

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the Editor's Desk

Hello SQG quilters! I hope that the heat isn't causing anyone undue problems. I am not personally a fan, but the many benefits of living here really outweigh a few months of heat & humidity, so I try not to complain too much.

A quick review of the by-laws alerted me to the fact that I owe all of you an apology. Your membership entitles you to a newsletter a week prior to each meeting, and I've been dropping the ball. With the on-time production of this issue, I'm renewing my commitment as your newsletter editor to get the Express out on time and in your hands to keep you informed and up-to-date on SQG events and activities. I'd also like to ask for your help. As a new member, and also a novice quilter, I'd welcome announcements for events and activities within the quilting community. Please send anything that the guild should be aware of to me at starlightnewsletter@gmail.com.

Now, read on to see what the Starlight Quilters Guild has in store for YOU!

~Suzanne Andrews
Starlight Express Editor

Meeting Location Reminder

Just a reminder that the June meeting will be held at **Heart to Heart International headquarters, 11500 Renner Boulevard** in Lenexa. Directions are in the May/June newsletter and the SQG member chat page on Facebook.

Hope to see you there!

Member Spotlight: Donna di Natale

This month, we caught up with SQG member, Donna di Natale of Lenexa, Kansas!

Donna is retired from 36 years in health care and medical research. She has two cats, Murphy and Baxter, who serve as quality control for her quilts, "If they don't immediately lay on it, something must be wrong."

Donna made her first quilt, with the help of her mother, for her dolly. Today, she gives most of her quilts away, although she's starting to make smaller quilts that she can keep and hang on the wall or use in her home.

Donna tries to keep to one major project at a time, but she always has small projects going, too. As far as neatness goes, "Let's just say no one is allowed in my sewing 'studio,' mainly because they don't have the key to the maze." She's currently obsessed with making projects for the quilt show gift shop, and when she just can't get a quilt to come together she makes potholders. The best quilting advice Donna has received is, "It's not about the machine, it's about accuracy and patience." Rather than having a go-to color combination, she tries to match colors to the theme or design of the quilt she's working on.

Her other hobbies and interests include reading, gardening, knitting, designing quilts and other sewing projects. Donna's favorite part of making a quilt is piecing, and when she's quilting, she enjoys listening to the hum of her sewing machine. Make sure you say "Hi" to Donna at our next meeting!



Membership Reminder

Hi quilters, April has come and gone, and in case you missed it, that was the month to renew your membership. You can use one of two ways to pay your dues.

- Go to our website, Starlightquilters.com, and under the "Home" tab you can click on "Membership" where you'll find a link to pay with PayPal.
- You can send a check made out to Starlight Quilt Guild to me, Peggy Skaith, 7813 W. 90th Terrace, Overland Park, KS, 66212
- You can bring a check made out to the guild to the next meeting.

Dues are \$35. Contact me with any questions, 913-341-0525 or at

EspeciallyQuilts@att.net

~Peggy Skaith
Membership Chair



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report June 20, 2022

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$	31,516.27
	Petty Cash		60.00
		\$	31,576.27
	Cash Balance		
Income	Bucket Babes	\$	105.00
	Membership	\$	1,106.00
	Hospitality/Welcome	\$	2.25
	Total Income	\$	1,213.25
Expenses	Speakers		500.00
	Total Expenses		500.00
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$	31,843.38
	Petty Cash		60.00
Cash Balance	June 20, 2022	\$	31,903.38

~Allyson Donovan
Treasurer



SQG June Program

Carl Hentsch of Three Dog Design Co.

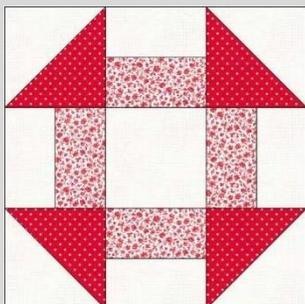
A life-long crafter and long-time quilter, Carl Hentsch is the founder of 3 Dog Design Co. in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Carl has exhibited his designs in AQS quilt shows in Knoxville and Des Moines, and also at the International Quilt Market in Houston.

