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Starlight Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Meeting in person last month was so fun! Even though the meeting was scaled back, the energy and excitement were present. (Hopefully, the Zoom snafus for the home participants will be corrected this time around.) We had several new members join us for the first time. Welcome! Some of the COVID restrictions at Church of the Resurrection OVP have been lifted, so this month it will feel more like our usual meetings with a free table, snacks, Opportunity Quilt, and babe-alicious buckets.



At my first quilt meeting several years ago, as a welcome gift, I got an English paper piecing hexagon that was about an inch big. I was new enough to quilting to think that a king-sized quilt of these hexis would be a good idea. A doily of hexis is pieced. It will not get put on a UFO list because I value my sanity and I know it will never become something!

I joined quilt guild specifically because I wanted to participate in the quilt show. Quilt guild proved to be serendipitous beyond a fun quilt show every year. Membership offers many opportunities to learn, socialize and give. What really brings a lump in my throat are all the out-reach and charity we do. I am so proud to be part of that.

This month, our speaker is Scraps KC, our charity recipient. When they were suggested as our charity, it felt like something exactly up our lane: cheap quilting and art supplies with proceeds going to help homeless people. Invite a friend to attend also and spread the joy of learning, supporting, and giving that our guild has to offer. See you at guild meeting!

~ Pam Lanza

Starlight Member Spotlight Jean Turvey



I was born and raised in Kansas, and my husband and I met while training at KU Hospital. We moved our two small sons to California and lived there for twelve years. He and I now live in the Northland

with our little rescue dog, Hazelnut (aka Hazel).

I'm a registered nurse, now retired. I sell vintage quilts online in my Etsy shop. When I'm not quilting, I am out in my gardens lugging bags of dirt and moving rocks.

I've been quilting since the mid 1980s. My first quilt class was just awful. The teacher insisted on cutting the fabric for us, and she cut the Irish Chain pieces wrong. I finished the quilt, but not the class (!) and I've been quilting ever since.

I still prefer traditional patterns and we use my quilts in our home or I give them away to family and friends. My favorite parts of the process are the beginning – picking out fabrics – and the ending – I love to put on binding. I'm lucky to have a large sewing room and so have three design walls with multiple projects going at a time. I am grateful for quilting, as it has brought me friends, a way to bring comfort and caring to others, and encouragement and inspiration during rough times in my own life.

2021 Challenge

Childhood Games

You Played with Your Friends

Don't forget about this year's Challenge quilt! Create a quilt that represents games we played as children. Details can be found on the Starlight Guild website. Completion date is September 28, 2021.

~ Kim Cawthon

NEWSFLASH

Volunteers Needed for Program Committee

The Program Committee needs to add two or three new members to this group for 2022. To get a good variety of programs, we need to begin planning now for next year. We're currently researching several ideas and will need more. Please consider volunteering for this committee or offering suggestions of speakers/programs you think would be interesting to our members.

If you are interested, please contact Janet Wikle or Carla Orner.

◆ Starlight's Block of the Month! ◆

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		June 30, 2021	
					
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$	25,532.05		
	Petty Cash		60.00		
	Cash Balance				25,592.05
Income	Retreats		350.00		
	Welcome		7.40		
	Quilt Show Vendors		170.00		
	Opportunity Quilt		491.17		
	Bucket Babes		341.00		
	Membership		245.00		
	Total Income			\$	1,604.57
Expenses	KCQRF Merchandise		481.00		
	KCQRF Supplies		29.96		
	Quilt Show Publicity		113.62		
	Quilt Show Rent		1,650.00		
	Quilt Show Supplies		14.34		
	Community Service		35.00		
	June Program		364.00		
	Meeting Space Rent - 3 month		450.00		
	Total Expenses			\$	3,137.92
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$	23,998.70		
	Petty Cash		60.00		
	Cash Balance June 30, 2021			\$	24,058.70
Submitted by Dana Switzer					

June Program: Brenda Mott

Brenda Mott from Scraps KC will be talking to Starlight Quilters Guild Tuesday, July 27th. Scraps KC is a non-profit located at 3926 Roanoke. Their mission is to divert art and craft supplies, fabric and many other objects that would normally end up in the landfill. They resell the donated items, teach people how to make art and sew. Funds that are generated by the sales and classes are used to support the homeless in KC. So far, they have diverted more than 200 tons from the landfill.

We have not had a free table at our guild meetings since early 2020. I know it is time to clean space in my quilt room for all those new, beautiful fabrics that keep tempting me. This month we will donate everything brought for the free table to Scraps KC. Next month we will resume the running the normal free table. So, start sorting and cleaning your sewing space and bring the pieces you know you will probably never use to this month's meeting.

Scraps KC will take any fabric fat quarter sized or larger. They will accept any type of fabric, notions and sewing supplies. Thanks for enthusiastically supporting Scraps KC!

