

Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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February 15, 2026

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From the President

I want to start by thanking Janette for leading our meeting in January; my apologies that I wasn't available on my first meeting as your President this year. I spent that week exploring and hiking in Death Valley National Park. What a beautiful spot on earth; the landscape and wildlife is much more

diverse and adaptive than one would expect for a "hot desert with a dried-up saltwater lake". One spot we visited was Artists Palette. It's tucked behind an unassuming yellow landscape that has an array of colors (red, orange, yellow, blue, pink, and green), splashed across the hills. These colors are from volcanic deposits rich in compounds such as iron oxides and chlorite, which creates a rainbow effect; additional dimensions were created by the erosive power of water. While taking in this landscape I couldn't help but think about the initial sources of fabric dyes and textiles and how women expressed themselves centuries ago with the natural products they had on hand. So resourceful! While we may not be gathering berries or dirt to dye our handwoven fabric; I can't help to think that our hunt for that perfect print or creating that amazing block holds a similar sense of delight and satisfaction that our ancestors felt.

Happy creating!

~**Donna Holloway**
SQG President

February's Fat Quarter theme is:

PINK



| STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report January 2026 | | |
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| | Beginning Checkbook Balance | \$ 16,650.50 |
| | CD's at Capitol Federal | 17,250.53 |
| | Petty Cash | 60.00 |
| Cash Balance | | 33,961.03 |
| Income | | |
| | Membership Dues | 87.50 |
| | Bucket Babes | 95.00 |
| | President's Gift for Catholic Relief Services | 53.00 |
| | Total Income | 235.50 |
| Expenses | | |
| | Meeting Facility Rental | 230.00 |
| | Storage Expense | 130.00 |
| | Everyday Stitches - Program | 500.00 |
| | Quilt Show expenses | 1,655.59 |
| | 2025 Door Prizes | 609.08 |
| | 2026 Door Prizes | 589.18 |
| | Catholic Relief Services - Amy's President Gift | 325.00 |
| | Zoom subscription | 174.85 |
| | Kansas Secretary of State | 80.00 |
| | Batting for Linus Quilts | 131.25 |
| | Total Expenses | 4,424.95 |
| | Ending Checkbook Balance | 12,461.05 |
| | CD's at Capitol Federal | 17,250.53 |
| | Petty Cash | 60.00 |
| Cash Balance | | \$ 29,771.58 |
| Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer | | |



Welcome New Members!



Starlight currently has 106 members. We had 60 members who attended the January meeting. Starlight welcomes these new members who joined in January. We're happy you're here!

Mary Rogge
Charmaine Ward

Reminder: Start thinking about renewing your membership! Our membership year is April 1st through March 31st. Dues are \$35 per year. You can pay online using Pay Pal or you can bring cash or a check to renew at our next meeting. Hope to see you there!

~Diane Phillips
Membership



February Program

Hawaiian Style Quilts: Lecture & Trunk Show

By **Dinah Nash & Dianne Harmon**

A Hawaiian Quilt is a unique quilting style from the Hawaiian Islands, characterized by large, radially symmetrical applique patterns. Motifs often use stylized botanical designs in bold colors. A Hawaiian quilt appliqué is made from a single cut of folded fabric. The trunk show will feature over 35 quilts, highlighting traditional Hawaiian designs as well as innovative outside-the-box creations.



*~Mary Honas
Programs*



Project Linus

I was told January would be a big Linus Quilt month and it certainly was!

Rosie's Quilts finished – 8

Opal Yarnell – 4

Marsha Reeves – 4

Kim Cawthon – 1

Connie Mai – 2

Suzie Steele - 2

A total of 31 quilts

Peggy Skaith - 5

Shirley Lewis - 2

Theresa Benson - 1

Tammy Smith - 1

Rosemary Watrak - 1

If you are turning in a Rosie quilt this month, please let Mary or I know. We have to keep track of how many of her quilts are finished and donated.

Also, at our February meeting we will have cut batting for your Linus quilts. There will be 4 pieces cut 60 x 60 and 4 pieces cut 60 x 72. We are working on finding backing fabric.

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.

