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Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President

Happy Spring!

As I write this, we're heading into the 30's again. At least it isn't snowing! And I'm anticipating many flowers from all this April rain.

The good thing about the inclement weather days is that sewing is mostly an indoor sport. I hope everyone has had a productive month as we all prepare for KCRQF! I registered for my first class & volunteer spot, have you?

I'm really looking forward to our April meeting.

Happy Quilting!

~Suzanne Andrews
President

2023 Starlight Quilters Guild Sewcials!

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.

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

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.

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.

April Program

Pam Peugh and Marci Hainkle

Pam Peugh-I am a needle worker and crazy quilter and dabble in some "sane" quilting also. I live in Kearney, Missouri and am retired from the medical field. I belong to the Nitetime Needlers Quilt Guild in Gladstone, Missouri and in a smaller Kansas City crazy quilt group.

Marci Hainkle-I started my first "sane" quilt about 1978, although it took 5 years to finish. I saw a crazy quilt at a sale, and couldn't afford the price. So I decided to make my own. (I could have saved money by buying that one). I live in North Kansas City and retired after working for the Social Security Administration for 30 years. I belong to Nitetime Needlers quilt guild and a crazy quilt group. I usually stitch every day, on "sane"quilts and on crazy quilts.

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/qov-2023/ or on the Quilts of Valor website

www.govf.org.





- Please consider signing up to volunteer during the festival. 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.
- 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.

Library Book Sale

In continuation of our dispersal of the guild library, I will be bringing 2 boxes of books available for sale at our Tuesday meeting. Paperbacks are $2, hardcover $4.
For those of you who have requested books but not picked them up yet, I will have them at the meeting.

I'm in the process of updating the listing on the web site.

Thanks to all of you who have already purchased books!

Cheryl Tomson



Funnies with Mary Funk

I have become 80 years old and few changes have come into my life.

Frankly, I have become quite an old gal. I am seeing six gentlemen everyday.

As soon as I wake Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then leaves me and I go see John.

I know then, I must see Phillip Magnesia. He is always there, so strong, yet so mild and gentle. Never gripes like the rest. It is such a relief to see him.

Soon Charlie Horse comes along.

When he leaves Arhur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a long day, I'm really tired and ready to go to bed with Ben Gay.

What a life! But I am never lonesome!

Upcoming Events

April 25 – Guild Meeting

April 29 – Guild Sewcial

May 20 – Guild Sewcial

May 23 Guild Meeting

June 15- 17
KC Regional Quilt Festival

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

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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.
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

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Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525