

# Starlight Express

## Starlight Quilters Guild

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### Starlight Quilt Guild Officers and Committees

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### From the President

Hello Quilters!

Welcome to 2026! Your Guild leadership team has planned an exciting year full of great workshops, speakers and activities and I can't wait to get started! Be sure to check out our website and the monthly

newsletters for all the details.

I hope these past few weeks have allowed you some time to focus on YOU. I know my holiday traditions have evolved as my kids have grown, moved out and expanded our family. It's sometimes hard to let go of 'how we have always done it', and at the same time, it's exciting to build new traditions. Our traditions have simplified, which gives me more time to do things 'for me'. I was able to get some serious practice with my longarm machine and complete a few UFOs; I took my time and didn't have to worry about a deadline to make dinner or drive someone somewhere. The warmer weather also gave me the opportunity to complete some outside chores that I never got to due to that wild cold snap in November.

My goal this year for our Guild is to ensure we have interesting and meaningful programs and that we support each other in our quilting journeys - whether you are a new quilter or have been doing this for ages. If you have any great ideas to improve the guild, or have any questions or concerns, please be sure to contact me. I also encourage everyone to be involved in some way - whether it's being a part of our leadership team, doing one of our challenges, or volunteering to help at our quilt show; this is a great way to get to know your fellow guild members and deepens the experience you have with our Guild.

Take care and happy quilting!!!

Donna

*~Donna Holloway  
SQG President*



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

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 18,143.47	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,077.90	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
<b>Cash Balance</b>			<b>35,281.37</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	Membership Dues	18.00	
	Bucket Babes	95.00	
	Raffle Quilt	124.00	
	Quilt Show Vendors	120.00	
	President's Gift for Catholic Relief Services	272.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>629.00</b>
	<b>CD Interest</b>	172.63	<b>172.63</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00	
	Storage Expense	260.00	
	Mary Ellen Winter - Program	431.00	
	Retreat Expenses	1,200.97	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>2,121.97</b>
	Ending Checkbook Balance	16,650.50	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,250.53	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
<b>Cash Balance</b>			<b>\$ 33,961.03</b>
	<b>Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer</b>		



Starlight welcomed new member, **Addie Harte**, at our November meeting. We now have 103 fabulous quilters in our Guild! I am still needing some members' birth month and day, so we can recognize members' birthdays in our newsletters. If you have not already done so, please fill in this information on the sign in sheet which will be at the back table.

~Diane Phillips  
**Membership**



## January Program

### Everyday Stitches: Jennifer Dick & Trisch Price

*Talking Quilts with Everyday Stitches: An Evening of Design, Technique and Inspiration*

Jenifer and Trisch met at quilt guild about 2000. Both were busy raising children and making quilts at the time. Fifteen years later, after each won quilting awards, wrote books and began speaking at guilds, they joined forces to create Everyday Stitches – a pattern company specializing in quality patterns that reflect their own style and personality. With Trisch's software engineering background and Jenifer's editorial experience, the perfect partnership was formed. Everyday Stitches is dedicated to bringing quiltmakers of all skill levels quality patterns for their everyday life.

~Mary Honas  
Programs



## Starlight Website News



Remember, StarlightQuilters.com is a great place to find the answers to your burning questions, like:

When is the Quilt Show and who's in charge? (**Quilt Show** page)

What's our fat quarter for the meeting (it's on the **Home page** under the map)

When's our next meeting? (also on the **Home page**)

How is our guild organized? (**Board Information**)

What was in the newsletter 2 months ago? (**Newsletter**)

What's a "Thread Bunny"? (**Quilting Tips & Projects**)

What AccuQuilt dies do we have? (under **AccuQuilt**)

When are our workshops? (under **Calendar**, send updates to Michele Fix)

Please send me any updates you have ([maidmerriam1@gmail.com](mailto:maidmerriam1@gmail.com)) for your committees so I can keep the information current. Events like fabric sales or quilt shows for other guilds will go in the Facebook chat. Those would need to be updated more frequently than I have the bandwidth to take care of.

