



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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### Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and Committees:

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Workshops: Lois Bozarth

Community Services Projects: position open  
Guild Project: position open  
Project Linus: Mary Honas

Quilt Show: Lois Bozarth & Dana Switzer

### President's Message JANUARY 2020



Happy New Year! Are you thinking about new quilting projects for this year? Here's something else to think about, as you start a new year: why do you quilt? Do you really need a "why"?

Is it the tradition and a link to your past? Is it the fabric? The color? Is it the shopping for fabric? (OK, that could be it...) Everybody's answer will be different. I quilt because I am a "maker", as personality profilers say. I am also a nurturer – a caregiver – and covering my family, friends, and sometimes strangers with a warm quilt fulfills that need in my soul.

Quilters are also artists. Do you draw and paint? Sculpt? Cook? Write? Scrapbook? Are you a musician? A home decorator? A gardener? Whatever you create, it must make you happy – and that's all that matters. It's a bonus when it makes somebody else happy.

So why do you quilt? Let's assume that color has something has to do with it. Each month I will share some information about a specific color - its history and meaning and how that color is produced. I hope you will find these "Scraps of Color" interesting.

#### January's Scrap of Color

As we begin to celebrate our 40th year as a guild, this month's color is RED. Red is a favorite color of many people and the most popular color used on flags worldwide. Red has both positive and negative connotations (love, warmth, compassion blood, fire) and is created from a natural earth pigment form of iron oxide known as "ochre". Iron oxide produces several colors, one of which is yellow ochre, although hematite-rich yellow ochre is actually red. Both the yellow and red

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**The next SQG guild meeting is Tuesday, February 25th, 7 PM  
Overland Park Lutheran Church 7810 W 79th St. Overland Park KS**

ochres were used by prehistoric humans in cave paintings 300,000 years ago. Red has certainly been around a long time! (So why can't I trust it in my washing machine...?)

Best wishes to all of you for a creative, happy, and peaceful year. Thank you for allowing me to be president of your guild for 2020, our ruby anniversary year. You are all "gems" in my world. I will do my best to serve you.

Jean Turvey

### Hospitality Committee

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

- Laura Bogue
- Victoria Foley
- Karen Huffman
- Rita Leek
- Sheila Lynch
- Shannon Rangel
- Mary Wheeler

Greeters for January are Carol Cleary and Sue Sharpe.

### December Birthdays Members Choice!!!

Chose any month out of the year to bring a treat. Your choice!!!

## HELP WANTED

We need help to set up and tear the down our room at the Lutheran Church on our meeting nights. We do pay for this service, the current rate is \$50 per meeting.

Jean and her husband will be at the church on our next meeting night of the 28th at 5pm and can show what all the job entails.

Please contact Jean Turvey at (816) 437-9417 or email her at [jean.turvey@yahoo.com](mailto:jean.turvey@yahoo.com).

<b>STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD</b>		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>December 31, 2019</b>		
Beginning checkbook balance	\$ 22,831.00	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Certificate of Deposit	6,105,76	
<b>Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$28,996.76</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Abdullah Rent Deposit	550.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$550.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Other expenses—set-up	80.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	57.30	
Retreats	235.00	
Oppportunity Quilt	17.22	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$389.52</b>
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$16,665.24
Petty Cash		\$60.00
Certificate of Deposit		\$6,107.52
<b>Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$22,832,76</b>
<b>December 21, 2019</b>		

**You know you are a quilter if...**

*You have more fabric in your home than food.*

**"FAT QUARTERS" are not used in chicken recipes.**

*You leave your ironing board up all the time, but you never iron clothes.*

**YOU PET FABRIC**

**People are always picking threads off your clothes.**

*You are able to measure a 1/4" without a ruler.*

*"Featherweight" has nothing to do with boxing.*

**UFO's are not from outer space.**

YOUR "STASH" CANNOT BE FLUSHED DOWN A TOILET DURING A POLICE RAID.  
[www.wishuponaquilt.com](http://www.wishuponaquilt.com)

## SPRING RETREAT



On April 3-5, 2020 we will be returning to Laura and Matt's wonderful hospitality at Cedar Crest Lodge in Pleasanton, KS for our Spring 2020 Quilting retreat. For those that have not joined one of our retreats - think of it as a 3 day Sew In with someone else making you delicious meals.

