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May 2017

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President's Message – Rosie Brinker



YOU SUGGESTED AND WE LISTENED! Thank you to all our members who have made suggestions on how to improve our meeting space for the betterment of our membership. Margaret Welch, Starlight Vice President, and I spent a recent morning at the church measuring, rearranging tables and chairs, and thinking how we can best serve our membership. Several of our members have special needs and we are trying a slightly different seating arrangement for them, including four special open areas that will accommodate wheelchair seating. Two spots will be left open for wheelchair seating on each side of the room. Please leave these spaces open until our meeting begins. The tables at the back of the room will be pushed against the back wall with chairs at either end for members who are in charge of activities at those tables. The tables at the back of the room will be used for membership, workshop, retreat, bus trips, block of the month, opportunity quilt and the Bucket Babes. This will allow for more room for members to access those tables and leave room for movement of the membership around the hall. As a safety caution, we will not block access to any of the doors at the back of the room. There will be a table (charity) between the conference and treats room for the Linus project (2017 is a celebration of 20 years for Linus project) and also our guild project (this year Meals on Wheels placemats) to be handled. The other table will be the share table. Also we will eliminate the table in front of the kitchen counter and have food items placed on the counter and another table at an angle to the counter. The overall goal is to provide adequate room for movement around our meeting space. Let's keep an open mind about these changes and give it a fair trial over the next few months. There are so many great things about this new location. Focus on them, please. Margaret and I, as well as all board members are open to further suggestions.

All this being said, Tami has informed me they will not be able to set up this month due to other commitments of the building managers, janitor, and pastor. If you would please come right at 6 PM, I will try my best to be there by 6 to set up for this meeting. I won't know until then if they will have afternoon help but it doesn't look good at this point.

Things to remember:

1. The **library** would love to see everyone, around the corner on the piano side. There are still some missing books. No matter how long you've had them please turn them back in. The librarians are preparing a list.
2. If this is your birthday month, please bring a treat to share.
3. Turn your **Project Linus** quilts in. They will be in a more prominent location. Lea has some prizes to share during this 20th Anniversary year.
4. If you can help set up this month, we can use the help **starting at 6 PM.**

Rosie and Margaret

SPEAKER



May 23, 2017

**Deborah Divine: *My Life in Miniature*****Lea Robrahn**

Starlight members have completed a total of 237 blankets. Terrific! If you need help making blankets, check the links at the bottom of the page. In addition, at every meeting, there are kits containing instructions and cut pieces to make tops. We make it as easy as possible.

Please remember:

- The smallest size is 36" x 36" - THIS BLANKET SHOULD ONLY HAVE TWO LAYERS.
- When using fleece as a backing, SKIP THE BATTING. It's too heavy for this area.
- The better sizes are approximately 40" x 50" to 40" x 60".
- All quilting should be approximately 6" to 8" apart.
- If you have animals, either wash or use a masking tape roller to remove pet hair, please.
- Check your blankets carefully for pins, threads or needed repairs.
- Best Choice labels from Price Chopper store brand. These labels are the fundraiser for the labels affixed on every Project Linus blanket.

For additional patterns see the Project Linus:

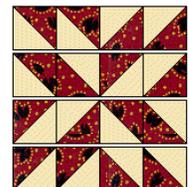
Kansas City Chapter: <http://www.projectlinuskc.org/>

National Organization: <http://projectlinus.org/>

BLOCK EXCHANGE – Janette Sheldon

For the third exchange we made the Classic Blue block from Quilter's Cache. Seven blocks were turned in, and Dana Switzer was the lucky winner.

The pattern for May is again from Quilter's Cache. It's Annie's Choice, which is a finished 12 inch block. If you did not pick up a pattern at our last guild meeting and want to participate, use Kaffe Fassett or something bright like that as your dark, and a contrasting plain or plain reading for the light. Hint - your block will look a lot more appealing if you make sure there's lots of contrast between the light and the dark. If you have any questions drop me an email (granola1000@gmail.com) or give me a call (913-486-5694).





BUCKET BRIGADE

Deb McCurnin and Beverly Renner



Not only do we have the best guild and the best members, we also have the best friends of our members! This month our buckets are full not only from our members but the friends of our quilters that have also contributed to our raffle. A special, special 'thank you' to Toni, Mary and Renee for sharing these wonderful prizes with our guild. Speaking of awesome members, Freda won a raffle prize on the bus trip and she gave that to us for our raffle! Talk about a bunch of very generous people along with the members that are always donating, and those that buy the tickets. Since you have all been so generous, the guild is "giving back". They will pay \$5.00 on a ticket that you buy directly from the guild for the big quilt festival coming up. A five dollar savings is a big deal and it is a big thank you for all the fund raising you all do for the boutique, the quilt show, the buckets, the opportunity quilt.... Thank you for your talent and your extreme generosity. So remember, \$5.00 will get you six tickets (and then more if you buy early) and \$1.00 will buy you a lucky chance too (it only takes one to win). Also, if you are a fan of Quilt Designs by Lori Smith ("From my heart to your hands"), check out our little side table, we have lots of patterns for sale at a great price. Thank you again to everyone for making our fundraising successful and fun. The Bucket Babes.



