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Starlight Quilters Guild

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March 2023

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From the President



I know that March means Madness for basketball fans, but for our guild it means meeting in person again! It will be so wonderful to see everyone, and see what everyone has been working on all winter. All the rain lately has made me feel
a little bit stir crazy.

As a new quilter, I think that the March program looks especially intriguing. It's exciting to hear about others' quilting journeys, it makes me feel like I have so much to look forward to as I meet more quilters and learn new skills.

I hope everyone else is excited about the meeting and the other exciting opportunities ahead of us this year.
Happy Quilting!

~Suzanne Andrews
President

2023 Starlight Quilters Guild Sewcials!

April 1st, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Antioch Library, Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch, Merriam

*__Advanced Paper Piecing with Janette Sheldon__. This class will walk you through creating your own paper pieced patterns. After this class, you'll be able to create a pattern block or pattern from a photograph.

Supplies to bring: 5 sheets of paper (8.5x11), Mechanical pencil (keeps a sharp point), Eraser and a Straight edge (12 inches should be long enough). (no machines needed)

April 29th, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Southminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 6303 Roe Ave, Prairie Village

*__Prequel to Free motion quilting with Janette Sheldon__. This class is a prequel to our June workshop with Julia Quiltoff. Janette will walk us through how to sandwich the quilt, ready the machines and basics to machine quilting. This isn't required for Julia's class, *but a crash course to settle the nerves before June!*

May 20th, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Antioch Library, Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch, Merriam

*__Wonky Log Cabins with Nancy Swanwick__, Nancy's workshops are known to just about every guild across the state of Kansas. In fact, Nancy presented Random Access several years ago to Starlight.

Fee: $25, checks made out to Starlight Quilt Guild

You will enjoy doing my abstract free form sort of quilt that is pieced on a foundation of muslin or flannel. This is a good scrap quilt; however, I suggest you choose a theme- for example, all Batiks, Reproductions (30's, Civil War), but anything can go.
Sizes of the blocks are basically your choice, and it is suggested 6" or 10" finished sizes work best. The size of the quilt will also be based on the size of blocks, and how many blocks you choose to make.

6" finished blocks:
Lap size 60" x 72" will require 120 pieced blocks
Double Bed 84" X 96" will require 224 pieced blocks
Queen Size 90" x 108" will require 270 pieced blocks
These sizes do not include borders.

10" finished blocks
Lap Size 60" x 70" 42 pieced blocks
Double Bed 80" x 90" 72 pieced blocks
Queen Size 90" x 110" 99 pieced blocks
These sizes do not include borders

Fabric: A foundation fabric of muslin or flannel will be required for each block. If you choose to make the 6" block the foundation piece is cut 6 ½", for the 10" block 10 ½"

Reference: (6) 6 ½" squares or (4) 10 ½" squares can be cut from one 42" strip of fabric – This will help you determine how much foundation fabric you will need.

The center of each block should be the same to provide continuity. For the 6" block a 2 ½" cut center is suggested and 4 ½" cut for the 10" block.

The remainder of the fabric for the blocks should be cut into strips in a variety of widths, such as 1" 1 ½" & 2" wide. The length will vary based on your scraps. It is difficult to give an exact yardage for scraps quilts, so if you think you have enough—cut a few more!

The Foundation blocks, centers and strips should be precut before class.

March Program

Tina Hoss

My Quilting Journey

From Nurse to Quilter and What I've Learned Along the Way

Tina Hoss is a longarm quilter, sewist, and nurse. Join her as she shares her journey to quilting from when she first bought a book and taught herself how to quilt, how her passion for quilting was ignited when she "found her people" at her first quilting retreat, and now shares her love of quilting by teaching and encouraging others. She will share how she began to understand her "calling" to quilting as she began to experience many parallels to her nursing career, what she's learned from her mentors, the impact her quilting community has had on her life, and how quilting is good for your mental health.

Tina Hoss is a longarm quilter, sewist, and nurse. She has been quilting for 10 years but, sewing for over 35. Her love of sewing is inspired primarily by her mother. She began sewing in high school but, her love of quilting came many years later when she bought a book and taught herself how to quilt on her domestic machine. Her first longarm machine came shortly after and her passion for quilting was ignited a few years later when she attended her first quilting retreat and "found her people." That first retreat took her beyond the act of quilting and she fell in love with the community of people she now counts as her closest of friends.

She also began to understand her "calling" to quilting as she began experiencing many parallels to her nursing career. She comes from a large family of nurses, 10 total across 3 living generations, and never imagined doing anything else. Until she started quilting that is!