~Janice McKee  
Webfumbler

## Time for a Sew Day!

Come one, come all! The long break is over and it is time to get back together for fun and camaraderie! Please join us **Friday, January 30, 9am-4** at Merriam Plaza Library for an Open Sew Day. Bring your project and needed supplies. The Accuquilt will be available. Let Cheryl Tomson know what dies you need.



~Kathy Keehn  
Programs

## Accuquilt News

We have a new die to start the new year. This month's featured die is the Road to Fortune. It makes a 9" block with a whirling center. Interesting designs result as blocks are joined depending on colors used for the outer corners. Check out the Accuquilt web site for a variety of patterns. As always, contact me to check out the Accuquilt cutter or dies.



~Cheryl Tomson  
Accuquilt Manager

## Community Service Projects: Sewing with Purpose

This year, we're excited to expand our community service efforts with a new project that supports individuals experiencing homelessness. We are partnering with **Volunteer KC** to create **navigational canvas bags** designed to help carry essential supplies. Volunteer KC will provide the canvas printed with a map of KC and a list of essential services and our members will sew them into bags. Once completed, the bags will be filled with much-needed supplies and distributed to those in need.

To make participation easy, kits and printed instructions will be available at meetings, and a step-by-step video will be posted on our website.

Our ongoing Community Service Project with **The Sewing Labs** will also continue this year. Together, we will keep making walker bags and children's activity bags—projects that made a big impact last year. Thanks to our members' generosity and hard work, we completed **126 walker bags** and **138 children's activity bags in 2025!**

As before, kits will be available at meetings, and instructions can be found on the website.

Your time and talent make a real difference in our community. Thank you for helping us turn fabric into hope.



~Pam Lanza  
Community Service





At the November Quilt Guild meeting the following members donated quilts.

Marsha Reeves - 3  
 Rosemary Watrak - 1  
 Kathy and Chris Foos - 1  
 Beverly McCreery - 2  
 Shirley Lewis - 1

A few quilts were turned in after the meeting making our total of the year over 100. A very good year! Let's hope 2026 will be just as good a year and maybe we could reach 125. Thank you all for all your work to make the quilts and donating them to a worthy cause.

There have been some changes with the KC Chapter of Project Linus. Jeanine Snyder is now the Chapter president. She is going to be sending a quarterly newsletter to communicate all the latest happenings. I will be updating you on events that you may be interested in. One thing that stood out to me was where all the quilts are going and how many were donated.

Type ▾	Organization ▾	4th Qtr ▾
H	Childrens	300
H	Crittenton Children's Center	40
H	North KC Hospital	420
H	Olathe Hospice House	30
H	St. Luke's on the Plaza	60
	<b>Hospital Total</b>	<b>850</b>
S	DCCCA	300
S	Fox 4 KC Love Fund	765
S	Jo Co Christmas Bureau	609
S	New Chelsea Elementary	615
S	Northern Hills Baptist	30
S	Oak Ridge Mission Baptist Church	75
S	Salvation Army	67
S	SHP SE	394
S	SHP N	300
S	Stanley Elementary	40
	<b>Social Services Total</b>	<b>3195</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4045</b>
	<b>All Time Deliveries</b>	<b>191397</b>

Also, the Chapter is having a **MAKE A BLANKET DAY** on March 21, 2026, at Grace United Methodist Church in Lee's Summit, MO, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. They will have a free area for you to bring any yarn or fabric that you want to rehome. The Chapter will have some items to share as well.

At our Linus table at the January meeting, we will have a few kits, some backing fabric and batting. Stop by and stock up on supplies.

See you all at the January 27th Guild meeting.

