

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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July 15, 2025

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Happy July everyone!

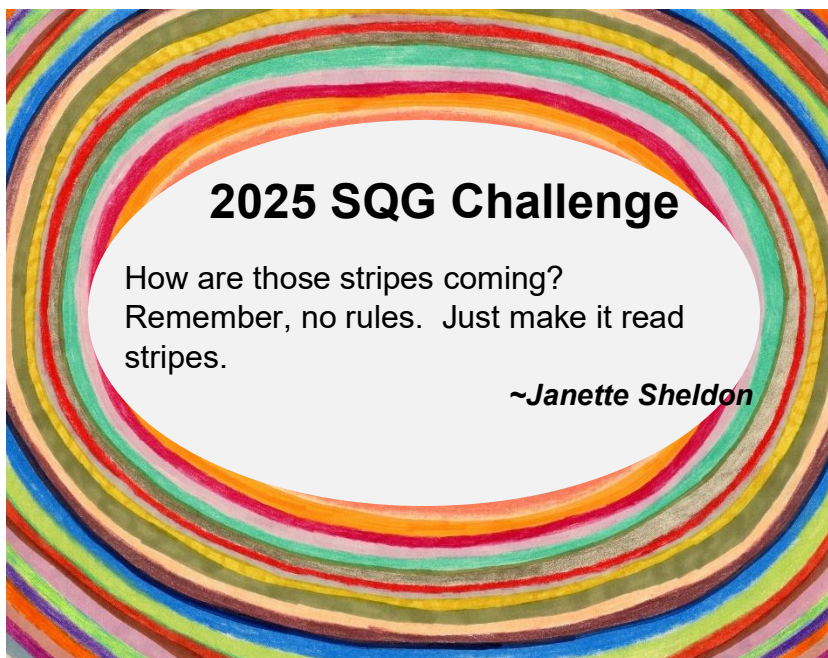
I hate to even tell you this, but I have been vacationing on Whidbey Island, in Puget Sound, where the temps are in the 50's and 60's. All the time! I've been dreading going back to the Midwest heat in a couple days! I'll just have to hole up in my sewing room and work on my challenge quilt

(STRIPES!) as soon as I get back. And possibly a Linus quilt and possibly a walker bag for Community Service... By the way, I want to thank all of you for bringing your favorite/heirloom quilt to Guild last month. It gave me inspiration for my next project!

See you on the 22nd! In the meantime, stay cool!



~Amy Ubben  
SQG President





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

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$	8,442.48	
	CD's at Capitol Federal		16,764.63	
	Petty Cash		60.00	
<b>Cash Balance</b>				<b>25,267.11</b>
<b>Income</b>				
	Membership Dues		280.00	
	Bucket Babes		-	
	Raffle Ticket Sales		204.00	
	Total Income			<b>484.00</b>
	Interest from CD's at Capitol Federal		140.26	<b>140.26</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Meeting Facility Rental		230.00	
	Storage Expense		130.00	
	Accuquilt Expense		71.07	
	Raffle Quilt Expense		32.82	
	Paypal fees		11.80	
	Total Expenses			<b>475.69</b>
	Ending Checkbook Balance		8,450.79	
	CD's at Capitol Federal		16,904.89	
	Petty Cash		60.00	
<b>Cash Balance</b>				<b>\$ 25,415.68</b>

**Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer**





## July Program

### Holly Messinger

Our speaker for July is Holly Messinger, the textiles curator at the Arabia Steamboat Museum. Holly will give us a power point presentation about the clothing and other textiles salvaged from the Steamboat Arabia and talk about the ongoing efforts to clean, restore and research these fragile and fascinating items from America's westward expansion.

Holly is a writer, historian and costume designer. She has a master's degree in Archives and Preservation from Emporia State University. Holly spent twenty years in the publishing industry before pivoting to museum work and developed her sewing skills through decades of private instruction and independent study. She is the textiles conservator at the Arabia Steamboat Museum in Kansas City, MO.

*~Mary Honas  
Programs*

## Workshops, Workshops, and More! Come One, Come All!

Quilty Fun is planned for these hot, dog days of summer, and beyond!

- **July 17, 2025 Thursday, Merriam Plaza Library- SEW DAY**  
Work on those charity projects- Walker bags, Linus quilts- personal projects, gab, and have fun with your fellow guild members. Our reservation begins at 9am through library close, approx. 7:30pm. Come for the whole day, or drop in after work. An ironing station and cutting area will be set up.
- **August 9, 2025 Saturday, Merriam Plaza Library- Workshop**  
Plans are in the works for a workshop on fabric bowls. Stay tuned for more details.
- **October 10, 2025 Caravan Trip to Missouri Star Quilt Company; Hannibal, MO**  
We'll meet at a designated spot to carpool together to Hannibal for shopping, lunch, Quilt Museum, and more shopping. Stay tuned for specific date and details. A free swag bag is available, discounted museum entrance fees, and a gift card drawing. Contact Kathy Keehn for questions, and to reserve your spot. Let's have a blast shopping for those retreat supplies!

