



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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June

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Guild Project: position open
Project Linus: Mary Honas

Quilt Show: Lois Bozarth & Dana Switzer

President's Message JUNE 2020



It's hot. Summer heat and humidity have landed on us squarely with both feet. I've taken the winter quilt off my bed and turned off the furnace. The gardens beckon and so time for quilting is more precious. Luckily, my quilting room is in in our cool basement, so quilting easily wins out over pulling dandelions!

Our church venue is closed to outside groups until at least August. We have 87 guild members accessing our Facebook chat group, which represents over half our guild membership. The program chairpersons are working on alternative ways to have guild "meetings" and I am grateful to them for their time and energy. Meanwhile, your board members are meeting via Zoom on June 18 to discuss the fall quilt show. Stay tuned.

This month our Color Snapshot will look at purple, particularly for all you purple lovers. I was raised in a KU home with both parents employed by KU. Purple was not allowed in our home. Not kidding! Ancient people derived purple from mollusks (snail mucus; I won't go into that). The dye was extremely costly to produce and so historically was only available to the wealthy and royalty. The phrase "born in the purple" actually refers to a person born into royalty but don't bring that up in Lawrence. I'm just sayin'! Purple did not become more commonly used until 1856, after a chemist discovered how to make purple dye synthetically while trying to find a cure for malaria. Purple is now associated with hope and support for several social issues and diseases, including Alzheimer's Disease, domestic violence, and cancer generally.

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The church continues to be unavailable for our meetings for June and July. Our June meeting and program will be held via Zoom! Watch your email for details. We are working to figure out July.

As I write this article, I am sadly listening to and reflecting on the stories of threatened and oppressed citizens in our community and cities around the nation. Our country has a long way to go to address longstanding racial injustices in this country. I pray for peaceful solutions and leadership with enough wisdom and vision to overcome past prejudices and help us become a country of "liberty and justice for all".

The pandemic has made it more challenging to connect with others, but it is more important now than ever. Wash your hands, wear your mask, but by all means, reach out. Be safe, be kind, be quilting.

As always, I hope to see you soon.

Jean

Smoothed Over...

I hear some people are starting to feel stressed in lockdown!

Actually I was just talking about this with my sewing machine, and she seemed to agree. But when I asked the elastic, it just snapped back! I think it was stretched to its limit.

So I tried to talk to the cotton, but it shrank away.

The linen was in a bunch.

The scissors were snippy.

Even the stuffing was down.

When I came around to ask the buttons, they just gaped.

The snaps suggested I get a grip.

Thankfully, the iron gave it to me straight and reminded me this will all be smoothed over soon!

Anonymous



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD			
Treasurer's Report			
May 31, 2020			
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$13,819.82	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,112.35	
Cash Balance			\$19,992.17
Income			
	Total Income	\$ -	
Expenses			
	Total Expenses	\$ -	
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$13,819.82	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	6,112.61	
Cash Balance May 31, 2020			\$ 19,992.43
Submitted by Vivian Anderson			

* Note: renewals had just been announced about the same time as the cut off date of this report. Renewal funds had not yet been turned over to the treasurer to be part of this report.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Starlight Quilters Guild Membership webpage has all the online membership information with links you can click to take you directly to the membership form and Paypal payment link.

Starlight Quilters Guild Website
<http://www.starlightquilters.com/> then click
Membership Info/Committee Info/By-Laws

Direct link to the webpage:
http://www.starlightquilters.com/membership_infocommittee_infoby-laws

Our membership drive for 2020 continues! Above are the links that can be used to renew online. New members can join at any time using the same form to instantly become a member.

Our membership year is from April 1 through March 31. Our membership dues for 2020 are \$35 per year. As part of the membership, PDF newsletters are emailed to members January thru November and are always available on the Starlight website. There is an additional \$13 surcharge per year for a paper newsletter mailed to you via the US Post Office (\$48 total per year). This charge covers the cost of paper and mailing.

There are three ways to pay membership dues. Please let Michele know which method you plan to use when you fill out the online membership form.

1. Cash – please pay the Membership Chair at the next Guild meeting.
2. Check – mail a check direct to the Membership Chair (address below).
3. PayPal – direct link to pay (you must have a PayPal account).

<https://www.paypal.me/starlightquilters>

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ACQUILT GO! UPDATE

The Accuquilt Go! cutter and dies are available for your use while you are staying at home. Just contact Cheryl Tomson to arrange safe social distance pickup at her home in Lenexa. Contact her at cherylltomson@gmail.com or 913-991-8523.

