

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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President's Message by Margaret Welch



Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to 2018 being a fun and eventful year. We have been in our location for a year and the guild has grown over the past year. Our year will start with an Amy Bradley program on January 23rd. Amy will then conduct a workshop the following day. Did you sign up for the workshop?

We have a majority of our board/committee positions filled for 2018. Our biggest gap is someone to lead the quilt show this year. It will be a guild decision, i.e. guild members decision, to have a quilt show this year.

I am looking forward to your suggestions/ideas for our guild. Please feel free to communicate these to me or a member of the board.

Finally a big THANK YOU to Rosie Brinker, 2017 President, who led us through our transition to our new location and successful 2017.

Please also remember to bring Rosie's President's block to our January meeting. It should be a 9 inch finished (9 1/2 inch unfinished) block of your choice in jewel tones. Please remember to sign your block.

Margaret Welch

**The next guild meeting is Tues, Jan 23rd at Overland Park Lutheran Church at 7 PM.
The next board meeting is Tues, Jan 16th at Antioch Library at 6 PM. All members welcome!**



PROJECT LINUS

Lea Robrahn and Mary Honas

Since 1997, Starlight Quilters have donated blankets to Project Linus for local hospitals and other organizations that help children in traumatic situations. We comforted 100 children in the first four years. In 2017, we marked the 20th year of Starlight's participation by donating 489 blankets. Let's donate 500 blankets to Project Linus in 2018.

The goal is for every Starlight member to donate at least 3 complete blankets each year.

To help you, there are free kits that contain instructions and cut fabric to make tops at every meeting. All you need to do is take a kit, piece the top, add a back and quilt as desired. There are free and easy patterns available at the websites below if you prefer to use your own fabric. If you find the Starlight goal unattainable due to life getting in the way, fabric donations are cheerfully accepted. We always need fabric to make the kits.

Some things to remember for Project Linus blankets:

- When using fleece as a back, skip the batting
- Trim all threads
- The smallest useable size is 36" x 36"
- The best sizes are between 40" by 50" and 40" by 60"
- Quilt the top by either tying or machine quilting
- Bring Best Choice labels, the Price Chopper store brand. This activity supplies the Project Linus labels for blankets.
- Harper's next work night is February 6th from 6-8 pm. Call 913-648-2739 to register.
- Mary Honas will collect for Project Linus during meetings in 2018.

For additional patterns see these Project Linus websites:

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

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

Rockin' with Rick Rack

Free Workshop

Saturday, February 24, 2018

9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Lackman Public Library

15245 West 87th Street Parkway (87th & Lackman)

Lenexa, KS 66219



Kick your quilts up a notch with Rick Rack embellishments. We'll learn how to make a floral bouquet using rickrack of varying widths.

Supplies:

- At least one package each of Rick Rack in 3 or more floral colors and 1 or 2 greens in various widths: 1/8", 1/4", and 1/2". These sizes are also referred to as mini or baby, medium, and jumbo.
- Hand sewing needles. These need to be long enough to load several folds of rickrack onto the needle. I prefer Milliners'/Straws or Sharps in a size 1.
- Thread – hand quilting thread or some other strong thread that won't break when pulled on.
- Fabric glue with a small tip. I recommend Crafter's Companion Glue Baste or Aileen's Fabric Fusion.



The Bucket Babes Are Back Better than Ever

Happy New Year! The Bucket Babes are happy, happy, happy! We have a new year and that means a new budget so the Babes have been off shopping for prizes for our fantastic guild members and the fun buckets to go along with the generous donations we receive from you members.

We are going to start the year off with a New Year's Eve bang. We have solids, gadgets, flannels and.....drum roll please..... we have a kit for an 88 x 88 quilt kit. It is the Surfers Point Quilt Kit by Edyta Sitar featuring all batiks (I know, can you believe it?)

So start looking for a few dollars in the couch or in the car seat (we take change) and come buy a ticket or 5. They are all lucky and \$1.00 will get you one ticket and \$5 will get you six....except if you buy early (before the meeting starts), then you get bonus tickets.

I can't wait for all of us to get together again (maybe even huddle to stay warm) and see the great program that is planned for us. See you soon.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Getting Ready for Market by Amy Bradley of Amy Bradley Designs



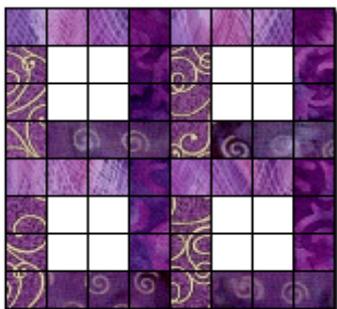
Amy graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in fine arts / graphic design. She started sewing at age 9 and began quilting in the 80's. Amy's inspiration for her first quilt design, Dazzling Dogs, was to create a gift for her husband John's veterinary clinic. She started her business with that quilt pattern in 2002 and has been having a blast ever since.

Amy's daughter, Ashley, joined her in 2003 and they have been working together since then. Amy and Ashley work really hard to bring you fun designs with great instructions. Amy's mother, Dorothy, attends Quilt Market and helps choose colors for every quilt. Amy loves designing whimsical, crazy quilts and is always looking for her next comical character.

ONE WOMAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER ONE'S TREASURE

Have you ever bought a piece of fabric and regretted it? Or constantly buy an extra 1/4 yard of fabric, but never need it? How about a quilt kit you were given as a gift, but it's not your style? Have we got a solution for these problem items taking up room in your craft room!

