



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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May 2013

President's Message—Donna Holloway

Dearest Quilters,

Everyone has been told “what you put in is what you get out”. That applies to almost any area in your life, be it your job, your family and even your hobbies. My daughter is involved with 4H; specifically, with the dog training project. We just completed our winter training session and held a dog show, where the kids and their dogs were judged as a team on how well they could complete certain tasks. There were a few kids who started out not knowing a thing about dog training, plus had a pretty unruly dog; because they practiced and worked with their dog outside of class, ended up being a pretty good team working together. What they put in, they got back out.



For my quilting hobby, I spent the first few years as a quiet member of the guild. Being a little shy in a big group, it was easy to just arrive, blend in, watch the program and then leave. But I realized I wasn't getting much out; because I really wasn't putting much in. I decided to attend the retreat, and that is when I really got to know the great group of members we have in this guild. So much that I didn't hesitate to lead the Retreat committee and even agree to be President. These small efforts have resulted in priceless friendships and wonderful opportunities to expand and grow within my quilting hobby.

We recently had our Spring retreat and being with 12 other quilters for a weekend was not only great fun, but also very inspirational and eye opening. I learned about new techniques, saw some great new projects, helped problem solve some others who were stuck on a project, and even swapped some fabric. I also gained insight on what some of our members do outside of guild and quilting; which can be a great networking opportunity. This actually proved to be instrumental for my daughter, as I casually mentioned to one retreat attendee last year that we were looking for another show dog. Within a few hours, she had me hooked up with a friend who was trying to place a show dog that only lived a few miles from my house. If I hadn't reached out, I would have totally missed that opportunity.

I am hoping this will inspire our members to reach out and get involved with even a small aspect of our guild. The effort can be quite small, but the return on this investment is tremendous. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities for anyone, and we always manage to have a lot of fun, no matter what we are doing. Think of what you like to do, and don't hesitate to raise your hand the next time we ask for volunteers. I guarantee that you won't regret it, and the return on your investment will be great.

Enjoy this great Spring weather!

Donna

2014 Opportunity Quilt

It's not too soon to be thinking about the 2014 opportunity quilt. This round we're going to try something different. The decision making is being thrown to the guild as a whole. At the next meeting there will be some patterns for you to see. If you have a pattern you would like to have considered, please bring it. Think about not only what you like, but what you think will sell. Hopefully there will be a variety from which to choose. We'll take a vote and let the majority rule. Also, there will be a sign up sheet for those willing to work on the quilt. We will have jobs for lots of people. If you don't want to piece, there's always the need for cutting, pressing, quilting, binding, and of course somebody needs to bring the cookies. The quilt needs to be finished by the end of the year so let's get going! Janette Sheldon



Bake Sale Recipe

Nut Roll

Dough	Yeast Mixture	Nut Mixture
4 cups all purpose flour ½ cups melted butter 1 teas salt	2 Tbl sugar 1 egg yolks beaten 1 pkg yeast 1 cup warm water mix and let set for 15-20 minutes (save egg whites to make egg wash)	2 lbs ground nuts (pecans or walnuts) ¾ cup brown sugar ¾ cup white sugar Add milk and honey to desired wetness

Mix flour, salt and margarine. Add yeast mixture. Divide into 4 or 5 pieces. Roll out. Spread dough with nut mixture. Pierce nut roll. Paint tops of nut rolls with egg wash, then cover tops with sugar.
 Bake for 25 min at 350 degrees.
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Quilting Tidbits

May's presentation will be on hanging sleeves by yours truly. Brianna McSpadden will do a presentation on the Go cutter in June, and Christy Underwood has agreed to do a presentation on handling T-shirts for T-shirt quilts in July. I've had a request for a presentation on mitered corners and squaring. If you are willing to make these presentations please let me know. If you have other ideas please let me know that too. Thanks to you all. Janette Sheldon

Fat Quarter for May

Emerald Green....Think of what Spring should be like. The trees are all starting to turn green, which gives us hope of warm weather soon. Emerald is the symbol of Hope. Joyce Verstraete

Jane Kennedy, Quilt Artist

Jane Kennedy has been sewing most of her life and started quilting in 1992. She has a background in art with many of her pen and ink watercolor paintings hanging in corporate and private collections.

Jane's quilts have been a part of shows and competitions on local, state, national and international levels. Her work has had the distinct honor of being chosen to hang in AQS shows in Paducah, KY and Nashville, TN; Quilt Odyssey in Hershey, PA; Road to California In Ontario, CA; several Mancuso-sponsored national shows, and the IQA Festival in Houston, TX.

In 2005 Jane was asked by the Belmond area arts council to hang her quilts in a two-month show. This was a single artist show at the Jenson-Meacham Museum in Belmond, IA, where one of her paintings hangs in the permanent art collection.

