



# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

On the web at [www.starlightquilters.com](http://www.starlightquilters.com)

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**KCRQF Newsletter Report:** Judy Danz

**Newsletter Humor:** Mary Funk

**Project Linus:** Mary Honas

**Show and Tell Ribbons:** Mary Funk

**UFO Projects:** Pam Avara

### ❖ March is National Quilting Month! ❖

#### *President's Message*

While walking my dogs, I was thinking about what I wanted to write about. In a window of a house we passed was a sign that read, "Better Days Are Ahead." I immediately thought, a quilter must live here. The sign was not lovingly made of fabric and there were no half square triangles involved. The



tipoff was the upbeat message. Quilters are the ones who can look at chaos and find inspiration and art. Who else can take a box of rags and make a family heirloom? It is a gift of optimism.

Our speaker this month, Dr. Geraldine Craig, is speaking on the textile art of Hmong people. Bright, lively, and beautifully crafted quilts are the hallmark style of the Hmong people. Many refugees provided for their families by selling their traditional flower cloth and appliqué quilts. I cannot imagine a more demoralizing, transient time and yet Hmong people were able to create quilts in the hope of a new life and better things ahead.

Last month, we had a Zoom show-and-tell meeting full of talent and creativity highlighting our pandemic projects. Social isolation has been hard, and yet the Starlight Quilters are making works of art and comfort for others. Let's continue to lift each other up and inspire one another in our common gift of optimism. My prayer is that we continue to thread the needles, piece the quilts, and quilt, knowing that better days are ahead.

~ Pam Lanza

Until further notice, the church will be unavailable for our meetings.  
 Our March meeting and program will be March 23rd at 7pm via Zoom!  
 The Zoom link and info will be send out by email.

*Starlight Member Spotlight:*

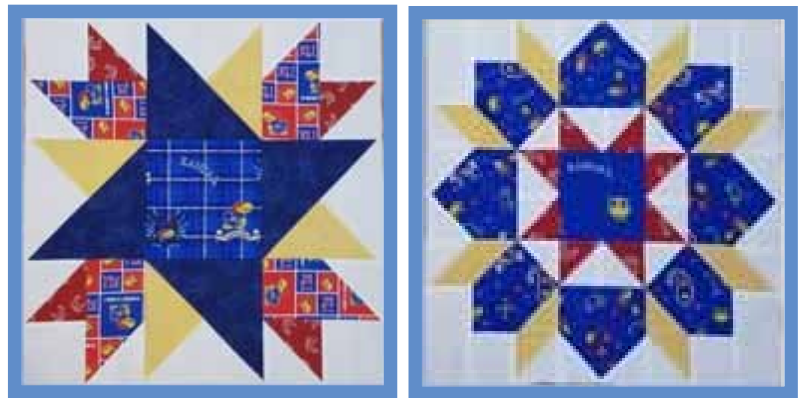
**Tina Darrow**

- **Family, pets:** 3 kids and 2 cats
- **Where you live:** NE Johnson County
- **Other hobbies or interests:**  
I quilt, no time for anything else!
- **First quilt you ever made?** I took a class at AVT in KCKS, it was as stack-n-whack
- **What do you do with the quilts you make?**  
Give away, mostly
- **Lots of projects or one at a time?**  
Too many at a time
- **Neat as a pin or anything goes?** Anything goes!
- **I'm currently obsessed with:**  
English Paper Piecing
- **The best piece of quilting advice I've received was:** It will quilt out, don't worry about it!
- **My go to snack for a full day (or night) of quilting is:** Chocolate
- **When I can't get a quilt to come together, I:** put away and revisit another day!
- **My go-to color combination is:** Browns & pinks
- **My favorite part of making a quilt is:** Laying out the blocks into rows
- **On my playlist while I'm quilting is:** TV, just for background noise.



*Tina with one of her cats, Moose*

==== **Starlight's Block of the Month!** ====



*It's not too late to start!*

BOMs are released the first Friday of each month.  
 We have a BOM Zoom sewalong the following Thursday evening.

