



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

On the web at www.starlightquilters.com

On Facebook at www.facebook.com/StarlightQuiltersGuild/

== September ==

Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and Committees:

President: Jean Turvey [jean.turvey@yahoo.com]
Vice-President: Pam Lanza
Past President: Janette Sheldon
Secretary: Janet Wikle
Treasurer: Dana Switzer

Accuquilt Manager: Cheryl Tomson
Door Prizes: Ann Dougherty/Tina Darrow
Fat Quarters: Jan Ketchum
Fundraising/Raffle: Deb McCurnin/Beverly Renner
Guild Challenge: Kim Cawthon
Historian: Connie Passaro
Hospitality: Dana Switzer
Humor Presentation: Mary Funk/Shirley Lewis
KCRQF Representative: OPEN/Asst: Michele Fix
KCRQF Newsletter Report: Judy Danz
Librarians: Cheryl Tomson
Membership: Michele Fix
[starlightguildmembers@gmail.com]
Newsletter: Judy Danz [starlightnewsletter@gmail.com]
Opportunity Quilt: OPEN
Program Chair: Janette Luehring 2020/Janet Wikle 2021
Retreats: Donna Holloway
Show and Tell Ribbons: Mary Funk
UFO Projects: Pam Avara
Website: Pam Avara [pamela@avaraarts.com]
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

SEPTEMBER 2020



I hope you and your family have remained well. Our Zoom meetings will continue until further notice.

You gotta love fall. The cooler air, the yellow and red leaves drifting down, and those bags of little bite-sized individually-wrapped candy bars that show up at the grocery store... Yum...

Although I know the difference between “needs” and “wants”, let me very clear about this – I NEED football. I love the passion and energy that fill the air of my studio with an NFL or college football game playing on TV in the background. I rarely know which teams are playing or what the score is (unless the Chiefs are playing). Odd? Yes, but we all need a source of inspiration for creativity and mental oomph to move forward on a quilting project and, for me, it’s football. I don’t want the players at risk of COVID-19, but I’ll be grateful when and if the season gets going at full tilt.

I hope you’ve participated in either the Ruby Red Challenge or the Suffrage Quilt challenge. I can’t wait to see your inspired quilts. We will keep you posted on when and where the quilts are displayed. Stay tuned.

This month’s color snapshot is about turquoise. The blue-green shades of crystals of this color depend on their copper and iron content, while the color itself is often associated with the colors of the ocean. There are many psychological and emotional states associated with turquoise, including people who are inward-thinking or highly intuitive. If you enjoy wearing turquoise, you may be self-sufficient, organized, and calm when everything is in its place.

If you are calm when everything is in its place, the last few months must have been especially hard on you. As

(Continued on page 2)

**Until further notice, the church will be unavailable for our meetings.
Our September meeting and program will be September 22nd at 7pm via Zoom!
The Zoom link and info will be sent out by email.**

the threat of COVID-19 drearily trudges on, please listen to and watch your family and friends closely for signs they are not doing well emotionally or physically. Reach out to those who need help or maybe just an uplifting word of encouragement. And if you are needing help or encouragement, please reach out. This thing has been hard on us all.

Health officials are now concerned about a possible "twindemic" – COVID-19 + flu. Yuck!!! Unless medically contraindicated, PLEASE get a flu shot!

Stay safe. Stay quilting. Go Chiefs!!!

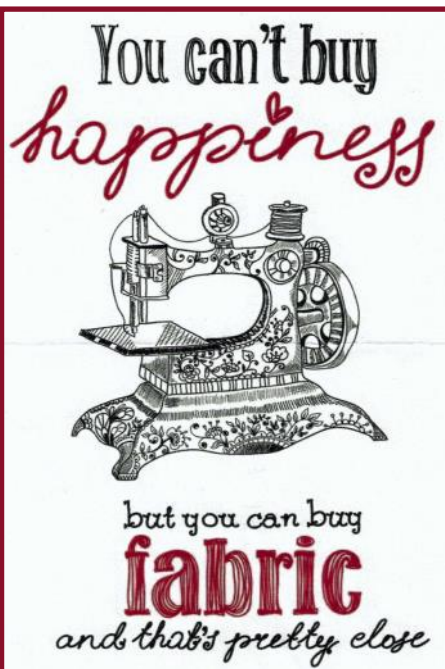
Jean





Membership 2020 NEWS!!!

