



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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March 2019

Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and Committees:

President: Janette Sheldon

Vice-President: Jean Turvey

Past President: Margaret Welch

Secretary: Janet Wikle

Treasurer: Sue Howard/ Asst: Chris Haubein

Accuquilt Manager: Cheryl Tomson

Door Prizes: Pam Lanza/Cyndy O'Rourke

Exchanges: Victoria Foley

Fat Quarters: Jan Ketchum

Fundraising/Raffle: Deb McCurnin /Beverly Renner

Guild Challenge: Donna Di Natale

Historian: position open

Hospitality: Opal Yarnell

Humor Presentation: Mary Funk/Shirley Lewis

KCRQF Representative: Kim Cawthon

Librarians: Cheryl Tomson/Christine Foo/Pam Jenkins

Membership: Michele Fix

Newsletter: Michelle Cour

Opportunity Quilt: position open

Opportunity Quilt Tickets: position open

Program Chair: Mary Honas/Jeanette Luehring

Retreats: Donna Holloway

Show and Tell Ribbons: Mary Funk

Website: Pam Avara

Workshops: Jeanne Fowles-Culley/Donna di Natale

Community Services Projects:

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 March 2019



By the time you read this, perhaps it will seem like a bad dream. This winter has definitely extended beyond my ability to think enthusiastically about snow being winter moisture! But as that may be, it's given us all an opportunity to do what we love most - play with the fabrics in our stashes and plan something fantastic. I've come to realize I have a lot of fabric I simply don't like anymore. Have you? If I started today trying to use it all up in either Linus or Warm Embrace quilts, I'd still be slaving away ten years from now. Has anyone ever given thought to a great big swap meet? No cash exchanged, just fabric. But what if we all wanted to unload the unwanted stuff and that's all there was.... Something to ponder. See you all at guild and if this is something you have contemplated as well, give me a shout. We could do it in May at our regular guild meeting time.

Janette

March 16th – Short Sew Day

Please join us Saturday, March 16th from 1:30 to 5:00 in the large meeting room at the Oak Park Library. SQG members will want to do something "quilty" for National Quilting Day! We realize three and a half hours is rather short to encourage transporting and setting up a machine, so consider coming by to do some hand work, cutting, grabbing supplies for the Fidget Quilts, get inspiration and/or just socialize. The Accuquilt machine and Project Linus Quilt kits will be available, plus Fidget Quilt supplies and demos. Please come and bring a friend to celebrate National Quilting Day!

All SQG memberships expire 3/31. Bring cash or a check to renew at the meeting, please.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ***

PLEASE READ *** CHANGE OF DATE & LOCATION

May SQG Meeting will be on Monday, May 20th

Starlight is partnering with Blue Valley Quilt Guild to present a trunk show and workshop by Edyta Sitar. The trunk show will be on **Monday**, May 20th, at the **Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center**, 8788 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66212.

The trunk show is free to Starlight and Blue Valley members, but you must register due to limited space. Each guild is allowed 150 attendees. Member registration begins March 26th at the guild meeting, and closes April 30th. If you belong to both guilds, please register only once. Remaining seats after April 30th will be offered to the public at \$10 each.

Edyta Sitar Workshop "Winter Village"

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

11100 College Blvd. Overland Park, KS

- ◆ \$80 fee includes workshop fee and kit of fabric required for class
- ◆ Please bring a nonperishable food item for the church's food pantry.
- ◆ Members must register for the workshop at the March guild meeting. No exceptions.
- ◆ Payment due at time of registration - NO REFUNDS
- ◆ If you are unable to attend, you must find someone to take your place. A wait list will be available.

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

What to bring to the class:

