project Linus Quilts Possible**

Last fall, a donation of 130 very colorful Project Linus quilts (~40" square) were given to Children's Mercy Hospital. This donation would not have been possible without the generosity of one amazing and kind-hearted quilter, Charlene Carter. Charlene provided 50 pieced quilt tops featuring cheerful child-friendly fabrics along with enough quilt shop quality fabric to make 100 more quilts.

Starlight Quilters Guild member, Freda Smith along with a fellow machine quilter, Shirley Schuler, quilted and bound the quilts. Freda quilted 40 quilts and donated the batting and backing fabric for each. Shirley adopted this project as a personal effort to positively impact the lives of many sick children by making about 100 quilt tops using the donated fabric, her own batting and machine quilting them. Another quilter, Sandy Wilhoit, helped Shirley by piecing about 20 of the quilt tops. Shirley also bound each of the 130 quilts! It is without a doubt that the collective talents shared by these three amazing quilters brought smiles to the many children at Children's Mercy Hospital who received one of these adorable, huggable quilts. Renee Arnett

**Do you have a birthday this month?** Enjoy your day! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share.



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

April's birthdays are : Karen Boyd, Carol Heffernon, Ginny Nelson, Marsha Reeves, Luella Roemer, Wendy Sime, Karen Vertin, Arlis Wickstrum and Janet Wikle



Charlene Carter, Shirley Schuler, and Freda Smith in front of Children's Mercy

**2015 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr**

**February Attendance** - Please welcome these new members—Sharon Brizendine, Karen Rexroad and Lila Taylor

Members	97
New members	3
Guest	<u>2</u>
Total	102

***Quilters Wisdom***

Behind every quilter is a huge pile of fabric.

## Starlight Quilters' Guild



### Upcoming Programs

#### 2015 Programs

March 24, 2015 **Trisch 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**

October 27, 2015 **Nedra Bonds**  
Community Quilts  
Continued next column

November 17, 2015 **Deanna Hudson**

Rose Cottage Quilts  
My Quilting Journey

NEXT BOARD MEETING, April 21, 2015,  
Antioch Library, 6:30 P.M.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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. 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 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, March 24, 2015

6:30—Social

7:00 PM— **Trisch Price—Making the Most of Negative Space**

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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