



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

November 2018

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Project Linus: Lea Robrahn/Mary Honas/Opal Yarnell  
Project Warm Embrace: Donna Di Natale/Renee Arnett  
Quilt Show  
Co-Chairs: Kim Cawthon/Janette Sheldon  
Boutique: Peggy Skaith/Donna di Natale  
Vendors: Chrysa Zinser  
Publicity: Janice Mc Kee  
Hanging: Susan Tuttle  
Registration: Donna Holloway

### President's Message



This is my last President's Message. It has been a wonderful year for Starlight Quilt Guild and its members. The membership has embraced two Community Service Projects this year. Many quilts have been donated to Project Linus and Project Warm Embrace. Five hundred + dream bags were provided to Project Warm Embrace to support the children in our area.

We hosted a successful quilt show with 112 quilts hung for our quilting community to enjoy. We have had many great speakers this year, and have laughed along with some of those speakers.

We have an exciting 2019 with Edyta Sitar coming in May and Mary Fons in August. Thank you to the Program Chairs for their diligence in pursuing and acquiring these national speakers to present to Starlight Quilt guild. We also have the Kansas City Festival of Quilts to look forward to in June next year.

Thank you to all of the Board members who have supported both me and the membership this year.

Happy Holidays!  
Margaret

### The next SQG guild meeting is

Tues, Nov 27th, 7 PM

OP Lutheran Church

7810 W 79th St.

Overland Park KS



## SQG Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2018

Submitted by Sue Howard

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 16711.01	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Certificate of Deposit	6,083.86	
<b>Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$ 22,854.87</b>

### Income

Bucket Brigade	168.00	
Cash-transfer in- Quilt show	400.00	
Guild quilt show - Deposit refund	550.00	
Guild quilt show - admission	1562.00	
Guild quilt show - Bake sale	438.66	
Guild quilt show - Boutique	1978.75	
Guild Quilt Show - Vendor Fees	65.00	
Membership	50.50	
Opportunity Quilt	492.00	
Project Warm Embrace Donations	400.00	
Retreats	3170.00	
Welcome Table	4.25	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$9,279.16</b>

### Expenses

Furniture and Fixtures	43.60	
Guild Challenge Prizes	15.00	
Guild Quilt Show - Publicity	264.49	
Guild Quilt Show - Sales Tax	276.84	
Guild Quilt Show - 2019 Hall Deposit	550.00	
Newsletter	14.62	
Other expense - Guild Shirts	83.59	
Program	184.88	
Project Linus	25.26	
Retreat - 2019 Deposit	450.00	
Website	131.28	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,039.56</b>

Ending Checkbook Balance	\$23,950.61	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Certificate of Deposit	6083.86	
<b>Cash Balance 10/31/2018</b>		<b>\$30,094.47</b>

## Hospitality Committee

The members listed below have a November birthday, so are asked to please bring either a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table to share.

If you have a December birthday, and haven't brought something in 2018, this is your last chance. There is no December meeting.

Cheryl Dvorak  
Jackie Rudolph  
Kathleen Purduski  
Lisa Souza  
Mary Beth Pace  
Ngoclang Davis  
Peggy Skaith  
Susan Stevenson

Your greeters this month are Lisa Souza and Karla Filo.

Vivian Anderson and Cheryl Diebold will take care of the food tables.

## Fat Quarter Exchange

Deb McCurnin was the lucky winner of the fat quarter exchange at the October meeting. She walked away with 4.25 yards of Christmas fabric.

And what comes next? BATIKS!!!



## November Program Get Re-Excited with Eileen Urbanek



At our November meeting we will have the pleasure of listening to (and laughing with) Eileen Urbanek. She made her first quilt in the summer of 1999 and quickly became a “Quilt Making Maniac” according to her friends. She completed over 500 projects between 1999 and 2010. Then she retired from her full-time job at IBM. She started working for a quilt store, began teaching and became a Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor in 2010. She says she loves taking other people’s patterns and making changes so that it becomes her own design. When she gets a pattern she loves, she becomes prolific. Judy has made over 40 Stack N Whack quilts, and 20 each of String Quilts and Jacob’s Ladder quilts. Judy teaches multi-day classes using the Judy Niemeyer patterns all over the country. Several Starlight members have taken her classes through Quilter’s Station and the Lee’s Summit Guild. I think you are in for a real treat!