Tools

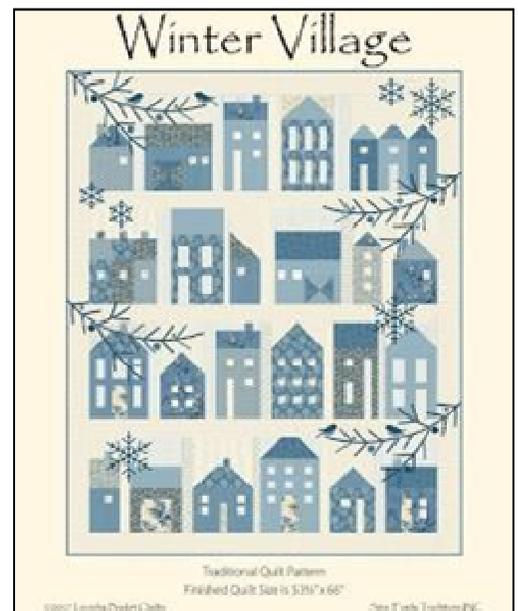
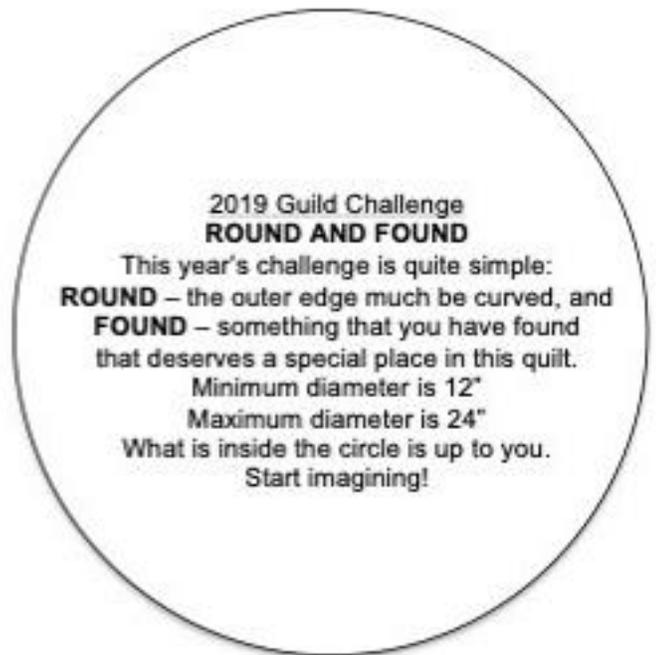
- Rotary cutter and mat - two will be available; bring your own if possible
- Acrylic ruler - For making straight cuts with a rotary cutter
- Quilter's pencil or other marking tool
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Sewing thread – Cotton sewing thread.
- Pins

Fabrics

All required fabrics / patterns / templates for the class will be included in Workshop Fabric Kit.

Other

Sack lunch and a Smile!





There is so much going on with KCRQF, that you may be having problems keeping up. Here are some of the high points but read the Front Lines News Letter for full information.

Volunteers Needed from our Guild

- Registration: Data proofing, tag printing, check in on Tuesday and quilt pick up on Friday. Sign up sheets were posted at the February meeting. Look for them again at the March Meeting
- Machine Ambassadors. Class rooms will use Pfaff, Janome, Baby Lock, Bernina and Brother machines. I understand training will be in early June. Sign up sheet will be posted at the March meeting
- White Glovers: each guild must provide white gloves. On line sign up will start March 1st. Shifts will be very short, possibly even one hour. You need a ticket to work as a white glover.
- Opportunity Quilt booth: each guild will have a booth from which to show their opportunity quilt and pass out information about their guild.

Tickets are still available for Preview night.	There will be two Ricky Tims’ concerts and tickets are available for both evenings.
Anyone who volunteers as a white glover gets their name in a drawing for a Pfaff Passport 2.0.	Additional Festival merchandise will be sold from a Festival Booth just inside the vendor area.
Viewer’s Choice voting ends Friday Night, so best to plan to attend early if you want to vote.	There will be a special collection of Jo Morton quilts on display.
Over 100 QUILTING RELATED Vendors. No jewelry cleaners, just the stuff we love.	Book a time slot to have your favorite quilt appraised. Available on line soon.

Things you need to do

- ◆ Get your quilt entry forms to Pam Avara as soon as possible. pamela@avaraarts.com to find out from her the best way to submit 3 copies of the entry form and 3 pictures of your quilts
- ◆ Go to the Starlight Quilters Guild website for entry form and rules – like the 4 inch sleeve
- ◆ Turn in your mini auction quilt by the March meeting
- ◆ Order your tickets and KCRQF merchandise by the March Meeting. Make checks payable to **Starlight Quilters Guild**. A three-day admissions pass is \$25 dollars!



Messenger Bag
 \$6.00 - 16”x15”x5” plenty of pockets, adjustable strap, can be used cross body

Festival Pin
 \$5.00
 1.5 “ wide

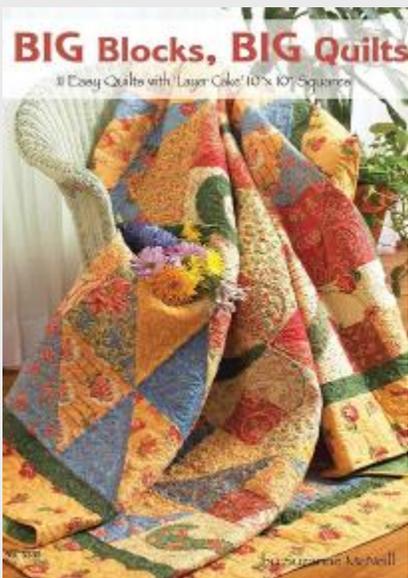


March Program - "Quilting Vintage!" by Kelly Cline from Lawrence, KS.



