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Starlight Quilters Guild

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July 20, 2022

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From the President

Welcome to the HEAT of Summer! Boy, have the temperatures risen! I don't think it's going to let up for a while, either. I hope that all of you are finding ways to keep cool. Thankfully, my air conditioner is working every day.

As I've mentioned before, summertime is my most productive time. I am busy working on a quilt that I really hope to have finished for the Starlight Quilt Show. I really hope I can get it done in time. I encourage all of you to do the same. The more quilts we have, the better the show.

As you read this month's newsletter, challenge yourself to get involved in one project. We are making pillowcases for our charity this year. The boutique would love home-made gifts that can be sold. Participate in the Churn Dash Challenge or bring a fat quarter to next week's meeting (the theme is "stripes").

Please remember, our next meeting will be at the Merriam Community Center. See you there!

~Michele Fix
President

Meeting Location Reminder

Just a reminder that the July meeting will be held at the **Merriam Community Center** at 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS 66202. Directions are available on the Starlight website.

Hope to see you there!



Member Spotlight: Mary Bognich

For July, we're getting to know SQG member, Mary Bognich, who is retired and living in Overland Park, Kansas! Mary and her husband have two daughters, one son, seven grandkids and one great-grandchild. The last grandchild and the great-grandchild were born within one month of each other and both were in kindergarten last year!

In addition to quilting, Mary enjoys crochet, needlepoint, reading, and crossword puzzles.

The first quilt she ever made was a baby quilt from scrap strips. Currently, she gives most of the quilts she makes to family members or Project Linus.

Mary enjoys working on lots of projects at once AND prefers her space neat as a pin. She's currently obsessed with finishing off tops that others have made. The best pieces of quilting advice she's ever received are: 1. Don't take the rules too seriously, and 2. Put something of yourself in your work.

When Mary just can't get a quilt to come together, she will try to take it apart and redo it. She has given up on a couple, though. Her go-to color combo is pastels, and her favorite part of making the quilt is piecing the top.

When quilting, Mary enjoys listening to baseball, movies, or almost anything on TV.

Say "hi" to Mary at the next meeting!

Membership Note:

Thanks to all of you who have submitted your dues! There is still time to get caught up and stay on the list! Contact me, Peggy Skaith, at EspeciallyQuilts@att.net or you can use the PayPal link on the website. See you all soon!

~Peggy Skaith
Membership Chair

July Fat Quarters

Congratulations to June winner, Mary Honas! The July fat quarter theme is **STRIPES.**

Remember, you get one entry for each fat quarter!

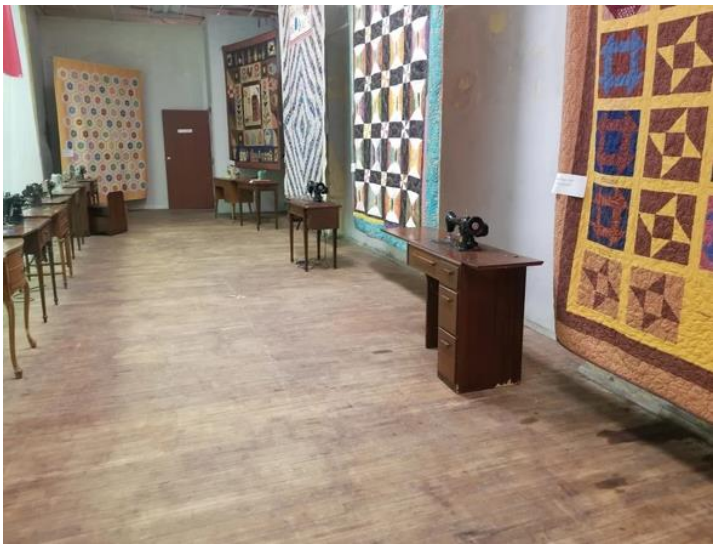
~Jan Ketchum



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
July 19, 2022

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	$	31,903.38
	Petty Cash		60.00
		$	31,963.38
Cash Balance			
Income	Bucket Babes	$	153.00
	Hospitality/Welcome	$	2.25
	Membership	$	560.00
	Guild Shirt Sales	$	27.00
	Opportunity Quilt	$	116.00
	Total Income	$	858.25
Expenses			
	Speakers		486.21
	Articles of Incorporation for KS		40.00
	Total Expenses		526.21
	Ending Checkbook Balance	$	32,661.63
	Petty Cash		60.00
Cash Balance	**July 19, 2022**	$	32,721.63

