

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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September 2023

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*From the President*

Dear Starlighters,

It's finally September! The dog days of summer are coming to a close and we can look forward to snuggling under our warm quilts.

There's so much change happening around us, and the leaves haven't even started yet. Pumpkins and pumpkin spice are everywhere. Kiddos are back in school. Football, (high school, college, and NFL) has started. It's time to pick out your bulbs and your Halloween costume.

Do you have any special Fall quilting traditions? My favorite is our Guild retreat. I also love making at least one Project Linus quilt. I entered the mystery quilt challenge. Our own Guild challenge will be judged at our November meeting. Well, whatever your personal traditions are, enjoy your fall, and I'll see you at the September guild meeting!  
Happy Quilting!

*~Suzanne Andrews  
President*

## Tips, Tricks, Tools, & Timesavers!

A TRUNK SHOW WITH  
LAURA PILAND OF  
SLICE OF PI QUILTS

Sept. 26th  
7:00pm



Merriam Community Center, 9001 W. 62nd St., Merriam, KS 66202

## Laura Piland

The first time I remember sitting at a sewing machine, I was probably 7 or 8. I sewed a tank top and pair of shorts for a 4-H project. I hated it. The process was long and frustrating. The final product was not soft or stretchy like store-bought clothes. I swore off all sewing.

Fast forward to my adult years. In 2010, a friend had a baby, and I felt the need to make a quilt (who knows where that inkling came from!). I had a hand-me-down sewing machine from my mom "just in case" I needed to sew something. Once I got started, I quickly realized the cheap sewing machine was not going to cut it. I did lots of research and bought a vintage Bernina Record 930. Whenever I had a quilting question, I called my mom, Googled it, then watched a YouTube video. The quilt didn't turn out too bad, and as they say, the rest is history!

Both of my grandmothers quilt, as does my mom. My maternal great grandfather was a Singer sewing machine repairman. My grandmothers both like to quilt by hand (they piece by machine). My mother pieces and quilts by machine, but prefers to bind by hand. However, I do everything by machine. If it can't be done by machine, it most likely won't get done! I primarily sew on a Juki TL-2010Q now, and I have a 1989 Gammill longarm.

I work from home and homeschool our three young boys. Quilting is to me what fishing is to my husband. It keeps me sane. I also love creating a tangible thing that will provide joy and warmth to others. Most work as a mother and teacher is intangible, so I like that quilting results in something to show for the work put in.

I love trying new things and rarely make the same quilt twice. My style is eclectic. I make modern quilts, traditional quilts, and quilts in-between. I make large quilts, mini quilts, and all sizes in-between. I occasionally sew other items, but you'll mostly see me working on a quilt. And I make a lot of quilts! Usually over 50 each year!

I started Slice of Pi Quilts in 2016 after many requests for patterns for the quilts I was creating. You can find all of my patterns in both digital and professionally printed booklets in my [Etsy shop](#). In 2019, I started the [Quilting & Sewing Deals Facebook group](#) where I post sales, discounts, and coupon codes to quilt shops all around the web! I also travel to quilt shops and quilts to teach and present trunk shows of my quilts!

# Fall Retreat



This year's Starlight Fall retreat will be a "Day Retreat"! We will have exclusive access to KC Maker's classroom for 3 full days; no overnight accommodations will be provided. Each quilter will have a dedicated table space to keep their machine and projects set up throughout the weekend. Come join us for great company and inspiration as you work on your UFOs or perhaps make some holiday gifts! Cost will be \$45 per quilter. Four meals are included in the price (dinner on Friday; lunch/dinner on Saturday; lunch on Sunday)

Friday - Sunday; October 27-29, 2023 - \$45 per person  
KC Maker Studio and Fabrics  
5327 Johnson Drive  
Mission, KS 66205

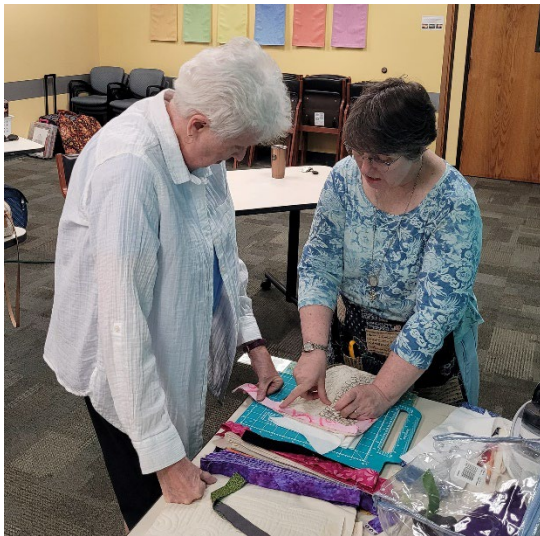
Signs up will be online.

