



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

February 2019

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Guild Project: Connie Passaro
Project Linus: Lea Robrahn/Mary Honas/Opal Yarnell
Project Warm Embrace: Donna Di Natale/Renee Arnett

Quilt Show
Shirley Lewis, Connie Passaro, Beverly McCreery
and Karen Edwards

President's Message February 2019



It's funny how one month blends into another - can't tell January from February. They are both miserable. And that's the good news for us quilters. We don't have to make excuses to stay home and sew, sew, sew. I keep hoping if I keep on working, perhaps I'll see a dent in the stash. I know, dream on.

So last month we were iced out. Hope that doesn't happen again. As you could probably tell by all the announcements I posted, there really is a lot going on. Read through this newsletter and you will see. Guild challenge, guild project, guild exchange, charity stuff, retreat, upcoming festival with our guild's obligations, and don't forget, a quilt show this fall.

Hope you all are intending to participate in something this year. I think there's really something for everyone. See you all at the February meeting, I hope.

Janette Sheldon

Guild Shirt Pick-up

The embroidered denim shirts that were ordered will be available for pick-up. Shirts will be available after 6:30 pm, during the break, and after the meeting, in the back corner near the buckets. You must pick up your shirt - a friend cannot do that for you.

You will need to sign that you picked up your shirt, so please be patient. If you won't be at the February meeting, you can get your shirt at the March meeting. If you have questions, see me at the meeting or contact me via email @ janet.in.kc@gmail.com. Janet Wikle



SQG Treasurer's Report

January 31, 2019

Submitted by Sue Howard

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$17742.64	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,087.99	
	Cash Balance		\$ 23890.63
Income	Meeting cancelled, no deposits	0.00	
	Total Income		\$0.00
Expenses	Guild Shirts	3458.31	
	Newsletter	76.76	
	Post Office Box Rental	120.00	
	Total Expenses		\$3655.07
	Ending Checkbook Balance	14087.57	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6087.99	
	Cash Balance 1/31/2019		\$20235.56

Hospitality Committee

The guild members listed below have either a January or February birthday. Please bring a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table to share with others.



Karen Berley
 Laura Bogue
 Elizabeth Brown
 Carol Cleary
 Victoria Foley
 Karen Huffman
 Sheila Lynch
 Malinda Mc Guire
 Jean Patchen
 Shannon Rangel
 Cheryl Tomson
 Christy Underwood
 Elaine Welsh

Fat Quarter Exchange

Sorry we were unable to meet in January, but that gave everyone more time to find their black and white fat quarters for this months exchange. One lucky quilter will win all the fat quarters. Don't forget, you get a ticket for each fat quarter you bring in.



Thank you all so very much for the cards and prayers throughout my recent illness. They mean so much. I am doing much better. God bless you all. Jan Ketchum

2019 Membership renewal will start in March!

At the March meeting, I will have envelopes with your information on it. Review your information and make corrections. Place payment in the envelope.

Dues are \$25 a year. If you would like to receive the newsletter in the mail, please add an additional \$10 for printing and postage.

Thanks, Michele Fix

Your greeters this month are Carol Cleary and Sue Sharpe. No one signed up to assist at the food table this month. We still need greeters and food table supervisors for some of the meetings. There is a sign up sheet to volunteer to help with these activities located at the greeting table as you enter the room. Thank you!

**The next SQG guild meeting is Tues, February 26th, 7 PM
Overland Park Lutheran Church 7810 W 79th St. Overland Park KS**

February Program - Quintessential Small Quilts

By Kim Melton

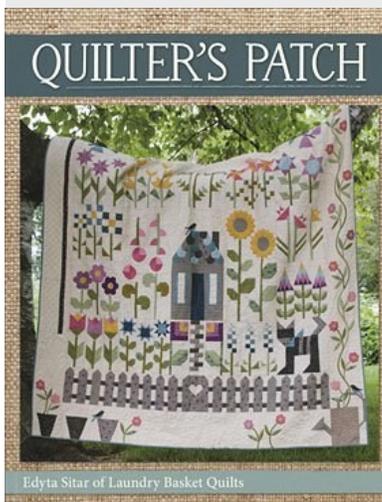
Kim Melton has worked at Harper's Fabrics & Quilts since 1989. Those of us who work with her and have trusted her with our machines believe that Kim is the world's best sewing machine technician. She has the Blue and Gold certification from Husqvarna Viking, the highest certification possible.

