



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President



Time to Sew

When do you sew? Do you have a set time or day when you sew? Or do you grab a few minutes to sew whenever you can? Do you sew in the morning? Afternoon? Evening? Do you sew while

you watch television? Or do you listen to talk radio while you sew? Or maybe you like soft music in the background that blends with the sound of your machine.

Monday is laundry day at our house. My sewing room and laundry room are both in the basement, so I try to multitask by sewing and washing simultaneously. I often feel guilty about taking time to sew, but if I'm tending to the laundry while sewing, I'm simply making good use of my time. Right?

We really shouldn't feel guilty about taking time to sew. Yes, we are indulging in a pleasant pastime, but there is purpose to this indulgence. The majority of our quilting ends up as a gift for someone, not for ourselves. Often what we sew is utilitarian, decorative with a purpose. Let's not forget that quilting is also therapeutic (usually). If I'm having a "bad day" or just one of "those days" I can usually turn it around by spending a little time sewing. I have a pile of mostly square pieces of fabric near my sewing machine. Sometimes when I NEED to sew, I simply pick a few pieces from this pile and start sewing them together. One day I might have a quilt, or maybe not. But the simple act of stitching one piece to another soothes my soul and makes my day better. And that is what I call "happy stitching." So whenever and wherever you sew, until next month – happy stitching.

~Donna di Natale
President



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Member Spotlight



This month, the spotlight is on member Amy Ubben! Amy is our Vice President which means she'll be our Guild President in 2025. Say "Hi!" to Amy at our May meeting.

My name is Amy Ubben. My husband Keith and I live next door to my daughter and her husband along with the two grandchildren (who are now teenagers!!). We built our houses together six years ago in DeSoto. It's a great setup. I also have a son and daughter-in-law who live in Raytown.

I've sewn ever since I was a kid, mostly clothes. Also for the past twenty years, I have made shirts for men, women, and children in my son-in-law's family for the Osage Tribe ceremonial dances in Pawhuska, Oklahoma in June of every year. This year I also made two sets of leather leggings for the dances and a couple of ribbon skirts. So April

and May are very busy months!

Besides quilting and sewing, I love to read (usually have 2-3 books going at the same time) and love working in my flower beds and garden. I've gotten more involved with the DeSoto Garden Club, which has just formed in the past year. Oddly enough, I love to paint, as in house painting. When we built my house, my son-in-law and I painted many of the interior rooms, and in the past year I've re-painted three of them. I've painted rooms for dozens of family and friends, and even painted one room again the very next day because I didn't like the shade of yellow it was the first time around!

The first quilt class I took was in 1973. It was a sampler quilt with 12 blocks and was all stitched by hand. The instructor and her daughter could whip up a quilt a week, by hand! I finished my blocks but never got them put together and somewhere along the line, they got pitched. Fast forward to around 15 years ago, when I took some classes at Prairie Point when it was in Shawnee. Great classes! So I've been making quilts ever since, giving them to various family members. Besides my husband, daughter and son, I have nine brothers and sisters, 25 nieces and nephews, and 38 great nieces and nephews. So I have a LONG wish list from various relatives that never seems to get shorter! I usually have two or three projects going at the same time but I'm good about finishing them up within a couple months.

My favorite quilts are scrap quilts. I love when family members can point at a fabric and remember it from their childhood. And I love how random scraps can form something cohesive when set in a pattern. Quilting is such a creative outlet. Besides color, it is so tactile with the feeling of the fabulous fabrics available today. And I love designing my own quilts, looking through books, on-line pictures, guild quilts, pulling ideas from each. I also love taking classes to learn new techniques.

I'm retired now, but I worked at Stowers Research Institute on the Plaza, where I met Donna DiNatale back in 2003. We've been great friends ever since, and even published a quilt book together. I have to admit, Donna did 90% of the writing! Donna talked about the Quilt Guild long before I was able to join, in 2019, the year before COVID, so it's only been in the past couple of years that I've gotten to know more of the members and been able to get more involved. It's been so inspiring seeing such beautiful work, at our meetings, month after month!!

SQG May Program Deanne Eisenman



Deanne Eisenman established Snuggles Quilts Pattern Company in 2005 to share her easy and fun pattern ideas with the quilting world!

There are patterns for all types of quilts from lap size to wall hanging and table runners to pillows. Many of Deanne’s designs are seasonal or holiday themed. Beginners and experienced quilters alike will enjoy making these projects.

Deanne likes to add simple applique to pieced quilts to add a unique flair. All the appliqué can be done by hand or machine, whichever is your preference. She also designs charming wool applique on fabric projects!

Deanne’s patterns have appeared in many quilt magazines including American Patchwork & Quilting, Quiltmaker, McCalls, Primitive Quilts &

Projects and Fons & Porter’s Love of Quilting. She has also had patterns appear in the American Patchwork & Quilting calendars several times. Deanne is a published author of two books from Martingale & Company. Country-Fresh Quilts was published in 2008 and Scrap Quilts Go Country was published in 2011. Her current book, published at the end of 2014, is called Blooming Patchwork. Originally published by Kansas City Star Quilts, it is now with C&T Publishing. For more information about Deanne and her designs, check out <https://snugglesquilts.com/>



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report May 2024

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 33,618.83	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			33,678.83
	Income		
	Membership Dues	1,330.00	
	March Bucket Babes	71.00	
	Total Income		1,401.00
	Expenses		
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00	
	Storage Expense	114.00	
	Cheryl Tomson - Accuquilt Exp	242.69	
	Kansas Quilters Organization	75.00	
	Paypal fees	3.15	
	Total Expenses		664.84
	Transfer to CD's		
	8 Month CD at Capitol Federal	8,000.00	
	12 Month CD at Capitol Federal	8,000.00	
	Transfer to CD's		16,000.00
	Ending Checkbook Balance	18,354.99	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	16,000.00	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			\$ 34,414.99

~Barbara Dietz
SQG Treasurer

From the Treasurer, Barbara Dietz

On May 3, 2024, \$16,000 was transferred from the Guild’s bank account to CD’s at Capitol Federal Savings. Each CD was opened with \$8,000 and will earn interest on a quarterly basis. The interest rate for the 8-month CD is 5.30% and the 12-month CD interest rate is 5.00%,

The Guild’s operating bank account at Security Bank must maintain a balance of \$1,500 to avoid monthly service charges. Currently the balance in the operating bank account is over \$18,000 so meeting the minimum balance requirement is not a problem.

