

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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### From the President

Hi everyone!

I hope everyone is taking good care of themselves. The "dog days" of summer can be brutal.

I want to thank everyone for coming to the new meeting place last month. I am hopeful

we can make a decision for our meetings into 2023.

I want to continue to encourage all of our members to get involved in the upcoming Quilt Show. Many hands make light work and there are many opportunities to help. I can't wait!

Happy Sewing!

*~Michele Fix  
President*

### Special Note:

The proposed special exhibit of the suffrage small quilts by our guild at the Missouri Quilt Museum is currently on hold. Please do NOT bring your suffrage quilts to the next guild meeting. Updates to follow. Thank you!

*~Jean Turvey*

### Meeting Location Reminder

Just a reminder that the August meeting will be held at the **Merriam Community Center** at 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS 66202. Directions are available on the Starlight website.

Hope to see you there!



## Member Spotlight: Michele Fix

For August, we're shining our spotlight on SQG President, Michele Fix. Take it away, Michele!

Family life: I'm married to Mark, 31 years, yikes! Two grown children Stephen and Kathryn. I have two fur babies, Ella and my puppy Natalie. I also have a grand fur babies with no hope on the horizon of human grandchildren.

I live in Shawnee and have lived her since 1976. My mother still lives in the same house.

Work life: I've worked at Children's Mercy for a very long time. I've moved to a couple departments over the years and have landed in the Education Department and I love it!

Other hobbies or interests: I've had several hobbies over the years. I have enjoyed scrapbooking for many years. I learned to crochet from my Grandmother. I remember checking out the same craft book time after time to make all the things in it.

First quilt you ever made? My first real quilt was an Irish Chain, quilt in a day. Of course, it took much longer than a day! I originally tied the quilt and many years later took it apart and had it machine quilted. I love and use it so much more now.

What do you do with the quilts you make? I give them to my children mostly. We use them all year round.

Lots of projects or one at a time? Lots of projects!!

Neat as a pin or anything goes? Anything goes! Just looking at my sewing room explains that.

I'm currently obsessed with: Blues. I forgot I signed up for a BOM last January that is blues with a touch of green. It will be beautiful.

The best piece of quilting advice I've received was: How to use rulers. My first blocks were scissor cut.

When I just can't get a quilt to come together, I: Put it away for a while. The next time I look at it is better.

My go-to color combination is: I love primary colors.

My favorite part of making a quilt is: Finishing it! The sense of accomplishment!

What I like to listen to while I'm quilting is: any type of music I like a variety of genres. I also like listening to my friends' stories.

## Churn Dash Reminder!

If you haven't churned out your challenge quilt yet, better dash to get it done! Quilts are due at the September meeting, where guild members can vote for their favorite. The winners will be announced at the end of the meeting. They will then be on display at our quilt show, 9/30-10/01. Make sure to have a label on the back so you can pick up your beauties at the end of the show. Remember...three churn dash minimum; no larger than 160" around, regardless of the shape; noticeable amount of yellow on the front; and, most importantly, have fun with this!

~Karen Edwards & Shirley Lewis  
Challenge Quilt Co-Chairs



### STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD

Treasurer's Report

August 9, 2022

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$	32,721.63
	Petty Cash		60.00
		\$	32,781.63
	<b>Cash Balance</b>		
Income	Bucket Babes	\$	189.00
	Membership	\$	280.00
	Guild Shirt Sales	\$	180.00
	Retreats	\$	695.00
	Total Income	\$	1,344.00
Expenses	Speakers		173.00
	Quilt Show Rent		1,400.00
	Total Expenses		1,573.00
	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$	31,946.42
	Petty Cash		60.00
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>August 9, 2022</b>	\$	32,006.42

~Allyson Donovan  
Treasurer

## **SQG August Program**

### **Kansas Troubles Quilters**

Kansas Troubles Quilters was born in 1989 when three friends began quilting together & selling their wares at craft shows. After many requests for the patterns of their original creations, two of the women continued their endeavors in the quilting world by publishing their patterns for wholesale distribution to quilt shops beginning in 1994. More than twenty years later (after another partner retired in 1999), Lynne Hagmeier has created hundreds of quilting patterns, published 2 dozen books (five in a series of historical quilts as well as quilters journals) & designed over 70 collections of fabric with Moda. There's always something new in the works at Kansas Troubles Quilters - from new fabric lines to books, patterns, workshops, retreats & cruises. You can find them at [ktquilts.com](http://ktquilts.com).



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



The quilt show is right around the corner. Hope by now you've figured out some wonderful quilts to enter. And if not, you might still have time to whip something up if you're really quick. Remember, people come to quilt shows to see quilts. Let's show them how we do it! We do not intend to have an overall viewer's choice. However, there will be a best in theme which will be determined by the quilt show committee.

Signing up for volunteering at the show is all online. Laura Bogue will be at the next guild meeting with her lap top to assist you. We can't have a show without help so please sign up. And the entries will all be online too. Donna Holloway is in charge. If you have any questions, please direct them to her.

We are going to do things a bit different at the end of the show this round. It's a rather large responsibility to make sure all quilts get back to the rightful owners. In years past people have come onto the show floor, dropped their quilts and walked off without proper check out. We had quilts disappear at the end of last year's show. Luckily everything was located, and nobody lost their quilt. But it has happened, and we don't want a repeat performance. Therefore, with the show ending at 4:00, NO QUILT will be released until 5:00, and then only after it has been properly signed out. Please help us with this. You will hear more about this at each guild meeting.

***~Janette Sheldon  
Quilt Show Co-Chair***



# Opportunity Quilt UPDATE

Our June/July ticket sales helped to cover the remaining committee expenses for this year's quilt so from here on out, ALL Opportunity Quilt ticket sales are clear profit for the guild. Yeah!