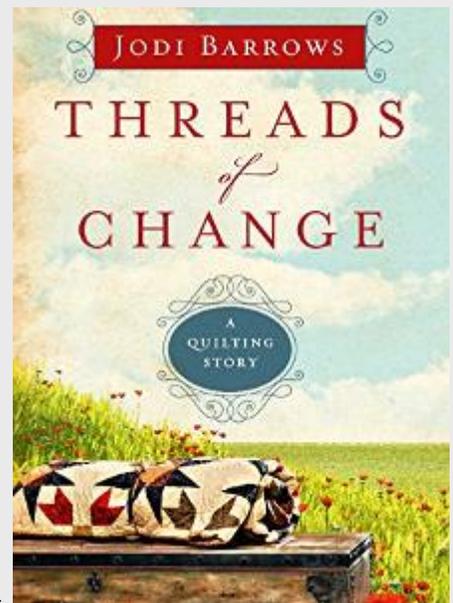
Kelly shares, "I love all things family, friends and fabric, but especially anything that can be quilted on a long arm. My passion is turning ordinary antique linens and quilts into heirloom pieces, completely on a long arm machine.

I'll have show and tell and talk about this wonderful twist on quilting that connects our past and present." For more inspiration, look up Kelly Cline, Quilt Artist, on Facebook. Here's an example of her work.



February Library Corner

Spring is coming--I hope--so let the sunny days to come energize your quilting. New books we've added this month include Missouri Star "Baby Blocks", "Big Blocks, Big Quilts" by Susanne McNeill for using Layer Cakes, "Flip Your Way to Fabulous Quilts" by Donna Thomas, and the novel "Threads of Change". If you're doing spring cleaning and find some quilt books you'd like to donate and share, feel free to bring them to the library. Remember the new policy for checkouts--either return the book at the next meeting or come let



us know you still have it so we can check it out to you for an additional month. Happy Quilting!
Your Librarians, Cheryl Tomson, Christine Foo, and Pam Jenkins

Win a Bucket if you have the Luck of the Irish!

Oh my gosh, was the February meeting electric or what? You could tell that all of the Starlight Quilters were happy to see each other! Didn't the pile of quilts for Project Warm Embrace make you want to just cover up and snuggle? How about all of those items on the table for Fidget Quilts? The Starlight Quilters will have those Senior Citizens "Fidgeting" with happiness. The denim shirts are such wonderful quality and I love the embroidered logo. We will be the most glamorous quilters at the Regional Quilt Festival!



So what could be better? Buckets, Buckets, Buckets (and two more buckets). It wasn't even March yet and we had some REALLY lucky winners of those awesome buckets! What? You didn't win? No worries, the March meeting is on the way and the Luck of the Irish is with us all. So, come visit the Bucket Babes with that pot of gold you found, because they would love to sell you 6 tickets for \$5.00 or even one for a dollar. It's March and we don't need to be Irish to know how lucky we are as members of the Starlight Quilters Guild!



Project Warm Embrace

Co-Chairs, Renee Arnett & Donna diNatale

http://starlightquilters.com/project_warm_embrace

**Thank you for donating 32 quilts & 24 Dream Bags!
They've been delivered to the Overland Park DCF Office!**

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 in Kansas.

Your quilts for the Project Warm Embrace Challenge **TAKE IT MAKE IT** are due on or before the April 23rd guild meeting. Each donated quilt made with one of the two Villa Rosa patterns provided is eligible to be entered in a drawing to WIN a quilting treat! The winner will be announced at the May guild meeting!

Stop by the Project Warm Embrace table and grab a handful of toggle locks and parachute cord 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 toggle locks with others!

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



Help Celebrate the Holiday

Please Join us at the Sew Day discussed on page one of this newsletter for some fun and creative sewing. We have lots going on to help those in need of quilts, dream bags or fidget quilts. If you have your own projects to complete, that's okay too, just do something quilty to celebrate the holiday.

Prefer to sew at home? Work on the quilt you're making for the KCRQF. Make items for the Boutique or a quilt for our SQG quilt show. Perhaps you have quilting books or magazines to go through for possible library donations. Got quilt patterns, extra fabric or some orphan blocks taking up space? Consider bringing them to donate to the share table so others can do something with them. Thanks!

