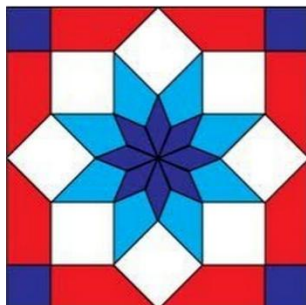




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September 15, 2026

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From the President

Quilts do more than provide warmth and beauty. Through thoughtful color selection, they can evoke emotions, tell stories, and create a specific atmosphere within a space. Whether you're designing a bold modern quilt or a traditional heirloom piece, the colors you choose can have a powerful impact on how the finished quilt is experienced. When we browse fabric collections, we are

often drawn to colors instinctively. Those preferences are not random. Color psychology suggests that different hues can influence emotions, energy levels, and even perceptions of comfort. By understanding these associations, quilters can intentionally select fabrics that create a desired feeling.

Blues are frequently associated with tranquility, trust, and relaxation. Quilts featuring soft blues can create a sense of peace, calm, reflection and comfort.

Green fabrics often remind us of forests, gardens, and open spaces. Incorporating greens into a quilt can create a feeling of balance, restoration and renewal.

Yellow fabric can brighten a quilt and draw the eye. From soft buttery shades to vibrant sunflowers, yellow often adds warmth, happiness, creativity and optimism.

Red commands attention and brings warmth to quilt designs. It has long been used in traditional quilt blocks to add visual impact and symbolize love, passion, warmth and strength.

Orange combines the enthusiasm of red with the brightness of yellow. It can bring a lively, fun and welcoming feel to contemporary and seasonal quilts.

Purple fabrics range from soft lavenders to deep jewel tones. These colors often lend a sense of sophistication, inspiration and imagination to a quilt.

Neutrals are the unsung heroes. Creams, tans, grays, whites, and blacks provide balance and allow focal fabrics to shine. Neutral fabrics help create contrast while contributing their own sense of calm, simplicity and elegance.

Often, it is not a single fabric color but the combination of colors that tells the story. A quilt filled with blues and greens may feel restful and serene, while one featuring reds, oranges, and yellows may radiate warmth and energy. As you select fabrics for your next project, consider the feeling you want the finished quilt to create. Is it a comforting baby quilt, a vibrant wall hanging, or a treasured family heirloom? The colors you choose can help communicate that purpose long before a single stitch is sewn. Every color choice contributes to the emotional experience of the finished quilt. By understanding the psychology of color, you can create quilts that not only showcase beautiful craftsmanship but also evoke feelings of comfort, joy, peace, and inspiration for generations to come.

~Donna Holloway
SQG President



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
August 2026

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,229.09	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,548.09	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			30,837.18
Income			
	Membership Dues	140.00	
	Bucket Babes	52.00	
	Workshop fee	110.00	
	Retreat	150.00	
	Total Income		452.00
	CD Interest	128.34	128.34
Expenses			
	Meeting Facility Rental - Aug & Sept	460.00	
	Program	278.88	
	Storage Expense	130.00	
	Workshop Refunds	110.00	
	Accuquilt Reimbursement	57.24	
	PayPal Fees	8.98	
	Total Expenses		1,045.10
	Ending Checkbook Balance	12,635.99	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,548.09	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			\$ 30,244.08
	Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer		

September Fat Quarters

The theme for the September fat quarters is

HALLOWEEN

Be thinking about what you will choose if you are the winner!



September Program – Theresa Benson The AI Quilter

Known as the AI Quilter, Theresa has a degree in electrical engineering and a deep understanding of artificial intelligence. I first heard Theresa on a podcast and wanted to know more about AI and quilting. She has a way of making the topic approachable for those of us who know little about AI and possibly fear the technology. But AI isn't really new—we've been using it for years.