There is great fellowship and inspiration; plus it is a wonderful opportunity to really get to know others in the guild. As a reminder, due to the size of the workspace, there will be a limited number of spots, so be sure to sign up early!

Cost will be \$215/person (double occupancy) or \$335/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 to work on all your projects.

Full payment is due by the March Guild meeting. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Donna Holloway

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or call 913 433 6752

**For more information about our retreat venue  
visit [http:// www.cedarcrestlodge.com](http://www.cedarcrestlodge.com).**

## FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

November's fat quarter winner was Marsha Rheems. Congratulations!!! For January Marsha chose BLUE. Enter your name for each fat quarter you bring and you may win lots of yards of fabric if your name is drawn. Yeah!!! Jan Ketchum



## Starlight Opportunity Quilt Winner



The Starlight 2019 Opportunity Quilt drawing was held at our November meeting. While the opportunity tickets were plentiful (see Bucket O' Tickets below), only one person could win!

Congratulations to **Brenda Davidson!!!** Brenda was not present to win but when she was given the quilt later, she was so thrilled she was almost in tears! She said "Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!".



**Bucket O' Tickets**



## Let's Sew!!!

### Project Linus

Tuesday, February 4th  
6pm - 8pm  
Harpers Fabric Shop  
7918 Santa Fe Dr.  
Overland Park, KS 66204  
Call 913-648-2739 to register.  
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### Open Sew Day

February 22nd  
10am - 5pm  
Shawnee Library  
13811 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, KS 66216  
Contact: [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net)  
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### Spring 2020 RETREAT

Cedar Crest Lodge - Pleasanton, KS  
April 3, 4, 5  
Contact Donna Holloway  
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### A Gem of a Quilt Show

September 25th & 26th  
Lenexa Community Center  
13420 Oak St, Lenexa, KS 66215  
Contact Lois Bozarth or Dana Switzer

## JANUARY PROGRAM



Jenifer Dick is a local quilter who has written six quilt books and had her work published in other books and magazines. Her trunk show is titled "Nine-Patch Revolution". She will be showing 20 innovative quilts reinterpreting the nine-patch block. These quilts are ideal for beginners but also appeal to more experienced quilters. Come hear Jenifer's practical hints and tips so you can start your own revolution!

Janette Luehring and Janet Wikle



## UFO CHALLENGE

Is one of your New Year Resolution to finish up some lingering quilts in your sewing space? Well, I have a challenge for you!

Make a list of your quilting UFOs which were started prior to August 1st, 2019 and turn the list in to Pam Avara at the January meeting... or email it to her at [pamela@avaraarts.com](mailto:pamela@avaraarts.com). Then starting finishing those projects! Once you finish a UFO on your list, bring it to the next guild meeting, show it off and you'll get your name entered into a drawing for a prize at the September 2020 meeting.

There's no limit on the # of UFOs you can list - or finish!

So, take stock of your UFOs, list them out with the approximate start date and start let's rid our sewing areas of UFOs! Pam Avara



## A SNEAK PEEK - THE 2020 RUBY RED QUILT CHALLENGE

Size: must be 24" or greater on all sides, but less than 36" on any side.

The Easy Requirement: The quilt must have a significant Ruby Red presence. Whether Great or Small, it must be something you notice in your first glance.



Now, the HARD part - the quilt must be made using at least two of the following quilting techniques.

Paper or English paper pieced	Applique	Beadwork
Embroidery	Twilling	Fabric Painting
Hand Died Fabric	Trapunto	Hand Quilting
Prairie Points or Scalloped Edges	Ribbon Work	Yoyo's

If you would like to use a technique not mentioned above, let me know and we can decide if it should be added to the list. Kim Cawthon

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## JANUARY BASKETS

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It's 2020 and we can see clearly now! The Starlight Quilters are ready to start the year off with a bang. Speakers, workshops, retreats, challenges, shows, new projects, UFO finishes, and BUCKETS. LOTS AND LOTS OF BUCKETS. The Babes have been shopping, sorting and planning over this break and they cannot wait to surprise you with nothing short of AWESOME. You will look at the buckets and say "what, only a dollar a ticket and I can even get 6 for five dollars....have the babes gone mad?". Really, I know you are going to say that, really. Of course if you get back to the buckets before the meeting starts you get a few extra tickets for just being faster than a Featherweight. So come back and see the Babes, visit for a while and take a look at all the treasures in our buckets. Can't wait to see everyone and start 2020 off right. Happy New Year, New Fabrics, New Projects and Happy New Buckets!