*~Kate McCabe & Mary Honas
Project Linus*

Accuquilt News

This month's featured die is the Hunter's Star. It is made up of four quadrants resulting in a 12" block. The die can be used with the guild's Accuquilt cutter or the smaller Go Me. It is lovely in the traditional two colors but could also be made with many colored scraps. Try it in patriotic red, white, and blue. 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*



[Scrappy Hunters Star pattern](#)
[Festive Hunters Star Quilt Pattern](#)
[Hunters Star Pillow pattern](#)



Planning has begun for the 2027 KCRQF! The Showcase Challenge Theme is "BBQ", inspired by Kansas City's world-famous BBQ scene. This theme invites you to lean into the BOLD: big blocks, daring design choices, creative seasoning, and unexpected combinations. Just like KC pitmasters, quilters bring heritage, innovation, and personality to every creation. This year's challenge celebrates that same craft: slow-built skill, signature style, and a little extra spice. Fire up your imagination and stitch your own "BBQ-inspired" masterpiece—Big Block Quilts that are full of flavor. Rules will be posted to the website [KCRQF | Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival](#) by March 1st. Special Exhibits this year will be honoring women in the military - more details on that next month!

Don't forget to follow KCRQF on social media
[KCRQF Facebook](#)
[KCRQF Instagram](#)

*~Tara Culley
KCRQF Representative*

They say the average quilter has 5 projects waiting to be sewn.

fabric Bash
Threading the Life of the Party

That makes me
37 people.

BLOCK PARTY

2026 Starlight Quilters Guild Show

April 24-25 Lenexa Old Town Activity Center

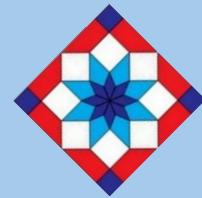
2026 Quilt Show Update

Yes, it's almost upon us. Our quilt show is the 24th and 25th of April. That's right around the corner. As of our last show meeting, we had three vendors, four quilts registered, and nobody signed up to help. The boutique had a handful of items – not nearly enough to fill a booth. Not only that, but we also don't have anyone shadowing to take the lead on our next show. That's all the bad news.

The good news – we have lots of enthusiasm and an expectation you all will come forward and register your beautiful quilts and sign up to help. Both forms are available on our website ([Quilt Show page](#)). Laura Bogue will be at the February and March meetings to assist in signing up. Donna Holloway will be there to answer any questions and assist in getting those quilts registered. We've brainstormed and come up with a few ideas to get more vendors. If you know of someone – a small business or whatever – who might be interested in vending, please give Michele Fix their information. Postcards are available and ready to pass out. Help up advertise our show.

Let's get to the nitty gritty. Some member(s) will need to come forward to take charge of the next show, whether it be in 2027 or 2028. I know that sounds like a long time from now, but it really isn't. Please talk to either me or Kim Cawthon if you are interested. Kim and I are ready to pass the baton of Quilt Show Chair to the next member(s). This is our last round.

~Janette Sheldon
Quilt Show Co-Chair



Mark Your Calendars:

February 21-28 – Kansas City Quilt Crawl

February 24 – SQG Meeting
Merriam Community Center

Featuring Dinah Nash & Dianne Harmon

February 25 – Project Linus Sew

Prairie Point Quilt & Fabric Shop

March 21 – Make a Blanket Day

For Project Linus at Grace United Methodist, Lees Summit

March 24 – SQG Meeting
Merriam Community Center

Featuring Rhonda Denney

April 24-25 – SQG Quilt Show

Lenexa Old Town Activity Center

Community Service Update



Kansas City Community canvas bag kits will be available at the next meeting. Instructions are on our website with a YouTube link.

We are still collecting Walker bags and Children's activity bags. Those kits will also be available at the next meeting.

Thank you for supporting our community with your gift of sewing!

~Pam Lanza
Community Service

Advertisements

City's Edge Quilt Shop has classes and more!
Amy Senatore, Owner www.citysedgestudio.com
616 W. Main Street, Warsaw, MO 65355
Mon-Fri 10a – 5p and Sat 9a – 3p

Custom Machine Embroidery – quilt labels, towels, gifts, T-shirts, logos, banners, and so much more. Fast turnaround time on orders.
Phone Judy Brennan, 913-788-0582

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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

Keehn 2 Quilt – Kathy and Erin provide high quality finishes for every project - custom hand guided and *Prostitcher* edge to edge precision offered. Contact us today to finish your quilt masterpiece!

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CLASSIFIED ADS



Wanted: a crocheter who would be interested in assembling already made granny squares. Please contact Jan Ketchum if you're interested.