He is the author of dozens of quilt patterns and several books, the most recent of which is *New York Beauties and Flying Geese*. You can read more about Carl, purchase his books and meet all his adorable dogs at 3dogdesignco.com

*~Carla Orner & Kathy Keegn
Program Co-Chairs*

2022 Churn Dash Challenge



Hope you're *churning* out those quilts! It may be a challenge, but that's what challenges are about.

Remember...minimum of three churn dashes...visible yellow, any shade of yellow...no more than

160 inches around in any shape...due by September meeting. Can't wait to see what you've done!

*~Karen Edwards & Shirley Lewis
Guild Challenge Chairs*

Community Service Opportunity

Just a friendly reminder that one of Starlight's new community service opportunities is the Ronald McDonald House. In addition to quilts (our specialty) we are invited to make standard sized pillowcases. A quick glance at the Facebook chat group shows that the sewing has started! Here are some links for free patterns & tutorials:

[Pillowcase pattern 1](#) [Pillowcase pattern 2](#) [Pillowcase pattern 3](#)

*~Bonnie Leigh
Community Service Co-Chair*



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Tickets Now Available for 2022 Opportunity Quilt

This year's Opportunity Quilt was designed by Donna di Natale, pieced by Janette Sheldon, and machine quilted by Donna Holloway. Made from beautiful shades of blue, teal, and cream batik fabrics, the quilt measures 100 inches square. Donna named the quilt, "La Mer," French for "the sea."



Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Each Starlight member is asked to support this annual guild fundraiser by buying (or selling) \$20 of opportunity quilt tickets.

Again, this year, tickets can be purchased via Starlight's PayPal found on the Opportunity Quilt webpage. Below is a link for your convenience. Please be sure to include your contact information (phone number and email in the comment section) as your tickets will be completed for you and entered in the drawing once payment is received.

<https://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/opportunity-quilt/>

- Proceeds from ticket sales "support educational programs and other projects beneficial to guild members."
- There's a PDF "Chance to Win" promotional flyer on the Opportunity Quilt page for you to share with family and friends.
- The winner will be drawn on Saturday, October 1, 2022 during the Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Show.

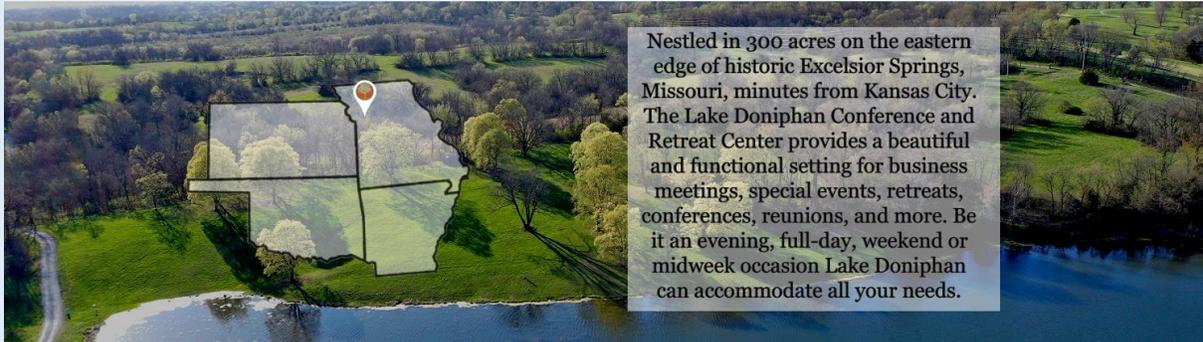
The Opportunity Quilt will make its debut at the April in-person guild meeting. Stop by to see it and introduce yourself to us. Bring your \$20 cash or check payable to Starlight Quilters Guild. Hope to see you soon!

*~Mary Bognich & Becky Larma
Opportunity Quilt Co-Chairs*

Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat--October 21-23, 2022

We will be returning to Lake Doniphan Retreat Center (Excelsior Springs, MO) on October 21-23, 2022, for our Fall Retreat. Participants last year truly enjoyed the \$205 per person (double) or \$245 per person (single); and includes your own 6 feet of table space, two nights sleeping accommodations, and six meals. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone in person, as well as being inspired from seeing everyone's projects. I will have a sign-up sheet during our in-person meetings or just email me if interested and I will put you on the list and provide my home address to mail payment (payable to Starlight). I will need a firm head count by mid-August with final count by October 1st. Any questions, please contact me at 913-433-6752 or donnalholloway@yahoo.com.