Her quilts have also been featured in magazines including "QuiltingToday," "Traditional Quiltworks," "\$100,000 Quilting Challenge 2006," "Quilters' Newsletter Magazine" and "American Quilter."



Winter Trees Workshop

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Saturday, June 1

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Harper's Fabric and Quilt Company

Downtown Overland Park



Jane Kennedy will be presenting a workshop, "Winter Trees," on Saturday, June 1, at Harper's in downtown Overland Park. Her sample quilt will be at our May meeting and sign-up sheets for the workshop will be available along with class supply lists. The cost is \$35 if you sign up at our meeting; if you make your decision later, you can sign up at Harper's for \$45.

Suzy Scissorhands

Dear SQG Friends,

Something that has been on my mind today is seam allowance -- the amount of space between the edge of the fabric and stitches. Quilters use what is called a "scant quarter inch seam allowance". But what is a "scant" quarter inch? And why?



In quilting, the seam is stitched, pressed closed to set the seam, and then opened and pressed with the seam allowance generally towards the darker fabric. When we do this, a wee bit of the block is "lost" in the turn (see arrow in photo) when we open the fabric. With thicker fabrics (think flannel), even more fabric is lost in this "turn of the cloth".

While the amount lost may only be 1/32" or so, multiplied by the number of blocks in a row, it can eventually add up to quite a bit.

To make up for this loss, quilters set their machines for a "scant" quarter inch seam. So again, what is a "scant" quarter inch?

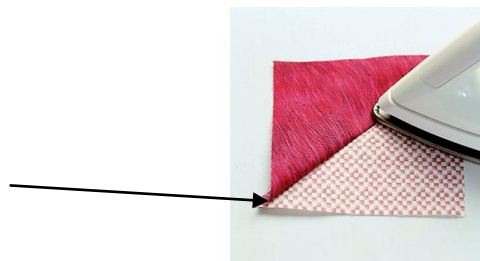
Fortunately we don't have to calculate this. Instead, there are tools that give us this measurement. One of my favorites is the Perfect Piecing Seam Guide by Perkins Dry Goods, available at most quilt shops. This ruler has a needle-size hole drilled into it at exactly a "scant quarter inch". Simply put the ruler under the foot on your sewing machine, lower the needle into the hole, and then mark the top of your machine along the edge of the rule. You can use painter's tape, moleskin (found in the foot care section of the pharmacy), adhesive craft foam, or a sticky note -- whatever will adhere to your machine. Now you know exactly where to line up your fabric to sew a scant quarter inch seam.

You can also purchase 1/4" feet for most sewing machines. But if you purchase one of these feet, be sure to measure the 1/4" side. Is it 1/4"? Is it a scant 1/4"? Not all quarter-inch feet are created equal.

Any time you work with measuring tools and quilting, the golden rule is measure twice, cut once.

Happy Quilting,

Suzy



Project Linus

Lea Robrahn & Mary Funk

Thank you so much for your participation in Project Linus. The blankets you make go to local children at the following places:

Children's Mercy, Children's Mercy South, Ronald McDonald House, Liberty Hospital, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, St. Lukes South, St. Lukes East, St. Lukes Downtown, Truman Lakewood, KU Medical Center, Cass Co. Medical Center, Hope Haven, Hope House, Centerpoint Medical Center and Wyandotte Co. Children's Services.

We have quilt kits available at every meeting. If you don't have time to make a blanket, bring us juvenile fabric yardage so we can make more quilt kits.



LIBRARY CORNER -

Cheryl Tomson, Linda Clatterbuck, Kristi Orr

Jane Kennedy's art quilts are spectacular and I look forward to hearing her speak this month. Her trees look so simple, yet convey so much. Have you attempted a landscape quilt? Although we don't have Jane's book yet, we do have several others in the library. For landscape quilts, try "American's Pictorial Quilts" by Caron Mosey, "A Bridge to Landscape Quilts" by Mary Hackett, "Dream Landscapes" by Rose Hughes, "Dream Scenes" by Lorraine Strangness, "Nature's Studio" by Joan Colvin, or "Quilted Landscapes" by Joan Blalock. Art quilts in the library include "Quilting Masterclass" edited by Katherine Guerrier, "Contemporary Quilting" by Cindy Walter, "Modern Quilt Workshop" by Weeks Ringle, and "Art Quilts—A Celebration" by Robert Shaw.

We're going to be ordering new books in early June, as well as sorting through the books we already have. If you have a book checked out that you're no longer using, please return it to help us as we do inventory. If there's a topic or particular title you think we should add, just let us know. This library is for all of you and we want to meet your needs.

Membership Cards and Rosters—Marilyn Carr

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—Christy Underwood & LaVon Gryska

April Attendance

Members	63	Membership Cards and Rosters
New members	2	
Guests	<u>2</u>	
Total	67	

Quilters Wisdom
It isn't a mistake,
it's a design opportunity.