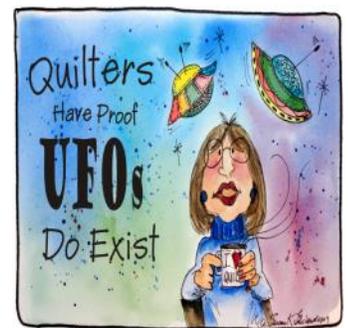
PS Note from the Newsletter: I have shared Go! dies with a friend during this lockdown and they can be wiped down with a Clorox wipe just fine. A list of dies that is available to borrow is on the Starlight website at http://www.starlightquilters.com/accuquilt_info.



UFO CHALLENGE

The UFO Challenge continues on-line in our new Starlight Quilters Guild Chat on Facebook. Post a picture of your completed UFO and tell me if its on your list. I'll leave a comment saying I've checked it off the list so you know I've done so. This month 6 challenge UFOs were finished by Renee Arnett, Laurie Martin and Cheryl Tomson.

That brings us to 42 of the 242 challenge UFOs completed. If you have any questions about this challenge please reach out to Pam Avara via email pamela@avaraarts.com.



QUILT SHOW



Fellow quilters, it is probably no surprise that the board has voted to postpone our show until the fall of 2021. While this is disappointing to all of us, it seems to be the best decision under today's unique circumstances.

The good news is we have plenty of time to prepare for a spectacular show in 2021. The committee plans to move forward with the same theme: A Gem of a Quilt Show celebrating our 40th anniversary. We will provide updates as we pin down a date and venue, line up vendors and reach out to you, our members, to fill those important volunteer slots.

So keep quilting. We should have a plethora of amazing quilts to display when the time comes.

Your Quilt Show Chairs Lois Bozarth & Dana Switzer

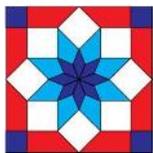
QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Hello stitchers! The quilt show may be postponed, but making items for the boutique continues on! Hopefully those of you who have been staying at home have had time to take on a boutique project or two. I have some cute coffee mugs that need custom coasters, and some pin cushions going. One more thing – I'm kind of obsessed with fish so I'm planning to make some fish-shaped pot holders!

If you are searching the internet for ideas here are some key words: Pinterest, repurposed, vintage, denim, baby, wearable, scrappy, patriotic, garden, lake, camping, zip bag, hand puppet. You may want to set a timer (wink, wink!). Stay healthy everyone!

Peggy Skaith, EspeciallyQuilts @ att.net 913-341-0525

STARLIGHT QUILT STUDY GROUP



This year has been crazy, to say the least. We have not had any additional history meetings because of COVID-19, that and the fact that the libraries have all been closed. Libraries are just now starting to re-open but I don't have any plans to re-start our history group right now until we know about the safety of group meetings. We will announce any changes about when and where in the newsletter.

Donna di Natale

WHILE IN QUARANTINE

Are you making masks? Or caps or gowns?

Or perhaps I should say, have you been making masks? I haven't been counting but I can come pretty close. If you've also made gowns or head covers, let's participate in a fun Facebook survey to see how Starlight is supporting the community during the pandemic.

You can join in the survey by commenting in our Starlight Facebook Chat titled "Are You Making Masks? Caps? Or Gowns?". The post will go up the same day the newsletter goes out in email. Donna di Natale



Let's Sew!!!

With the COVID-19 situation, cancellations, venues, dates and times are all subject to change.

Starlight Quilters Guild

A Gem of a Quilt Show

Coming Fall 2021

Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak St, Lenexa, KS 66215

Contact Lois Bozarth or
Dana Switzer
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Fall 2020 Day Retreat

Fabric Chic Sewing Lounge
170 English Landing Dr, Suite 111
Parkville, MO 64152

October 30th - November 1st
Contact Donna Holloway
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Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival

June 17 to 19, 2021
Thur Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm
Overland Park Convention Center
6000 College Boulevard
Overland Park, Kansas 66211
<https://kcrqf.com/>

STARLIGHT FALL RETREAT

After giving it a lot of thought, plans for our Fall Retreat have been changed. **The Fall Retreat at Lake Doniphen has been moved to Oct 29-31, 2021; be sure to mark your calendars.** Hopefully we will all be more comfortable with an overnight retreat by then.