Library Corner - Connie Passaro and Cheryl Tomson

We love the new book donations. When we already have copies of a book, we pass them on to the bucket crew or save them for the boutique. This month's additions to the library include "Sew Small, 19 little bags" with lots of small gift ideas, "Dealer's Choice" with patchwork quilts named for card games, "Plentiful Possibilities" with a wide range of both patchwork and applique ideas, "Cafe au Lait" paper piecing of a Rocky Road to Kansas by Edie McGinnis, and "Christmas Favorites" with another batch of fun applique by Nancy Halvorsen. We've also welcomed three new inspirational fiction titles: "The Healing Quilt", "The Sewing Circle", and "Stitched Together, Stories for the Quilter's Soul". Remember us when you're doing your spring cleaning/organizing, and be sure to come look at all the library offerings to spark your creative spirit!

QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

Don't forget the 2017 challenge! This year the challenge is this:

- Must be black and white and one bright. Yes, you can use prints as long as they do not include any other color. Yes, you can use a variety of fabrics. Yes, you can use your imagination. In fact, we're counting on it.
- Must not be any larger than 120" around. Can be smaller, but must be large enough to be seen with the naked eye.
- If using embellishments, they must be black, white, the bright, or clear.
- Must be done by the August meeting, cause that's when the voting will take place. No, you do not need to be a registered voter; and no, you don't have to show any identification.
- Must have fun with this.



From your challenged Challenge Committee, **Karen Edwards and Shirley Lewis**

Boutique Donations



Quilty items are starting to trickle in! Lots of cute and different items from last year. This Guild never ceases to amaze me! Please feel free to bring your donations to the guild meetings. I would like to price and organize as the items come in. Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Tina 913-568-2626

Books and Magazines

Your donated books and magazines are very much welcome, but please do not bring them to the Guild meetings. I would prefer you bring to the Shrine Temple on Thursday (afternoon or evening) prior to the Quilt Show starting on Friday. As we get closer to show date, please let me know if this isn't convenient for you.

Tina Darrow

FREE WORKSHOP TO MEMBERS - "MAGIC RAIL FENCE" - Taught by Donna di Natale

Date: Saturday, July 15
 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Open Sew: 12:30 -3:30 p.m.
 Location: Lackman Library
 15645 West 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS
 *There is **no charge** for the workshop, but donations to cover the cost of the pattern will be accepted.

Learn a new technique and make the beautiful quilt that was featured in the Spring 2017 issue of *Fons & Porter's EASY QUILTS*.

The Magic Rail Fence block forms its own sashing and borders, so this easy quilt goes together quickly. You will also learn an additional design using the same Magic Rail Fence block.

A list of supplies and pre-class cutting instructions will be provided upon registration.

Register for this workshop at the May or June guild meeting, or send an email to Donna (dinatale@att.net) to get your name on the list now.



I'm taking an interest poll... An idea has been proposed for a daytrip to Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton Missouri. I've done some research and learned that this year on **Saturday, September 23** the festivities for both the annual Missouri Star Quilt Company Birthday Bash and the annual JC Penney Day will be taking place. An estimated cost for the proposed trip is \$25-\$30 per person and will include roundtrip transportation and bus driver tip only. Since it's only a 1 hour 15 minute drive, there will be no snacks or door prizes. The estimated low cost is based on filling the bus (45 maximum) however. I'm taking a poll to determine if this is something that Starlight guild members might be interested in. Please call or email me if you'd be interested and I will be happy to put your name and contact information on a list. Thank you.

Renee Arnett H 913-262-0908 or rarnett03@gmail.com

I'd Rather Be Stitchin' – Donna di Natale

A series of quick and easy recipes to get you out of the kitchen and back to stitchin'.

This is a delicious treat for mom on her special day. (Makes 12 medium scones)

Cranberry Scones

4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c all-purpose flour

1 T baking powder

$\frac{3}{4}$ t. baking soda

1 cup plus 1 T unsalted butter, softened

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c buttermilk

1 cup dried cranberries

2 t. grated lemon zest



Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

2. In a bowl with an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar together. Add dry ingredients a bit at a time and mix until well incorporated.

3. Slowly stir buttermilk into mixture just until dough forms. Gently stir in cranberries and lemon zest until fruit is evenly distributed.

4. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and gently pat dough into a rectangle measuring about 18" long x 5" wide x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick.

5. Using a sharp knife or pastry wheel, cut rectangle in six (6) 3" squares. Cut each square diagonally once to make 12 triangles. Place on prepared baking sheet.

6. Bake 25-30 minutes or until tops are lightly browned.

7. Let scones cool briefly before serving with butter (and jam if desired).



OPEN SEW DAY

Date: Saturday, June 3

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Lackman Library, 15645 West 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS

Spend the day sewing with friends. We'll have some ideas for boutique items available and some materials for placemats, but feel free to sew anything you wish.