Go to the Guild website, [starlightquilters.com](http://starlightquilters.com),  
 Activities dropdown, then Workshops to find the patterns.

Join the fun!

~ Tina Darrow



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD			
Treasurer's Report			
February 28, 2021			
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,829.06	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	*Money Market	6,114.66	
	<b>Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$ 20,003.72</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	Membership	358.79	
	Opportunity Quilt	381.00	
	*Money Market Interest	0.08	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 739.87</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Heartland Network Dues	40.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 40.00</b>
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 20,643.59	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Certificate of Deposit	-	
*Money Market moved to Checking on 2/11/21			
	<b>Cash Balance February 28, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 20,703.59</b>
Submitted by Dana Switzer			

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## 2021 Membership Renewal

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Time to renew your membership!!!

**It's time to renew your membership for the 2021 Guild year starting in April.**

- Membership year is from April 1 through March 31. You may join at any time.
- 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. This charge covers the cost of paper and mailing. 
- Our membership dues for 2021 are \$35 per year (\$48 if you have paper newsletters mailed to you)
- Remember, you can pay online by Paypal (with or without an account) or by check.

**Go to the Starlight membership page on the Starlight website to see online options for payment at [starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/membership/](http://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/membership/)**

**To pay by check, please mail a check via US Mail for the appropriate dues amount to:**

**Michele Fix, 6615 Ridgeview, Shawnee, KS 66217**

If you have any questions, please email Michele Fix at her membership email address

[StarlightGuildMembers@gmail.com](mailto:StarlightGuildMembers@gmail.com)

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## March Program

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**Dr. Geraldine Craig** is a professor at Kansas State University. She is an artist and writer whose research-based practice focuses on the intersections and relationships between textile history, theory or criticism, curatorial work, studio practice.

Dr Craig has a focused expertise on the Hmong people of southeast Asia who migrated to the US after helping the US during the Vietnam war. The Hmong create beautifully detailed story quilts about their lives, their legends and their sorrows. Join us for a fascinating exploration of quilting in a different society. We may be from different places, but we are all quilters and speak a common language of fabric art.

*~ Carla Orner*



*Show and Tell at the February meeting was fabulous. We would like to keep the momentum going, so each month after the guest speaker and business meeting we will have a short Show-and-Tell.*

*Due to time restraints we are limited to 1 quilt per quilter. To participate, send no more than 2 pictures of your quilt to [starlightquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:starlightquilters@yahoo.com). The deadline to participate is 6 PM on the Sunday before the meeting to allow time to prepare the slideshow.*

*~ Pam Avara*



## 2021 Opportunity Quilt



Luck is believing  
you're lucky!

Try your luck, send  
me a buck (x20) for

a chance to WIN the 2021 SQG Opportunity Quilt.  
It's a beautiful red and white quilt commemorating  
Starlight's 40th anniversary!

Guild members are being asked to buy (or sell) \$20  
worth of Opportunity Quilt tickets. Your support of  
this important fundraiser for the guild is essential for  
its success. All proceeds go toward securing speakers  
and programs for our monthly guild meetings.  
Starlight guild members will receive 100% of the  
benefits from this annual fundraiser! Pretty cool huh?

**Don't delay, send your \$20 in today! A PayPal option  
this year makes it even easier. Visit the [Starlight  
Opportunity Quilt Web Page](#) for more info.**

Details for this year's COVID style approach with  
ticket sales is fully explained in the January 2021 SQG  
Newsletter. Check it out!

*Questions? Call me.*

*Thank you for supporting the Starlight Quilters Guild!*

*~ Renee Arnett, Chair, 2021 Opportunity Quilt*



### Potential Workshop!

April Showers  
bring Wool Flowers?



