

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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- Linus Quilts: Lea Robrahn
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President's Message— Jackie Rudolph



I attended a business meeting with my husband years ago in which the wives were treated to an art class. The teacher began the class by asking the question: What do we respond to first, color or shape? The answer was obvious to me. However, both of these elements are important in a quilt. Designers of fabric tend to use the same colors and often can be identified just by the colors.

Have you ever worked on a quilt that you didn't feel good about? It can become a chore perhaps because the colors didn't speak to you. Even worse, it then has the potential to become a UFO.

When it was popular, I took a class from 'Color Me Beautiful' along with a couple of family members. We initially had to discover which color of jewelry, gold or silver, we looked best in. That then determined which season we were. Those who wore gold jewelry were either a spring or autumn and those who wore silver jewelry were either a summer or winter. Each season had specific colors that were better to wear. Swatches of fabric were given to us that were specific to our season for inspiration when buying clothes. Do you feel better wearing one color versus another? Most of us do.

We deal with color daily. When choosing fabrics for a quilt, it is often difficult, but I think we probably need to look no further for inspiration than our closets. Choose the colors for your quilts that you'd wear and you shouldn't go wrong. Where are you on the color wheel? Happy quilting! Jackie



**June
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**Kathy Pflaum
Playing with Fabric**



I am so excited to have Kathy speak with us on how she plays with her fabric and fibers to bring her unique quilts to life.

Kathy has a traditional background in quilt making that has blossomed into a non-traditional art form. Today she plays with her fabrics in various ways to create quilts and art that are unique and different. She has been quilting for just over 10 years and spent many years of her career (day job) in the color area as a merchant for home improvement companies. She enjoys using many fibers and found

objects on her small quilts. She dyes much of her own fabric these days and uses it in her pieces.

Jackie Stoaks



Bucket Brigade Back in Action



The bucket brigade is promising not to throw water balloons (or wear their swimsuits) but they are planning to “Make a Splash” with this month’s raffle. They have a cool bunch of books and patterns, hot notions, sunny fabrics and wild precuts and kits. There is even a complete small quilt that will be great to wrap up in after your swim! Leave your beach ball at home and bring your dollars to jump into the raffle. Donations are always wonderful and are what make the raffle so much fun. Our theme for July is Big Bang and August is Hot Fun in the Summer time. Don’t miss out on your chance to be the lucky winner of the Quilter’s Swim Team! Kim Cawthon, Deb McCurnin and Beverly Renner

2015 Group Project—Donna di Natale



We are well on our way to meeting our goal of 200 pillowcases with a total of 126 turned in as of the May meeting. Yahoo! Starlight quilters rock!

Fifty pillowcases were delivered to Harper's in May. Another 40 pillowcases are awaiting 10 more kid's pillowcases and then they will be delivered to Johnson County CASA.

June is going to be a busy month for all of us. School is out and families start taking vacations. The quilt festival is going to be a huge event. But please don't stop making those pillowcases. While shopping the festival vendors, remember that it only takes 1 yard of fabric to make a pillowcase, and 2 yards makes two with contrasting cuffs. That means those 1-yard cuts that so many vendors sell at a special price are just waiting for you to turn them into a pillowcase. What better excuse to buy new fabric? There is such a great need for them in the community.

Giving It Forward—Donna di Natale



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES
KANSAS CITY

A woman I know volunteers at Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City, Kansas, and the other day she mentioned that they are in great need of supplies so I went to the RMHC website to check it out. On any given night, they serve 87 families. In 2014 they provided lodging for 4,500 and opened their doors (and their hearts) to support 63,000 visitors – families and friends of children hospitalized with serious diseases in KC-area hospitals. I looked at their wish list and discovered that the items they need are not huge expensive things. They are everyday items that we all pick up at the store all the time. I could go to my cupboards right now and fill a bag with items they need and probably not even miss them. One item on the list is sewing kits. Every one of us could put together dozens of sewing kits and not notice a dent in our stash. Right?