A PayPal account has been set up for the Starlight Quilters Guild. On the website, dues can be paid by going to the Membership section. Membership dues can be paid by credit or debit card, PayPal or Venmo.

Starlight Quilters Guild needs YOUR Input

That's right, your guild needs help from you. Pages six and seven of this newsletter are for YOU to express your opinion and give your input. Please print them out, complete them, and bring them to the May meeting. We will have extra printed copies at the sign in table if you are unable to print at home.

Page six is the Programs Survey. This is really important for bringing relevant content to our members during each year. There is a lot to consider in this survey, so take your time and answer all the questions.

Page seven is the Small Group Interest form. If you're not currently in a small group and would like to be in one, please fill out this form so you can be included.

Thank you for your time & attention.

*~Mary Honas, Programs Chair
Suzanne Andrews, small groups coordinator*

ACCUQUILT NEWS



This month's featured die is the Lemoyne Star. It is a classic block that finishes at 9". Fun variations are possible by changing colors, rotating units, joining partial units, or adding sashing. It can look traditional or be made modern. It works with the guild's Go cutter but not the smaller Go Me many of us have. The AccuQuilt will be available at the upcoming guild sew day May 25. Let me know which dies you want me to bring. As always, contact me at any time to arrange checkout of the AccuQuilt or any of the dies, or to ask for a demonstration of how it works.

*~Cheryl Tomson
AccuQuilt manager*

IN STITCHES

Quilt Show 2024 Update

Bookmarks have been ordered and will be available for distribution soon. Our quilt show is advertised by these as well as social media. Please step up and help distribute the bookmarks. Also don't overlook posting about our show any chance you get. Keep making those beautiful quilts and something for the boutique too. It's been a bit early to spend lots of time putting the show together, but it's going to be October before any of us are ready. The current project is designing and making unique ribbons. All I can disclose is it will all be in fun and something you aren't expecting.

*~Janette Sheldon
Quilt Show Chair*

Membership Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership. Stop by the membership table and check your info. Thank you!

*~Wanda Schmieding &
Jannice Barland
Membership Chairs*



Upcoming Events

May 25 – Guild Sew Day

May 28 – May Guild Meeting

May 29 – Project Linus sewing at Prairie Point

May 31 – All Kansas & Nebraska Shop Hop ends

*Send events to
starlightnewsletter@gmail.com*

May Fat Quarters

May fat quarters are patriotic colors, **red**, **white**, and **blue**. Have a safe & happy Memorial Day weekend!

~Jan Ketchum

Starlight Quilters Guild 2024 Programs and Workshops Survey

Think about the Starlight programs or even other guild programs that are most memorable, entertaining, or educational. Which aspect of the program was most important to you as a guild member or quilter: From 1 to 5, 1 being most important and 5 being least important, rate what you are looking for in the Starlight programs:

_____ I learned a technique: _____ I heard stories about quilts or their maker.
_____ I learned about a notable quilter or quilt history. _____ Other: _____
_____ I enjoyed seeing beautiful quilts.

Programs: Please mark any of the topics you are interested in:

Amish quilts	Using pre-cuts
Applique quilts (raw edge, needle turn, fused)	Sewing Needles and Thread
Authors of books featuring quilts	Tools for quilting (Rulers, Dies, etc)
Art Quilts	Quilt History
Color Theory	Quilts from other countries
Binding techniques (Facing, knife edge, etc.)	Mixed Technique quilts
Designing Quilts	Vintage Quilts
Embellishing your quilts	Quilting for competition
Fabric dyeing	Caring for quilts
Quilting on your home machine	Quilt batting

Please list any other topics of interest:

Speakers: Please share the names of speakers you would like to hear. Include the names of design companies you would like to know more about.

Workshops:

What days do you prefer for workshops?

Weekday _____ Weekday evening _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

How long should workshops be scheduled?

Three hours _____ Four hours _____ All Day _____ Depends on workshop _____

What fee is reasonable for a workshop taught by a Starlight member or other local quilter? Keep in mind that you may also need to purchase a book or kit in addition to the fee.

\$ 0 _____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$30 _____ \$40 _____ Othe _____

What fee would you be willing to pay for a workshop by a nationally recognized quilter? Keep in mind that you may also need to purchase a book or kit in addition to the fee.

\$ 20 _____ \$ 30 _____ \$ 40 _____ \$ 50 _____ Other _____

We all have different interests so please share any topics or ideas for workshops you would be interested in attending.

Are there workshop topics that you would be willing to teach?

Thank you!

Small Group Interest Form

Hi! If you're interested in joining a small group, please let us know the following information:

1. Is afternoon or evening the best time for you to meet? _____
2. Which days of the week are you available? _____
3. Are you interested in a specific focus, such as handwork, strip piecing, applique, etc.? _____
4. Would you prefer to meet in a home, a library study room, church, or do you have a location selected, or no preference? _____

5. Please share your contact information:

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

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Website www.Duelingthread.com

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

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Donna di Natale, phone 913-451-0283

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Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525