Bring all your unwanted items such as "audition" blocks, thread, patterns, abandoned UFO's, extra fabric, and issues of quilt and craft magazines you no longer need and donate them to the "share" table. It's the big conference table just inside the doors to your left as you enter the church. Leave them on the table for others to browse, then see if you can spot a treasure for yourself to take home.



PRESIDENT'S GIFT

As is customary each year, we ask each SQG member to make a quilt block to honor the outgoing guild president. Rosie Brinker, outgoing president for 2017, would love to receive from each of you a 9 inch block (9.5 inches unfinished) in any pattern of your choice, made in jewel toned fabric. She also asks that you sign your block somewhere.

I feel sure that Rosie is looking forward to receiving these blocks and putting them together as a special memento of her year as president, and all the wonderful quilters she got to know.

THE LIBRARY CORNER

Cheryl Tomson and Connie Passaro

Happy New Year from your Starlight librarians!

We have SIX new titles to start off your new year of quilting, quite a variety to choose from!



- Collage + Cloth = Quilt by Judi Warren Blaydon
- The ABC's of Words on Quilts by Elizabeth Scott
- Terrific Tees by Roberta DeLuz
- Square Magic Quilts by Michelle J. Linder
- Vivacious Curvy Quilts by Diane S. Hire
- Mi Amor Legacy Appliqué by Margaret Heinisch

Since our speaker this month, Amy Bradley, will be sharing her expertise regarding appliqué, stop by the library to check out one or more of the forty titles we have on this topic.

**Finally, please check around your house for any library books you may have checked out in November (or earlier!) last year. Remember to return them at the January meeting. **

Thank you. Cheryl Tomson and Connie Passaro

QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

Karen Edwards and Shirley Lewis are working on a fun and fabulous challenge for us, and will have the details in our next newsletter. Stay tuned for more information.



FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Janette Sheldon

RED. It's going to be red for January!

November's fat quarters - 48 in all (that's 12 yards of fabric) were won by Diane Phillips. It's sort of interesting she showed up with a large plastic bag to haul them all home. Do you think she knew ahead of time her name was going to be drawn?

So it's red for January. Remember, your name goes into the doggy dish for every fat quarter you bring. See you in January! Janette Sheldon

DON'T FORGET!

Please remember to bring the following with you to the meeting:

- Your name tag (or a quarter for the jar)
- Library Books to return, or books to donate to the library
- A treat, if it's your birthday month to make or buy something
- Your President's quilt block for Rosie Brinker
- Money for the buckets raffle, or items to donate for future raffles
- Project Linus Quilts you've completed
- Best Choice labels from Price Chopper cans to help pay for quilt labels
- One or more fat quarters for the Fat Quarter Exchange
- Show and Tell quilts or other projects you'd like to show everyone
- Donations of fabric, books, UFO's, thread etc. for the share table



REMINDERS ON BASIC INFORMATION

Newsletter Deadline:

Articles are due the 9th of the month. E-mail your article to Michelle Cour at amc7441@gmail.com or call 816.444.2159. All Starlight Quilters Guild members may submit articles for publication in the newsletter.

Meeting Date and Time: Monthly guild meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month, January through October, at Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W 79th Street. The November meeting date is determined each year based on the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no December meeting. Social time begins at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00.

Membership: Membership, new or renewal, is \$25 a year. If you want a hard copy mailed to you, add \$10, otherwise your newsletter will arrive by email. Please be sure to check the membership roster at the greeter's table to make sure your email address and other information are correct, so you won't miss a copy of the newsletter.

Your annual dues bring the newsletter chock-full of information and news of upcoming events, provide a lending library of quilting books available to members, workshops, road trips, retreats, use of the guild's Accuquilt machine, and other benefits too numerous to mention!

Board Meetings: The board of SQG meets quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday of designated months at a Johnson County library, usually the Antioch location. The meetings begins at 6 PM and all members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there sometime!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Michele Fix



2017 was a great year for membership!

Starlight Quilters Guild welcomed 32 new members to our ranks this past year, which brings our member total to 155.

As you probably remember, we made a change to our by-laws last year. Our membership year now runs April 1st through March 31st each year, rather than January 1st through Dec 31st. You still have about 3 more months before it's time to renew, so enjoy the extra bonus months you got this year.

Member dues are just \$25 per year, or \$15 for those ages 12-18. We had one junior member join us this year. If you have kids or grandkids, young cousins, or nieces who are interested in quilting, talk to them about joining, and let's get the next generation of Eleanor Burnses and Amy Bradleys started off right.

And as always, invite your friends and neighbors to come check us out. They're welcome to attend a meeting or two before deciding that what they heard was true - that Starlight truly is the best guild in the KC area, and they'd be foolish not to join.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Opal Yarnell



Do you have a birthday this month?

If so, please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share. If you have a December birthday, bring a treat in the month before or after your birthday, or your half birthday month.

This month's birthdays are:

- Karen Berley
- Susie Blair
- Laura Bogue
- Sharon Brizendine
- Victoria Foley
- Karen Huffman
- Roselyn Laven
- Sheila Lynch
- Linda Maier
- Jean Patchen
- Christy Underwood
- Mary Wheeler

Your greeters this month will be:

- Dana Switzer
- Lois Bozarth

The food table will be supervised by:

- Mary Wheeler

Opal asks that everyone please check the sign-up sheet at the greeters table. There are months where nobody has yet volunteered to help with these positions. Thanks!

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