So here is my challenge, my plea. Go to their website. ([click here](#)) Look at their wish list. When you are cleaning out the garage or the basement or kitchen cabinets, keep the list in mind. Don't throw away – give away, to a worthy organization that needs those items. And when you are organizing your sewing area, think about the sewing kits they need. Put your "extras" to good use. It will serve a need and make you feel better.

Greeters for 2015

Your greeters this month are Myrna Smith and Toni Anderson . If you are unable to attend your month, please exchange with another person or call Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585. Volunteers are needed for the Food Table. Please sign up at the Greeter's Table. Thanks for volunteering!

Starlight Guild Board Meeting—6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 21st in the Antioch Library. All members are welcome.

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD—2015 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

FRAME SHOT—By Amy Senatore and Donna di Natale
Block 5 - Snowball Frame

Finished size: 56" square; Finished block size: 12" square

Fabric Requirements:

- Focus Fabric: 1 – 6 ½" square (center square)
- Fabric 1 (cream/light): ¼ yd or 1 FQ
- Fabric 2 (blue/dark): 1/8 yd or 1 FQ
- Fabric 3 (peach/medium): 1/8 yd or 1 FQ



Terms:

- SQ - square
- WOF – Width of Fabric (selvedge to selvedge)
- HST – half square triangle
- QST – Quarter Square Triangles

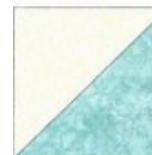
Cutting Instructions:

<u>Center Square:</u> 1 – 6 1/2", previously cut	<u>Fabric 2: (blue/dark):</u> 2 – 4" squares and 1 – 3 1/2" by 14" strip
<u>Fabric 1: (cream/light):</u> 2 – 4" squares	<u>Fabric 3: (peach/medium):</u> 2 – 2" x 14" strips

Sewing Instructions:

Corner Units:

1. Lay a 4" Fabric 1 square on a 4" Fabric 2 square (right sides together). Draw a diagonal line on the reverse side of the Fabric 1 square. Sew 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the line. Make 4.



Side Units:

1. Sew a 2" x 14" Fabric 3 strip to each side of the 3 ½" x 14" Fabric 2 strip. Press seams toward center strip.
2. Sub-cut strip set into 3 1/2" sections.



Block Assembly

1. Sew a Corner Block to each end of the Side Strip. Make 2. Make sure the light triangles are on the outer edges. Press seams toward Corner Blocks.



2. Sew a Side Unit to each side of the center block, making sure the strips are going in the right direction. Press seams toward the center square.



3. Sew a unit from step 1 to the top and to the bottom of the center unit in step 2 to complete Block 5. Press the seam allowances away from the center.

Don't forget to bring your Block 5 to the **July** meeting for a special drawing.

SQG 2nd Annual Pot Luck Dinner—July 27, 2015

We had so much fun last year we decided to do it again. The guild will provide the main dish and we'd like the members to bring the other food. Your birth month determines what you will bring:

Jan, Feb, March or April - Salad

May, June, or July - Dessert

Aug, Sept, or Oct - Vegetable Dish

Nov or Dec - Bread or Rolls

The Bucket Brigade has big plans for us that night so bring your dollars.

We've done 1st and favorites a couple of times now. Does anyone have a great idea for a short-short entertainment (we want lots of time to visit and eat). Let me know at j_stoaks@yahoo.com.

Program Addition—Mark your calendars! Donna D. has arranged for us to have a great speaker for September 22, 2015 - Gloria Nixon. She will talk about Flour Mill Dolls and Feedsacks. Jackie Stoaks

The Fractured Fabric Society has a quilt show at Harper's Quilt Shop from June 1st through July 1st. Come and visit us! Jackie Stoaks

Library Corner—Linda Clatterbuck, Cheryl Tomson

Doing some traveling this summer, or just have a few days off? We have lots of quilting fiction to easily fill some time. Another Jennifer Chiaverini novel, "Winding Ways", has just been donated and I'm currently enjoying "Quilted Lilies" by Ann Hazelwood. Maybe you want to try a new technique or spend some time embellishing. "Embroidery Techniques and Patterns" by Bayard, which has lots of great photos, could be the inspiration for that "Special Something" your latest wall hanging needs. We received two applique books, "Anna's Quilt" by our own Donna diNatale and "Artful Applique" by Jane Townsend. We also received "Colourwash Quilts" by Deirdre Amsden. This month Kathy Pflaum will be encouraging us to "Play with Fabric", so visit the library to check out some new ways to play.

