

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President

Happy 2025 to all the Guild members! Hope everyone is staying healthy! The holidays were incredibly crazy for me, but despite that I'm closing in on the last couple squares of a queen size quilt! Yay!

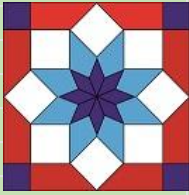
I'm looking forward to our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 28th. As a reminder, we get access to the room beginning at 6:00 for social time until 6:30. The meeting begins at **6:30 pm**, with a business meeting first, then the speaker starting at 7:00 p.m., followed by Show & Tell, Bucket Babes, etc. We will have a designated person running a ZOOM meeting, with camera and microphone. That said, if the weather is terrible and the Shawnee Mission School District closes schools, we will be cancelling our meeting as well. We will post on our website if that happens, as well as send an email to our members.

We have an exciting year ahead, with great guest speakers, workshops, sew days, the KCRQF in June, a celebration of the Guild's 45th year (also in June), and hopefully, another Guild quilt show in the fall, as well as our fall retreat.

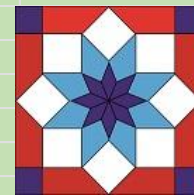
I look forward to seeing all of you and your beautiful projects you've been working on since November!

*~Amy Ubben
SQG President*

Outgoing President, Donna DiNatale requested donations in her name to World Central Kitchen as her parting gift from the Guild. \$412 was collected and sent in her name! That is amazing! Thanks so much, Donna, for your leadership in the Guild, and thanks for the idea of donating to such a worthy cause!



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
December 2024



	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$	13,291.98	
	CD's at Capitol Federal		16,335.39	
	Petty Cash		60.00	
Cash Balance				29,687.37
Income	Retreat		55.00	
	Bucket Babes		126.00	
	Interest from CD's		210.34	
	Total Income			181.00
Expenses	Meeting Facility Rental - Nov		230.00	
	Storage Expense Nov & Dec		260.00	
	Retreat Expenses		766.08	
	Nov Program		181.70	
	Sept Program		180.31	
	2025 Retreat Reservation		1,050.00	
	2025 Program Bookmarks		102.60	
	Accuquilt expense		87.46	
	Web hosting fees		283.07	
	Total Expenses			3,141.22
	Ending Checkbook Balance		10,331.76	
	CD's at Capitol Federal		16,545.73	
	Petty Cash		60.00	
Cash Balance				\$ 26,937.49

Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer

Important reminders:

1. The new meeting start time is **6:30 pm**.
2. If you need transportation to the meeting, please contact Amy Ubben by email or phone, and she will put you in touch with a member close to your area to work out details.
3. The proposed budget for 2025 is on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. Please give it a look and be prepared to vote on its approval at the January meeting.



SQG January Program

Kelly Ashton – Spinners, Spirals, and Stars

This month's speaker is Kelly Ashton of Kellyquilter Designs. Her trunk show and talk will be "Spinners, Spirals and Stars", the title and topic of her latest book. Kelly resides in Overland Park, KS (Greater Kansas City metropolitan area) with her biggest fan (and husband), Jeff Seib, and their miniature schnauzer, Shyma. She is "Mom" to Michael and Steven and "Nana" to Connor, Sara, and Vayda. In addition to her quilt-making passion, Kelly loves singing (Kansas City Women's Chorus), traveling, cooking, being mesmerized by the ocean, playing pinochle, and spending time with family and friends. Kelly says: I love making quilts! Each step in the process – block design, fabric selection, piecing and/or appliquéing the blocks, exploring setting options, and planning and executing the quilting – provides me with creative nourishment for my soul. I also love to share my quilts and my quilt making experiences with others through teaching classes / workshops, and through my quilt patterns.

Kelly is proud to be a BERNINA Ambassador and a Craftsy Instructor.



*~Mary Honas
Programs Chair*

Starlight Website Update

At almost every guild meeting I hear someone ask, "Who's our speaker for next month?" or "What was in the newsletter?" or "Who is in charge of (fill in the blank) this year?"

This information is right at your fingertips if you have your smartphone with you.

Here is a list of helpful links to different pages of our website:

- StarlightQuilters.com (home page)
- [List of 2025 Officers and Committee Members](#)
- [Programs](#)
- [Newsletter](#)
- [Project Linus](#)
- [List of Available AccuQuilt Dies](#)
- [Quilting Tips and Project Ideas](#) (links to many YouTube quilt-related tutorials)

We will be working to keep the information on the site up to date. Please send me an email if you see errors or if the information isn't clear. Thank you!

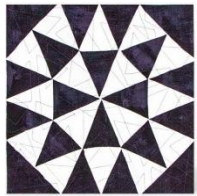
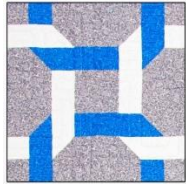
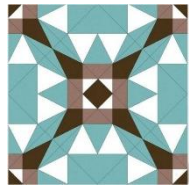
*~Janice McKee,
Webfumbler*

Accuquilt News

New dies!