*~Kate McCabe  
 Project Linus*



Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Show is coming soon, April 24-25. This year we are having a spring BLOCK PARTY, once again at the newly remodeled Lenexa Old Town Activity Center. And as in other years, we need help from the members. Most importantly, we need volunteers to help pick up, set up, take down and return the grid walls to storage. This can be hard work. I know, because I've done it many times. Set up will be Thursday, Apr 23. Set up time will be in the afternoon depending on your job. We also need a team to hang/take down quilts, work the Yard Sale and handle various other tasks. A Volunteer Portal will be set up so you can select the jobs you feel most comfortable doing. We will have someone available at the February and March meetings to get you online and signed up.

Volunteers to set up and run the show are important. But even more important are your quilts. We encourage every member to enter quilts in the show. We have seen your work at Show and Tell throughout the year, and nothing has been shared that is not show worthy. Study the categories, then enter your quilt in the category where you feel it will stand the best chance of receiving a ribbon.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Small Quilt	Less than 36" on the largest side
Medium Quilt	Greater than 36" but less than 72" on the largest side
Large Quilt	Greater than 72" on the largest side
I DID IT ALL	Quilt of any size; all work done by a single quilt maker
Newby Quilter	Quilter with less than 3 years' experience
Original Design	No published pattern used; design fully developed by maker
Hand and/or Embellished	Hand pieced, quilted and/or substantial hand embellishment
2025 Challenge	Quilt entered in the 2025 "Stripe" Challenge
Miscellaneous	Non-quilts using quilting related method

*~Kim Cawthon  
Quilt Show*

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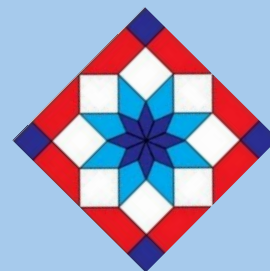
## 2025 Income and Expenses

	Actual thru 12/31/25
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Fund Raising</b>	
Guild Meeting Raffle (Bucket Babes)	1,158
Sale of Raffle Tickets	480
Raffle Quilt Expenses	(366)
Net Profit from Raffle Quilt	114
<b>Total Fund Raising</b>	<b>1,272</b>
<b>Guild Quilt Show</b>	
2024 Quilt Show Deposit Refund	550
2026 Quilt Show Vendors	255
2026 Quilt Show Deposit	(500)
Quilt Show	<b>305</b>
<b>Membership Dues</b>	3,573
<b>Retreat</b>	
Retreat Income	2,340
Retreat Expenses	(1,201)
Retreat Net Profit	1,139
<b>Other Income</b>	
KCRQF	11,049
President's gift for Catholic Relief Services	272
Interest Income from CD's	707
	12,028
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,317</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	
Merriam Community Center Rent	2,530
Storage Fees for Quilt Show Racks	1,560
Insurance	613
Web hosting fee	349
PO Box Rental	244
Checks, Paypal fees, Miscellaneous	91
Charitable Contribution-The Sewing Labs	500
AccuQuilt repairs & maintenance	590
45th Anniversary celebration expenses	175

<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>6,652</b>
<b>Programs/Workshops</b>	
Speakers and Workshop Fees	3,814
Zoom subscription, laptop computer	860
<b>Total Programs/Workshops</b>	<b>4,674</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,326</b>
<b>Increase in balance</b>	<b>6,991</b>

## January's Fat Quarter Theme is

# WINTER



## Mark Your Calendars:

**January 27 – First meeting of 2026**

Featuring Everyday Stitches

**January 30 – Guild Sew Day**

Merriam Plaza Library

**March 21 – Make a Blanket Day**

For Project Linus at Grace United Methodist, Lees Summit

**April 24-25 – SQG Quilt Show**

Lenexa Old Town Activity Center

## January Member

### Birthdays:

Wanda Schmieding 1/03  
 Mary Lou Guy 1/10  
 Laura Bogue 1/11  
 Sanna Ford 1/12  
 Karen Huffman 1/14  
 Susie Steele 1/17  
 Mary Wheeler 1/25  
 Victoria Foley 1/31

**Happy Birthday!**





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