~ Janet Wikle



UFO Update

It seems that Summer is here and work on UFOs has been stalled. I've heard of no newly completed UFOs since the last report. If you showed a finished UFO at the June meeting, will you please let me know? I missed the meeting because I was in Mississippi closing on my new house. Yes, I'm moving at the end of August so I need a volunteer to take over the UFO program for the rest of the year and carry it forward next year. This year's lists were turned in at the beginning of the year, so it's just a matter of recording when something gets finished and writing a few lines for this report. If you are interested please let me know. Thanks.

~ Pam Avara

Polka Dot Fat Quarters for July Meeting

We are ready to start fat quarters again. It is easy to participate

1. Bring fat quarter to meeting and add to fat quarter basket.
2. Sign your name to an entry square for each fat quarter you bring and drop in small basket.
3. Wait for your name to be called to win ALL the fat quarters brought that night...I've seen as much as twelve yards of fabric!
4. When your name is called, you win fabric and get to name the theme, color or designer, etc for next month. We are starting out with polka dots for July.

~ Jan Ketchum

SQG Denim Shirts

There are 6 denim shirts with the SQG embroidered logo for sale, 4 are ladies cut and 2 are men's cut. Ladies are \$27 each and men's are \$31 each. The ladies cut are trimmer and you may find that you would be most comfortable in a size larger than you would normally wear. There is one shirt of each size listed below.

Ladies – Medium, Large, 2XL, and 3XL
Men's – XL and 2XL

These will be available for you to try on and purchase at the July meeting. Check payable to Starlight Quilters Guild, please.

~ Janet Wikle

Your Participation = Success for Starlight

As of this newsletter, 50% of Starlight's membership have participated in our 2021 Opportunity Quilt fundraiser. WooHoo! Thank you to everyone who has bought or sold tickets so far!!!

Our "Ruby Redwork" Opportunity Quilt was inspired by and celebrates Starlight's 40th Anniversary. Cheers to us!

Here are some Fun Facts: Ruby is the gemstone for July. It is also a traditional gift for those celebrating 15th or 40th anniversaries. Rubies are extremely strong on the scale of hardness. They are as resilient as sapphires and only slightly softer than diamonds.

I am very optimistic that member participation will increase now that our guild meetings are in person. My goal is to reach at least 80% participation by Starlight members. I hope I can count on your support. Thank you!

We are just 3 months away from drawing the winner on October 2 during the SQG Quilt Show. Each guild member is asked to buy or sell \$20 worth of tickets. Who

benefits from your efforts? You do because 100% of the proceeds goes toward scheduling speakers for guild monthly meetings to educate and inspire you.

Due to restrictions during the pandemic, I've been promoting ticket sales COVID style since our January 2021 SQG Newsletter. As members have bought or sold their requested \$20 worth of tickets, I've been writing names and phone numbers on tickets. It has been working out very well.

Here's how easy it is for you to participate:

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 \$20 payment via the SQG PayPal link at <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 per the address on the form.

Rock On Ruby Quilters!

~ Renee Arnett, Chair, 2021 Opportunity Quilt

AccuQuilt Go!

Remember... the Accuquilt Go! cutter and dies are still available for your use. Just contact Cheryl Tomson to arrange safe socially distant pickup at her home in Lenexa.



We're Having a Quilt Show!!!!

Summer is going by quickly and the quilt show will be here before we know it. It's not too soon to start sending in your entry forms. You can enter any quilt that has not been in a Starlight show in the past. Categories and sizes are on the entry form in the Quilt Show section of the website. Deadline for submissions is September 15 but it always helps when planning the layout if we have entries ASAP.

Be thinking about when you can help with setup, during the show, and with takedown. As the saying goes "Many hands make quick work." You can sign up at guild meetings or through the Signup Genius link on the website.

We will have a bake sale this year. Mary Funk, our longtime Bake Sale Chair, has a family commitment and cannot be with us this year. Please contact Lois Bozarth if you would like to chair this important committee.

Meanwhile, Peggy Skaith asks that you keep working on those boutique items!



We have six vendors committed to date, including a scissors sharpener, and several more who have expressed interest.

Look forward to seeing you and your spectacular quilts at the show!

*~Lois Bozarth and Dana Switzer,
Show Chairs*

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, August 12 at 7pm

Watch Email for Zoom Invitation

Starlight Zoom Sew Days

3rd Saturday, August 14

9am to 12pm

Watch Email for Zoom Invitation

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



Oh my gosh, Lollapalooza Wow Wow Wow!

The response to our buckets and mega bucket was incredible!!! I hear that the member who won both the mega bucket and one of the other fabulous buckets has requested to be anonymous, fearing that other members may be asking for a handout! Of course only kidding, I mean that only happens with lottery winners, right? Well, maybe! Anyway, it was the lottery of buckets. Guess what? The Babes decided to do it again!!! After not being together for so long the Starlight Quilters deserve extra extra fun. Did I tell you that in all those buckets only one item was purchased by the guild, the rest was donated from members? Holy Cow, that is truly amazing.... just like our members!!! So you have a little time left to rob a bank or sell your jewelry to save up for the next set of buckets.

