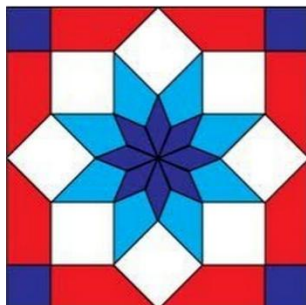




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Starlight Quilters Guild

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October 19, 2026

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From the President

Are They Quilt-Worthy?

Every quilter eventually realizes that not everyone is quilt-worthy; I certainly have learned that important lesson and wanted to discuss it as we head into the holidays. A handmade quilt is more than a gift. It represents hours of choosing fabric, cutting, piecing, pressing, quilting, binding, and occasionally

wondering why we ever started this hobby in the first place! Then comes the moment of truth: giving it away. Some recipients get it. They unfold the quilt slowly, admire the fabrics, notice the quilting, and ask, "You made this?" Best of all, you see it later tossed across their sofa, covering their bed, wrapped around a child, or even claimed by the family dog. That quilt is being loved.

Others respond with the dreaded, "Oh, a blanket." Or they carefully put it away because it's "too nice to use," where it may spend the next decade safely preserved in a closet. That doesn't make them bad people. It simply means handmade quilts may not hold the same meaning for them that they do for us.

Who Is Quilt-Worthy? Before starting your next gift quilt, ask yourself:

Do they appreciate handmade things?

Have they shown genuine interest in your quilts?

Will they actually use and enjoy it?

Most importantly, will making it for them bring you joy?

Not everyone we love needs a quilt. Some people are table-runner worthy. Some are tote-bag worthy. And some are perfectly happy with a gift card!

Save your quilting time for the people who understand that they're receiving more than fabric and thread. They're receiving your creativity, your skill, and something precious that none of us can buy more of: your time. So, make quilts for people who will use them, wash them, cuddle under them, and eventually wear them out. Because a well-loved, worn-out quilt is far better than a perfect one sitting forgotten in a closet. ❤️

~Donna Holloway
SQG President



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD

Treasurer's Report

September 2026

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,635.99	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,548.09	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			30,244.08
Income			
	Membership Dues	-	
	Bucket Babes	86.00	
	Retreat	225.00	
	Total Income		311.00
	CD Interest		133.51
Expenses			
	Meeting Facility Rental (pd in August)	-	
	Program	1,581.60	
	Storage Expense	130.00	
	Insurance	613.89	
	Website Host Fees	427.98	
	PayPal Fees	5.84	
	Total Expenses		2,759.31
	Ending Checkbook Balance	10,187.68	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,681.60	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			\$ 27,929.28
	Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer		

October Fat Quarters

Polka Dots are the fat quarters for October

Fun Fun Fun Fabric. Adds so much to any quilt. Have you ever seen a whole quilt made of just polka dot fabric? Bright, pastel, primary colors, neon, big, little and all sizes in between Dots. Even multicolored or tie dyed dots! When you bring a (or more) fat quarter and you win the whole basket full, what theme will you choose for November?



October Program – Carol Wilhoit Quilters Quest

During forty years of quilting, Carol has become interested in making both quilts and small quilted projects such as zipper bags, tote bags, table runners and pillows. Smaller projects do not require a large investment of time or materials and therefore provide a perfect opportunity to exercise creativity.

As a retired physician, she enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting. She enjoys figuring out how to make the construction process easier while producing better results. She has also refined techniques for building, organizing, and using a fabric stash that make it a joy to have and to use. She enjoys free motion quilting, quilting with the walking foot, and using metallic thread for quilting.

Carol has been teaching quilting classes for fifteen years. She loves sharing her knowledge with others and encouraging students as they try new projects and techniques. One of her favorite aspects of teaching is seeing students succeed at completing a challenging project. Another is seeing students have “Aha!” moments during which they see how simple changes in construction technique can help them create projects that are fun to make and look great.

Carol teaches in both lecture and hands-on workshop formats, both online and in person. She has taught at local quilt shops, for quilt guilds throughout the United States and internationally, the International Quilt Festival/Houston, the International Quilt Festival/Long Beach and the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. Carol’s patterns for quilts and small quilted projects have been published in Quilter’s World, Fons & Porter’s Quick and Easy Quilts, and in books by Annie’s Quilting.

