

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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President's Message By Margaret Welch



Starlight Quilt Guild purchased the AccuQuilt Go! several years ago for use by our membership. The guild also owns several cutting dies for the Go! They are pictured on our website under "AccuQuilt Go". I would encourage you to have a look at what the guild has to offer in the cutting dies. There is a nice selection.

Why use the AccuQuilt Go! for cutting fabric? It provides the ability to accurately cut up to 6 layers of fabric at one time. Is faster than cutting with a rotary cutter. It can decrease hand, arm and back strain. You can cut more intricate shapes such as a car, bird, or flower.

So how do you get access to use the AccuQuilt Go!? This year it will be at the guild sponsored sew days and workshops for members' use. You can come to the sew day/workshop to use the cutter. You do not need to stay at the sew day/workshop if all you want to accomplish is cutting up some fabric. No, we do not allow anyone to check it out and take it home with them. There is a waiver and release of liability form that needs to be completed prior to use because if handled inappropriately a person can suffer an injury. Someone will be available to demonstrate use of the cutter if you have not used it previously.

I encourage guild members to take advantage of this benefit that your guild has provided for our members. It has been infrequently used over the past year and a half. There are YouTube videos available to learn more about the AccuQuilt Go!. Just type in AccuQuilt in your search bar and have some fun.

Margaret Welch

Something Completely Different 2018 Quilt on a Stick Challenge!



The challenge is to make a little gem of a quilt, and put it on a stick. Fun, huh?

The rules are thus:

- Size - No larger than 8" x 9"
- Theme - Your choice - make anything you want.
- Requirements - 2" of the stick must extend from the bottom.
- There must be a vertical sleeve on the back to hold the stick.
- The craft sticks will be provided. See Karen Edwards to get a stick.
- You may decorate the sticks if you want.
- Feel free to embellish the quilt as much as you want, or not at all.
- Due Date - September guild meeting. This gives you lots of time to get those creative juices flowing.

Make it funky, inspirational, humorous, sentimental or any other vibe you'd like to give your entry.



Project Linus

Opal Yarnell - Mary Honas - Lea Robrahn

Starlight quilters turned in 33 quilts in April! The guidelines for making quilts or blankets for Project Linus are:

- The minimum size is 36" x 36" for the Kansas City area. The preferred size that will serve most children is 40" x 60" or crib-sized.
 - The best blanket making fabrics are cotton quilting fabrics, flannel and fleece.
 - Use only one layer of fleece. Two layers are too warm for our area.
 - Leave off ribbons, buttons or anything that could be considered a choking hazard. Anything that can be pulled off by a little one should not be applied to a Project Linus blanket.
- If you have animals, remove the animal hair from the blankets with a masking tape roller.
 - Check and double check your blankets for pins! Then check again, especially in the binding, for accidental pins.
 - No holiday quilts, please.

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. (Make sure batting in on the inside.) Trim corners diagonally, just short of the stitch line. Turn quilt. Press, stitch opening shut. Stitch 1/2" around the edge of the quilt.

Big Block patterns available on the Project Linus table.

Please bring us Best Choice labels, the Price Chopper store brand. This activity helps to supply the Project Linus labels for blankets.

Harper's next work night is June 5, 2018 from 6-8 pm. Call 913-648-2739 to register.

For additional patterns:

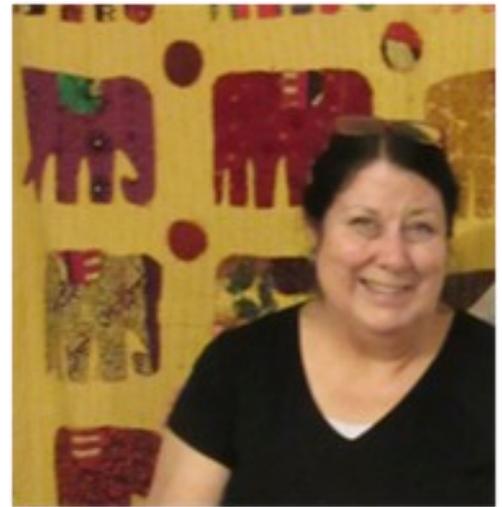
Project Linus: Kansas City Chapter: <http://www.projectlinuskc.org/>

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

May Program: Judy Lyon's Asian Inspiration

The fun adventures of a quilter's missionary life in Thailand: Quilts, unique designs, silk weaving and bags. Judy and her husband spent two years in Thailand. While they were there, Judy got lots of inspiration for new designs and projects and couldn't resist purchasing lots of new quilts and quilted bags.

Come see her quilt patterns inspired by the mosaics of the Grand Palace, Chinese New Year, and visit some markets and weavers.