In addition to fixing machines Kim loves sewing. Her passion is small quilts using Jo Morton's designs and patterns. Her knowledge of sewing small quilts inspires the members of the Bits & Pieces Group at Harper's, formerly known as Jo's Little Women Club. Her talk, "Quintessential Small Quilts" is sure to inspire us as well.



February Library Corner

We've added more new books to get us through this crazy winter weather! "The Big Book of Lap Quilts" has 51 patterns, many just perfect for Project Linus or Warm Embrace quilts. "Winterlude" is shown in reds and greens, but the patterns would look fantastic in blues or other colors. "Easy Stack Quilts" and "One-Block Wonders of the World" are different plays on kaleidoscope quilts. We've added two more of Edyta Sitar's books, "Quilter's Patch" and "Patches of Scraps", in preparation for her speaking to our group in May.



We're updating our checkout procedures to keep better track of books. Books will be checked out for one month at a time, but can be renewed by coming to the library to update the card. Members will be asked to pay for replacement of books that they have lost. We have an extensive library and want to be sure it is available to all our members. Please be sure to come find something to spur your creativity.

We are happy to announce that Pam Jenkins is joining us on the library committee to further assist you.

Your Librarians, Cheryl Tomson, Christine Foo, and Pam Jenkins

Win Some Sweet Treats from the Bucket Babes

It is February and the Bucket Babes will not "go breakin your heart". We were super sad that January weather ruined our last month's Guild meeting (but so glad that everyone stayed in). So this month is going to be so awesome you won't believe it! We have a fantastic kit (over \$200 value), fantastic fat quarter bundle, an antique quilt top, books, patterns and even a wonderful little pouch with a paper pieced heart on it and a wonderful surprise (or maybe even two) enclosed...no peeking.



So don't spend all of your money on conversation hearts for Valentine's Day. Come back and have conversation with the Babes and take a chance on our best buckets ever. It's a new year but the price is still the same, \$5.00 for six tickets or \$1.00 for one and if you get there early there are bonus tickets for you. We have happy hearts because we are all members of the Starlight Quilt Guild. ...the most loving and generous quilt group ever!

2019 Starlight Quilters Guild Challenge

You will have lots of time to work on this challenge, as it's not due until the September 2019 meeting.

I'm hoping many of you will accept the challenge and come up with something both creative and meaningful to you. I look forward to hearing all the stories about your entries.

Donna Di

2019 Starlight Quilters Guild Challenge **ROUND & FOUND** By Donna di Natale

The 2019 Guild Challenge will be curvy-ficious. The quilt must be round. The pieces inside the circle can be anything. You decide what goes inside your circle. You may add points or curves to the outer edge, but the basic shape must be **ROUND**.

And you must include something that you have **FOUND**.

What's that, you ask? Anything. It could be a special fabric you found.

Or a rock that you found in your shoe.

A treasure you found when you were a kid.

Or a piece of ribbon that means a lot to you.

Whatever it is, just include it in your round quilt.

Here are details:

- ✓ The outer edge must be round.
- ✓ Minimum diameter is 12"
- ✓ Maximum diameter is 24"
- ✓ It must be a quilt, i.e., it must have a top, a back, and some kind of batting in between, and the layers must all be stitched or tied together.
- ✓ It must include a found object.

The challenge will end with the September meeting. Challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on by members attending the meeting. You are encouraged to enter your challenge quilt in the Starlight Quilt Show.

Questions?

Donna di Natale
dinatale@att.net
913-541-0283



Spring SQG Retreat

Cedar Crest Lodge

Pleasanton KS

Spring Retreat sign ups have been on a hot streak this past month, despite the sub zero weather. There are a few spots left, so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join us! We will be retreating at Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS March 29, 30, and 31st, 2019. (<http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com>).

Cost will be \$209/person (double occupancy) or \$329/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 February Guild meeting.

Don't hesitate to contact me at DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM or 913 433 6752 if you have any questions.



