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Starlight Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Whenever I make a quilt, I always sleep under it one night because I want to see what it looks like when you first wake up in the morning. Opening your eyes and seeing the beautiful colors and patterns is my last look before I give it away to someone special.



Unbeknownst to me, it is also supposedly good luck, although I am not a superstitious person.

Most quilting superstitions revolve around finding a man to marry. For example, a girl who starts to piece a quilt will not marry before it's done. Apparently, men find UFOs unappealing, or they don't like bags and tubs of half-done projects. There is also one about taking a finished quilt off the frame and wrapping an unmarried girl in it so she will be married. She is supposed to find a man and throw the quilt on him so he will marry her. It did not say anything about her yelling, "See! I got that UFO done so we can marry now!"

You aren't supposed to give away your first quilt, but it probably has less to do with luck than to forever keep us humble with reminders of all the rookie mistakes we made.

When a person is ill, if they sleep with a quilt, all the love from the quilt will heal them. I wish that were true and everyone touched by our KU Cancer Center quilts would be healed magically. Again, I am not superstitious and maybe they won't all be cancer-free, but they will certainly feel the love and care of every stitch, and that is healing indeed.

~ Pam Lanza

Starlight Member Spotlight

Renee Arnett



Where born: Chicago, IL

Family, pets: No children and currently no pets

Home, occupation: Mission KS, retired from JCCC

Other hobbies or interests:

Enjoy spending time with family and traveling. During the pandemic I've discovered FlossTube videos and I'm excited to pick up cross stitching again.

First quilt you ever made? Lickety Split by Country Threads, offered as a mystery quilt during their 2000 Quilt Camp.

What do you do with the quilts you make? Many have been gifted to family and friends. When I turned 60, I wanted to make it a memorable year so I started to make and donate bed quilts for Kansas DCF foster youth/teens and homeless families served by Avenue of Life. I've continued doing so over the past 3 years.

Lots of projects or one at a time? It's not unusual to have several projects started but when I'm ready to check a project off my list, I work on it until completion.

Neat as a pin or anything goes? Neat as a pin for sure!

I'm currently obsessed with: Finding ways to use some of the gem fabrics "buried" in my stash!

The best piece of quilting advice I've received was: During a class at Harper's Fabric & Quilt Company I was taught how to use the Perfect Piecing Seam Guide by Perkins Dry Goods. It has been revolutionary in my ability to consistently achieve perfect 1/4" seams and was a major turning point in my quilting!!! I never sew without it now!!!

When I just can't get a quilt to come together, I: get out the seam ripper and try again or sleep on it after rereading the directions or researching a better technique to use.

My go-to color combination is: Green is my favorite color so anytime I can incorporate it in a quilt, I'm very happy.

My favorite part of making a quilt is: The initial design process of identifying a quilt pattern and selecting fabrics either from my stash or buying new ones is very inspiring and fun for me. I also really enjoy binding by hand!

What I like to listen to while I'm quilting is: During the pandemic I started watching YouTube videos on my iPad or iPhone while I sewed. At first it was problematic because on two occasions I looked away to watch the video and got a finger caught under the needle!!! I ended up getting a tetanus shot after the first time! Lesson learned...now I do not watch technique videos because I found them too distracting but rather only listen to ones with general discussions and tips.

Additional Tidbits about myself:

- I'm a first generation quilter. I became aware of quilting soon after moving to Kansas City in 1981 to attend graduate school. I was immediately hooked because I've always loved to sew and anything that involved a needle & thread.

- I took a lot of technique classes in the 1980s & 1990s when the rotary cutter and machine quilting were being introduced. I made lots of quilted wall hangings to perfect my skills for machine piecing/appliqué/quilting plus binding.

- I joined Starlight in 1997 and have served in various roles over the years: secretary, Vice President, President and chair of Project Linus, Membership, Programs & Workshops, Quilt Show vendors, Community Services Committee, and Project Warm Embrace. Currently I am the Opportunity Quilt chair.

- My favorite time to sew is during the quiet in early morning.

- I want to learn English Paper Piecing (EPP) and make the cover quilt on Handful of Scraps by Laundry Basket Quilts.

STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report April 30, 2021			
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 20,164.99	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Cash Balance		\$ 20,224.99
Income	Membership	1,736.08	
	Opportunity Quilt	670.00	
	KCRQF	746.85	
	Administration (PO Box)	188.00	
	Total Income		\$ 3,340.93
Expenses	Dr. Geraldine Craig - March Program	250.00	
	Just Get It Done Quilts - April Program	200.00	
	Janette Sheldon (PO Box)	188.00	
	Stop Payment Fee	30.00	
	KCRQF Merchandise	768.00	
	Judy Danz - Postage	55.00	
	Total Expenses		\$ 1,491.00
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 22,014.92	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
	Cash Balance April 30, 2021		\$ 22,074.92
Submitted by Dana Switzer			

Starlight Quilt Guild Meeting Will Be In-Person in June!

With much thought and caution, we have decided to meet in person beginning at our June 22nd meeting. For any who are not comfortable meeting in person, ZOOM will still be available. Currently, Overland Park



Lutheran Church is too small to socially distance, so we have explored alternatives.

An ad hoc committee visited The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection – Overland Park and we were pleased with what we saw. The meeting room will accommodate

150 when set up to COVID standards. The meeting will need to be scaled back. Food and drinks are not allowed per COR COVID policy, so no refreshments. We need to forgo the library and the free table. Bucket Babes felt they could safely do Babe-duty, so several long tables will be available for them to space out their fabulous prizes. We will have a registration table, so be sure to check in. Restrooms are readily available. There is a stage and a professional sound system with a sound system technician on hand.

There is one obstacle which we must address. The facility is up a flight of steps from the parking lot. A



circle drive takes you to the entrance level, so if the steps will be a problem for you, we are asking you to carpool with someone who can drop you off and then park the car. Five handicapped parking spots are on the entrance level to the building. We ask that those be left for individuals who have scooters or wheelchairs. We can also provide a ride from the parking lot to the entrance, if needed, so don't let this stop you from coming. We know this will be an issue for some, but we will figure it out.

The address is 8412 W. 95th St., Overland Park, KS (north side of 95th Street, just east of Antioch). You may know this facility as Valley View United Methodist Church. We plan to use this facility for our June, July, and August meetings. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pam Lanza or Janet Wikle. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings!

May Program: Barbara Brackman



Barbara Brackman is our speaker for May. She is a quilt historian and author from Lawrence, KS who has written many books over the past forty years, indexing patterns, exploring women's history through quilt making and giving guidelines for dating fabrics and quilts. Her most recent books are Divided Hearts: A Civil War Friendship Quilt and the third edition of her classic Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns.

Her topic will be "Out of Control: Quilts That Break the Rules". Traditional quilt makers express creativity within definite and established forms. Typically they have squared corners and fit on

beds. This slide show looks at some crazy good quilts that defy those conventions and do it successfully.

Hopefully you'll get a license to follow your own muse.

~ Janet Wikle



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 **6:00pm on Sunday, May 23** to allow time to prepare the slideshow.

~ Pam Avara

NEWSFLASH

The date for the drawing to WIN Starlight's 2021 Opportunity Quilt has been changed!

*Please make a note that it will now take place at the Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Show on **Saturday, October 2**. What a fabulous way to celebrate our 40th Ruby Anniversary than with "A Gem of a Quilt Show" AND the excitement of drawing a winner for our beautiful "Ruby Redwork" opportunity quilt inspired by the gemstone for our 40th anniversary year.*

2021 Opportunity Quilt



The month of May marks the halfway point of our fundraiser promotion timeline. If you are among the Starlight members who have already

bought or sold your \$20 worth of tickets....THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your contribution to our goal!

If you haven't done so yet, no worries, there is still time. Your participation is greatly needed for a successful fundraiser this year.

Here's how easy it is:

- ❖ Make your **\$20 check** payable to Starlight Quilters Guild and mail/deliver to Renee Arnett, 6326 Outlook Dr, Mission, Kansas 66202....OR
- ❖ Access the SQG Opportunity Quilt webpage and make your payment via the **SQG PayPal link**: <http://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/opportunity-quilt/>
- ❖ For tickets you sell to family, friends, neighbors, coworkers etc, simply use the **Ticket Sales Form** available as a PDF on the [SQG Opportunity Quilt webpage](#). It's an easy way to help you (and me) keep track of your ticket sales. Mail the form and payment to Renee Arnett at the address on the form.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

~ Renee Arnett, Chair, 2021 Opportunity Quilt



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller



Update: A Gem of a Quilt Show

Hope you are working on quilts to exhibit in the Starlight Show on October 1 and 2. And don't forget those Boutique items.

The Boutique has been a huge money maker in past years. In addition to handmade items, you can donate books and patterns.



