

STARLIGHT EXPRESS

Starlight Quilters Guild
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President's Message – Sandy Fey

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We've moved into a new year and with it, for me, new responsibilities. I've shed the Newsletter Editor role and have now stepped into Jackie Rudolph's shoes as President of our Guild. I am excited and nervous at the same time. The names of the women to the left of this article have volunteered to help me provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the art and skill of quilting as well as the chance to practice what you have learned. I am definitely not the example of what to follow; I am much more a purchaser of fabric than a maker of quilts (as evidenced by the paltry number of ribbons on my nametag). We have put together a variety of topics and speakers and we challenge you to incorporate some new ideas into your work this year.

I need motivation to finish what I have started. To that end, I would like to introduce small incentives to reward members for finishing some of the UFOs that they have in their closets. You can sign up along with me in January.

Thanks again to those who served our Guild last year as well as those who have volunteered to work for you this year; often they are the same women. Please feel free to make suggestions or ask questions – I am always available to listen.

Sandy – sandy.fey93@gmail.com



Next Board Meeting: January 19, 6:30 p.m. at Antioch Library

DEBBIE ROBERTS FROM THE QUILTED MOOSE

January 26, 2016

Debbie Roberts - The Quilted Moose - Gretna, Nebraska



Debbie opened her quilt store, *The Quilted Moose*, in Gretna, Nebraska in 1999. Her store displays over 6000 bolts of fabric. Her shop was featured as a Top 10 Quilt Shop in *Quilt Sampler* magazine in the fall of 2007. As part of the feature, she designed an original quilt for that article which became the cover quilt for that issue. Debbie's original quilt designs have also been featured in *American Patchwork and Quilting*, *Quilter's Newsletter*, and *McCall's Quilting* magazines, along with quilts in books by Blackbird Designs and Jo Morton and she is a published designer with Kansas City Star Quilts. She and her husband have opened a Quilt Retreat called *Minglewood Lodge*. She is the author of *Four Seasons at Minglewood*, and *Baskets, Birds and Boughs: Quilts Year 'Round*.

Check out her web site at the quiltedmoose.com.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Our Christmas tree was auctioned off at the Holiday Boutique in December. It went to a good home. The winner of the tree was Sandy Fey. Proceeds went to the Christmas Bureau. A special thanks to Carol Cleary and Sue Sharpe who organized this event and to all members who made ornaments for the tree.

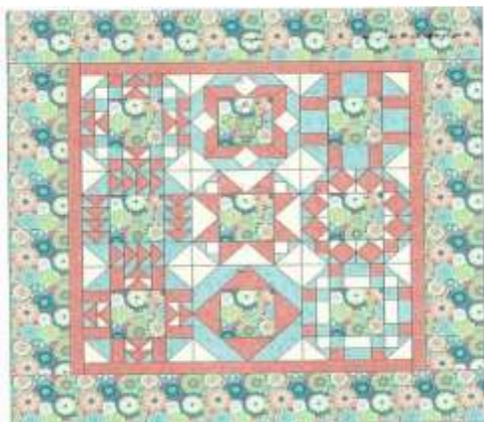


WINNER OF 2015 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Agnes Otto, of Kansas City, Missouri was the lucky winner of Starlight's 2015 Opportunity Quilt, "Grandmother's Surprise". The drawing was held at our last guild meeting on November 17th. Agnes purchased her ticket in October when we were promoting the quilt at Downtown Overland Park's "Third Fridays" event in front of Harper's Fabric and Quilts. When the quilt was delivered to her at her place of employment the following day, Agnes commented that after she had received the phone call explaining that she was the winner she ran down to her car to retrieve her ticket stub. Upon discovering the name of the quilt, "Grandmother's Surprise", she was even more delighted as she had become a grandmother for the first time just the week before! Congratulations to Agnes! -Connie Passaro