~Allyson Donovan
Treasurer



SQG July Program

The Missouri Quilt Museum in Hamilton, MO

With nearly 30,000 square feet of indoor space currently finished, and located on an entire city block, our goal is to create the largest, most interactive, Quilt Museum in the United States. As the official state museum, Missouri Quilt Museum will host quilting exhibits from local artists as well as top designers from around the world, including a featured gallery of rotating quilts from The National Quilt Museum! WE ARE MORE THAN JUST A QUILT MUSEUM. We have exhibits of antique sewing machines, vintage buttons, antique toy sewing machines, thimbles, and lots of other sewing memorabilia! A very special exhibit dedicated to Hamilton, the local residents, and the school itself will be a wonderful representation of where we came from and the rich history of Hamilton, Missouri. For more information, visit the museum website at: www.missouriquiltmuseum.com

~Carla Orner & Kathy Keehn
Program Co-Chairs

Community Service Update

Wow! I was overwhelmed with the amazing pillowcases and quilts that were made and donated for the Ronald McDonald House. It was a joy to look through them all. I love the variety and the care that were put into each one. The total number of pillowcases to donate so far is at **47**! And an amazing FOUR quilts to go with! Now for the bad news: my kiddo came home from camp with COVID and now ¾ of the family are infected, so out of caution I will be quarantining the donations (and my family) for at least another 1-2 weeks.





I had hoped to take a cute picture when I went to deliver them to RMH, but instead I hope you will accept this version so we can keep the families at RMH safe. Thanks so much for your generosity!

~Bonnie Leigh
Community Service Co-Chair



Churn Dash Challenge

If you haven't churned out your challenge quilt yet, better dash to get it done! Quilts are due at the September meeting, where guild members can vote for their favorite. The winners will be announced at the end of the meeting. They will then be on display at our quilt show, 9/30-10/01. Make sure to have a label on the back so you can pick up your beauties at the end of the show. Remember…three churn dash minimum; no larger than 160" around, regardless of the shape; noticeable amount of yellow on the front; and, most importantly, have fun with this!

~Karen Edwards & Shirley Lewis
Challenge Quilt Co-Chairs

Drawing for the Opportunity Quilt Draws Near



It's hard to believe given these hot July summer days that the drawing for the 2022 Opportunity Quilt on Saturday, October 1, is just about two months away!!! Ahhhh…we can start to dream of cooler temperatures and snuggling underneath a quilt.

Have you bought or sold your $20 worth of tickets yet? You're in luck as there is still time…

The Opportunity Quilt will be on display at the July, August, and September guild meetings. If you're unable to attend our guild meetings in-person, tickets can be purchased via Starlight's PayPal. Below is a link for your convenience. Please be sure to include your contact information (phone number and email) in the comment section as your tickets will be completed for you and entered in the drawing once payment is received.
https://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/opportunity-quilt/

Starlight's annual Opportunity Quilt fundraiser specifically supports our monthly speakers and programs…so we all ultimately benefit from its success.

Even if the quilt doesn't match your décor or isn't your favorite color, why not consider gifting it to someone as a random act of kindness if you're the lucky winner. Your support of the 2022 Opportunity Quilt by buying and/or selling $20 worth of tickets is very much appreciated!

~Mary Bognich & Becky Larma
Opportunity Quilt Co-Chairs

New Member Tip: Introduce yourself to at least ONE member at the next meeting!

