

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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March 17, 2025

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### From the President

Hi everyone,

March is National Quilt Month! I googled "how many quilts does the average quilter make a year?" There is an actual answer - "The average quilter starts 11 projects a year, and finishes 9, spending six hours per

week dedicated to working on quilting projects." Not sure how that number was arrived at, but I'm pretty sure no quilters were involved!

What I am sure of is that many of you are working your fingers to the bone getting your fabulous quilts ready to enter in the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival!

And you might want to round up a buddy and head to the Ad Astra Shop Hop from April 3-5th. The following quilt shops are included: Prairie Point, Harpers, Quilters HQ, Quilters Paradise, Sarah's, KC Maker, Lil Red Hen, Overbrook, and Plain Janes.

OR the annual Kansas-Nebraska Shop Hop is from April 1-May 31st. The magazine with the participating shops listed (and tons of other information) is available at all of the shops listed above.

In the meantime, I'll be trying to cut back to just six hours a week of quilting!

Best wishes,

Amy

*~Amy Ubben  
SQG President*





**STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**February 2025**

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 8,845.00	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	16,545.73	
	Petty Cash	<u>60.00</u>	
<b>Cash Balance</b>			<b>25,450.73</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	Membership Dues	420.00	
	Bucket Babes	89.00	
	Memorial for Jeanne Poore	<u>55.00</u>	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>564.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00	
	Storage Expense	130.00	
	February Program	250.00	
	Jeanne Poore Memorial - Brighton Hospice	205.00	
	HQN Registraton	40.00	
	Tech Support for Meeting	100.00	
	Paypal fees	<u>1.71</u>	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>956.71</b>
	Ending Checkbook Balance	8,452.29	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	16,545.73	
	Petty Cash	<u>60.00</u>	
<b>Cash Balance</b>			<b><u>\$ 25,058.02</u></b>

*~Barb Dietz*  
**SQG Treasurer**

## March Fat Quarters Theme: Green

Fat quarters for March are GREEN.

God's color. Nothing ever clashes with green, He made the trees and grass green and they never clash with anything. So green can be used as a neutral! What will you choose as next month's theme when you win March drawings?



*~Jan Ketchum*  
**Fat Quarters**

# SQG March Program

## Marvelous Marg Higgins



Last year's survey said Starlight Quilters wanted to see art quilts so we need to see Marg's quilts.

Marg Higgins began her quilting journey right here with the Starlight Quilt Guild. Marg was active in the guild for many years including a two year term as president. Her trunk show and talk will begin as she did—with traditional quilts. As she shares her quilt journey we will see and hear how her quilting grew into the art we will see. Marg has had a quilt showing of her art quilts over the last few years at the Darling Yoga Studio in Overland Park. Having attend several of them I know we are in for a treat! Marg welcomes our curiosity and questions about her art quilts and techniques.

*~Mary Honas  
Program chair*

## 2025 Community Service Project News

We have partnered with Sewing Labs to make walker bags and children's activity bags for people in the hospital. Instructions with the amount of fabric needed along with links to an instructional video has been posted on our website. I will also have printed instructions, sample bags, and fabric kits available at the meeting. Here is the link: [SQG Community Service page](#).

The mission of Starlight is to encourage the love of sewing, and on Saturday, April 12 (Time TBD) during our sew day at Merriam Library, we are introducing sewing to nine Girl Scouts. If you would like to help, please contact Pam Lanza.



*~Pam Lanza  
Community Service Chair*

## Membership Renewal Reminder:

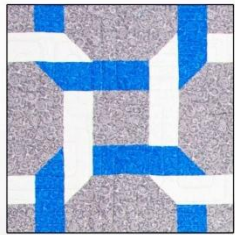
It is time to renew your membership for the year! Our membership year is from April 1st to March 31st.

Dues are \$35.00 per year. Remember, you may pay online using PayPal or you can bring cash or a check to renew at our March 25th meeting. I will be sitting at a table in the back. Hope to see you there!

*Diane Phillips  
Membership Chair*

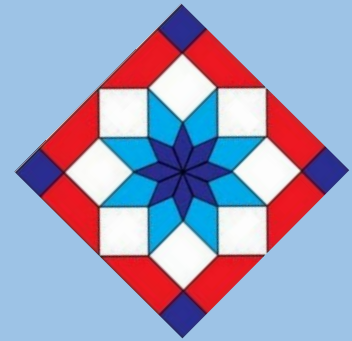
## March Accuquilt News

This month's featured die is the Plaited Block. This die creates 12" blocks and fits both the Go cutter owned by the guild and the smaller Go Me. Use red, white, and blue to make a Quilt of Valor, possibly with gold stars appliquéd in the centers. Since it looks like entwined ribbons it would look great in a variety of colors, including background in novelty fabric for Christmas, Halloween or Easter. A list of all the Guild's dies is available on our website. The Accuquilt will be available at all the guild sew days. Contact Cheryl Tomson to check out our Accuquilt cutter and/or any of our many dies.