The end of each year brings lower prices at Accuquilt and this year we were able to add several new block dies. Ready to check out are the Pickle Dish (finishes at 10”), North Carolina Star (finishes at 12”), Morning Star (finishes at 12”), Plaited Block (finishes at 12”), and Star of the East (finishes at 9”). The last three of these can all fit through the smaller Go Me which several of you own. A list of all the Guild’s dies is available on our website. Contact Cheryl Tomson to check out our Accuquilt cutter and/or any of our many dies.

~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Manager



January Fat Quarters Theme: “Winter” or winter scenery

I first think of baby blue snowflakes, pinecones, trees and hills with snow. Then again thinking of winter my mind turns to baking in the kitchen. Cookies, Hot cocoa, pot roast, pancakes. Let your imagine go wild on this one! Then remember to think of what theme you will name for February when you win.

~Jan Ketchum
Fat Quarters



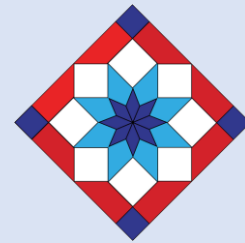
Project Linus News

According to the Project Linus KC Facebook page, the grand total of blankets for 2024 was...**12,394!**

Thank you so much for your generosity!!! You make a huge difference to the children in our area!

For more opportunities to help with Project Linus, check out their website which also includes free patterns. The two local quilt shops with regular sew days for Project Linus are The Quilted Cow in Raymore and Prairie Point in Lenexa. If you’re a knitter or crocheter, the Project Linus Knit/Crochet along is open for sign-ups. For your participation to have the greatest impact in our area, please indicate that you’re affiliated with the Greater KC chapter.

projectlinuskc.org/



Mark your calendars:

January 20 – Sign-ups open for KCRQF classes

January 28 – Guild Meeting
6:30

January 29 – Project Linus sew at Prairie Point 5:30-7:30

February 25 – Guild Meeting



2025 KCRQF Update

There is so much information, the best way to organize it is by date and include a link to the website.

January 20: Tickets, class registrations, and merchandise are available to purchase. You DO NOT need to purchase a festival ticket just to attend a class. You may purchase single day tickets or a multi-day package. Prices and other details are available on the website. Some classes fill up quickly, registering sooner rather than later is advised.

March 3: Deadline to enter judged quilts (May close sooner if the 150 limit is reached)

April 15: Deadline for mini-quilt entry (May close sooner if limit of 50 quilts per category is reached)

March 15: Deadline for purchasing show book ads requiring design assistance (April 1 for all other ads)

March 17: Volunteer sign ups open. Volunteering at the show is very important for the guild, so please plan to sign up for shifts.

New this year: A second early bird quilt tour has been created, and there will be a free youth experience hosted on the lower level to welcome, teach, and encourage young quilters!

Website: All the info can be accessed at the KCRQF website here: KCRQF.com

*~Tara Culley
KCRQF Representative*

Raffle Quilt News:

It's Time to Construct the Raffle Quilt!

Please turn in all completed blocks, partially completed blocks and even the patterns (if you haven't started your blocks) to me at the January meeting. It's time to put it all together. You can find me back with the buckets. Thanks for all your contributions!

~Janette Sheldon

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2025 Budget Proposed

Income	
Fund Raising	
Guild Meeting Raffle (Bucket Babes)	900
Sale of Raffle Tickets - KCRQF	400
Total Fund Raising	1,300
Guild Quilt Show	3,500
Guild Meetings	
Membership -100 members at \$35	3,500
Workshops	
Workshops	
Retreat	2,000
Other Income	
KCRQF	5,000
Interest Income from CD's	600
TOTAL INCOME	15,900
Expenses	
Administration	
Merriam Community Center Rent	2,530
Storage fees	1,560
Insurance	650
Website	250
PO Box Rental	232
Checks, Paypal fees, Printing, Miscellaneous	150
Total Administration	5,372

Fund Raising	
2025 Raffle Quilt Expenses (Fabric, Quilting, Tickets)	400
Raffle expenses for meetings	400
Total Fund Raising	800
Guild Quilt Show	
2025 Show Rental, Supplies, Publicity	3,200
Sales Tax	300
Total Guild Quilt Show	3,500
Programs/Workshops	
Speakers Fees: travel, meals, etc.	5,500
Zoom subscription & meeting photographer	1,600
Workshops	
Total Programs/Workshops	7,100
Community Services/Charity	
Annual Outgoing Donation	500
Other Expenses	
Retreat Reservations & Supplies	2,000
Door Prizes	600
AccuQuilt dies and other AccuQuilt expenses	500
45th Anniversary celebration expenses	500
Total Other Expenses	3,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,872
Grand Totals	(4,972)

Advertisements

City's Edge Quilt Shop has classes and more!

Amy Senatore, Owner

www.citysedgestudio.com

616 W. Main Street, Warsaw, MO 65355

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Phone 913-677-0838

Machine Quilting – Edge-to-Edge

Computerized longarm machine quilting by **Elizabeth Brown**. Phone 913-626-7135

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

Donna's Singer Service – Does your Featherweight need a good clean and oil? Is it not sewing like it should? I can clean and service your Featherweight including Singer models 15,99, 221, 222, and 301. Reasonable fees & timely service.

Donna di Natale, phone 913-451-0283

Machine Quilting –Machine quilting, all styles of quilting from simple hand-guided designs to custom creations. Guild members, I will piece your backing at no extra charge!

Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525