The Starlight Quilter's Board has decided to waive membership dues for 2020! Due to Covid and the inability to do many of our usual activities and programs, we felt you deserved a break. Throughout this year, we have continued to include all members who were active at the end of 2019. If you have paid dues in 2020, we will consider them as payment for next year - 2021.

Michele Fix



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD			
Treasurer's Report			
August 31, 2020			
	Beginning Checkbook B	\$15,549.82	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Money Market	6,113.13	
	Cash Balance		\$21,722.95
Income			
Member Dues	\$	1,232.00	
	Total Income	\$ 1,232.00	
Expenses			
June Program		200.00	
Supplies		118.03	
August Program		350.00	
September Program		335.00	
Charitable Donation		250.00	
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,253.03	
	Ending Checkbook Bala	\$ 15,528.79	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Money Market	6,113.38	
	Cash Balance August 31, 2020		\$ 21,702.17
Submitted by Dana Switzer			

FUNNY STUFF FROM MARY FUNK

Mary Funk's funnies continue this month! It was great to see her and her latest jokes at our Zoom meeting last month!

- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye!
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- And the cream of the wretched crop... those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end!



QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE



Our next quilt show is a year away, and that gives us time to produce some really nice items for the boutique, and we have help! We as a guild have received some lovely donations in the form of unfinished projects, believe it or not. See photos below for a few of the items. It would be great to turn these into finished objects for our quilt show boutique!!!

We have some precious cross-stitch items and that could be wall hangings or cute pillows. We also have a pair of "Santa" themed embroideries that could make nice holiday home accents or could be the centerpiece of a holiday quilt. Photos of a couple of these items are in the Extra! Extra! Section at the end of the online newsletter.

I would love for someone to take these on and turn them into finished products. If you are interested, I have these and more! Reach me at especiallyquilts@att.net.

I am personally planning to turn a couple of lovingly appliqued blocks into wall hangings. Take care all!

Any questions? Contact me at EspeciallyQuilts@att.net, or call me at 913-341-0525. Peggy Skaith



Cross Stitched Blocks



Hand Embroidered Blocks

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

Fall 2020 Day Retreat
 Fabric Chic Sewing Lounge
 170 English Landing Dr, Suite 111
 Parkville, MO 64152
 October 30th - November 1st
 Contact Donna Holloway

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 DAY RETREAT

Hard to believe with all the hot weather that November and our Starlight Fall Retreat is just around the corner! We will be retreating at Fabric Chic's Sewing Lounge (Parkville, MO) on Oct 30 -Nov 1, 2020 (8am - 8pm). Each quilter will have their own personal sewing space that can be left set up for the duration of the retreat. There will not be any overnight accommodations, but depending on current COVID guidelines, a few dinners may be provided.

Sign ups are being limited to ensure adequate social distancing and compliance with whatever the local regulations will be in place 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. The Lounge is a separate area next door to Fabric Chic, with it's own entrance, kitchen and bathroom.

I will be taking signups via snail mail until September 15th - 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 30th. Meanwhile, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Donna Holloway
6400 W 183rd St, Stilwell KS 66085
Phone (913) 433-6752 Email: DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM



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

SEPTEMBER BASKETS

The Bucket Babes are sending buckets of positive wishes to all our members out there. Can't wait until we can all gather around the bucket tables to hear the phrase "see what you got."

Hope you all are saving those dollar bills for when the buckets and all their glory can be in person!!

The Bucket Babes



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



Challenges – Accept the Challenge and Win a Prize

Diane Murtha will present an informative and humorous perspective on her quilt challenge experiences. Diane's quilting adventure has been long and varied, including delusions of grandeur, some epic fails, a few triumphs, many "good enoughs" and most importantly, increasingly satisfying results.