Thank you all for your donations and your dollars. We raised over \$300 in one night and that will go far in helping us get great speakers. Starlight Quilters are the best, oh yeah!

~ The Bucket Babes



Let's Shower Jeanne With Cards!

One of our inaugural members and Past Presidents (1991 & 1992), **Jeanne Poore**, is no longer able to attend meetings and has retired from public life. She just celebrated her birthday in June.

In celebrating our 40th Anniversary, it is notable that Jeanne's leadership and volunteerism in Starlight definitely helped to build the viable guild we are today. I thought it would be a nice gesture if we could shower Jeanne with cards and notes of our appreciation.

Jeanne's many contributions to our quilting community both locally and statewide in Kansas is impressive. Whether you've taken a guild workshop or quilt shop class taught by Jeanne, own one of her many quilt books published by Kansas City Quilts or, made one of her quilt patterns, you're one of the lucky ones to have experienced her talent firsthand. For our new guild members, google her name and you'll see how special of a quilter Jeanne was. She worked at Prairie Point for years (could be even with all three owners) and was the creative designer behind their famous Block of the Month (BOM) Club. In fact, this year's Opportunity Quilt has blocks in it that we're designed by Jeanne as part of a BOM at Prairie Point.

I hope you'll join me in sending a "thinking of you" card, note of appreciation, or sharing a memory of how Jeanne inspired you as a quilter. Thank you.

Jeanne Poore
c/o Natalie Hutchison
8205 W 91st St.
Overland Park, KS 66212

~ Renee Arnett, SQG Past President (2007 & 2008), Member, SQG 40th Anniversary Planning Committee

Funnies from Mary Funk

Only a Quilter...

- ❖ has a welcome mat at the door and an "Enter at Your Own Risk" sign on the door of her sewing room.
- ❖ invites everyone to see her sewing room, then says "Don't look at the mess!"
- ❖ says "I really don't need another project," then offers to make a quilt for a friend.
- ❖ will buy more of one fabric that she'll ever need, but then buy less of another that she'll need to finish the project.
- ❖ gives a quilt book to the guild auction, then bids on it to get it back.
- ❖ buys the same fabric 3 times without remembering that she already had it.
- ❖ has a fabric stash larger than the fabric selection at the local quilt shop.
- ❖ drives 40 miles in a hurricane to attend a quilt show, but calls for take out for dinner because it's drizzling.
- ❖ has a Facebook feed with more quilting groups than friends and family



Only a quilter's family would put up with, understand and love a quilter!

Project ♥ Linus



Quilt sizes Needed

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

Please note:

Twin Size also needed

KU Cancer Center Quilts

Our community service project has been amazing! We have had so many donations that we decided to expand our recipients. If you haven't seen it on the Starlight Quilters Chat on Facebook, take a look. We delivered 10 quilts a couple of weeks ago to a new chemotherapy facility and the note I received back from the social worker was absolutely heartwarming. She pointed out that for first time chemotherapy patients, they are often very nervous. Immediately after they were dropped off, she took one to a first time patient and she wrapped herself in it.

I believe that is what we are here for, to bring comfort with our craft. Thank you again and take a look at chat for the full story. You are awesome and are truly making a difference, one patient at a time.

~ Deb McCurnin and Janet Wikle

Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

Friday, October 29 - Sunday, October 31, 2021

The summer is flying by so fast - in just 3 months, our Guild Retreat will be held in Excelsior Springs at **Lake Doniphan Retreat Center** in their main building. Retreat will begin on Friday morning (October 29th) and conclude on Sunday afternoon (October 31st). 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.

The workroom is quite large and opens out to a beautiful view of the Lake. The sleeping rooms (2 Queen beds and bath) are on the same level, with dining upstairs (there is an elevator for those who have difficulty navigating stairs). Just imagine having 3 full days of non-stop sewing and quilting fellowship, with someone else cooking your meals! 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. If interested, please send me an email or call; 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 final headcount by October 1st.** Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 433 6752); or DonnaLHolloway@yahoo.com

~ Donna Holloway

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

Visit lakedoniphan.com
for more about our 2021 venue.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CANCER CENTER



Quilt sizes for The University of Kansas Cancer Center

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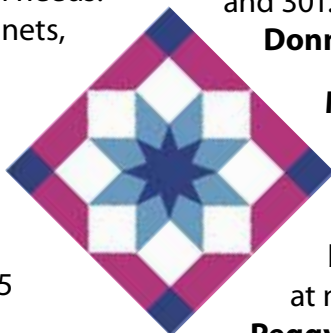
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Phone **Stephanie Rector**, 816-560-9863

Email rosecliffquilts@gmail.com

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Donna di Natale, phone 913-451-0283

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Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525