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*~Kathy Keehn  
Workshops*

## 2025 Starlight Fall Retreat

We will be returning to KC Makers for our 2025 Starlight Fall retreat! Our group will have exclusive access to their large 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 \$65 per quilter. Four meals are included in the price (dinner on Friday; lunch/dinner on Saturday; lunch on Sunday)

Friday - Sunday; November 7-9, 2025  
KC Maker Studio and Fabrics  
5327 Johnson Drive  
Mission, KS 66205

Signs up will be online using the following  
link: <https://forms.gle/Cije43oFeEsV6Aa18>  
(link is also posted on the Starlight website)

Enrollment will be time stamped; and once we reach capacity at 40 participants; names will go onto a waitlist. Registration will be finalized once payment has been received. Reach out to Donna Holloway if you have any questions!

*~Donna Holloway  
Retreats*

## @accuquilt® News

This month's featured die is the Alphabet. It cuts 2" high upper-case letters. Although Accuquilt does make a die with lower case letters, they are 3" high to match the 3" upper case letter die which we don't own. For our die, prefuse your fabric and cut into 2 ½" squares to fit over the letters you want to cut. In addition to putting a name on a quilt, use this die to display a message on a pillow or wall hanging. Proclaim JOY along with the angel die. Add FREEDOM to a patriotic quilt. Write a favorite quote. I'm sure you have plenty of ideas.

The Accuquilt cutter will be available at all the guild sew days; let me know which dies you'd like to use. A list of the dies owned by the guild is available on our website. Contact me for a demonstration or to check out our Accuquilt cutter and/or any of our many dies to use at home.

*~Cheryl Tomson  
Accuquilt Manager*





## Community Service News



Sewing Labs have received 69 Walker Bags and 84 Children's Activity Bags from the guild and they are so appreciative of our generosity! Thank you!

Sewing Labs has restocked their labels and they will be available at the next meeting to be sewn in the corners of the projects. A sample with the labels will be available to see at the next meeting.

*~Pam Lanza  
Community Service*



## Project Linus

Quilts donated at June meeting:

Marsha Reeves – 3, Rosemary Watrak – 1, Shirley Lewis – 1,  
Suzie Steel – 2,  
Kate McCabe – 1

Mystery donor from last month:

Karla Filo – 2  
(friend of Jean Patchin)

I need to mention that Opal Yarnell has donated 19 quilts this year. KUDOS to Opal.

A big THANK YOU to everyone!!!!!!

Please Note: There is always a signup sheet next to Mary's suitcase. Please sign the sheet so we know who is donating.

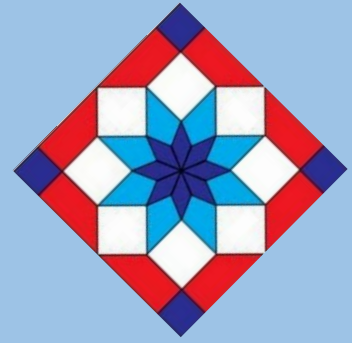
Also, we would like for you to show your quilts at Show & Tell.

There will be Linus Quilt fabric bags at the Guild Meeting in July. Each bag contains enough fabric for a quilt.

Something was brought to my attention that I may have been aware of, but had forgotten: BEST CHOICE UPC CODE

LABELS. Project Linus has been collecting UPC labels from Best Choice products for years. You should save Best Choice UPC codes. We do not collect any other brand. Please turn in your labels in envelopes with your quilts. We receive \$15.00 for every 1000 labels.

*~Kate McCabe  
for Project Linus*



## Mark Your Calendars:

**July 17 – Guild Sew Day**  
9:00am-7:30pm at the  
Merriam Plaza Library

**July 22 – Guild meeting**  
Holly Messinger

**July 24-26 – Honeycomb  
Quilts in Meade, KS  
“Christmas in July” Sale**

**July 26-August 2  
Johnson County Fair**  
JoCo Fairgrounds in Gardner

**July 30 – Project Linus Sew**  
At Prairie Point 5:30-7:30pm

**August 9 – SQG Workshop**  
Fabric bowls, details to follow

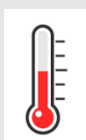
# English Paper Piecing Workshop

Lots of industrious sewing and learning happened with our most recent workshop- English Paper Piecing- presented by Margaret Welch. Thank you, Margaret for your patience and enthusiastic teaching!

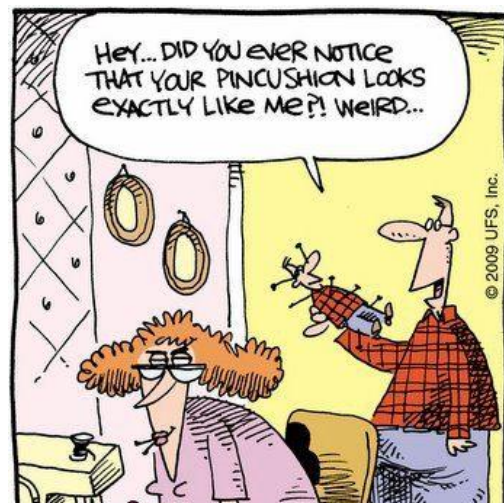


## July Fat Quarters Theme: **RED**

It is HOT, so July's fat quarters are **RED**. Solids or prints, as long as the main color is red.



~Suzanne for Jan Ketchum  
Fat Quarters



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