### Library Corner

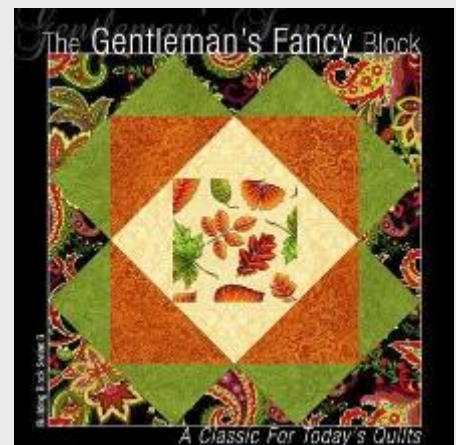
This month we are adding some donated books with variations on specific blocks:

“Snail’s Trail”  
“Gentleman’s Fancy”  
“Jacob’s Ladder”  
“Annie’s Choice”.

Remember that there’s no meeting in December, so you’ll have two months to enjoy what you check out in November!

We have enough money in the budget to order one more book this year and will have a new budgeted amount for adding more books in January. Please let us know of specific books, authors, or topics you’d like us to order. It’s always fun to see something new.

Your librarians,  
Cheryl Tomson & Connie Passaro



### Surprise Donation

**75 Dream Bags for  
Project Warm Embrace  
at the October 29th Sew Day**

Pictured left to right are Donna diNatale, Kay Canning, Renee Arnett, and Susan Thorup (owner of Prairie Point )



## Project Warm Embrace

Co-Chairs: Renee Arnett & Donna diNatale

[http://starlightquilters.com/project\\_warm\\_embrace](http://starlightquilters.com/project_warm_embrace)

**143 quilts, 565 Dream Bags and 18 flannel pillowcases  
have been donated as of October 31, 2018**

*Our November Guild Meeting is the last day to donate 2018 Project Warm Embrace quilts and Dream Bags. Please consider making a Dream Bag or two to help us reach 600. Thank you!*

James Harmon, KC Region Administrator for the Kansas Department of Children & Families (DCF) and our Project Warm Embrace contact, was so very appreciative to attend our October guild meeting and meet many of you in person. *Thank you for your hospitality.* Angela Block, Human Services Assistant at the DCF Office in Overland Park Kansas said that Starlight's 2018 donations have helped to make it the BEST YEAR EVER since the Project Warm Embrace initiative moved into Northeast Kansas in 2016.

During this Thanksgiving Season, we have many individuals to acknowledge since our last newsletter.

### **THANK YOU...**

- ...to ALL the quilters who donated Dream Bags at the October guild meeting. We received a total of 73 Dream Bags and 51 of them were made with orange and yellow fabrics for the fun Dream Bag challenge. Special thank you to Jennie Fowlkes-Culey for donating 23 Dream Bags that night! Congratulations to Pat Wineland as the lucky winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Prairie Point!
- ...to the Prairie Point Fabric & Quilt Shop for donating half the cost of the \$25 gift certificate awarded to the winner of the Dream Bag Challenge!
- ...to Linda Clatterbuck for the many Dream Bag kits she personally donated this year! They contained very cheerful fabrics that will certainly bring smiles to many young children and teens.
- ...to the kindhearted quilters that attended the October 29 Project Warm Embrace Sew Day at Prairie Point. Quilter and Prairie Point customer, Kay Canning, surprised us with her donation of another 75 Dream Bags!!!! Five happy quilters learned how to make a Dream Bag and were proud of their accomplishments. Special thank you to Susan Thorpe, owner of Prairie Point Quilt & Fabric Shop for hosting a Project Warm Embrace Sew Day. More sew days will be scheduled in 2019.

**A Very Special Thank You** to some community members and friends of Renee Arnett who collectively donated \$400 toward the purchase of batting for machine quilting Project Warm Embrace quilts in 2019. They are Ron & Pam Blake, Mark & Paige Robinson and Johnnie & Jane Taul. Stay tuned for more details about machine quilting of your 2019 Project Warm Embrace quilt tops...







## Project Linus

Co-chairs:  
Opal Yarnell  
Mary Honas  
Lea Robrahn

### Guidelines:

- ◆ 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 animal hair from the blanket 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.

Thank you generous Starlight members who have donated 256 quilts in 2018,

Thank you also to Starlight members who have donated fabric and quilts during Harper's work night.

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 December 4, 2018 from 6-8 pm. Call 913-648-2739 to register.