But all is not lost... knowing that we have all missed each other and that many have been looking forward to a retreat this Fall, I have secured a Day Retreat at Fabric Chic's Sewing Lounge (Parkville, MO) on Oct 30 - Nov 1, 2020. The Lounge has a separate room/entrance next door to Fabric Chic and has it's own kitchen and bathroom!

We will have 3 full days (8am - 8pm) of sewing, with your own personal sewing space that you can leave set up for the duration of the retreat. Some meals will be provided, but there will not be any overnight accommodations.

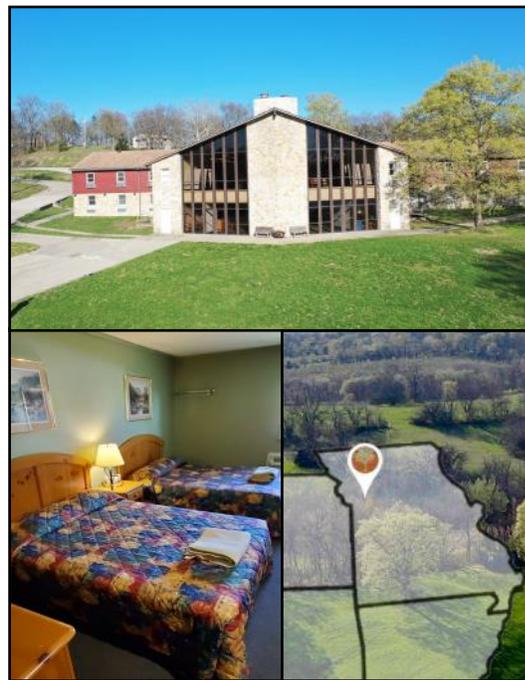
The space allows for up to 22 quilters, but we might need to reduce the number of spots depending on what local regulations allow in October. Final pricing will be dependent on the final number of participants (more quilters = lower price); minimum price will be \$50, maximum should not exceed \$110.

There are several great shops within walking distance. Fabric Chic is right at retreat then Peddlers Wagon (but not affiliated with the retreat) is just down the street.

I will be taking signups via snail mail - please send me a check made out to Starlight Quilters Guild for \$50 to hold your spot. It will be first come-first serve if interest exceeds the final allowed capacity. Final payment (TBD, based on final headcount) will be due by September 15th.

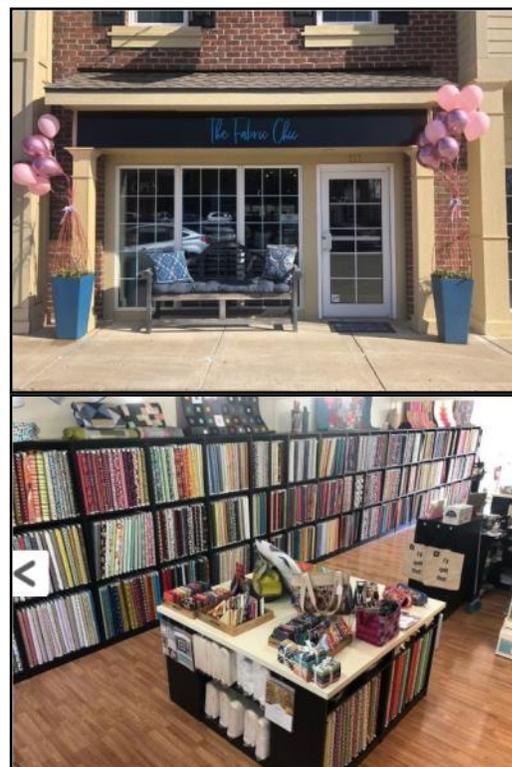
Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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**Lake Doniphan Conference
and Retreat Center
12856 Doniphan Lake Rd
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024**

**Visit lakedoniphan.com
for more about our 2021 venue.**



**The Fabric Chic Sewing Lounge
170 English Landing Dr, Suite 111
Parkville, MO 64152
www.thefabricchic.com**

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - ONCE UPON A TIME

Notes from Starlight's History...

About forty years ago, a group of friends got together to enjoy each other's company, and to share their love of all things quilty. How many were in the group? Were they all quilters? Did they have regular meetings? What did they do at those meetings? Unfortunately, we do not have a record of those first few years, so we don't have answers to these questions but what we do know....

