

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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August 18, 2021

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President's Message

Has this happened to you? A friend asks if you would "fix" a beloved quilt. When it happened to me this week, I was tempted to reply, "I'm a quilter, not a magician!" Ultimately, I agreed only because it was a dear lady who had been my boss and had hired me when I needed a job. I could not deny someone who is a great judge of character!



I assumed the quilt was a family heirloom, lovingly made by a great-grandmother in a log cabin by candlelight. In reality, it was something she had bought out of a catalog. The well-used quilt was missing most of the binding, some appliqué, and had batting poking out in places. I reluctantly took it, but with an attitude.

This week, as I have stabilized the fabric and put on a new binding, I realized why she wanted to breathe new life into a mass-produced quilt. It is really soft and cuddly. It came perfectly matched and assembled, but it gained a personality through wear and use. The imperfections have made it beautiful.

At the last guild meeting, I heard several people lamenting that their early attempts at a quilt aren't good enough to be in the quilt show. Quilting is a journey, and this is a snapshot of where your skills are today. Quilting is about spirit and fun, and imperfections make quilts perfectly ours. Even a store-bought quilt can gain a loveable personality. No matter your quilting prowess, pick a creation you would like to have in the show and be proud of the finished product. You never know who you will inspire.

~Pam Lanza

Starlight Member Spotlight

Mary Funk

Where born: Manhattan, KS



Family, Kids: Husband, five kids, 12 grandkids, two great-grandchildren

Home, occupation: Mission, KS, retired English professor from JCCC

Other Hobbies, interests: Gardening (Master Gardener), cooking, painting, crafts

First quilt? In 1962, I made a nine-patch, yellow, blue, polka dots because I didn't know gender of expected baby.

What do you do with the quilts you make? I give them to friends, family, senior citizens, and the Christmas Bureau.

Lots of projects or one at a time? More than one

Neat as a pin or anything goes? Anything goes, sometimes I run out of fabric at 11:00 p.m.

I'm currently obsessed with: Floral fabrics and the 2021 challenge

The best piece of quilting advice I've ever received was: When I was told how to correctly thread a needle!

When I just can't get a quilt to come together, I: Set it aside then get back to it after meditation

My go-to color combination is: All colors but green!

My favorite part of making a quilt is: Selecting fabrics and creating my patterns.

		STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report July 31, 2021	
	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$	26,450.36
	Petty Cash		60.00
	Cash Balance		23,998.70
Income			
	Retreats		1,995.00
	Shirts		116.00
	KCROQF Merchandise		104.00
	Quilt Show Vendors		65.00
	Opportunity Quilt		200.55
	Bucket Babes		250.00
	Membersip		383.68
	Total Income		\$ 3,114.23
Expenses			
	Quilt Show Supplies		141.18
	Community Service KC Scraps		250.00
	Retreat Refund Judy Danz		210.00
	Opportunity Quilt Supplies		61.33
	Total Expenses		\$ 662.57
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$	26,450.36
	Petty Cash		60.00
	Cash Balance July 31, 2021		\$ 26,510.36
Submitted by Dana Switzer			

In Memoriam:

Linda Clatterbuck's husband, Paul, passed away on July 16. Some of you may remember Paul because he often helped at the quilt shows, setting up and taking down.



August Program: Merrie Ford

Our speaker for our meeting on Tuesday, August 24, is Merrie Ford. Merrie grew up in Montana which influenced her color preferences. She loves the color **brown** and was surprised to find out that brown is not a popular choice for most modern quilters.

She loves the art of quilting, and the fact that there is always something new to learn--whether it's a technique, color theory, or design process. Come see her wonderful quilts and hear about her use of **brown** in her quilts.

Her website is browntownquilts.com



~Janette Luehring

Your participation will cost you less than \$2 a month!

We are less than 2 months away from drawing the winner of the Starlight Opportunity Quilt on Saturday October 2 during the annual SQG Quilt Show. It IS very exciting!!!



Each member is asked to purchase or sell \$20 worth of tickets.

Tickets are just \$1 each or 6 for \$5. What a bargain...plus 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales will be used for securing speakers and trunk show presentations for future guild meetings so ultimately YOU benefit from the success of this year's Opportunity Quilt fundraiser. Did you realize that your \$20 worth of tickets comes out to less than \$2 a month since we don't meet in December? What a deal! That's less than the price of a gallon of gas or a cup of coffee at Starbucks!!!