Come to the September meeting and expand your knowledge in a fun way. (Find Theresa at theaiguilter.com and on Instagram at [@theaiguilter](https://www.instagram.com/theaiguilter))

*~Mary Lou Guy
Programs*



Fall Retreat Reminder

The **Starlight Quilters Annual Fall Retreat** will be **Friday-Sunday: November 6-8, 2026**. This year we will be going to a more tranquil location and retreating at the Hollis Renewal Center. <https://holliscenter.org/> The Lodge has a large deck, access to many trails and is in an overall serene setting. We will also have access to the cottage next door that has a very large living room/lounge area if you need a break from sewing and the weather isn't cooperating. Day retreat price will be \$75 and includes your workspace and 4 meals (dinner Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday). The workspace will be available starting from 10AM Friday until 4PM Sunday – you can stay as late or arrive as early as you'd like throughout the weekend. Here is the Retreat Registration link: <https://forms.gle/1rBYLPXZJop6ZVW67> There will also be a Barn Quilt Block painting workshop on Sat. afternoon (Nov 7th, 1-5). If you are interested in participating - here is the link to sign up: [Reserved EVENT: Starlight Quilter's Guild Retreat Barn Quilt Painting](#) Even if you are not able to join us for retreat, you may still come on out to the Hollis Renewal Center and participate in this workshop.

More details about the retreat and the workshop are on the Guild Website under the Retreat tab or contact Donna if you have any questions!

Hoping you can enjoy us for a weekend of sewing, inspiration and of course, a great time of socializing with your fellow guild members!

*~Donna Holloway
Retreats*

Community Service News

Just a quick reminder that kits and bags will be both available and accepted at the September meeting!

Accuquilt News

September's featured die is the circular rag die. It makes a cathedral window style block using a charm square in the center. Notches make it easy to join the circles accurately as you create and join rows. Edges are already cut so no snipping is needed to make the fringe. This die fits the guild's Accuquilt cutter but not the smaller Go Me. As always, contact me to check out the Accuquilt cutter or dies and remember that the Accuquilt is available at every guild sew day.



*~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Manager*



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We had 66 members in attendance and one visitor at our August meeting.

Please welcome Starlight's newest member:

Ann Karasek

*~Diane Phillips
Membership*

September Birthdays

Barbara McMahon	9/3
Connie Passaro	9/3
Chrysa Zinser	9/4
Jamie Morgan	9/9
Shirley Lewis	9/11
Mary Rogge	9/11
Leila Pedreros	9/12
Elaine Patton	9/16
Donna Holloway	9/17
Lynn Schaffner	9/24
Becky Edson	9/28



Guild Challenge Reminder

In my opinion, many animals need houses, and all houses need animals. We're excited to see what you've created for your Animal House challenge. Any size, and fabric can have animals and/or houses printed on it. Due at the October meeting (which, by the way, is coming FAST!!!). Most importantly, have fun with this. It should be a fun house animal house!

~Karen Edwards and Shirley Lewis





Project ♥ Linus

It's been a big summer for Linus quilts!

First, corrected June numbers:

Marsha Reeves – 1

Opal Yarnell – 4

Melissa Cowan – 2

Kathy Keehn – 1

Suzie Steele – 2

The July donors were:

Barbara McMahon – 1

Shirley Lewis – 2

Opal Yarnell – 3

Anonymous Member – 3

Melissa Cowan – 3

Barb Dietz – 1

Rosemary Watrak – 1

Kathy and Chris Foos – 2

Kathy Keehn – 3

Beverly McCreery – 2

Theresa Benson – 6

And the August donors were:

Margaret Welch – 2

Opal Yarnell – 5

Kathy Keehn – 1

Susanne Ford – 1

Chris & Kathy Foos – 2

Mary Honas – 2

Shirley Lewis – 1

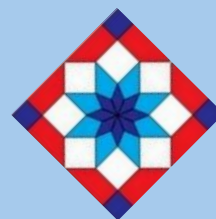
David & Teresa Duwe – 1

Suzanne Andrews – 2

Total of 54 for the summer months and 165 for the year!

Thank you everyone!

*~Kate McCabe & Mary Honas
Project Linus*



Mark Your Calendars:

September 18 – SQG Sew Day

9am – 5pm at the
Monticello Library Branch

September 22 – Starlight Quilt Guild Meeting

6:30pm – 8:30 pm
Merriam Community Center

October 1 – Open Sew

6pm – 8pm Olathe Indian
Creek Library Branch

October 27 – SQG October Meeting

6:30pm – 8:30 pm
Merriam Community Center

October 30 – Project Linus Open Sew

5:30 – 7:30pm
Prairie Point Quilt Shop

Pickles by Brian Crane



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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.
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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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