**Would you be interested in making these little wool flowers?**

**In April or May – possibly at a park?**

**\$5 for workshop, wool and patterns for three flowers.**

Accuquilt Go! will be used to cut all flowers and leaves. Feel  
free to bring wool in your own stylish colors. Also can cut  
extra to make for the Boutique! Instructor: Donna di Natale

*Let Tina Darrow know if you are interested! Her email address can be  
found in our membership directory. You can also comment on her  
Facebook Post on our Starlight Chat Facebook Group.*



**Fabric Bingo** was March 5 and a lot of fun.  
Ann Doherty joined us from Las Vegas – Bingo  
was unlucky for her so I hope the slots were  
more generous. Donna Holloway could not  
locate any buttons to use as card markers, so  
in traditional quilting style, she improvised  
with dog kibble. The Big winners for Fabric  
Bingo were Susan Wagoner, Peggy Skaith,  
Jan Skillman, Pam Avara, Cheryl Tomson,  
and Blackout Queen Donna Holloway.  
Congratulations to all the winners!

*~ Pam Lanza*

## March Baskets



The Bucket Babes are sitting here just waiting for the time when we can all get together and hear the beautiful words "That's Me!" when you have your number called and that beautiful bucket goes home with you. Just want to wish you all the Luck of the Irish and buckets of sunshine! The Babes are missing you all. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

~ *The Bucket Babes*

## 2021 Challenge - Games We Used to Play

*Childhood Games you Played with your Friends*



The Games Challenge is amazingly simple. Create a quilt that represents games we played as children. The quilt must be made using one of the following. We're on the honor system, but item must be identified:

- An item from the share table
- An item from your stash that's more than 5 years old
- An item from a friend's stash

Quilts must be 24" or more, but 48" or less on any side.

Completion date is September 28, 2021.

A Quilt Show entry form must be completed to enter your challenge quilt in the 2021 Gem of A Quilt Show.

~ *Kim Cawthon*



## Funnies from Mary Funk

- ❖ Families are like fudge... mostly sweet with a few nuts!
- ❖ Bees are not as busy as we think... they just can't buzz any slower.
- ❖ Money isn't everything... but it sure keeps you in touch with your children.
- ❖ A tip as you get older... never wear a hearing aid; if you do, people expect you to listen to them.
- ❖ My memory is not as sharp as it used to be... also, my memory is not as sharp as it used to be.
- ❖ If God had meant for me to be thin... he wouldn't have invented chocolate.
- ❖ Lastly, the secret about staying young... live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.



## Let's Sew!

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

### **BINGO NIGHT!!!**

1st Friday, April 2 at 7pm  
Watch Email for Zoom Invitation

### **Block of the Month**

Thursday, April 15th at 7pm  
Watch Email for Zoom Invitation

### **Starlight Zoom Sew Days**

3rd Saturday, April 17th  
9am to 12pm  
Watch Email for Zoom Invitation



### **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/>

### **A Gem of a Quilt Show**



Lenexa Community Center  
13420 Oak St,  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
913.477.7100

Friday-Saturday  
Oct 1st & 2nd, 2021



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## KU Cancer Center Community Service Project

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As you may know, we recently delivered bags of donations of items and quilts for the KU Med Center Chemotherapy Clinic. Take a look at the pictures in the chat and you will be amazed at all the donations! Really though, it isn't too amazing because we all know how talented and generous the Starlight Quilters are!

What, missed your chance? What, have a want to donate more? Guess what, you have more chances! We

will be making another delivery run around the first of April. Details and patterns of what is needed is on the [website](#).

This is your community service project for 2021 so we will be continuing it for the rest of the year. Luck of the Irish to you all and thank you for your generosity. It was a very proud moment for Janet Wikle and myself to take all the beautiful quilts, pillow and seat belt port protectors into the clinic. They were so grateful and we are too; so proud and grateful to be part of Starlight.

Thank you for supporting the Starlight Quilters Guild!