The show always needs volunteers so please consider spending a few hours on setup day and show days. Quilt entry forms and signup sheets will be posted on the website as we get closer to the show date.

~Lois Bozarth
and Dana
Switzer, Show
Chairs

Hello quilters! Peggy Skaith here. Hopefully you have some items in mind or in storage for the Quilt Show Boutique! I have some patterns available for pincushions, tote bags, sewing accessories, and other quick-to-make items that would be a value-add rather than selling the pattern only! We want to make the best of our donated resources.

Speaking of donations, we had a very generous donation of fabrics and UFOs, several of which I am finishing myself. If you'd like to take on a small-project UFO (in addition to the large list you already have) contact me to pick one from the Boutique pile!

October will be here before we know it!



Let's Sew!

Cancellations, venues, dates and times are all subject to change.

Fabric Bingo

Fabric Bingo is on hold until Fall 2021.

Block of the Month Sewalong

Thursday, June 10th at 7pm
Watch Email for Zoom Invitation

Starlight Zoom Sew Days

3rd Saturday, June 19th
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

Fri., Oct. 1 and Sat., Oct. 2, 2021



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

Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

Friday, October 29 - Sunday, October 31, 2021



Lake Doniphan Conference
and Retreat Center
12856 Doniphan Lake Rd
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
Visit lakedoniphan.com
for more about our 2021 venue.



Confidence and comfort leaving our four walls seems to be growing as folks continue to receive their vaccinations; we've had a brisk signup for our Fall Retreat! As mentioned during the last Guild meeting, the work space is bigger than the one we had at Unity, so there is ample space to spread out.

Our retreat will be at Excelsior Springs at **Lake Doniphan Retreat Center**, in their main building from Friday, October 29 through Sunday, October 31st. 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! I am so looking forward to seeing everyone, as well as being inspired by everyone's projects.

Cost will be \$175 per person (double) or \$210 per person (single), and includes your own 4 feet 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 contact me. I will put you on the list and provide you with my home address to mail payment (payable to Starlight). Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 433 6752); or DonnaHolloway@yahoo.com

~ Donna Holloway

Project Linus



Quilt sizes Needed

40" x 40" up to
50" x 60"

Please note:

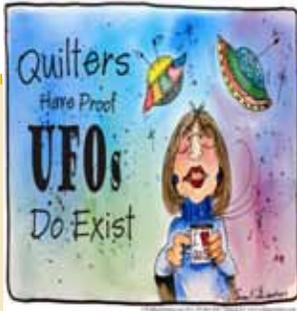
Twin Size also needed

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CANCER CENTER



Quilt sizes for The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Width - 40" to 45"
Length - 45" to 50"



UFO Update

Wow! These ladies have been busy as they have 13 UFOs finished between them: Karen Edwards, Mary Honas, Sue Howard, Marsha Reeves, Mary Beth Schrader, Janette Sheldon and Cheryl Tomson.

Congratulations!

Please post your finished projects to the Starlight Quilt Guild Chat on Facebook or email them to me to post and/or be included in the Show 'n Tell presentation and I'll mark them off your list.

~ Pam Avara

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

AccuQuilt Go! News



Two new dies have been ordered for donation to the Guild – the Hunter's Star and the Blazing Star. Each will make a 12" block. 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.



KCRQF Update from Our Representatives

We will be hanging 42 quilts at the KCRQF in June. Each quilt must have a 4" open sleeve sewn to the quilt and a sewn on label to identify the quilt. Donna Holloway and I will be in the parking lot of Prairie Point Quilt & Fabric Shop, 12116 W. 95th Street, Lenexa, KS to collect the quilts on Thursday, June 3rd from 6 – 8 PM or Saturday, June 5th 10 AM – Noon. If you are not able to meet us at one of these times, other arrangements will need to be made to get the quilt to Donna before the quilt show.

Volunteers are also needed to hang the quilts on Wednesday, June 16th from 9:00 AM until we get it done and to take them down on Saturday, June 19th after the show closes at 4 PM. We have couple of volunteers (Thank you, Jackie Johnson and Laurie Gorton!) for Wednesday, but one or two more would be great. I cannot remember if anyone has said they would help taking the quilts down. Help is needed.

Please contact Donna Holloway or Pam Avara if you have questions.

~ Pam Avara

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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, banners, and so much more. Fast turnaround time on orders.

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

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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, phone 913-451-0283

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