SQG Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2019

Submitted by Sue Howard



	Beginning Checkbook Balance	14,087.57	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,089.63	
	Cash Balance		\$20,237.20
Income	Bucket Brigade	187.00	
	Retreat	2,419.00	
	Stop Pay - PO Box	120.00	
	Welcome Table	3.25	
	Total Income		\$2,729.25
Expenses	Bank Charges - Stop Payment	30.00	
	Bucket Brigade	309.28	
	Charitable Donation	250.00	
	Community Service Project-PWE	34.72	
	Hospitality	9.37	
	Library	124.42	
	Newsletter	6.58	
	Meeting set-up/clean-up	80.00	
	PO Box rental	134.00	
	Program	200.00	
	Rent	225.00	
	Total Expenses		\$1,403.70
	Ending Checkbook Balance	15,413.45	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6089.63	
	Cash Balance 2/28/2019		\$21,563.08

Hospitality Committee



The guild members listed below have a March birthday. Please bring a sweet or savory dish for the hospitality table to share with all.

Becky Larma
Charlya Cooley
Dolores Boring
Jennie Fowlkes-Culey
Laura Jan Davidson
Margaret Welch
Myrna Smith
Nancy Buzzell
Pam Lanza
Rosemary Watrak
Vivian Anderson

Your greeters this month are Marsha Reeves and Margaret Welch.

Fat Quarter Exchange

March fat quarters will be GREEN
Bring the prettiest you have seen
Will it be bright, neon or pastel?
Mint, Army or money - who can tell?
Lime, primary, stripes or dots
Quilters can make them all look "hot"
Green, green, green or green
Bring the prettiest you have seen. Jan Ketchum



The winner of last month's black and white fat quarters was Karen Edwards.

Missing Item: Anyone know the whereabouts of a white plastic hanging jewelry organizer with clear zippered pockets? It contained a variety of buttons, a few charms and "lobster claws" to attach charms to zippers on Fidget quilts. It went missing at the February meeting. If found, please return it to either the Fidget Quilt table or Connie Passaro. Thanks!

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



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 more 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 quilts.
- ◆ Thank you also to Starlight members who have donated fabric and quilts during Harper's work night
- ◆ Please bring us Best Choice labels from Price Chopper. This activity helps supply the labels for blankets.
- ◆ Harper's next work night is April 2, 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/>



Fidget Quilt Update - March

A big THANK YOU to all the generous members who brought items for the Fidget Quilts! We have plenty of notions and the members that came by the table generally did not take fabric or batting. Most commented that they had plenty at home. So please hold off for now on buttons, ribbon, and fabric. The two items we are short on are VELCRO and COLORFUL ZIPPERS (under 12" long). If you've made a Fidget Quilt (or more!) since the last Guild meeting, please bring it and drop it off on the project's table or hand it off to Connie Passaro.



Reminder: Anything you add to a Fidget Quilt needs to be able to be laundered in a regular washing machine. General size is around 20" x 25", a little more or less. Doesn't have to be exact.

Questions or Comments? Email me at cfromkc@gmail.com or call 913-710-4265



Guild Exchange Project

Have you ever heard of a round robin? It means passing something around from one person to the next, giving participants a chance to sew something on another person's quilt. You'll receive back that with which you started, plus additions.



Our guild has decided to sponsor a round robin exchange. Each member chooses a quilt based on either a center block with borders, or a row by row design. Each month you'd add a border or make a row for someone's quilt, then bring it to guild and pass it on for the next person to work on. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow members and have a new quilt. There's still time to sign up. Use the sign-up sheet found at the back of the room or contact me - victoriafoley@att.net or 913 544 3097.

Rows can be any length you like but no longer than 60 inches; any height, but no more than 12 inches. Each person makes a row to go with yours. No rows will be sewn together, that's for you to do when you get it all back. You may send fabric and/or specific requests if you choose.

Blocks The size of your beginning block can be up to but no larger than 20" by 20" or the finished quilt will be quite large. Again you can send fabric and instructions if you want. Each person adds a border, and you get your original block back with all the borders attached.

Your row or block is to be delivered at the guild meeting. It will be passed to the next person every month until it has made the rounds. Put your project in a container with any instructions/fabric. Be sure your name and contact information is clearly marked.

Getting Emails?

Starlight sends emails at least twice a month to members, once about the 15th with links to the SQG and KCRQF newsletters, and right before each meeting, with timely reminders.

If you aren't getting them, we either have your email address wrong or your internet provider thinks they're spam and they don't get through. Put our email address for these blasts **amc7441@gmail.com** into your contact list to prevent messages going to your spam folder.

When renewing your SQG membership this month, please check the information we have on file for any errors or missing information. Michele Fix will have it all ready for you to double check. Thanks

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 **Karen Huffman** 913-638-4625 or karen7315@gmail.com

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

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 it. 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

C & S Creations - Custom wood working projects. Let us help with your sewing/hobby room needs. Custom workstations, Featherweight cabinets, ruler holders, scissor racks. **Cheryl and Scott Diebold** 913/677-0838