~ Deb McCurnin



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## Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

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*Friday, October 29 - Sunday, October 31, 2021*



Lake Doniphan Conference  
and Retreat Center  
12856 Doniphan Lake Rd  
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024  
Visit [lakedoniphan.com](http://lakedoniphan.com)

As vaccinations are rolling out and there appears to be a light at the end of this COVID tunnel, some have been asking about Retreat plans. We won't be holding a Spring Retreat this year, but we're all set for our [Fall Retreat](#).

It will be at Excelsior Springs at [Lake Doniphan Retreat Center](#), in their main building. The workroom opens out to a beautiful view of the Lake, with sleeping rooms (2 Queen beds and bath) on the same level. Dining will be upstairs, and there is an elevator for those who have difficulty navigating stairs. We'll have 3 full days of non-stop sewing and fellowship, with someone else cooking your meals!

The work space is quite large and there are ample bedrooms, so we can accommodate a lot of quilters! Cost will be \$175 per person (double) or \$210 per person (single), and includes your own 4' of table space, 2 nights sleeping accommodations, and six meals.

I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone, as well as all the inspiration from seeing everyone's projects. If interested, please send me an email; I will put you on the list and provide you with my home address to mail payment (payable to Starlight). I will need a firm headcount by mid-August, with finalized headcount by October 1st. Any questions, please contact me.

~ Donna Holloway

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## Project Linus

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We are accepting donations at Harper's! Quilts are going to KU Medical Center and St. Luke's downtown as well as Ronald McDonald House. We hope to get back in Children's Mercy soon.

### Project ♥ Linus



#### Quilt sizes Needed

40 x 40 up to  
50 x 60

Please note:  
Twin Size also needed

We have also teamed up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace who make beds for children who don't have blankets. We are providing twin size blankets for these beds.

We still don't have any work nights scheduled yet but I'm hopeful for them to resume later in 2021!

~ Mary Honas



The final lists are in and we have some ambitious quilters! 24 quilters have signed up to participate

with an average of 16.5 projects. This month Karen Edwards, Pam Avara, Sue Howard, Janet Wickle, and Janette Sheldon finished 6 of their UFOs.

*As you finished your UFOs remember to post them to our Facebook Chat Group and let me know your finish is on your UFO list. If you are not on Facebook, just email me.*

~ Pam Avara



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## KCRQF Update from Our Representatives

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Thank you for stepping up to enter your quilts into this year's Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival. The deadline for entry will have passed by the time this newsletter is out, but I may have a need for smaller quilts – those between 24" and 36". If there is space, an announcement will be made at the meeting.

Please remember your quilt will need a 4" open sleeve. Sleeve instructions can be found [here](#).

If there are any questions, please contact me.

~ Pam Avara

The 36 suffrage quilts that many of you made were a great success at the museum Nov - Feb. If you missed the exhibit, they were mounted on a wall in the main museum hallway, and were seen both by voters in the November election and also by people lined up to get their Covid vaccinations. Now we are planning to display them at the Regional Quilt Festival, along with the names of the quilters who made them and associated stories of the blocks.

1. If you contributed a suffrage quilt, would you be so kind as to send Jean Turvey its story (unless you already have) ?

2. If you took a picture of your suffrage quilt, would you please send that to Jean also? About half the quilts came back from the museum without their identifying numbers. Jean will be reaching out to you trying to figure out which one is yours! Thanks so very much.

~ Jean Turvey



*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 distant pickup at her home in Lenexa.*

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## Advertisements

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**City's Edge Quilt Shop** has classes and more!

**Amy Senatore, Owner**

[www.citysedgestudio.com](http://www.citysedgestudio.com)

616 W. Main Street, Warsaw, MO 65355

Mon-Fri 10a - 5p and Sat: 9a - 3p

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**Donna di Natale**, phone 913-451-0283

**Machine Quilting** - Computerized Edge-to-Edge machine quilting by **Pam Avara**, 816-204-7287

**Machine Quilting** - Edge-to-Edge computerized longarm machine quilting by **Elizabeth Brown**.

Phone: 913-626-7135

Website: [Duelingthread.com](http://Duelingthread.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!

**Peggy Skaith** 913-341-0525