Fat Quarter Exchange

It never ceases to amaze me how many fat quarters are turned in. This round we had thirty - that's seven and half yards of fabric. Cheryl Tomson was the lucky winner.

She claims April showers bring May flowers so the theme for May will be floral. Remember, you get a chance to win them all with each fat quarter you bring. See you in May.

Janette Sheldon

"A tisket, a tasket, the Babes want you to win a basket."

Yes, Starlight Quilters, it is May. What does May have? May Baskets, of course. This month the Babes are not filling Buckets, but they are filling baskets. Baskets full of fat quarters, gadgets, patterns, books.....and so much more. So, tend to your flowers at home but come back and see us for baskets full of quilter fun. It doesn't take a basket of money to buy a chance. Five dollars will get you 6 chances and one dollar will buy that one lucky ticket (because it just takes one).



If you buy before the meeting you are already lucky, because you get extra tickets. Before you know it, you will be yelling out "that's me" when we call your number! Thank you, not only for buying the tickets, but also for all the wonderful donations. Baskets full of "thank you" to all of you for your generosity, talent, and for just being so much fun!

Treasurer's Report



SQG Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2018

Submitted by Sue Howard

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 18,926.18	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Certificate of Deposit	6,080.02	
Cash Balance		\$ 25,066.20

Income Deposits Reflected in May Financials

Expenses	Admin - banking	19.41	
	Other - Meeting set-up	40.00	
	Programs (Mar and Apr)	1,391.00	
	Retreat	2,190.00	
	Total Expenses		\$ 3,640.41

Ending Checkbook Balance	\$15,285.77	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Certificate of Deposit	6,080.02	
Cash Balance 04/30/18		\$ 21,425.79

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to Mary Funk and Elizabeth Brown who volunteered to be your greeters this month. Nobody signed up to supervise the hospitality table. Please see Opal Yarnell, Hospitality Chair, to see which months she needs your help, then volunteer, won't you?

The following members have a birthday in May, so are asked to please bring a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table for sharing.

Amy Senatore
Ann Shriver
Christine Foo
Connie Highland
Cyndy O'Rourke
Diane Fessler
Jackie Stoaks
Janet Ruby
Karen Edwards
Lea Robrahn
Lila Taylor
Marilyn Carr
Michele Dowdell
Renee Arnett
Sue Howard
Willie McCallum

The Library Corner

Since our speaker this month, Judy Lyon, is presenting a trunk show on Asian inspired quilts, we went looking for books on this topic in the guild library. We discovered we are very lacking in this category. The closest we could find is Taupe Inspirations- Modern Quilts Inspired by the Japanese by Kylie Irvine. We are always looking for new books to add to the library. If anyone has any suggestions for books related to this topic, let us know.

We seem to have quite a number of new members in our guild. If you happen to be just getting started with quilting we do have five titles listed under Technique/ Beginning Quilting.

Did you know there is a complete list of the library's collection on the Starlight website? You can peruse by title, author and subject matter. Also, these same lists are printed out and available for you to look at in the library each month. We hope to see you on the 22nd.

Your Librarians—Cheryl Tomson & Connie Passaro





Starlight Quilters Guild 2018 Quilt Show
Abdallah Shrine Center
5300 Metcalf Ave, Mission, KS 66202
September 28-29. 10:00am – 5:00pm

While plans for A Stitch In Time Quilt Show are still in the works, here's what we are working on:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendors • Improved Vendor Passports • Charity Quilt Sew-In • Guild Challenge Quilts – Quilt on A Stick – On Display | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake Sale • Boutique • Sneak peek at 2019 Opportunity quilt (hiding among the quilts on display) • Door prizes |
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Quilt Entry Categories

* <u>Small/Med Quilts</u> – under 72” on any one side	* <u>Large Quilts</u> – 72” or greater on any one side
* <u>I Did It All Small/Medium</u> – under 72” on any one side, pieced and quilted by one quilter	* <u>I Did It All Large</u> – 72” or greater on any one side, pieced and quilted by one quilter
* <u>Original Concept/Design</u> – Reflects the original creativity of the artist. Traditional design elements may be incorporated, but must be in an innovative way	* <u>Miscellaneous</u> – clothing, totes, etc. * <u>Group Project</u> – quilt(s) completed by a group with a cohesive unifying theme

A few words on I Did It All and Original Concept/Design: Janette Sheldon and I want to give our talented members a forum to highlight their skills. The I Did It All category is for any quilt that was completely made by a single quilter: pieced, either machine or hand quilted, and bound. The Original Concept/Design category allows quilters to tell the world that their work is an original concept rather than created from a pattern or traditional blocks. Quilts in this category can be professionally quilted. If you have any questions about these categories, please contact Kim Cawthon or Janette.

