

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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President's Message

While in line at the grocery store, I saw People Magazine's headline of an actress who was sharing what she has learned about herself. People Magazine often features actors whose lives are a total train wreck, sharing how they got their lives back together again. If they really wanted to self-examine themselves, a good barometer would be to look at their quilts.



My pandemic go-to has been baby quilts to donate to my sister's clinics to reward new mothers for attending parenting classes and keeping appointments. There can be no worries when baby fabric is in my hands. The KU Cancer Center quilts have also been a way to reach out.

This week has been a very emotional one for me with bookend cancer diagnosis of my brother-in-law and my mother. Sewing strips together has been a way of clearing my mind. No curves, points or matching up, sewing pedal to the carpet. All available jelly rolls have been employed (thank you stash). Now I need to figure out what I am going to do with all these strips sewn together!

Last Friday, was Fabric Bingo. You ladies have no idea how wonderful it was for me to be with you and share some laughs and camaraderie.

So, if People Magazine comes calling asking what we have learned about ourselves, tell them to look at our quilts. When things get tough, we get generous and reach out to others. Strip quilts are put together fast and furious. And friendships through the sisterhood of quilting will pull you through.

~ Pam Lanza

Starlight Member Spotlight Donna Holloway



Where born: Germany; at a US Army base, so I'm a naturalized US citizen.

Family, pets: married to Mike; my son Matthew is a Lenexa police officer and my daughter is an event planner for KC metropolitan bar association. Then I have 3 dogs and over 25 chickens.

Where you live: Stilwell KS

Where you work: PRA - which supports drug companies to conduct their clinical research programs (yes, I did work on a few COVID19 treatment studies)

Other hobbies or interests: hiking our National Parks and gardening.

First quilt you ever made? Was a baby quilt for a friend. My neighbor taught me the basics of quilt construction with this project; we used yellow and purple Joann fabrics to make 4-patches and I quilted in the ditch.

What do you do with the quilts you make? Many hang on my walls, others are on family member beds, some go to charity and I love to give them as gifts.

Lots of projects or one at a time? Lots of projects - I quickly get bored

Neat as a pin or anything goes? I need to maintain a resemblance of organization- but not as neat as my German mother

I'm currently obsessed with: EPP and learning how to longarm quilt

The best piece of quilting advice I've received was: do your best and enjoy the process. There are no quilt police, and sometimes done is good.

When I just can't get a quilt to come together, I: set it aside and tackle it first thing in the morning

My go-to color combination is: never the same; but I do lean towards green more often

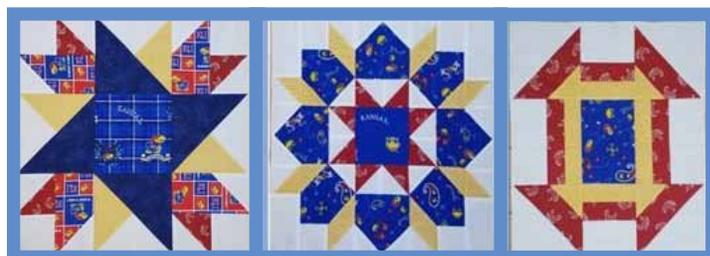
My favorite part of making a quilt is: like each part of the process for different reasons. I like the variety of tasks (again- so I don't get bored)

On my playlist while I'm quilting is: Jesse Cook - if you don't know him, look him up.

Until further notice, the church will be unavailable for our meetings.
Our April meeting and program will be April 27th at 7pm via Zoom!

The Zoom link and info will be sent out by email.

◆ 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, Activities dropdown, then Workshops to find the patterns.

Join the fun!

~ Tina Darrow

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report March 31, 2021		
		
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 20,683.59	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance		\$ 20,743.59
Income		
Membership	408.40	
Total Income		\$ 408.40
Expenses		
Insurance Renewal	649.00	
Post Office Box	188.00	
Sampler Workshop	50.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 887.00
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$20,204.99	
Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance March 31, 2021		\$ 20,264.99
Submitted by Dana Switzer		



Fabulous Fabric Bingo results for April are as follows: Big Bingo - Janet Wikle. Lucky Board - Cheryl Tomson. 4 Corner - Janice McKee. Blackout Queen - Ann Doherty and Kim Minerva Cawthon. Prizes were delivered to expand their miniscule stashes, so expect some great quilting from these ladies.