Haven't bought or sold your tickets yet? No worries, you're in luck because there is still time. I'll be at the August and

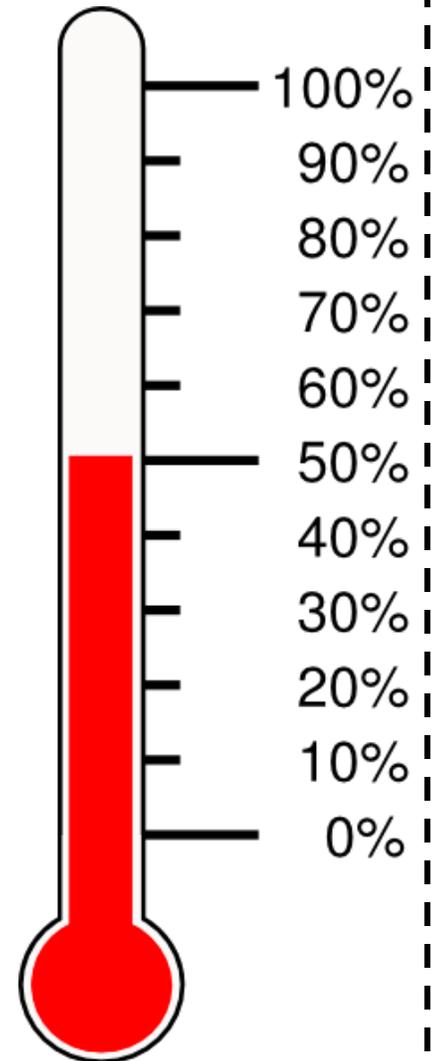
September SQG meetings **and** SQG Quilt Show so you can purchase tickets in person. As always, you're welcome to purchase them online via Starlight's PayPal account <https://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/opportunity-quilt/>. You can also simply mail me your check payable to "Starlight Quilters Guild" and I'd be happy to write your name and phone number on the tickets. My mailing address is Renee Arnett 6326 Outlook Dr, Mission KS 66202.

The latest SQG membership list indicates that we have 132 members. To date, 66 members have participated which represents 50%. I hope I can count on your support to increase our membership participation within the next two months.

Thank you very much!

~Renee Arnett

2021 Opportunity Quilt Chair



GAMES 2021 CHALLENGE

 Childhood games you played with your friends.

The Games Challenge is simple. Create a quilt that represents games we played as children. The rules are as follows:

- An item from the share table, one you've had in your stash more than 5 years, or something from another quilter's stash. Identify your Special Item on the entry form.
- Quilt must be 24" or more, but 48" or less on any side
- Quilt Show entry form must be completed to enter your challenge quilt in the 2021 Gem of A Quilt Show.
- Games Challenge Form must be presented with the quilt. Form available on the guild's web page.
- Completion date for this challenge is **September 28, 2021**
- Don't forget to enter your Ruby Red 2020 Challenge in the quilt show.

~Kim Cawthon

Fat Quarters for August:

Back to School

Theme

Search your stash,
Save your cash!



What does back-to-school fabric bring to mind?

In your stash, the answer you'll find.

Numbers, letters, books, rulers, pencils, markers, scissors, schoolhouses, pens, buses, plaid, primary colors, apples, lunch boxes, etc.....

How will YOUR stash answer?

July's winner was Pat Monaghan with 4 ½ yards of fabric!



~Jan Ketchum

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Greater Kansas City Area Chapter

NOW IS THE TIME!

Because last year we had such a huge need around the holidays I've reached out early to these groups. I currently have a supply of blankets for our regular deliveries, but if we don't start preparing now for the need that we will have in November we won't be able to meet it.

Last year around the holidays, we gave out over 5000 blankets. This year we already have requests **for over 6000!** Last year we gave out everything we had!

As school is starting, we need to gear up toward meeting that need. Please make blankets! The urgent need is for blankets that are 40 X 40 and up, we can use only a very few of the 36 X 36 size. We need blankets that are going to be warm for winter. It is important that we start to collect these and get them labeled, I must have them all by mid-November so please let's get busy!! Spread the word too!!

~Mary Honas

Quilt Show Update

We have received 36 quilt entries to date. We hope to hang 100 quilts, so keep those entries coming in!

If you wish to enter your challenge quilt (both the Ruby Red Challenge from 2020 and the 2021 Challenge are eligible for entry), please submit an entry form.

While you CAN bring your quilts on setup day (September 30), we encourage you to bring them to the September guild meeting, if possible. This way we can plan how we will hang the quilts in advance and ensure a more orderly and less stressful day for those wonderful ladies (and some spouses) who have volunteered to hang the quilts. **NO QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT AN ADVANCE ENTRY FORM. ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 14.** See the Starlight website for entry forms and details.

WE STILL NEED A BAKE SALE CHAIR! Please contact Lois Bozarth at lois_bozarth@yahoo.com or reach out to her at the August meeting.