Door Prizes – Carmen Carter

Thanks to CT Publishing, everyone will win a door prize this month. To claim your winning prize, use the attached 25% off coupon to purchase anything on the ctpub.com site. You'll find lot's to choose from, including books on quilting and sewing, notions and gifts. Go in with a friend to get your order up to the free shipping level.

A big 'thank you' to those who have contributed door prizes. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

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THANK YOU SEW MUCH - Renee Arnett



The middle school students (6-8 graders) at St Agnes Catholic School in Roeland Park that were enrolled in the inaugural 5-week sewing class this Spring sent pictures and hand written thank you notes to the Starlight Quilters Guild. These sewing sessions were a new addition this Spring to the school's STREAM Program - Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics. Many guild members donated fabric, sewing supplies, notions and even some sewing machines for them to use!!!! The students were genuinely appreciated of your many donations to make their first sewing project such a huge success. Thank you!

Pictures and the handmade and handwritten thank you cards from the St Agnes Catholic School Sewing STREAM Class will be available at the May & June guild meetings for you to see in person. Here's what their thank you cards said:

"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING US SEW! Thank you so much for the variety of fabrics, needles, threads and sewing machines. The fabrics really brought out our true personalities. We all loved to learn how to sew. It was a little hard to learn at first, but once we got used to it, sewing was very easy. With all of your donations, we were able to make colorful pillowcases....we really had fun! THANK YOU SO MUCH! ♥☐"

"THANK YOU FOR THE SEWING SUPPLIES! We greatly appreciate all of your contributions to our sewing class. We learned that sewing takes attention and precision. We would like to thank you for your generosity. We made a pillowcase. In the future, we would like to make a bag and upcycle clothes."

"THANK YOU! We greatly appreciate all of the fabric and sewing supplies that you so graciously gave to us! We really loved the variety of fabrics you donated; it felt like we were in a store! We learned that in order to succeed in our projects that we must use patience, common sense creativity and love! This project helped us show our creativity in the best way! Without you, none of this would be possible."

Wow! Our individual donations helped these students learn a lot more than just sewing!!!! Just like us, they discovered a sense of community when sewing together. Thank you to all who shared items from their stash to make the sewing classes for these students a success. You've inspired their creative spirit as they made something handmade. That's awesome!



June 15–17, 2017
Overland Park Convention Center



2017 CALENDAR

May 19-21: Retreat at Missouri Star Quilt Co.
Contact Person: Donna Holloway at
913-402-7559

June 3 – Sew Day , 9:30 – 3:30, Lackman
Library, 15645 W. 87th Pkwy, Lenexa

June 17-19: KCRQF, Overland Park
Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd,
Overland Park, Kansas

June 21– Sep 4: Row By Row, Theme: “On
the Go”, and new - Row By Row Junior
rowbyrowexperience.com

July 17 – “Magical Rail Fence “ Workshop by
Donna di Natale at Lackman Library, 9:30 –
12:30, Sew 12:30 – 3:30

September 9-10: “Lost Arts Fair”, Wesport
Historical Society, Looking for Vendors,
Contact: Teddy Weiberg (twiberg@att.net)

September 29–30: SQG Quilt Show, “Sew
Full of Whimsy”, Abdallah Shrine Temple,
5300 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, Kansas

2017 SQG OPPORTUNITY QUILT



Pieced by Shirley Lewis, with help from
Karen Edwards, Beverly McCreary,
Connie Passaro and Sandy Fey.
Quilted by Peggy Skaith.



Do you have a birthday this month?
If you have a birthday this month,
please bring a treat to share.

May birthdays are:

Renee Arnett
Marilyn Carr
Michele Dowdell
Karen Edwards
Christine Foo
Sue Howard
Cyndy O'Rourke
Janet Ruby
Ann Schriver
Amy Senatore
Jackie Stoaks
Lila Taylor
Enjoy your day!

Greeters for May:

Janice McKee

Mary Funk

Food Table Server:

Lila Taylor

If you are unable to attend your month,
please exchange with another person or call:

Opal Yarnell at 913-384-1585

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UPCOMING MONTHS**
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**Mon-Fri: 10a-5p; Sat: 9 am-3
pm**

NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
NEW ADDRESS: 7810 W. 79th St.
Overland Park Lutheran Church
6:30 PM - Social
7:00 PM - Program: **Donna Devine,**
“My Life in Miniatures”

- Nametag
- Block Exchange
- Library Books
- Linus Quilts
- Placemats
- Show and Tell

SQG Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4th Tuesday,
January - October at our new address:

Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W. 79th Street,
Overland Park, Kansas 66204.

The November meeting date is determined each year based on the
Thanksgiving holiday. There is no December meeting.

Newsletter Deadline

Articles are due the 9th of the
month. Email your article to
Jackie Rudolph
(jrudolph019@gmail.com).
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 that information with you to the next guild meeting and give that information to our Membership Chair, Michele Fix, or mail it to **Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201**

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