The following link will be opened on July 1st: [Starlight Quilters Guild Fall Retreat](#)

We have had a lot of interest in the retreat; but still have some spots available - so please consider joining this fun and inspirational time with your fellow guild members! Reach out to Donna Holloway if you have any questions!

## Binding Workshop

**Sunday October 8**



Five guild members attended the first binding workshop to rave reviews. They learned that when you use a 2 1/2" binding strip the seam allowance should be 3/8". Did you know that? Discussion of the many details that make for smooth, even binding with square and flat mitered corners. They also marveled at the TWO different ways shown to join the ends. The second binding workshop will be held at the Corinth library on October 8th, a Sunday afternoon. More details to follow.

Mary Honas

# LEADERSHIP

## 2024 Board Nominations

I'm so pleased that most of the 2023 officers and chairs have agreed to continue in their positions. However, we do have a few spots to fill. The year begins in January and runs through December (even though we do not have a meeting in December).

### Open positions are:

Assistant Treasurer

Co-Chair for Community Services

Programs Chair

Quilt Show Chair

KCRQF Representative

Several of the current chairs would like an assistant that they could train to possibly take over in 2025. Many of the current committee members want to continue assisting but want to give someone else the chance to lead the committee.

If you are interested in any of these positions, whether as the chair or as a committee member, please let me know. I will be appointing a nominating committee in October if there are still open positions, so act now!

Donna di Natale [dinatale@att.net](mailto:dinatale@att.net)



Just a reminder to be working on your crayon challenge! Remember you have until the November 28th guild meeting to finish it. Rules are: you can use only your one crayon color (but you could use more than one fabric of that color, like a solid and a tone on tone) and as many whites, grays and blacks as you wish. It can be any size quilt or quilted item (bag, jacket).

And have fun!!

Challenge Committee:

Carla Orner and Kristi Orr



## From the Starlight Webfumbler...

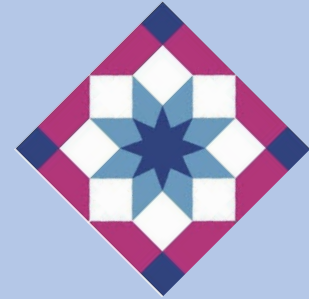
### These are a few updates on the website...

**Quilting Tips & Projects:** This is a fairly new tab on the website. Kim Cawthon has been sending out YouTube video links on our Facebook chat. Since not everyone has access to this, we've created a page with links to the most useful info. These will all be videos that anyone can access without needing to set up a new account or provide an email address to any organization.

**2023 Challenge:** Complete rules and instructions are available on this page.

**Programs:** There is a list of upcoming programs. If you want to see who's speaking, go here.

Other info on our website: Retreat, Membership, Accuquilt, Workshops, and patterns for the Block of the Month. If you see anything related to your particular group that needs correcting, send an email to me at [maidmerriam1@gmail.com](mailto:maidmerriam1@gmail.com).



## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 26 - Guild Meeting**

**October 22 – Guild Meeting**

**Oct. 27-29 – Retreat at KC Makers**

**Nov. 28 – Guild Meeting**

**No meeting in December**

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**For Sale:** This quilt frame was handmade for me over 30 years ago when I hand quilted. I don't hand quilt anymore, so I want to find a good home for this frame which is 53" wide. When it was made the frame has the flexibility to accommodate a wider frame. Contact Barbara Dietz at 913-709-3090 or email at [bjdietz@swbell.net](mailto:bjdietz@swbell.net). Please make me an offer.



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**Amy Senatore, Owner**

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Email: [rosecliffquilts@gmail.com](mailto:rosecliffquilts@gmail.com)

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**Donna di Natale**, phone 913-451-0283

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