The bucket brigade is starting out the new year with more exciting items for your favorite hobby....QUILTING of course! Since we have been gone for two months we have twice the fun items as last time we met. So bring all that money that you have left over from Christmas or that you won in the Powerball to our next meeting. We have books, magazines, completed table runner, gadgets, and a wonderful complete kit. All will get you started for the New Year with a new project. So come early because we are, again, giving bonus chances when you buy \$5.00 prior to 7 pm. We are keeping the raffle tickets the same price as last year (I know, I can't believe it either) so bring \$1.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Remember that 100% goes to your guild. We can't do it without you, so donations are welcomed, used, and well loved. Again, thank you for all the donations and participation. We have the best, most generous, members anywhere! -Deb McCurnin and Bev Renner



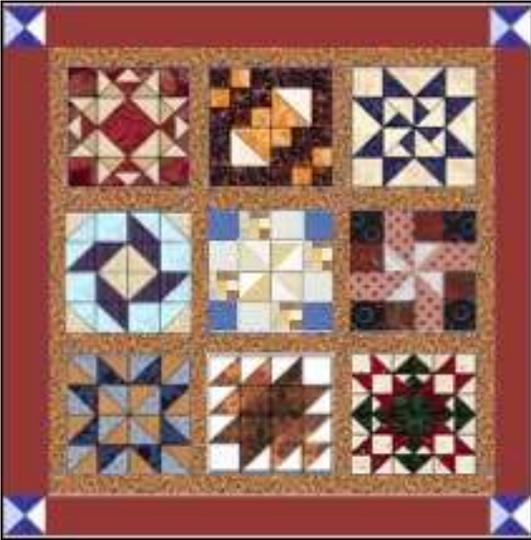
2015 BOM - Frame Shot

Don't forget to bring your 2015 BOM quilt top to the January meeting. No, it doesn't have to be finished-finished (a.k.a., quilted and bound), as long as you have all of the blocks sewn together.

Donna di Natale

There's A Scrappy Lady in the White House

A scrappy sampler quilt made of nine 12-inch blocks. The completed quilt, using suggested sashing and borders, measures 52" square.



It's a presidential election year, and a great time to look back at some of our past Presidents and First Ladies. We'll start our journey on the Road to the White House and finish in November celebrating Christmas in the White House. No matter who wins or loses the election, the 2016 Block of the Month quilt is sure to be a winner.

Fabric and Supplies

Make this quilt from scraps and yardage from your stash. Fabric requirements are given as light, medium and dark rather than certain color choices. The sashing and first border should pull all of the blocks together and frame the quilt. In the example shown I used a medium for the sashing and first border, and a dark for the second border and binding. The yardage given here is an estimate of the quantity needed for the complete quilt as shown.

Lights: 1 yard

Lights2: 1 fat quarter

Mediums: 1 yard

Darks: 1 yard

*Sashing: 1/2 yard

*Border 1: 1 1/2 yards

Border 2: 1 3/4 yards

Binding: 1/2 yard

Backing: 3 yards

Batting: 60" square or Twin size

**If using the same fabric for the sashing and Border 1 you only need 1 1/2 yards total. Cut all strips lengthwise and trim to the required lengths.*

Tips and Tricks

Every block in this quilt includes half-square triangles. For perfect squares, cut the initial squares at least 1/8" larger than specified (e.g. cut a 4" square instead of a 3 7/8" square). When sewing on the drawn diagonal lines, sew about 1-2 threads outside of the line. Cut apart, open, press, and trim to the correct size (e.g., 3 1/2" square).

PROJECT LINUS



Since 1997, we have donated blankets for local hospitals and other organizations that help children in traumatic situations. We comforted 100 children in the first four years. In 2015, we comforted more than five times that many children with a total of 513 blankets. What wonderful hearts Starlight members have!

Let's shoot for 525 this year. Here are some ways we can do this: * If you're short on time, make a single-layer fleece blanket and fringe it along two edges. Sew a patch or a band of fabric on one side to personalize it.

*Get a kit at the meeting. The kit includes the instructions and fabric needed to make a top.

*Sew two pieces of flannel together. Remember to sew around the edge about ½" in.

*Use your orphan blocks to make a scrappy quilt.

Things to remember:

*Smallest useable size: 36" x 36". The best size is 40 x 55-60.