Your support in buying or selling \$20 worth of tickets is appreciated. Thank you! For your convenience, there is a PDF flyer available on the

Opportunity Quilt webpage to share with your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors and help us with promoting our 2022 fundraiser: <https://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/opportunity-quilt/>

The winner will be drawn during Starlight's Quilt Show on Saturday October 1.

See you at this month's guild meeting!

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



*(Formerly known as Boutique)*

Hey Starlight quilters and sewists, it's time to get your stitch on. Seven weeks until showtime! That may seem like a lot of time, but it will fly by, so you need to finish your gift shop projects, or get started on making those amazing items that people seek in our gift shop. Baby bibs, burp cloths, and blankets are quick to make and always sell out. Pincushions and sewing kits are also popular items.

We've received a nice donation of towels – both kitchen and hand towels, and some fun embroidered bags that will help save the earth. We have fabric, but we could use more. Fat quarters, pre-cuts, yardage, and kits are all welcome. You know you have fabric that you just had to buy when you saw it and it's still in the package – unopened, untouched, and no plans for using it. Donate it to the gift shop.

I once saw a garage sale sign that I will never forget: Come buy our stuff so we can buy more stuff! How true that is. Items that you will never use could be exactly what someone else has been looking for.

*~Donna di Natale  
Gift Shop 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 by the Sunday before our meeting to request a particular book, or books on a certain topic. The list of books is available on our Starlight web site. 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 "Applique in Bloom", "Applique with Folded Cutwork", and "Easy Pieces" which has instructions for color play with 2 simple quilt blocks. Remember to return books you have checked out previously.

The Accuquilt and dies continue to be available for check out. Two new dies have been added: "Santa's Stocking" (10.5" x18.5" finished) and "Baby, Baby" with a Teddy bear and duckie. An updated list is available on the web site. Contact me to make arrangements for pick up and return.



*~Cheryl Tomson  
Librarian*



# Starlight Quilters Fall Retreat

## October 21-23, 2022

On October 21-23, 2022 - we will be returning to Lake Doniphen Retreat Center (Excelsior Springs, MO) for our Guild Fall Retreat. This is a great opportunity to really get to know other guild members and have some focused time to work on a big project or holiday gifts. It was the first activity I did when I was a new member; and I developed some wonderful friendships. We have a beautiful workspace overlooking the Lake, with access to all their hiking trails and grounds. Pack up your sewing machine or handwork for 3 full days of non-stop sewing and fellowship, with someone else cooking your meals! The workspace is quite large and there are ample bedrooms, so we can accommodate a lot of quilters! Cost will be \$205 per person (double) or \$245 per person (single); and includes your own 6' of table space, 2 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 - I will put you on the list and provide my home address to mail payment (payable to Starlight). I will need a firm headcount by mid-August; with finalized/paid headcount by October 1st. Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 433 6752); or [donnaLholloway@yahoo.com](mailto:donnaLholloway@yahoo.com)

*~Donna Holloway  
Retreat Coordinator*

### Block of the Month

BOM Blocks 10 through 12 are now on the website and the Facebook group. Here's the link for the BOM page: [2022 Blocks of the Month](#)

Thank you, Tina Darrow!

### Funnies with Mary Funk

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then toward the back of the van. Finally, he said, "What'd he do?"



### Upcoming Events

**August 23 – Guild Meeting**

**Sept. 24-25 – Topeka Quilt Show**

**Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – SQG Quilt Show**

**October 21-23 – Starlight Fall Retreat**

**November 18-19 – Friends of IQM Art Market**

## Thank you, Starlight members!

Hello Starlight! Wow what an amazing amount of contributions last meeting! It was so much fun looking through all the different styles and colors and patterns. I know that the Ronald McDonald House will appreciate these touches of love. I was overwhelmed with gratitude for all the hard work you put into each of these quilts and pillowcases. Total donation so far is 14 quilts and 65(!) pillowcases.

I dropped everything off this past week and they were very thankful. I wasn't able to get a paper donation form as everything is submitted on a kiosk. Here is the official message I received after donation from Tami Greenberg, CEO:

*"The families and staff at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City greatly appreciate your in-kind gift for the Houses/Family Room. Your donation helps support our mission to provide a home away from home to thousands of families who turn to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City each year while their child receives medical treatment in the Kansas City area. At Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City, families' lives are changed every day by the warmth and support they receive at our Houses and Family Room. Many do not know what to expect when they come here for the first time, and what they get is totally unexpected: hope in the form of a friendly smile and tender welcome from staff and volunteers, home cooked meals in the kitchen, a quick walk or drive to the local medical facility where their child is receiving care, and words of encouragement from other families who are also benefiting from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City.*

*Thanks again for supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City and the families we serve."*

I will continue to take contributions at the meetings, but understand we all will be shifting focus towards the quilt show as fall nears. I will also take any "Best Choice" labels or Project Linus quilts (please put under the Project Linus tote) or you can take them to Harpers fabrics.



*~Bonnie Leigh*  
**Community Services Co-Chair**

## August Fat Quarters

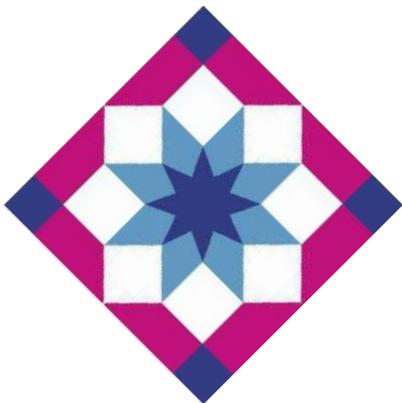
Congratulations to July winner, Suzanne Andrews! The July fat quarter theme is **DOTS**. Remember, you get one entry for each fat quarter!

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