ONE LAST WORD: the boutique will need your help, so be stitching items for the boutique to sell.



KCRQF Quilt Competition

Two quilters from one of the local participating quilt guilds will be honored by having their winning quilts displayed at the 2019 Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival. All entries must be made using the colors in the KCRQF logo and meet certain specific requirements. Be sure to check out our website at <http://www.starlightquilters.com> for more information and a complete set of rules.



Starlight Quilt Show Boutique

It's time to put on our creativity hats and start making those fabulous items for the quilt show boutique. To help you in deciding what to make, here are a few suggestions:

- Kitchen items (microwave bowls, dish towels, potholders, hot pads, place mats and napkins)
- Sewing accessories (pincushions, thread catchers, rotary cutter/ glasses cases], sewing kits etc.
- Zippered bags (including bags with clear side(s) that can be used for air travel), and pillowcases
- Holiday items, including placemats and napkins, kitchen towels, table topper quilts and ornaments, were popular last year.

Check our Facebook page and guild website for ideas and pattern links. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask Peggy Skaith or Donna di Natale.



Project Pincushion

Thank you to all who brought pincushions to the April meeting. Diane was overwhelmed with your donations and how generous our guild is. Since our meeting I've received 32 pincushions from the Blue Valley guild. Can Starlight top this number in May? Project Pincushion continues through 2018 and donations may be brought to guild meetings and/or sew days.



Sew Day/Project Warm Embrace

On May 19th we are having another sew day to celebrate Project Warm Embrace. The location is once again at Lackman Library, 87th Street and Lackman in Lenexa. The hours are 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. You are welcome to come for a few hours or all day. Bring your lunch or dine at one of the many restaurants and fast food places nearby. As before, we will have some kits, fabric and cording available as well as patterns to share, or you may bring your own fabric or projects. We will make both quilts and Dream Bags to donate to the Kansas Department of Children and Families. We hope to see lots of people at this special sew day.

**The next guild meeting is Tuesday, May 22nd
Overland Park Lutheran Church at 7 PM.**



Project Warm Embrace

Co-Chairs, Renee Arnett and Donna di Natale

"Take, if you must, this little bag of dreams, Unloose the cord, and they will wrap you round." - William Butler Yeats This is the quote that SQG member Susan Wagner shared with us when Donna was considering a name for this year's Group Project. Dream Bags for Project Warm

Embrace has had an amazing response from Starlight members. **Since the initial announcement at the February guild meeting, the Starlight Quilters Guild has donated 97 Dream Bags!!!!** That is more fabric bags than they have received in the two years since the Project Warm Embrace initiative came to Johnson County in 2016. Wow!!! OUR GUILD'S CONTRIBUTIONS TRULY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF KANSAS FOSTER CHILDREN. Thank you! Thank you! In addition to the Dream Bags you all have made, **we've also donated 48 quilts (45x60 or larger) to Project Warm Embrace.** Thank you all very much for your kindness!

The 2nd Project Warm Embrace Sew Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 from 9:30am - 4:30pm at the Johnson County Library - Lackman Branch on 87th Street in Lenexa. Stay all day or just for a while. Bring your supplies to make Dream Bags or a quilt!

Did you know FREE toggle locks are available for you to use for the Dream Bags you're making? Stop by the Project Warm Embrace table at the next guild meeting or come to Sew Day. You can find parachute cord at JoAnn's in the jewelry making section for only \$2.99 (that's enough for 5 Dream Bags). Tip: Buy the thinner cord for better results.

We've been in conversation with several community partners to join our guild's efforts to support Project Warm Embrace. We're happy to report two quilter customers (see below) at the Sunflower Embroidery quilt shop in Bonner Springs KS donated 4 quilts and 7 Dream Bags. Owner Rita Shuler expanded her longstanding embroidery business in 2009 to include quilting fabric and supplies, along with longarm machine quilting services. It's a cute little shop, check it out sometime! Be sure to tell them you are members of the Starlight Quilters Guild.

In closing, we'd like to give a shoutout to the members of our guild that are working together to make quilts for Project Warm Embrace. We are aware of 3 quilts that have been made by the efforts of several members who are sharing their time and talents to piece a top, longarm machine quilt it, or add binding. Our hearts are happy as our primary focus with the Project Warm Embrace initiative has been to encourage quilters to work together, get to know each other, and contribute to a worthwhile charity project. You all know who you are....thank you very much!

PS - If you're a new guild member or a guest at our guild meeting, we invite you to learn more about Project Warm Embrace via the Starlight Quilters Guild website. Simply click on the link to the Project Warm Embrace page.



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