

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

On the web at <https://starlightquilters.com>

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January 18, 2023

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### From the President

*A Quilter is...*

Happy 2024! I know not all of us are happy about 2024 so far. Ice and snow are not my friends. I'm thankful that I have someone to shovel, chip, and melt the snow and ice on my driveway. One good thing about being

somewhat snowbound is that it's a good time to get some sewing and quilting done. Snow day = sew day!

Each month I want to share with you what a quilter is. This month, a quilter is FRIENDLY.

My goal as your president this year is to create an environment at guild meetings, workshops, and sew days that is fun, something to look forward to, something that is enjoyable for everyone. When I joined Starlight several years ago, I visited four or five guilds and determined that Starlight was the friendliest of all of them. I was looking for a friendly group that would support and encourage my journey into quilting. Starlight seemed like the right place for me. But over the last few years, this friendliness has waned. We have lost some long-time members, and this concerns me.

Time passes and life changes. The pandemic put us in a spin of not being able to get together as a group. Yes, we held meetings, we listened to speakers and saw their quilts, and we had door prizes and Show 'n Tell. But none of these are the same when viewed on a small screen. 2023 was a transition back into meeting in person and this will continue in 2024 with a few Zoom meetings and several live meetings. A few will be both Zoom and live. I'm anxious to see every one of you—to share smiles and hugs—and to see what you've been making.

I look forward to seeing **you**, my FRIENDS.

~Donna di Natale  
President



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD  
Treasurer's Report  
Jan. 18th 2024

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$	39,772.54	
	Petty Cash		60.00	
	<b>Cash Balance</b>			<b>\$ 39,832.54</b>
<b>Income</b>				
	Opportunity Quilt		384.00	
	Bucket Babes		226.00	
	Total Income			<b>\$ 610.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Bucket Babes Supplies		370.50	
	Binding Workshop		250.00	
	AccuQuilt Workshop		250.00	
	Meeting Rental		320.00	
	November Program		349.00	
	Total Expenses			<b>\$ 1,539.50</b>
	Ending Checkbook Balance			
	Petty Cash		60.00	
	<b>Cash Balance Jan. 18th 2024</b>			<b><u>\$ 38,903.04</u></b>
	Submitted by Katie Spindler			

## Fat Quarters

Fat quarters are **Batiks** for the January meeting. So much color richness, so dreamy to look at, so dynamic in all projects! For each fat quarter you bring you get one chance to win ALL the fat quarters for the evening!



~Jan Ketchum  
Fat Quarters



## Upcoming Events

**January 23** – Guild Meeting

**January 12-27th** – Emporia Arts  
Council *Quilts of Kansas* show

**January 31** – Project Linus Sew  
evening at Prairie Point

**February 10** - Demystifying  
Paper Piecing Workshop  
Details on p. 4

## **SQG January Program**

**Dave Sirota**

### **“What Makes a Quilter Tick?”**

*A Fun-Filled Look in the Mirror*



Join me for a laugh-out-loud and interactive look at ourselves as quilters. We'll examine the little quirks, passions, idiosyncrasies and obsessions we all share.

We'll hold a mirror up to ourselves to help us see what others see when they look at us. So, bring your friends and family along and maybe, “What Makes a Quilter Tick?” will help explain to you and to them why they look at us the way they do.

More information on Dave can be found on his website:

[quiltmavendave.com](http://quiltmavendave.com)

*~Kathy Keehn  
Program Committee*

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## **2024: The Return of the SQG Quilt Show**

Yes, we're going to have a quilt show this year. Set up will be October 17, and the show will be October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Abdallah Shriner's at 5300 Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park once again. The committee consists of Chrysa Zinser, vendors; Amy Ubben, boutique; and Donna Holloway, quilt registration.

We will be doing things a bit differently. This round, the boutique will be much smaller. We're thinking in terms of the space being similar to two vendors. Any baked goods will be part of the boutique booth. Without a show last year and with a venue that's smaller than the Lenexa center, space needs to be conserved.

So, what can you do? Remember all those great quilts you made last year and gave away? Be sure to ask your friends and family to keep them nice and clean and be prepared to loan them back to you for the show. And for those you make this year—same thing. We should have lots of great quilts to display!

If you are interested in helping plan this show, please contact me, Janette Sheldon, at [granola1000@gmail.com](mailto:granola1000@gmail.com).

*~Janette Sheldon  
Quilt Show Chair*





# Workshop: STORM AT SEA in 2 or 3 Colors

The perfect quilt for beginners AND experienced Paper-Piecers alike  
It's Paper Piecing for the 21st Century



**Join Starlight Quilt Guild at KC Makers Studio  
February 10th from 9:30-4 for a workshop with Quilt  
Maven Dave. Cost is \$55.00.**

Are you curious about paper piecing? Do you and paper piecing already have a love/hate relationship? Do you love the accuracy you achieve, but hate the process of getting there? Well, this class will change that to a LOVE, and kind of an addictive relationship. We'll be using the versatile, graphic, complex, quite simple Storm at Sea pattern to learn my "No More Tears" © method of paper piecing. Although we won't be finishing the entire project in class, you'll have a good start, and the tools you'll need to finish it at home, in half the time you'd expect from paper piecing. Don't believe me? You'll just have to come and see for yourself.

## Details:

- Contact Kathy Keehn at 913-940-9849 or [mkkeehn@gmail.com](mailto:mkkeehn@gmail.com) to reserve your spot in the workshop.
- Payment must be received a week before the class.
- Details of the prep work will be shared once you reserve your space.
- Lunch is not provided, there is a kitchen on site and several restaurants close-by.
- Plan to arrive at 9:00 so you can set up and be ready to learn by 9:30.
- If you would like to sponsor a Starlight member that might not be able to attend otherwise, please let Kathy know when you reserve your spot.
- The workshop was opened to non-Starlight members on Jan 1, and the class is almost full.



## Do you have a favorite Quilting Expert?

The Programs committee would like all members to share their input for upcoming programs and speakers for the 2024 SQG year!

*~The Programs Committee*



## StarlightQuilters.com Update

### New Tab on Your Web Page "Quilting Tips & Projects"

Over the last few months, Kim Cawthon has been sharing links with me to different interesting YouTube videos. I have listed these links on this web page. They are separated into categories of patterns and techniques.

There are a lot of interesting projects from sling bags to casserole carriers to quilt blocks. The techniques section includes information about sewing machine needles, cleaning minky out of your cutting mat, ribbon borders, organizing your quilting space, and more. Check it out when you have a few minutes!

<https://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/quilting-tips/>

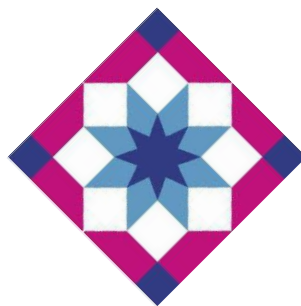


An updated list of the Accuquilt dies is available on the Guild website. Contact our librarian, Cheryl Tomson, if you'd like to check it out!

# STARLIGHT NEEDS YOU



There are still openings on the officer roster. The two greatest needs are Programs committee members and an Assistant Treasurer. Please contact Donna di Natale, if you think you can help!



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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.

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

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**Peggy Skaith** 913-341-0525