~ Pam Lanza

2021 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership!!!

If you have not renewed by the end of this month, you may miss out on all the happenings going on.

Don't miss a thing by paying online or sending a check to the membership chair ASAP.

Visit the membership page:

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

April Program



The Programs committee is pleased to announce that **Karen Brown of Just Get it Done Quilts** will be joining us as our April speaker. Karen has a great website, wonderful YouTube videos and does interviews with other quilting personalities. She is my hands down favorite YouTube channel. She will talk to us about "Being the best quilter you can be."

She asks that everyone have a piece of paper or note card with a pencil handy during the presentation, we will be using them during the talk.

~ Carla Orner

To participate in **Show and Tell** after our speaker send no more than 2 pictures of your quilt to starlightquilters@yahoo.com. The deadline to participate is 6 PM on the Sunday before the meeting to allow time to prepare the slideshow.

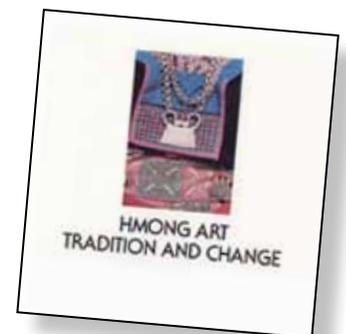
~ Pam Avara

Book on the Hmong

Last month's speaker, Geraldine Craig, sent us this note:

"I've attached an image of the book cover I showed at the end, from John Michael Kohler Art Center, 1986 catalog, Hmong Art: Tradition and Change. If you buy directly from them it helps the Art Center! (It does appear on Amazon too.)"

~ Carla Orner



2021 Opportunity Quilt

Your Rainy Day Cash will come in handy this month!

Starlight members are being asked to buy or sell \$20 worth of tickets for this year's Opportunity Quilt. Remember the old saying "April showers bring May flowers?" Well, the \$20 that you've saved



for a rainy day can be put to great use this month as your contribution to the 2021 Opportunity Quilt. Everyone's participation in this annual and

longstanding fundraiser for the guild is greatly appreciated and definitely will help it be a success!

The 2021 Opportunity Quilt called "Ruby Redwork" is a spectacular red & white quilt that combines pieced blocks and hand embroidered floral designs. It commemorates Starlight's 40th Anniversary celebrated in 2020 and was made, quilted and donated by SQG member Peggy Skaith. Ruby is the symbolic gemstone for 40 years



and was the inspiration for Starlight's 2021 Opportunity Quilt color and design.



All proceeds from the Opportunity Quilt ticket sales will directly benefit you as guild members, funding future speakers and programs for monthly guild meetings. Since our annual membership dues primarily cover the administrative costs for the guild (room set up and rental, insurance and other associated expenses), the proceeds from the Opportunity Quilt greatly help to fund our monthly speakers and programs... the inspiration and reason we all continue to gather each month whether online via Zoom or in-person (hopefully very soon).

I hope I can count on your participation this year. Thank you!

Check out the January 2021 SQG Newsletter for all of the details about our COVID style approach for ticket sales and promotion this year. It's easy to share information with your family and friends too! Simply forward them the link to the [SQG Opportunity Quilt webpage](#).

~ Renee Arnett, Chair, 2021 Opportunity Quilt

NEWSFLASH

Starlight's Opportunity Quilt will be on display for ticket sales promotion during the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival (KCRQF) held at the Overland Park Convention Center in June.

I'm looking for volunteers to help man our booth (located on the first floor near the front doors) on Thursday June 17 from 9-6, Friday June 18 from 9-6 and Saturday June 19 from 9-4.

If you're interested, please call me at 913-262-0908.

Funnies from Mary Funk

Did you ever notice that...

- ❖ the sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- ❖ eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- ❖ you know you are getting older when everything either dries up or leaks.
- ❖ being young is beautiful, being old is comfortable.
- ❖ your arthritis makes you less likely to lose your wedding ring.
- ❖ old age is where you can finally buy shoes that don't hurt your feet.
- ❖ the only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- ❖ the Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.
- ❖ when you put the two words "The" and IRS" together, it spells "Theirs".