Project Linus—Lea Robrahn

Starlight members have made 263 Project Linus blankets to comfort children. **Fabulous!** The minimum size is 36" x 36", which our local chapter has more than enough. Our local chapter is requesting blankets be at least 40 x 50, or toddler sized and larger. Several of our kits will begin to include more fabric to add an additional border to enlarge the size. For the simpler fleece blankets, it should be personalized in some way. It can be hand-fringed, crocheted or have another embellishment, such as a fabric patch. You can make a quilt as complicated as you want. Just remember to make all fleece blankets a single layer. Double fleece blankets are not accepted because they are too warm for our area.

Other tips for blanket creation: *When knotting the fringe on the fleece blanket, go easy. If the knots are too tight, the blanket turns into a parachute. If you have a small piece of fleece, and you're adding a crochet edge, continue crocheting until you've reached 36" x 36". Use fleece or flannel for a back. **DO NOT** use batting for these blankets. It will be too heavy and hot for our area. Just use the top and the fleece or flannel. Fleece backs are best for cotton woven, no flannel. Fleece and flannel are too heavy, especially for the youngest blanket recipients.

*To pillowcase: Lay batting down. Lay backing fabric, right side up, on top of batting. Lay quilt top, right side down, on top of backing fabric. Using a 1/2" seam, sew all around the edges, leaving a 6"-8" opening to turn the quilt. Trim corners diagonally. Turn quilt. Stitch opening shut and press blanket. Stitch 1/2" around the edge of the quilt. You may hand quilt, tie or machine quilt the quilts. Whether you machine quilt, hand quilt or tie, your stitches also need to be at the **MOST** 6" to 8" apart. Please do not leave any area larger than 8" by 8" unquilted. This will need to be fixed and will take longer to get to that child in need. Trim those threads and check for pins! If you want a thank you note, please include your email address on a paper, attached to the quilt with a **SAFETY PIN**.

REMEMBER to bring those Best Choice labels. Those labels pay for the Project Linus labels that are affixed to every blanket donated to the children.

Starlight Quilters' Guild



Upcoming Programs

2015 Programs

June 19-21 2015

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival

June 23, 2015 Kathy Pflaum

Playing with Fabric

July 28, 2015 Pot Luck

Quilts and Food

August 25, 2015 Barb Eckmeier

“Something Blue”

September 22, 2015 Gloria Nixon

Flour Mill Dolls & Feedsacks

October 27, 2015 Nedra Bonds

Community Quilts

November 17, 2015 Deanna Hudson

Rose Cottage Quilts—My Quilting Journey

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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, Michelle Cour, Cheryl Diebold, Sandy Fey, Karla Filo, Vicki Kerkvliet, Jan Ketchum, Terri Oberle, Jeanne Poore, Cassie Schwarz, Freda Smith, Alex Thompson and Opal Yarnall

July's birthdays are: Lois Bozarth, Rosie Brinker, Jeanette Byczek, Janice McKee, Donna di Natale, Ann Doherty, Connie Dunlap, Doris Gosney, Mary Honas, Connie Mai, Dana Switzer, Sue Tuttle, and Joyce Verstraete



2015 MEMBERSHIP —Marilyn Carr

May Attendance - New Members -

Mary Beth Pace & Willie McCullum

Members 99

Guests 3

New members 2

Total 104





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, June 23, 2015

6:30—Social

7:00 PM— **Kathy Pflaum—Playing with Fabric**

Remember to bring:

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

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