*~Mary Lou Guy
Programs*



Project Linus

Thanks to the following who contributed Linus Quilts in September:

**Kathy and Chris Foos - 1
Opal Yarnell - 2
Shirley Lewis - 2
Cassie Ulmer - 2
Peggy Skaith - 1**

**Only one more month to donate this year. We've had a banner year.
Thanks to everyone.**

*~Kate McCabe & Mary Honas
Project Linus*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We had 54 members and 1 visitor at our September meeting.

We encourage you to invite your friends to come to a meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

*~Diane Phillips
Membership*

Accuquilt News

This month's featured dies are the half square triangles. There are tons of patterns that use half triangle squares. We have dies to cut triangles that will finish into squares 1", 2", 3", 4", and 6". All but the 6" die fit through the Go Me as well as the guild's cutter. Each has engineered corners so there are no dog ears to trim. Stack right sides together the two colors you are using for the squares, cut, and you are ready to sew. You can cut up to 6 layers at a time, so your project goes quickly. If you save the cut off corners from snowballing blocks, you can cut triangles slightly larger and using the engineered corners as a guide, quickly turn them into useable squares. They're great for using up scraps. As always, contact me to check out the Accuquilt cutter or dies and remember that the Accuquilt is available at every guild sew day and at our retreat. Just let me know which dies you would like to use.

*~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Manager*



October Birthdays

Amy Ubben	10/04
Tara Culley	10/05
June Slocum	10/06
Beverly Zavadil	10/06
Janette Luehring	10/16
Kristi Orr	10/16
Mary Halda	10/22
Carla Orner	10/29



ANIMAL HOUSE!!!!

Have you fed your animals? Are they in the house, or outdoors napping? We can't wait to see your challenge quilts! Bring them to the October meeting so all of us can enjoy your creative quilts. See you soon....

*~Karen Edwards &
Shirley Lewis*



Quilting is a sport.

It involves batting, running stitches, pumping iron, rowing, hooping, and hunting (for fabric)!

Y'all - we're athletes!

End of Year Housekeeping

It's rather frightening to think about, but 2026 is about used up. There are a few simple jobs that need to be addressed for 2027:

Vice President – easy job but comes with the kicker of being the next president

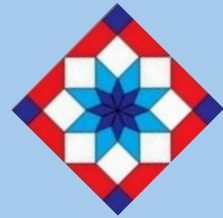
Guild Challenge – Shirley Lewis is doing it this year. This is an easy and fun job. Just think something up and then enthusiastically present it to everyone and encourage them to do it.

Buckets – Donna Holloway is intending to take them back. However, she's going to need a helper. This is a great way to visit with guild members.

2028 Quilt show – Suzanne Andrews has expressed an interest in chairing the show. Work begins in 2027. She will be needing help. Soliciting vendors starts early. Talk to her if you are interested.

The best way to get integrated into the guild is to volunteer. Even simple jobs will create an opportunity to make new friends and be involved. Remember, it's your guild.

~Janette Sheldon



Mark Your Calendars:

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

November 4 – Open Sewing Studio

Central Resource Library
6:00-7:30 pm

November 5 – Open Sewing Studio

Olathe Indian Creek Library
6:00-8:00 pm

November 6-8 – SQG Retreat

November 17 – SQG November Meeting

(note the date change)
6:30-8:30 pm
Merriam Community Center

BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS' GUILD
Columbia, MO



2026 QUILT SHOW

Community United Methodist Church
3301 West Broadway
Columbia, MO 65203

October 23-24, 2026

Friday, 9am – 5pm
Saturday, 9am – 4pm

\$5 admission



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2027 KCRQF

News

DATES: Thursday, June 17th – Saturday, June 19th, 2027, Classes start on Wednesday the 16th, Move In will start on Tuesday June 15, 2027

LOCATION: Overland Park Convention Center (OPCC), 6000 College Blvd., OP, KS

Showcase Challenge: KCRQF proudly presents the Showcase Quilt Challenge, an event that features a new theme for each festival. This challenge celebrates the skill and creativity of local festival guild stitchers, highlighting their talent in a dynamic and evolving way.

Two (2) quilts will be selected to be hung in the Showcase Plexiglass display case at the entrance to the Exhibit Hall. Prizes are awarded to the top three (3) winners.

Limited to 2027 Participating Guild Members only

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2026

ITEMS OPENING IN JANUARY 2027 - Event Tickets - single or 3 day, Merchandise, Classes, Judged Quilt Registration, Mini-Quilt registration

More info is available on the KCRQF website: <https://kcrqf.com/>

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Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525

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