*Make it fun!

*Remember to quilt the top, either by tying or machine quilting. When tying, make the ties between 6"-8" apart.

*When pillowcasing, remember to sew ½" around the edge of the blanket.

*Blankets need to be made from new, clean fabric free of stains, smells, or animal hair.

If time is tight, donate fabric. We always need "boy" fabric yardage.

Lea Robrahn

RETREAT

Sign ups for the Spring Fling Retreat will be open during our January 2016 Guild meeting! We will be returning to Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS from April 29th to May 1st.

([http:// www.cedarcrestlodge.com](http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com))

As a reminder, there will be a limited number of spots due to the smaller work space available at the venue, so be sure to sign up early! Cost will be \$199/person (double occupancy) or \$295/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. Full payment is due by the March Guild meeting. Don't hesitate to contact me at DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM or 913 402 7559 if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS – DONNA DI NATALE**Renew Now**

January is here and it's time to renew your Starlight membership if you haven't already done so. Annual dues are \$25, payable by check, cash or *credit card (new for 2016)*. And of course, new members are welcome at any time.

Newsletter

One of the benefits of membership is the monthly guild newsletter. The newsletter is distributed via email and is posted on the Starlight website (*starlightquilters.com*). Each month, about 25 newsletters are printed and mailed to members who prefer a printed copy, at a cost of about \$1.50 per newsletter. That's \$357.50 per year that the guild has paid out of its general fund. With the increase in paper, printing, postage, and, well let's face – everything, the Board has voted to assess a \$10/year subscription fee for those wanting a printed copy by mail, beginning with the February issue.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by mail, please see the Membership Chair at the January meeting to complete a form and pay the \$10 fee.

Photo Roster

Do you ever see someone at guild and know that you should know their name but can't think of it? It happens to us all, but there is a great solution. The Starlight Photo Roster contains photographs of members along with their contact information. It is a great resource to use all and a way of getting to know other members.

Donna di Natale, Membership Chair

Starlight Quilters Guild Show

Please mark your calendars for October 6, 7, 8, 2016 for our quilt show at the Abdallah Shriners Assembly Hall, 5300 Metcalf Ave, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

MEMBERSHIP –
Donna di Natale

November 2015 Meeting:
Attendance: 75
Guests: 3
New Members: 2

Welcome New Members:
Jan Rice
Mary Wheeler

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

January birthdays are: Karen
Berley, Laura Bogue, Ruthann
Bonin, Sharon Brizendine, Victoria
Foley, Karen Huffman, Sheila
Lynch, Jean Patchen, Christy
Underwood, and Mary Wheeler.

Enjoy your day!

Greeters for January
Your greeters this month
are **Ruthann Bonin and**
Janet Wikle.

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!

OPEN SEW DAYS

February 6, 2016 --- 9:30am - 4:30pm

Johnson County Library - Lackman Branch, 15345 W 87th Street, Lenexa, KS 66219

February 20, 2016 ---10:00am - 4:00pm

Johnson County Library - Blue Valley Branch, 9000 W 151st Street, Overland Park, KS
66221



Check out our web site for additional information on retreats, workshops and more:

<http://www.starlightquilters.com/workshopspatterns>
http://www.starlightquilters.com/quiet_retreats

SQG 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.

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 Karen Huffman or email me at karen7315@gmail.com

Machine Quilting - Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. especiallyquilts@att.net or 913-341-0525

Machine Embroidery - Perfect Stitches Embroidery, Chris Haubein. Custom embroidery for corporate, church, sport or club logo's. Quilt labels, wedding & baby gifts. 913-908-4481, www.psemb.biz

NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6:30 PM - Social

7:00 PM - Meeting

Speaker: **Susan Stevenson**
 "Color Theory"

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Library Books
- A treat if it's your B-Day
- Money for bucket/raffle
- Linus Quilts
- BOM
- Show and Tell

Newsletter Deadline

Articles are due the 9th of the month. Email your article to Jackie Rudolph. All members are invited to submit articles.

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 and give that information to our Membership Chair, Donna di Natale, or mail them to Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201

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