Krista Moser The Quilted Life

If your quilt has a light background, take a few minutes and clip dark threads that are hanging loose so they won't look like phantom veins through the lighter background pieces.

Perfectly centering a backing is very difficult, so if you have a design or border on the back be generous with your margins or make it asymmetrical to avoid an obvious misalignment.

If you have a pieced border, it is a good idea to stay-stitch it all the way around to avoid popping seams: 1/8" from the edge is sufficient.

So your quilt is off to the quilter! Here's what to "pack" for a successful trip :)

After piecing the back, clip the selvages off and press the seams open. Horizontal seams are better than vertical seams and flat seams make every quilter click their heels!

It's backing should be at least 4" bigger than the top on all sides. (Baby quilts can get away with a little less.)

Save all the heavy embellishments for after the visit to the quilter. Some beading and smaller buttons are fine and can be worked around.

Let's Sew!

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



Block of the Month Sewalong

Thursday, May 13th at 7pm
Watch Email for Zoom Invitation



Starlight Zoom Sew Days

3rd Saturday, May 15th
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



Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

Friday, October 29 - Sunday, October 31, 2021

We're all set for our Fall Retreat! We'll have 3 full days of non-stop sewing and fellowship, with someone else cooking your meals!

The retreat 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. 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 will need a firm headcount by mid-August, with finalized headcount by October 1st.

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). Any questions, please contact me.

I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone, as well as all the inspiration from seeing everyone's projects.

~ Donna Holloway



Lake Doniphan Conference
and Retreat Center
12856 Doniphan Lake Rd
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
Visit lakedoniphan.com

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**Quilt sizes for
The University of Kansas
Cancer Center**

Width - between 40 & 45"

Length - between 45 & 50"

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

Quilt Show Update – A Gem of a Quilt Show



Plans for the 2021 show are underway. The Community Center at 13420 Oak Street in old town Lenexa has been reserved for the show dates of Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2. Setup will be Thursday afternoon, September 30. All helping hands will be appreciated for setup and throughout the show. Sign up sheets will be provided closer to the show date.

Vendor Chair Carla Orner has lined up nine vendors to date. Thank you, Carla.

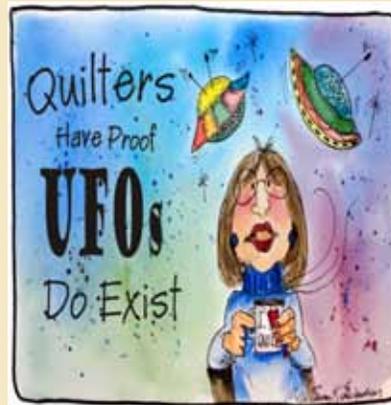
If you are showing a quilt in the KCRQF show in June, please consider including it in our show. Your quilt is eligible if it has not previously been in a Starlight show, regardless of when it was completed. Look for information on registering your quilt in future newsletters and e-mail blasts.

We are excited about the show and look forward to seeing everyone there!

~Lois Bozarth and Dana Switzer, Cochairs



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.



Spring has not stopped UFOs completion. Ann Doherty, Carla Orner, Marsha Reeves, Pam Avara, and Janette Sheldon finished a total of 6 UFOs this past month.

Congratulations!

Please post in the Starlight Quilt Guild Chat on Facebook pictures of your finished quilts and I'll mark them off your list. If you are not on Facebook, just email me.

~ Pam Avara



KCRQF Update from Our Representatives

We have 42 quilts entered into the KCRQF and we are responsible for hanging our quilts on Wednesday, June 16th and then taking them down after the show on Saturday, June 19th. We need 4 volunteers to assist each day. Please let Donna Holloway or Pam Avara know if you will be able to help out. As a reminder, the quilts need a 4" sleeve sewn to the top of the quilt. Specifics on where to drop the quilts off will be forth coming.

~ Pam Avara

The Festival is coming!! June 17,18 and 19th. It's time to register for classes at the Festival. The deadline to register has been extended to May 15th. There are some great opportunities! The Festival has garnered more than 100 vendors! Many of them are new for this year. You won't want to miss out on the selection. Mark your calendars and plan a Covid responsible outing with your friends.

~ Michele Fix

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Advertisements

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

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Phone **Judy Brennan**, 913-788-0582

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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, 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

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