Thank you!



Nestled in 300 acres on the eastern edge of historic Excelsior Springs, Missouri, minutes from Kansas City. The Lake Doniphan Conference and Retreat Center provides a beautiful and functional setting for business meetings, special events, retreats, conferences, reunions, and more. Be it an evening, full-day, weekend or midweek occasion Lake Doniphan can accommodate all your needs.

*~Donna Holloway
Retreat Chair*

PRESS TO THE DARK SIDE

2022 Starlight Quilters Guild Show

**Friday, Sept. 30
Saturday, Oct. 1
10 AM-4 PM**

Admission \$5
Free admission for under 12.
Cash or checks only, please.

**Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak Street
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SQG members, this is YOUR show, so keep your suggestions coming to the Show Committee. Remember two things: We need your quilts and your volunteer efforts to make this show successful. Boutique, set up, tear down, entry desk, and white gloves will all be needed to make this show a force to be reckoned with!

*~Janette Sheldon & Kim Cawthon
Quilt Show Co-Chairs*



Fat Quarters Are Back!

Let's go with spring-summer flowers for the theme for the June meeting.

Rules are the same: Enter your name once for each fat quarter you bring. When your name is called, you win all the fat quarters brought that night **and** you get to choose the theme for the next month! One more fun activity for our monthly meetings!

*~Jan Ketchum
Fat Quarter Chair*



Library Corner



The library is still available for checkouts, even though we aren't meeting in the building where it is located. Please contact me by email, phone, or text to request a particular book, or books, on a certain topic. The list of books is still available on our Starlight website. I'll bring them to the next guild meeting for you to pick up. A few new books have been donated and I'll also bring them to the next meeting. They include,

- *Fat Quarter Friendly Quilts*
- *Grandmother's Flower Garden*
- *Undeniably Crazy*
- *American Summer: Seaside-inspired Rugs & Quilts*
- *Creative Quilt Challenges*
- *The Blue and the Gray*
- *Women of Grace and Charm*
- *Relax and Quilt*

The Accuquilt and dies continue to be available for checkout. We have a new die which will cut 2-, 3-, or 4-inch stars, just in time for the July 4th. An updated list is available on the website Contact me to make arrangements for pickup and return. If you haven't tried the Accuquilt, you'll be amazed at the ease of accurately cutting all the shapes you need so you can get down to the fun of sewing your creation. If you have an embroidery machine, the appliqué dies have free downloadable embroidery patterns, as well as other cute embroidery patterns for purchase from Accuquilt.

*~Cheryl Tomson
Librarian*





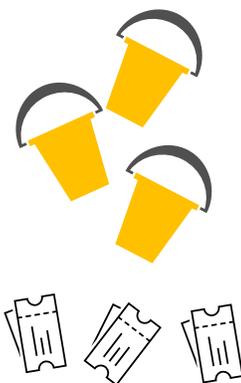
Did you know...

That the Project Linus website has links for free patterns, including quilt patterns? You can find them [HERE](#).

Also, according to the local Project Linus chapter, Prairie Point will offer blanket making days on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting in July. Space is limited, so you'll want to sign up on their site.

Bucket Babes

Well, we have had buckets of rain recently, but that doesn't stop the Bucket Babes from filling up the Starlight buckets! This month, the buckets will be filled with projects...and we aren't "kitting" around (hint, hint). So be prepared to have a whole project just waiting for you! Bring your dollars (or we do accept any coins you can dig out from the bottom of your purse) and join in the fun. You all know how it works, one dollar will get you one ticket, and five dollars will get you six tickets. SIX CHANCES FOR A GREAT PRIZE! Odds are far better than playing the lottery, and who needs millions of dollars, anyway? Also, if you come early and buy your tickets before the meeting, we even throw in extra chances! Come see us and thank you all so much for the donations and participation. We hope you have as much fun as we do!