Tina enjoys sharing her love for quilting to anyone who is interested, and a few who aren't . She enjoys teaching others and getting new people interested in sewing, quilting, or just hanging out with quilters! She enjoys encouraging others and helping them grow in whatever area she can. Tina has recently expanded her reach into fabric painting and ice dying! She is a Gem Affiliate for MJ Kinman gemstone quilts and a certified instructor for Sew Kind of Wonderful.

She encourages you to experience the art of quilting with her and to build lasting friendships during one of her classes. After all…only quilters understand the act of buying a fabric bundle so beautiful you never want to take the ribbon off…only to cut it up into tiny pieces and sew it back together again .

Happy Quilting!

Website: www.happyhourquilting.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/happyhourquilting/?ref=bookmarks
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Kathy Keehn, Janette Leuhring, Donna diNatale, Victoria Foley
Program Committee



TREASURES TO FIND

FABRIC SALE

Fabric from an estate will be available to guild members prior to our March meeting. The majority of the

fabric is batik. It is priced at $5 per yard and $1 per fat quarter. It has been measured and is labeled with

yardage amount. Yardage is in 1 yard, 2 yards, etc. lengths. Most are quilting fabrics, including some

wide backings, a few kits, and fat quarters. Cash and checks (payable to Starlight Quilters Guild) will be

accepted. NO credit cards. We will set it up at 6 pm so come early to shop and also help a family who needs assistance.

Do YOU have a Program idea?

The Programs Committee, Kathy Keehn, Donna diNatale, Janette Luehring and Victoria Foley, would like all members to share their input for upcoming programs and speakers for the 2023 SQG year!

Thank you in advance for your suggestions!

~The Programs Committee

Support Quilts of Valor – 2023 National Block Drive

In 2022, the Quilts of Valor Foundation received over 6,000 blocks that were then made into quilts and presented to worthy military veterans and service members.

This year's block pattern is a 12 ½" (unfinished) Split Back Star block, designed and written by

Kim DiJoseph. You may make as many blocks as you wish. This could be a fun project for small groups or a few friends. You can find a link to the instructions for the block on our website

https://starlightquilters.com/SQG/index.php/gov-2023/ or on the Quilts of Valor website

www.govf.org.



- The link to sign up for jobs is: https://kcrqf.com/product-category/jobs/ - this is the **only** way to sign up for jobs.
- Even if you are volunteering, you **must** buy a ticket to enter the festival. A 3-day ticket costs as much as 2 yards of good quality fabric and you get to shop at lots of vendors all in one place - so it's a bargain!
- Please **review the job descriptions**. This will help you know which jobs require standing or walking, etc.
    - Some classes are long enough that there are multiple shifts for one class.
    - Some classes have been added, and some jobs have been changed or added, so there are new opportunities available (such as the new ticket taker and ticket seller jobs).
    - some jobs require training (mostly the classroom angel jobs) so you are prepared to do tasks like wind a bobbin or thread a needle, for example.
- We have both classroom **ambassadors** and classroom **angels**.
    - **Ambassadors** work outside the classroom to check people in as they come to class. Once the class has started, the ambassadors are done with their job.
    - **Angels** volunteer in the classroom, assisting the instructor, class attendees, or festival board members as needed. If you volunteer for a class as an **angel**, your focus is on the work needed from the volunteer. It is a great way to get exposure to a new technique or skill, or use a machine you do not own. But you are not considered a class "attendee" so you will not get materials, are not guaranteed to hear all the content, or get to use the machines like attendees.
- Remember that the vendors providing the machines for the classes often **sell them at a discount** once the classes are complete! Check with the classroom sponsor at their booths.

Hello, from the Judged Quilt Chairs!

We wanted to let all quilters know about a few updates to the 2023 Judged Quilt Contest:

- Separate divisions for Master and Artisan quilters (see details at https://kcrqf.com/judged-quilt-entries/
- More categories within the divisions
- $1500 cash prize for Best of Show for both the Master and Artisan division
- Each 1st, 2nd and 3rd category winners will receive a ribbon
- 1st place winners in all categories* will receive a prize valued at a minimum of $200; and
- The entry fee has been lowered to $25.

To register your quilt(s) by March 31st, click on the following link and upload your quilt details and photo - https://kcrqf.com/product/judged-quilt-registration/

Remember, your quilt does not have to be completed by March 31st. Your photo can be your quilt “in progress”.

We hope you will join us and share your passion for quilting with us and all the Festival attendees!



Upcoming Events

March 28 – Guild Meeting

April 1 – Guild Sewcial

April 25 – Guild Meeting

April 29 – Guild Sewcial

SAVE THE DATE!
Oct. 27-29 – Retreat at KC Makers

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

C & S Creations – Custom wood working projects. Let us help you with your sewing /hobby room needs. Custom workstations, Featherweight cabinets, ruler holders, scissor racks. **Cheryl & Scott Diebold,**
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