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 279 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 March 5, 2019, 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/>

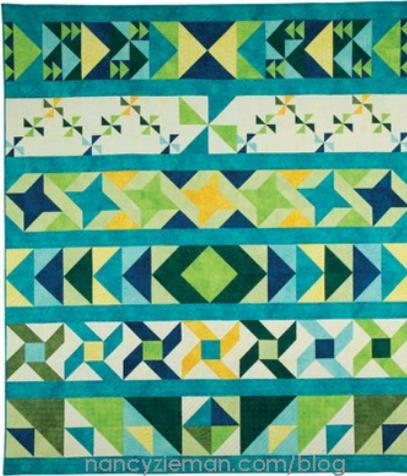
Guild Community Project 2019

I hope some members have been inspired to work on Fidget Quilts for the residents of Garden Terrace. If not, there is plenty of time left. There are instructions, tutorials and inspiration all over the internet. If you don't have access, I will be bringing samples and be available to answer questions at our guild meeting on Tuesday, February 26th. Also, I will be at the sew day at the Lackman Library on Saturday, February 23rd. I can provide some fabric scraps, notions and various little "doo-dads" to attach. I'm also taking donations of such items. This is a fun and easily do-able project. So get your creative juices flowing!



Connie Passaro

Guild Exchange Project for 2019 Chaired by Victoria Foley



Two rules -

1. Do your best work.
2. Be on time.

You have two choices. Either you can make a row or you can make a block. The row exchange will have additional rows placed in your box, and with a block, borders will be added. In both instances you will receive back that with which you started, plus the additions.

Rows. Make a row of your choice. It can be any length you would like but no longer than 60 inches. It can be any height you would like, from small to larger, but no more than 12 inches. Each person in the exchange will make a row to go with yours, again any height. No rows will be sewn together. That will be for you to do when you get it all back.

You may send fabric and/or specific requests as you would like, or nothing at all.

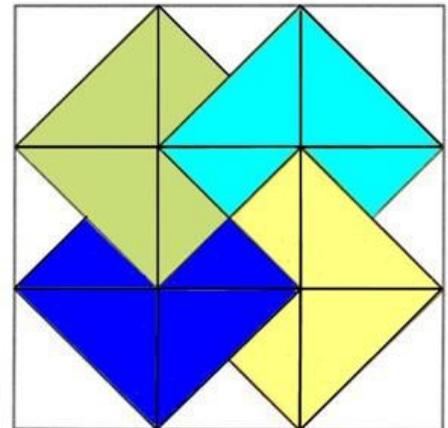
OR

Blocks. The total size of your beginning block can be any size, but please no more than 20 by 20, as your finished quilt will end up pretty big. Again you can send fabric and instructions to the degree you want. Each person who receives your block will add a border. When it's passed through all the participants you will get your block back with the borders attached.

You can participate by signing up at the February guild meeting or contacting Victoria Foley, at victoriafoley@att.net or 913 544 33097. Your row or block is to be delivered at the guild meeting in March. It will be passed to the next person every month until it's made the rounds.

Put your project in a container with any instructions/fabric. Be sure your name and contact information is clearly marked. If the participating number is high, we will split into more than one group. In March you will be given that information and also the order in which we will be making our exchanges.

Victoria Foley



OPEN SEW DAY



Saturday, February 23 Lackman Library 15345 W 87th Street Pkwy, Lenexa
9:00 am to 4:00 pm Info: dinatale@att.net or 913-541-0283

If you own a Featherweight, bring it. If you are interested in why Featherweights are so desired, come learn. Connie Passaro will explain and demonstrate this year's Guild Challenge – Fidget Quilts.



Project Warm Embrace

CoChairs, Renee Arnett & Donna diNatale

http://starlightquilters.com/project_warm_embrace

For the sake of NEW members and any visitors, Project Warm Embrace is a Kansas initiative to make quilts (45x60 or larger for youth and teens) and Dream Bags for children in foster care living in Northeast Kansas communities. Check out the Project Warm Embrace page on the Starlight Quilters Guild website for all the details.

The Starlight Quilters Guild will continue to support Project Warm Embrace in 2019 as a community service project, making quilts and Dream Bags for Kansas children in foster care. Through a generous donation, we have purchased batting and recruited several machine quilter volunteers to machine quilt about 40-50 quilts for Project Warm Embrace! A fun Project Warm Embrace Challenge called **TAKE IT MAKE IT** was announced at the November 2018 guild meeting. *It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!*

- (1) **TAKE** one of the two FREE Villa Rosa patterns (easy enough for beginner quilters) at the February guild meeting.
- (2) **MAKE** a quilt for Project Warm Embrace.
- (3) Turn in your pieced quilt top at the March guild meeting, along with backing fabric (measuring 8' larger than quilt top), to have it machine quilted.