THE QUILT SHOW IS COMING, THE QUILT SHOW IS COMING!!!

It's not too soon to think about all the great quilts you've made and not shown as yet. Entering is not limited to what you've made this past year. Anything goes if you haven't had it in our show before. Remember that we're in a much larger venue. Last year, we had two years' worth of quilts to show. That means that if you want a really great display, you're going to have to dig deep and find something. It doesn't have to be fabulous. But it should be something you had fun making and perhaps are bit proud you actually finished! The entry form isn't posted as of this writing, but it will be there soon. All entries will be online. If you have a problem with your entry, speak up. We will help you.

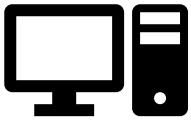
Also, there will be a place online to sign up to work the show. Not too soon to be thinking about that as well. No pressure. At least not yet.

~Janette Sheldon & Kim Cawthon
Quilt Show Co-Chairs

Quilt Show Promotion

Hi! I could use a little help promoting our upcoming quilt show. Please pick up a few extra bookmarks at the next meeting and give them to your friends. Better yet, grab a stack and take them to your favorite quilt shop! I don't get out much to do shopping and honestly, the shop owners don't know my face, but they might know you!

If another guild has a show coming up we will share their info on social media and our website if they reciprocate. We want to support our quilting friends in nearby cities! If you have updates, please send them to me at starlightquilterskc@gmail.com.



~Janice McKee
Website Chair

Gift Shop

(Formerly known as Boutique)

I'm still struggling with the new Gift Shop title, but I hope none of you are struggling with what to make for the shop. Here is a brief list of items that sell, but don't let this list limit you. Think outside of the box. What crafty little items have you seen that you would love to have? Remember, if YOU like it, OTHERS will, too. (P.S. If you don't know what some of these items are, just ask!)

- Baby things: blankets, bibs, burp cloths, quilts, stuffed toys, changing pads
- Potholders – make a pair because two sell better than one!
- Pincushions, needle cases, thread catchers, sewing kits
- Luggage tags and key fobs
- Pet items: chew toys, beds, birds on a string, poop bag holders, collars, and scarves
- Kitchen items: embroidered towels, microwave bowl holders, scrubbies, aprons
- Bags: tote bags, zipper bags, grocery bags, diaper bags, bags, and MORE bags!
- Children's fabric books, quiet time/sensory books, and taggy blankets

~Donna di Natale
Gift Shop Chair

Starlight Quilters Fall Retreat
October 21-23, 2022

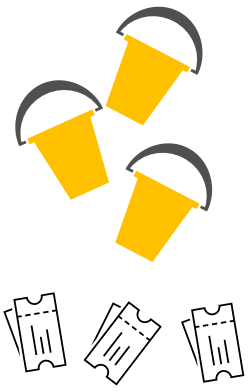
Hard to believe Fall is just around the corner, given the heatwave we are experiencing! On October 21-23, 2022, we will be returning to Lake Doniphan Retreat Center (Excelsior Springs, MO) for our Guild Fall Retreat. We have a beautiful workspace overlooking the Lake, and I'm hoping to also explore some of their trails around the property. Pack up your sewing machine or handwork for three full days of non-stop sewing and fellowship, with someone else cooking your meals! The workspace is quite large and there are ample bedrooms, so we can accommodate a lot of quilters! Cost will be $205 per person (double) or $245 per person (single); and includes your own 6' of table space, two nights' sleeping accommodations, and six meals! I am so looking forward to seeing everyone in person, as well as being inspired from seeing everyone's projects.

I will have a sign-up sheet during our in-person meetings; or just email me if interested—I will put you on the list and provide my home address to mail payment (payable to Starlight). I will need a firm headcount by mid-August; with finalized/paid headcount by October 1st. Any questions, please contact Donna Holloway (913-433-6752) or donnalholloway@yahoo.com. Thanks!