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Starlight Quilters Guild Retreats

Spring Retreat: A few weeks ago, we held our Spring retreat and it was a blast with a great group of ladies and lots of exceptional food. As one person commented "we must all really like each other, as no one started to talk about anyone after they left the room"! Countless bobbins were wound and newly completed projects were proudly displayed. Advice was sought and shared; most memorable was Sue Sharpe's advice on how to turn a stale BitOHoney into a fresh one. You will need to ask her about that! Next Spring retreat will be held at the Cedar Crest Lodge on May 2-4, 2014.

Fall Retreat: Mark your calendars; the decision was made to hold the Fall Retreat at Unity Village on November 1-3, 2013. We will have a large conference room for our workspace, and very nice and modern sleeping accommodations (2Q beds/room) all on the same ground floor level. There is a great bookstore across the parking lot that has a Starbucks, as well as fresh sandwiches, drinks and salads and other snacks; which will be useful if you want to stay later on Sunday. Plus, we will be minutes away from a few great quilt shops. I have reserved enough rooms to accommodate 20 quilters, but this will be easy to expand to more, if needed. Cost will be \$185 (double) or \$275 (single) and will include quilting space from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon, 4 hot meals (Fri dinner; Sat lunch/dinner; Sun breakfast); and continental breakfast on Saturday. We will also have access to the grounds within Unity Village to take walks and otherwise enjoy this peaceful setting. Even though it is still within the city limits, you really feel on retreat and 'away from it all'. Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913 402 7559; DONNALHOLLOWAY@yahoo.com)

2013 Guild Challenge Redux

This is just a little reminder about the 2013 Guild Challenge: "Toys in the Attic". You get to create whatever toy you believe you would find in your attic. It needs to be a maximum of 48" square or 192" all the way around—anything smaller is just fine. The quilts are due at our August meeting on the 27th. They will be displayed and favorites voted on during the break. The top 3 winners will get ribbons and maybe something extra. If there are enough entries, they may be split between the smaller and larger ones.

And start designing your master attic!

Starlight Starbright 2013 Quilt Show Update

October 18th & 19th at the Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park KS

Visit the Starlight Guild website for quilt categories and details: <http://www.starlightquilters.com/2013quiltshow>

After the quilt show this year we will need a new site to store the quilt show gear. Currently it fits on 4 wooden shipping pallets (40 x 48"). A rented storage building would cost us approximately \$100 per month. If anyone knows of an appropriate (free) storage site, please contact Kim Cawthon or Janice Craig.

SQG 2013 Programs

May 28—Jane Kennedy - Trunk Show

June 25—Janet Stone— Rescheduled—
Alphabet Quilt Madness Trunk Show

July 23—Farmer's Dotter - Feedsacks & Re-
cycling Trunk Show

August 27—Jenny Doan— Quilting Quickly

September 24—Deb Rowden— Flea Market
Quilts—Improv, Gees Bend & a Pile of Wild
Quilts

October 22—Candy Hargrove—My Quilt Jour-
ney from Beginner to Published Designer

November 19—Mary Honas—Color Play

FOR SALE

- 84" sq quilt Thimbleberries fab-
ric; machine quilted w/ overall
stippling - \$150

- 56"x78" quilt Buggy Barn stars;
machine quilted overall & custom -
\$50

- Two cotton throws - \$15 each

- Wooden quilt tri-fold display
rack; each section 71"x24" (21"
bars) - \$50

If interested, contact Renee Arnett
at 913-262-0908 or [rar-
nett03@gmail.com](mailto:rar-nett03@gmail.com)

Do you have a birthday this

month? Enjoy your day! Please bring a

snack or dessert for the Hospitality
Table to share. This month's birth-
days are: Renee Arnett, Marilyn
Carr, Karen Edwards, Cyndy



O'Rourke, Lea Robrahn, Jackie Stoaks,

Next month's birthdays are: Kim Cawthon,
Cheryl Diebold, LaVon Gryska, Sandy Fey,
Patty Morgan, Terri Oberle, Jeanne Poore,
Freda Smith, Alex Thompson, Opal Yarnell

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Membership Information:

Membership, New or Renewal, \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chock-full of information and news of upcoming events to your e-mail or home; provide a lending library of quilting books available to members; and other benefits too numerous to mention!

Meeting Date and Time: Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4th Tuesday, January-October at **Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nell, Mission, KS**. The November meeting date is determined each year based on the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no December meeting.



Changes: If you have moved, changed your name, e-mail address or telephone numbers (home, work, or cell), please bring them with you to the next guild meeting or mail them to Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201



Newsletter Deadline:

Articles are due the 9th of the month. E-mail your article to Sandy Fey sandyfey@kc.rr.com (913-432-0855).

NEXT SQG

MEETING! Tuesday, May 28, 2013 6:30 PM— Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

6:30 PM— Hanging sleeve quilting tidbit

7:00 PM— [Jane Kennedy—Trunk Show](#)

Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter

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