The Bucket Babes

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## FIDGET PROJECT UPDATE

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**At Starlight's final meeting, November 19, 2019, a total of sixty-four Fidget Quilts were presented to Kathryn Oliver, Activities Director, for residents of Garden Terrace in Overland Park, Kansas!**



Garden Terrace is an Alzheimer's and dementia care center. The making of the Fidget Quilts was the Group Project for the guild the last year. Kathryn thanked the guild on behalf of Garden Terrace, saying the little quilts would be well used to keep hands busy and minds calmed and distracted from anxieties.

A big thank you to the all members who donated fabric and supplies, attended the workshops and made Fidget Quilts in support of the project! Also, thank you to all who donated laundry bags so the quilts can be protected while being laundered. Connie Passaro

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## PROJECT LINUS

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The best blanket size for Project Linus measures between 40"x40" up to 40"x50". Most kits offered by Starlight and Harper's address this need. Remember, we provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets. Our blankets from Starlight and Harper's work night are checked, repaired, labeled, then bagged each month. They are taken by another Project Linus volunteer to Children's Mercy Hospital South, St Joseph Medical Center, Johnson County Department of Children & Family, the University of Kansas Hospital and the Kansas City police department. These are great charities and we always need more!!! Mary Honas, chair.

**Project ♥ Linus**



**Help with the need!!! Next Project Linus sew day is February 4th, 2020 from 6pm - 8pm at Harpers Fabric Shop, 7918 Santa Fe Drive in Overland Park. Please call 913-648-2739 to register. Space is limited.**

- Big Block patterns are available on the Project Linus table.
- **Please save and bring Best Choice labels, the Price Chopper store brand.** These labels help to supply the Project Linus labels for blankets.
- See the Starlight Website for a full list of Linus guidelines: [www.starlightquilters.com/project\\_linus](http://www.starlightquilters.com/project_linus).
- A copy of Project Linus guidelines is also available at the Project Linus table at our monthly meeting.

## PROJECT WARM EMBRACE

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*Project Warm Embrace is a Kansas initiative to make quilts a (45x60 or larger for youth and teens) and Dream Bags for children in foster care living in Kansas.*

Co-Chairs, Renee Arnett & Donna di Natale

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

Project Warm Embrace is a Kansas initiative (since 2008) for making larger quilts given to youth/teens in foster care in NE Kansas as well as fabric corded Dream Bags for them to use in lieu of trash bags. Northeast Kansas counties included are Atchison, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte.

The Starlight Quilters Guild's webpage for Project Warm Embrace has been updated with current information for quilters who wish to continue to individually donate now that Starlight's 2-year commitment has ended: [http://www.starlightquilters.com/project\\_warm\\_embrace](http://www.starlightquilters.com/project_warm_embrace)

At the 2nd annual Project Warm Embrace celebration at the Overland Park DCF Office on December 5, 2019, it was announced that a total of **754 quilts were donated in 2019 to Project Warm Embrace plus an assortment of over 500 Dream Bags, corded backpacks, nylon backpacks and simple knot Japanese bags. Included were the 223 quilts and 237 Dream Bags donated by the Starlight Quilters Guild! That's SO awesome!**

All of these items will be distributed to foster children in the 5 counties in NE Kansas served by DCF - Atchison, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth & Wyandotte. Johnson County alone has 576 foster children!

Special thanks to all the Starlight & community quilters who lovingly made and donated quilts & Dream Bags in 2019 for Kansas foster children. Thank you for supporting Starlight Quilters Guild's community service efforts with Project Warm Embrace since 2018.

Questions? Contact Renee Arnett [rarnett03@gmail.com](mailto:rarnett03@gmail.com) or Donna di Natale [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net)

Pictured at right (left to right): Dee Gound (Mission Sewing at Village Presbyterian Church), James Harmon (Project Warm Embrace DCF contact), Angela Block (Overland Park DCF Office contact), and Renee Arnett (Starlight Quilters Guild)

Renee Arnett & Donna di Natale, Co-chairs, Project Warm Embrace 2018 & 2019



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616 W. Main Street Warsaw, MO 65355  
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