The store begins on January 31, 1984. By this date, Starlight Quilters Guild was officially registered with the State of Kansas. It had a slate of officers and a regular meeting day and time. About 15 people attended the meetings, which may have been in member's homes.

Barbara Bruns was President, Betty Chapman was treasurer and membership chair, Yvonne Vanoy was in charge of programs and workshops, and Mary Orłowski was Secretary. Other members (and possibly officers) were Jean, Flo, Norma Scofield, and Jeanne. Various workshops and demonstrations were held, possibly in conjunction with the meetings. A committee was assigned in November to organize a quilt show to be held in the Legler Barn Museum in Lenexa on April 13 & 14, 1985.



About that quilt show Starlight was planning at Legler Barn in April of 1985... notes regarding preparation for the show differed little from what we do today – how to hang the quilts, where to find racks for hanging, does our insurance cover the quilts, who will make flyers, what will the hours be for the show? The only note that doesn't sound familiar is that racks were rented for \$10.00 each, with a \$5.00 each refund when they were returned. The barn did not charge a rental fee, but did accept a donation for the use. The show would be Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM, and Sunday, noon to 5 PM, with quilt drop off and set up on Friday. All quilts needed to be picked up after the show ended on Sunday. A committee was assigned to put on the show, but unfortunately the notes didn't reveal any of the committee members although a "permanent" quilt show chair was suggested. I think we all know how that vote went.

The minutes from both 1985 and 1986 mention a "day guild." Does anyone remember Starlight having a day guild? If so, please contact Donna di Natale at (913) 541-0283 or email dinatale@att.net.

THE 2020 RUBY RED QUILT CHALLENGE

2020 Ruby Red Guild Challenge

- ❖ Quilts must be no smaller on any side than 24" and no larger on any side than 36"
- ❖ You must use at least 2 of the following techniques on your quilt
- ❖ Quilts will be shown September 22, 2020
- ❖ Details of how quilts will be shown is TBD. It may be virtual, or a drive by, but we will show our challenge quilts.

Applique

Fabric Paining

Ribbon Work

Beadwork /
Embellishments

Hand Quilting

Ruching

Embroidery / Cross Stitch

Hand Died Fabric

Tilling

Curved Piecing / Scalloped
Borders

Foundation/ Paper

Pieced

Trapunto

YoYo's

English Paper Piecing

Prairie Points or 3D

This is a dynamic list and changes will be made as requested. If there is a technique you'd like to use that's not listed, contact Kim Cawthon.



We are going ahead with Ruby Red Challenge and are working on ways to display and vote on the challenge quilts in the coming months.

The quilts from the challenge are all invited to hang at the 2021 Quilt Show, but the challenge voting will be this year.

This is an exciting challenge and we look forward to seeing the exciting entries!

PROJECT LINUS

Great news!!! Quilts for Project Linus can be dropped at Harper's Fabrics until we can meet in person to give them directly to Mary Honas. Yeah!!!

Guidelines and our calendar of worknights is available on the Starlight web site at www.starlightquilters.com.

To stay in touch with Project Linus activities in the Kansas City area, visit Project Linus of Greater Kansas City at www.projectlinuskc.org.

Mary Honas

Project ♥ Linus



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Are you looking for a new service project other than masks? Are you tired of working on UFOs? If so, you might be interested in the Community Service project that Deb McCurnin and Janet Wikle are organizing to benefit the KU Cancer Center.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
CANCER CENTER

Below is a list of items they distribute free of charge to their patients to assist them in being more comfortable following surgery and during treatment. Our project is to help make these or similar items for the Cancer Center:

- port pillows to protect the port and surrounding area from the seat belt.
- pillows for under the arm.
- lap quilts for patients as they receive chemotherapy.

Specific directions along with patterns will be available in the next couple of weeks (watch your email), but start collecting fabric scraps, Velcro and especially any new fiberfill that you might have stored in the back of your closets! As we done most our community service projects, fabrics and stuffing must be new, not reused.

We will tag all items donated by Starlight members. A tag will be attached to each item to let the individual know that Starlight Quilters Guild donated the item. Right now the plan is for donations to be taken to meetings, but since are not meeting just yet, as an alternative drop off point is Harper's Fabrics in downtown Overland Park. They may also be dropped off with Deb or Janet, please call or email first to arrange the drop off.

Watch for more information in the near future.

Deb and Janet



Dog Bone and U-Shape pillows used for the neck, under arm and leg support.



Seat belt pillows and seat belt pad with Velcro used to attach to the seat belt.