We also have plenty of volunteer slots open for working the bake sale, the boutique, opportunity quilt table and white gloving. You can sign up through the Sign Up Genius link on the Guild Website or at the August meeting.

Your committee is monitoring the COVID situation and will provide details re masks, etc. as we get closer to the show dates. As you know, the situation is fluid.



*~Lois Bozarth and Dana Switzer
2021 Quilt Show Chairs*

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CANCER CENTER



Quilt Sizes for the University of Kansas Cancer Center

Width: 40" to 45"
Length: 45" to 50"



Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat



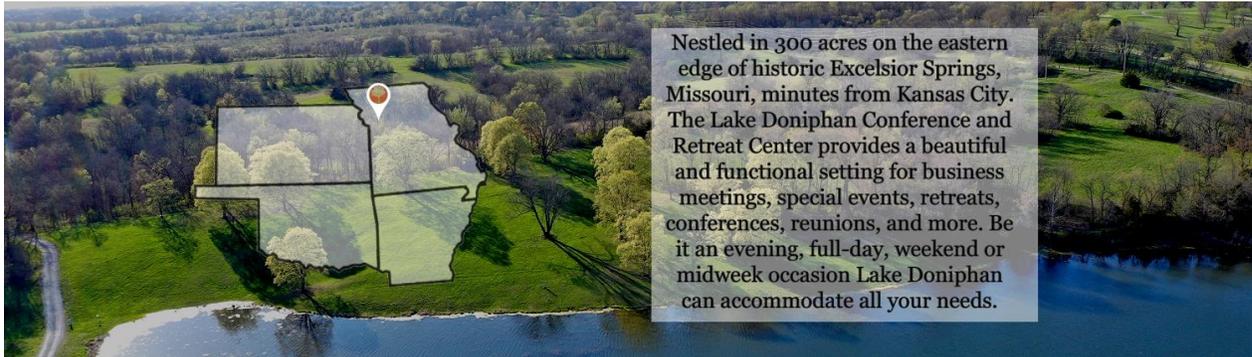
October 29 - 31, 2021

We have over 25 members attending our Guild Retreat in October at Lake Doniphen Retreat Center! I have locked in the minimum headcount with the Retreat Center - but they have let me know that we are able to add more participants, so there is still an opportunity to join us.

Here are the details: 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).

Final headcount is due in mid-October... so reach out to me as soon as possible if you'd like to be part of all the fun and inspiration!

Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 433 6752) or DONNALHOLLOWAY@YAHOO.COM



~Donna Holloway

Funnies from Mary Funk

Grandmothers (an essay by an 8-year-old)

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes on walks with the boys and they talk about fishing, tractors and like that. Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the shop where the pretend horse is and have lots of quarters ready. They are often fat, but not too fat to tie a kid's shoes. They wear funny glasses and funny underwear and they can take their teeth and gums off. Everyone should try to have one because grandmothers are the only grown-ups who have got time.



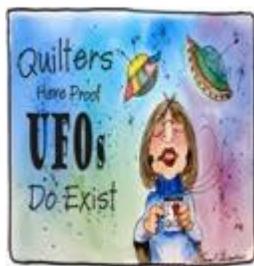
Volunteers Needed!

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 for speakers/programs you think would be interesting to our members.

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

AccuQuilt Go!

The *AccuQuilt Go!* Cutter and dies are available for member use. Just contact Cheryl Tomson to arrange safe socially distant pickup from her home in Lenexa.



UFO Update

Welcome to the new volunteer heading up the UFO Project Program, **Stephanie Rector**. If you have any progress to report on your UFO list, please let Stephanie know. Watch for updates from her beginning in the September newsletter!

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, September 9

Blocks are released on the first Friday of each month on the Guild Website,

www.starlightquilters.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

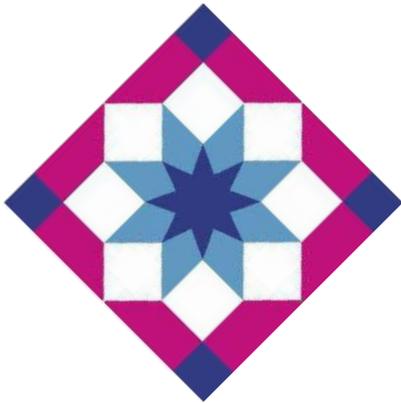


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Rosecliff Quilts – Provide quilting services which include longarm edge-to-edge quilting for unfinished quilt tops, baby quilts, t-shirt memory quilts and embroidery patches. Phone: **Stephanie Rector**, 816-560-9863 Email: rosecliffquilts@gmail.com

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 – 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