~Donna Holloway
Retreat Coordinator

Bucket Babes

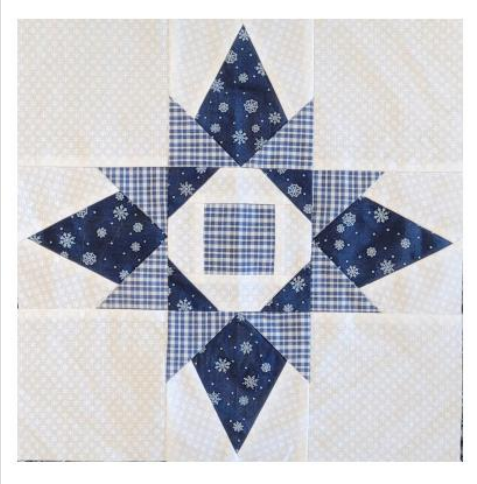
Well, the Babes are still celebrating the June Buckets Raffle! Wasn't that so much fun? Hard to believe how stuffed the buckets were. Just to let you know, the Guild gives the Babes about $35 a month for prizes (yep, about $7.00 a bucket) and the rest comes from donations from our wonderful guild members. This goes right into the budget to help pay for wonderful speakers. Thank you all for donating items and buying tickets, it makes the buckets a great fundraiser and a heck of a lot of fun! You know, us Babes are quite the cutups and love to have fun, so that is our hint for the July buckets! Come back to the table and see how to solve the mystery of WHAT PRIZES DO THE BUCKET BABES HAVE FOR THIS MONTH. I know it is hard to believe, but inflation has NOT hit the buckets! It is still $5.00 for six tickets or $1.00 each, and if you come back to see us prior to the meeting, we will throw in a few extras. So cut a path to the bucket table and come see what we have in store for you this month. Thank you again for all your support.



~Deb McCurnin & Beverly Renner
The Bucket Babes

Block of the Month

Thank you, Tina Darrow for posting BOM Block 9 on the website and the Facebook group. Here's the link for Block 9: Block 9 2022
And here is the lovely sample!



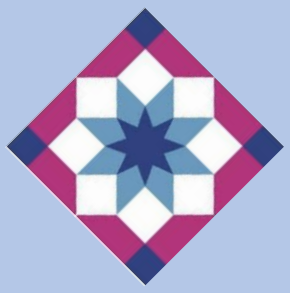
Thank you, Tina!

Library Corner

The library is still available for checkouts, even though we aren't meeting in the building where it is located. Please contact me by email, phone, or text by the Sunday before our next meeting to request a particular book or books on a certain topic. The list of books is available on our Starlight website. I'll bring them to the next guild meeting for you to pick up. A few new books have been donated and I'll also bring them to the next meeting. They include *21 Terrific Patchwork Bags, Dear Emma* (appliqué and patchwork with cute letters from cats), *A Constellation for Quilters* with instructions for graphing your own stars. Remember to return books you may have checked out pre-pandemic. The Accuquilt and dies continue to be available for check out. Anu updated list is available on the website. Contact me to make arrangements for pick up and return.

~Cheryl Tomson
Librarian





Upcoming Events

July 26 – Guild Meeting

July 27 – Project Linus sew at Prairie Point

August 9 – Blue Valley Quilters Guild special workshop

August 23 – Guild Meeting

Sept. 24-25 – Topeka Quilt Show

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – SQG Quilt Show

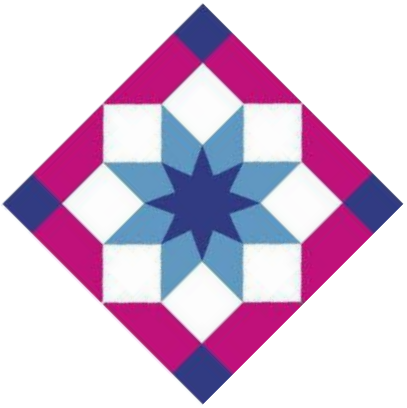
October 21-23 – Starlight Fall Retreat

November 18-19 – Friends of IQM Art Market

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