The stories that go along with her quilts are equal to the warmth and smiles they bring. She'll discuss what she has learned from the various challenges, other ways to challenge yourself and sources of inspiration. And most importantly how challenges can expand your quilting skills and inspire all your quilting!





The Starlight board met via Zoom September 9th to discuss participation in the Kansas City Regional Festival. Janette Sheldon answered many of our concerns. She clarified the festival is a not for profit corporation and as such, there can never be any liability for any guild for corporate debts. This was a concern voiced at our last board meeting. KCRQF will go forward with 14 participating guilds. It's likely the festival will limit future participation to those involved in the 2021 event.

Again this round Starlight has been assigned quilt registration. It will be handled a bit differently, as all entries will be done through the website. There will be no categories, and all hang tags will be generated via computer. With each guild hanging their own quilts, Starlight will only be required to be present to acknowledge the quilts are coming in, and same for when they leave. With this system, we will only be handling our own quilts. With no white gloves anticipated, we may be asked to help hand out gloves (a sit down job). In addition, we will have our own booth to handle. Actually we get to decide whether we even want to have a booth this round. That's left entirely to us.

The convention center is using all methods available to keep people safe. KCRQF will require masks, hand out gloves, and have wider isles to accommodate social distancing to the degree possible. To do this they may be putting some of the vendors out in the hallway between the convention floor and the escalators.

There will be limited classes, with most of them underwritten by either Missouri Sewing or Quilters HQ. KCRQF is cutting corners where possible to save money. Currently it looks like all bills can be covered, but profits are totally dependent on how many people attend.

After a full discussion the board voted to remain involved in the festival for 2021. The degree to which you personally want to participate - that's totally up to you. We will be talk about the Festival and our participation at upcoming guild meetings.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Each year Starlight selects a charitable organization in our community that supports quilting and sewing as the recipient of a \$250 donation. **Stitching Change** was chosen as the 2020 recipient. They help refugee woman to empower themselves to create a sustainable income from their handmade items. You can learn more at <http://www.stitchingchange.com/>.



In a thank you note from Rakmi Shaiza, founder and director, she writes, "Our women made more than 1000 items in 2019 and created income for 14 of them in addition to providing 16 women free sewing classes in a nurturing community. During this year's pandemic, the woman made over 2000 masks for distribution to local hospitals, a Police Department, university students, nursing homes, food bank volunteers, nonprofit organizations, the Navajo Nation, and a number of individuals in need, all free of charge. Thank you for your [financial] donation. It will be utilized for class supplies and other program needs and will help sustain our projects. Thank you to the Starlight Quilters for choosing us again to receive your charitable award. I am deeply grateful."

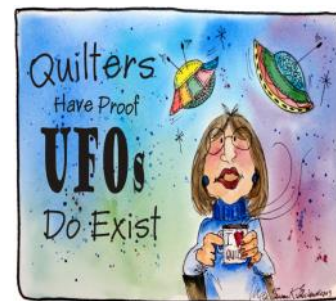
UFO CHALLENGE

The UFO Challenge continues on-line the 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 Pam Avara, Jan Davidson, Carla Orner, Marsha Reeves, and Jan Skillman completed and showed 10 UFOs between them.

If you have any questions about this challenge please reach out to Pam Avara via email pamela@avaraarts.com or call her at 816-204-7287. She'll be happy to send you your list if you have forgotten what is on it or help you post your picture. If you don't have a Facebook account, send her a picture of your finished UFO and she'll post it for you.

We'll do another UFO challenge in 2021. So start making a list of all of those projects which you've started but have not finished. I counted the other day and even with my new starts, I'm down by 7 projects. Maybe one day I'll have no UFOs.

Thanks! Pam Avara



HELP WANTED - PROGRAM COMMITTEE



WANTED: Interested individual to participate in helping to plan programs for 2021 and 2022. The committee is a two year commitment with half of the committee being new each year.

Janette Leuhring and Janet Wikle are currently on the committee and Janette's term will be up after this year. We have one new volunteer to join our group but we need one more to complete our committee for the future.