After the February guild meeting, we will open up the challenge to non-members so we can make full use of the donated resources we received for Project Warm Embrace.

An anonymous quilter has generously donated 1000 toggle locks for Dream Bags!!! Stop by the Project Warm Embrace table and grab a handful to make some Dream Bags*. Let us know if you know of any non-members or sewing groups who would like to make Dream Bags for Project Warm Embrace. We are happy to share these toggle locks with others!

*Dream Bag pattern is available on the SQG Project Warm Embrace webpage.

Community Services Committee UPDATE

Co-Chairs: Mary Honas, Donna diNatale and Renee Arnett

At our October 2018 guild meeting, SQG members voted and selected Stitching Change as the 2019 recipient for the Starlight Quilters Guild's annual charitable donation of \$250 to a community organization that supports and celebrates the art of sewing and/or quilting. Stitching Change is a grassroots project to help refugee women empower themselves to create a sustainable income from their handmade crafts. They provide classes, a supportive community, transportation and assistance in finding markets for the handmade crafts made by refugee women. Currently, all of the work within Stitching Change is done by volunteers.

Stitching Change Founder, Rakmi Shaiza, will be our guest at the February guild meeting for the presentation of our donation of \$250. Here's a portion of Rakmi's personal statement on the Stitching Change website, "I founded Stitching Change not only to help empower refugee women but also to be part of the change that we want to see happening in our community. I strongly believe that when women are empowered and creative, the community life becomes stronger and healthier. Our women not only learn about sewing and other skills but together we are learning how to take care of one another and extend our care to the larger global community. **We are Stitching Change one person at a time.**"

Feel free to introduce yourself to Rakmi at our February meeting and learn firsthand about Stitching Change and their volunteer opportunities. Visit their website to learn more: <http://www.stitchingchange.com/>



Things are really heating up with KCRQF. You have been able to register for classes. At the February and March meetings, you will be able to order Festival tickets, commemorative items, such as pins, messenger bags and T-Shirts. The best way, the least expensive way, the most profitable way for the Festival, for you to order items is through the Guilds, so look for order forms. You will need to pay by check.

Most importantly at this time, Starlight needs to put together our Guild's quilts. We will have 18 walls at the festival. Rules and entry forms for Guild Quilts are on the website, listed as Guild Showcase rules and entry form.

More information will be coming soon, but all selections and the layout for our 18 walls needs to be completed by our March meeting. As we did for the 2017 Festival, we will be setting up a meeting place and have you take the quilts you want to enter so the Registration Committee can make the final determination of how many and select the quilts we will hang. Pam Avara will have more information on this but go now, select your quilts, print out the entry form and get them, along with 2 pictures of each quilt to her as soon as possible.

At February's meeting, you should also look for committee sign up sheets. We will need approximately 12 people to work with quilt check-in on June 11 and return on June 15. We will also need machine ambassadors. There is no new information on how machine ambassadors will work, but we will likely need ambassadors Jun 12-15, possibly covering 3-4 classes morning, afternoon and evening.

Advertisements

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting by Karen - Let me help you finish all those tops! Low pricing, full Long Arm services – all over designs or custom quilting 913-638-4625 **Karen Huffman** or email me at karen7315@gmail.com

Machine Quilting - Machine Quilting, all styles of quilting from simple hand-guided designs to custom creations; Guild members: I will piece your backing at no extra charge!
EspeciallyQuilts@att.net, or 913-341-0525 **Peggy Skaith**

Amy Senatore's quilt shop, **City's Edge**, classes and more. <http://www.citysedgestudio.com>
616 W. Main Street Warsaw, MO 65355 Mon-Fri: 10a-5p; Sat: 9 am-3 pm

Donna's Singer Service - Does your Featherweight need a good cleaning and oiling? Or is it not sewing like it should? Let me clean and service your machine for you. I service Singer models 15, 99, 221, 222, and 301. Reasonable fees and timely service. **Donna di Natale**, dinatale@att.net

Custom Machine Embroidery - quilt labels, towels, gifts, T-shirts, logos etc. Fast turnaround time on orders. **Judy Brennan** 913-451-8997 or by email at jbrennan2@kc.rr.com

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