~Deb McCurnin & Beverly Renner
The Bucket Babes

Block of the Month

Blocks 7 & 8 are up on the website, thank you to Tina Darrow! With these two blocks, you can either use the Tri-Recs tool or there's a printable paper template on the SQG site. Here's the link for the BOM page: [2022 BOM](#)

And here are the Block 7 & 8 samples:



Thank you, Tina!

Funnies with Mary Funk



Finding a gift for an older candle-blower isn't easy. You could send a card.

This is something I know a little bit about. There are cards that make people laugh (my favorites) and cards that make them cry (also my favorites but not necessarily in the intended way).

Of course, you could decide to throw a surprise party. But if you throw ME a surprise party, don't be surprised to find that you're the party being thrown. I didn't spend three Saturday afternoons at the Women's Defense Class for nothing.

Does it sound by now like there's really nothing to do but maybe give a birthday person money and slowly back away? If so, then you're paying attention!

July, August, & September Meeting Location

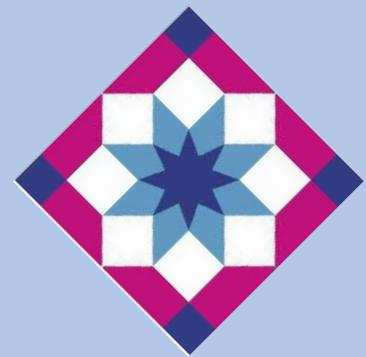
The location of the SQG meetings for July, August, and September is the Merriam Community Center at 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS. An e-blast will go out with directions prior to the July meeting.

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Invitation

BVQG is opening up their August workshop to non-members. Jacqueline de Jonge will be presenting a program at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$10 fee for visitors. She will also teach a three-day master class workshop on August 10, 11, & 12 from 9:30-4:30 each day. The fee for the workshop is \$225, and she recommends her Happiness 2.0 pattern/kit for the class. She is also happy to help with other patterns/kits participants have previously purchased. Her presentation and the workshop will be held at the BVQG meeting location, Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch, 14895 Antioch Road, Overland Park, 66221. Jacqueline de Jonge's website is <https://www.becolourful.com/>

In Other Quilty News...

- ❖ In case you needed another reason to make the drive to Parkville, Stashworthy Fabric has a new location there, at 102 Main Street. Annie, the shop's owner, was a vendor at our 2021 show!
- ❖ You can still attend this program virtually even though in-person registration is full. KCK fiber artist NedRa Bonds will give a presentation on the Quindaro township and neighborhood.
- ❖ BVQG will have a "Happy Hearts & Friendly Faces" exhibit July 15 & 16 from 9:00-4:00. It's at their meeting location of Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch, 14985 Antioch Road, Overland Park. Admission is \$6.



Upcoming Events

June 23 – NedRa Bonds presentation (virtual only)

June 28 – Guild Meeting

July 2 – Christmas in July Fill-a-bag sale at Scraps KC

July 15-16 – BVQG Exhibit "Happy Hearts & Friendly Faces"

July 26 – Guild Meeting

July 27 – Project Linus sew at Prairie Point

August 9 – Blue Valley Quilters Guild special workshop

August 23 – Guild Meeting

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – SQG Quilt Show

October 21-23 – Starlight Fall Retreat



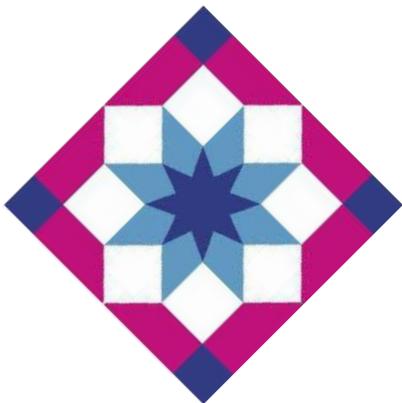
New Member Tip: Make and wear your nametag to meetings, it's a great way to meet people and make new friends!

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Donna di Natale, phone 913-451-0283

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Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525