Planning needs to start now for 2021, so volunteers are welcome. Contact Janet at janet.in.kc@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions. Thanks you!

LIBRARY CORNER

Have you been engaging in some "Covid cleaning" these past few months? If you've found some quilt books that you'd like to donate to the guild library, please set them aside for a time when we will all be able to meet in person at the church. You can check the list on our web site to be sure we don't already own them.

Also, remember where you put the books you checked out when we last met so they can be returned. I'm sorry there isn't a way to access our library since we've all been doing more quilting during this time at home.



However, I have been able to make the Accuquilt cutter available to several people, so do contact me if you'd like to use it. Call or text me at 913-991-8523 or email me at cherylltomson@gmail.com.

Hope everyone is enjoying their time to quilt!

Your librarian, Cheryl Tomson

KU CANCER CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Details and patterns for our Community Service Project has been posted to the Starlight website! Thank you Pam for a good looking page! To catch up on our KU Cancer Center project visit our page at http://www.starlightquilters.com/sqg_cancer_center_project.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
CANCER CENTER

The Charity Chicks



PROJECT LINUS

At right is a note from Project Linus Kansas City. As you can see there is not much going on.

For us, there have been some quilts dropped off at Harper's but as this message shows there aren't many places for them to go yet.

Keep saving the Best Choice Labels (they can be dropped off at Harper's too)

The Mystery Challenge is now going with information on the Project Linus website. Make sure to mark the KC chapter to benefit if you sign up!

Mary Honas

Project Linus *Providing Security Through Blankets* Greater Kansas City Area Chapter

Everyone is frustrated by the current pandemic that seems will never go away! We are taking a few blankets to some of our contact places but Children's Mercy still isn't accepting blankets. I'm not sure when that will end. We are trying to find other outlets for our blankets as we know there are children out there in need.

There will not be a fall blanket making day this year. Next spring hopefully we can all be together again.

I have some Minky kits if interested. These are made with Minky fabric and are much like the no binding receiving blankets but a little bigger. Please email me if you would like a kit or two and we can make the arrangements.

Also, the Project Linus Mystery challenge is a great way to work on a new quilt and support your local chapter. The cost is \$15 and you can designate the \$15 to stay right here in Kansas City! There are wonderful videos with each "clue" to walk you step by step through the pattern, even a beginner can do this!!

There is also a Facebook group that you can join to follow along and see others blocks. Search Facebook for "Project Linus Mystery Challenge" and you will find us.

We appreciate each you and all you do to make Project Linus a success!! Please stay healthy and stay in touch with us.

Patty

Starlight Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 14533,
Lenexa, KS 66285.
www.starlightquilters.com

Advertisements

➔ **Machine Quilting** - Computerized Edge-to-Edge machine quilting by Pam Avara. Phone: 816-204-7287. Email pamela@avaraarts.com

➔ **Custom Machine Embroidery** - quilt labels, towels, gifts, T-shirts, logos, banners, and so much more. Fast turnaround time on orders. Judy Brennan 913-788-0582 or email at jbrennan2@kc.rr.com.

City's Edge Quilt Shop has classes and more! Amy Senatore Owner. www.citysedgestudio.com
616 W. Main Street Warsaw, MO 65355
Mon-Fri 10a - 5p and Sat: 9a - 3p.

Custom Machine Embroidery - quilt labels, towels, gifts, T-shirts, logos etc. Fast turnaround time on orders. **Judy Brennan** 913-451-8997 or 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 & Scott Diebold**, phone 913-677-0838.

Donna's Singer Service - Does your Featherweight need a good clean and oil? Is it not sewing like it should? I can clean and service your Featherweight including Singer models 15, 99, 221, 222, and 301. Reasonable fees & timely service. **Donna di Natale**, dinatale@att.net.

Machine Quilting - Edge-to-Edge computerized longarm machine quilting by Elizabeth Brown. Phone: 913-626-7135. Website: Duelingthread.com. Email: Duelingthreads@gmail.com.

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 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! Email Peggy Skaith at EspeciallyQuilts@att.net or call 913-341-0525.