Here's a link for a free pattern for the die:  
<https://www.accuquilt.com/go-woven-blocks-wall-hanging-pattern.html>

*~Cheryl Tomson  
Accuquilt Manager*



### Mark Your Calendars:

**March 25 – Guild meeting**  
Marg Higgins: *Marg's Art Quilts*

**March 26 – Project Linus Sew**  
At Prairie Point

**April 3-5 – Ad Astra Shop Hop**

**April 12 – SQG Sew Day**  
At the Merriam Library

**April 15 – KCRQF Entry  
Deadline for Judged Quilts and  
Mini Quilts**

## Survey Deadline Approaching

If you've postponed completing the Starlight Quilter's Guild program and workshop survey, we're sure it's only because you're giving it some serious thought—and we appreciate it!

The link to the online survey was included in the email you received on February 19 telling you that the February newsletter had been posted. That email also provided a link at the very top that leads you to a survey you can print and complete, if that's your preference.

However you choose to complete it, all surveys are due March 25, the date of the next guild meeting.

Your opinion will help us create the kinds of programs and workshops you want. We look forward to seeing what you tell us!

*~Barbara McMahon  
Programs*



# 2025 KCRQF Update

There's some really fun merchandise available at [KCRQF Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival](#).

## Commemorative Lapel Pin

Enamel pin - 1.25" with magnetic back



## Commemorative Tote Bag

17.75" wide x 15.75" height x 4" depth



## 2025 KCRQF Stickers

Set of five (5)



## Commemorative T-shirt

Royal Heather Blue shirt sizes: S - 3X



60/40 cotton/polyester, unisex, ultra soft,

Most classes still have some room; check them out here: [Classes | KCRQF](#). Don't wait too long, though—several are almost full.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** is the date to know. You can STILL enter a judged quilt ([Judged Quilt Entries | KCRQF](#)) OR a mini quilt ([2025 Mini Quilt Challenges](#)) until then. Yep, you read that right. They extended the deadline to enter a judged quilt but about 2/3 of the spots are taken.

Calling all longarmers! New in 2025 – Professional Line Ads. Easily advertise your business for \$40!

Don't forget to follow KCRQF on social media and share their posts!

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/kcrqf>

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/kcrqf/>

~ Tara Culley  
KCRQF Representative



"Thank you"s go out to **Theresa Benson** and **Rosemary Watrak**. These two quilters donated Linus quilts at the February meeting. Going forward, members would really love to see everyone's Linus quilts during Show and Tell. It's very encouraging to all the members.

I was asked what size these quilts should be by a member:

The minimum size is 36" x 36" baby blankets, 42" x 60" for children's blankets, and 45" x 72" for teen blankets.

We hope to provide kits in the near future everyone is welcome to attend our April 12th guild sew day at the Merriam Library 10:00 AM - 4:00PM.

There's a wealth of additional information on Project Linus at the Project Linus KC webpage here:

<https://www.projectlinuskc.org/>

Let's all get our stashes out and make a simple quilt for a good cause.

~Kate McCabe  
for Project Linus

## Website News



Instructions for our Community Service Project are now online.

You will find them under the "Community Service Project" heading.

Here is the link for your viewing pleasure: <https://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/community-service/>

The Sewing Labs has provided video instruction for the Walker Bag and for the Children's Activity Bag on their website. Follow the links on our page to view them. They are quite helpful.

Remember to check the Calendar on the website for sew days listings. As always, send me an email if you have updated information for your committee.

*~Janice McKee, webfumbler*

## Raffle Quilt Update

The quilt will be displayed at the March meeting, and tickets will be available for purchase. Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to this quilt, especially **Janette Sheldon** and **Peggy Skaith**. It will be an honor to take it to shops and other guilds.

*~Suzanne Andrews*

## WANTED:

Folders & holders for our speaker. Sign up at the welcome table, then tell the bucket babes you signed up and they will give you a free ticket for their treasures. Fun!

*~Jan Ketchum  
Hospitality*

## 2025 Starlight Guild Challenge

Are you working on your guild challenge? Remember, any size goes and no intricate rules. It just has to read stripes.

*~Janette Sheldon  
Guild Challenge Chair*



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HEADLINING ARTISTS

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KEVIN WOMACK ■ JULIE BOOTH ■ VICKI CONLEY

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**JUNE**

**23RD - 27TH**

**2025**

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ARTWORK: Preparation for Art by Susan Steinhilber

Here's the link: <https://art-quilt-midwest.org/>

*~Donna di Natale  
Past President*

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