Starting January 8, 2019, the new time change will be 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

For additional patterns:

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

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



# Incoming Officers and Committee Chairs

The following are the nominated 2019 officers . Be ready to vote at the November meeting:

President - Janette Sheldon  
Vice-President - Jean Turvey  
(Past President - Margaret Welch)  
Secretary - Janet Wikle  
Treasurer - She Howard  
Assistant Treasurer - Chris Haubein



The following are the committee chairs for 2019:

Accuquilt Manager - Cheryl Tomson  
Community Service Committee. - Connie Passaro (guild project), Mary Honas (Project Linus), Renee Arnett and Donna DiNatale (Project Warm Embrace)  
Door Prizes - Pam Lanza and Cindy O'Rourke  
Exchanges - Victoria Foley  
Fat Quarters - Jan Ketchum  
Fund Raising - Deb McCurnin and Beverly Renner  
Guild Challenge - Donna DiNatale  
Historian -  
Hospitality - Opal Yarnell  
Humor - Mary Funk and Shirley Lewis  
KCRQF Rep. - Kim Cawthon, alternate - Janette Sheldon  
Library - Cheryl Tomson and Christine Foo  
Membership - Michele Fix  
Newsletter - Michelle Cour  
Opportunity Quilt for 2020 -  
Progams - Mary Honas and Janette Luehring  
Quilt Show - Shirley Lewis, Connie Passaro, Sandy Fey, Beverly McCreery and Karen Edwards  
Retreats - Donna Holloway  
Show & Tell Ribbons - Mary Funk  
Website – Pam Avara  
Workshops - Jenne Fowlkes-Culey and Donna DiNatale

**We are in need of a historian. Also, before the year gets too far down the road, someone(s) needs to make a commitment on construction of the 2020 opportunity quilt.**

## SQG Retreat 2018

A great time was had by all those who attended the 2018 quilt retreat held once again at Unity Village. We've already booked the space for next year, so if you weren't able to join us, watch for the announcements for next fall. Pictured are just a few of the many sewers who enjoyed time for food, fun and friendship. Thanks to Donna Holloway for organizing.



## Merry Christmas from the Santa Babies

Our last meeting of the year and the Bucket Babes are planning on going out with a Bucket Bang! You won't be calling them the Bucket Babes, it will be the Santa Babies for this meeting. So come and celebrate "Festivus for the Best of Us" (thank you Jerry Seinfeld).

You will certainly be more surprised than a kid on Christmas morning for what the Santa Babies have under the tree. So bring your cheer and get some tickets and we will prove to you that holidays are not just for kids because the Starlight Quilters are never on the naughty list....well maybe a few....but it is time for all of us to celebrate the great year we have had.



## News from the Community Services Committee

Renee Arnett, Donna diNatale and Mary Honas, co-chairs



At the October guild meeting members voted from a selection of local organizations that support and encourage the art of sewing and/or quilting as prospective recipients for the annual \$250 charitable donation from the Starlight Quilters Guild. The 2018 recipient is Rightfully Sewn. They provide seamstress training to at-risk women. [info@rightfullysewn.org](mailto:info@rightfullysewn.org) Jennifer Lapka, Founder and President of Rightfully Sewn, will attend our November guild meeting for the formal presentation.

The organization with the second most votes was Stitching Change, our 2019 recipient. They will be invited to attend our February 2019 guild meeting for the formal presentation. Thank you everyone for your votes!

## Opportunity Quilt Winner

Colleen Haley, recipient of the 2018 Opportunity Quilt, was attending her first quilt show with her mother and purchased the winning ticket on the way into the show. When I notified her the next morning, she answered her phone at work and started cheering. She was so excited!

I invited her to the November meeting so the guild could present the quilt to her. She said she couldn't wait that long. So we made arrangements for delivery to her home that evening after her work. She knew exactly where she was going to display the quilt. She immediately put the quilt on her bed where it looks great. She allowed me to take pictures and share with the guild. I invited Colleen and her Mother to visit the guild but it doesn't fit their schedules.

The 2018 Opportunity Quilt is going to be loved and used.





## Some of our SQG Quilt Show Winners!



Above - Lois Bozarth, Below - Janette Sheldon and Marilyn Carr  
On the right top to bottom - Pam Avara, Mary Honas and Pam Avara







Above - Sue Howard, Below - Shirley Lewis  
On the right, top to bottom - Sue Howard, Lois Bozarth  
and Sue Howard



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