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Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President

A Quilter is…

Following up on my January note, this month's theme is "A Quilter is helpful". I don't believe I've ever met a quilter who wasn't eager to help answer questions, find a pattern, find a particular fabric or selection of fabrics, share a pattern or book, or give advice.

Now that last one can be positive or negative. Positive advice is something that makes a person a better quilter or makes them feel more at home with their machine, their sewing, their creativity, whatever. Positive advice reinforces the satisfaction that comes with completing a project or finally understanding what needs to be done next.

Negative advice is simply never needed. Putting someone down because their points don't match may cause that person to not ever try to make a quilt again. Turning that negative advice into positive advice, "here's a tip I find useful in making points match," is not only helpful, but can lead to a great friendship between quilters.

So, when offering advice to other quilters, remember to be helpful. It's also best to give advice when asked. Most quilters will be open to positive advice and sharing tips that help us grow as quilters.

~Donna di Natale
President

Fat Quarters

Fat quarters are Batiks for the February meeting.
So much color richness, so dreamy to look at, so dynamic in all projects! For each fat quarter you bring you get one chance to win ALL the fat quarters for the evening!



~Jan Ketchum



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
February 2024

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	**$ 37,608.68**	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			$ 37,668.68
Income			
	Dave Sirota Workshop	1,760.00	
			$ 1,760.00
Expenses			
	Workshop expenses	1,630.00	
	Meeting Facility rental	230.00	
	Storage expense for 2023	1,371.00	
	January Program	350.00	
	March Program Deposit	600.00	
	September Program Deposit	250.00	
	Deposit for Quilt Show	550.00	
	Zoom subscription for 2024	174.85	
	Postage	27.00	
	Total Expenses		$ 5,182.85
	Ending Checkbook Balance	**$ 34,185.83**	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			**$ 34,245.83**

~Barbara Dietz
SQG Treasurer

StarlightQuilters.com Update

Below is a quick list of changes to the website that have been made recently:

- 2024 Challenge: Rules & guidelines with a pdf download
- Quilting tips and projects: Links to interesting YouTube tutorials
- 2024 Quilt Show: Date, location, and any updates

I will continue to update the site as soon as new information becomes available, so check back often!
Also, remember there is a list of Accuquilt dies on its own page.
If you are a board member or group leader and would like me to change any information that's out there, please send it to me at maidmerriam1@gmail.com.
Thanks!

~Janice McKee
Webfumbler



SQG February Program
Pat Speth
Fabulous Nickel Borders

Turn a nice quilt into a WOW quilt by adding easy-to-piece Nickel Borders. In this lecture we focus on easy to piece borders that are made from 5" squares. I will show many of my quilts that have pieced borders and I walk you through my method of "auditioning" borders for a quilt.

We have all been there; the inside of the quilt top is done and now what do I do for a border? This lecture will give you many ideas to choose from and allow you to awaken a whole new level of creativity. I have loved designing pieced borders over the years and adding them to my quilts. My book, Nickel Quilts & Borders contains 260 pieced border ideas and I look forward to sharing many of them with you during the lecture!
More information about Pat Speth can be found at her website: patspeth.com

~Kathy Keehn
Program Committee

2024 Quilt Show Update

As you know, we are scheduled to have our quilt show October 18th and 19th. Current show committee members include Amy Ubben, boutique; Donna Holloway, quilt registration; Chrysa Zinser and Michele Fix, vendors and Laura Bogue, design. We sure could use a few more people on the committee. We need someone to manage volunteers, and we need someone to take charge and manage the setting up and tearing down grid walls. (That doesn't mean you have to do the heavy lifting.) If you want to work on the quilt show but don't want to do either of those jobs, we probably can find something for you to do. For instance, we need to determine a theme for this year's show. Please contact me if you are willing to participate. Meantime, remember this show is for you to show off your beautiful quilts. Be thinking about what you would like to display. If you've given your best quilts away, perhaps you can borrow them back for the show. Remember, we didn't have a show last year. We want to have lots of quilts this year.
If you'd like to volunteer, you can reach me at granola1000@gmail.com.

~Janette Sheldon
Quilt Show Chair

2023 Crayon Challenge Wrap-up

Thank you to all who participated in the challenge last year! We had a total of 18 entries with 3 prize winners. Congratulations to these ladies: 1st place to Victoria Foley, 2nd place to Kim Cawthon, and 3rd place to Janette Sheldon. We hope to see all the challenge quilts entered in our quilt show in the fall. Now that we have had a couple of months to recuperate, are you thinking about the challenge for this year?!?! Happy Quilting!!

~Carla Orner and Kristi Orr
2023 Challenge Committee

Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to help represent our guild and be an integral part of the 2025 Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival? We need one or more people to be Starlight guild Representatives. This is a great opportunity to meet other regional guild members and make a contribution to not only our guild but to the quilting community of this area.
Did you know in 2023 the show drew visitors from all over the United States, Canada and Japan?! If you are interested please contact me by email, text or phone. Thank you!
email - code43top@yahoo.com

~Jamie Morgan
KCRQF Representative

Accuquilt Update

It's a new year and we have more new Accuquilt dies to share. Feathered Star will make a stunning wall hanging or the centerpiece of a medallion quilt. Winding Ways can create a field of wildflowers. Dresden Plates can have rounded or pointed edges. For those who like appliqué we have added Sunbonnet Sue and Overall Sam as well as a trio of dinosaurs and gingerbread cookie with accessories. Check the Starlight website for a full list of available dies and contact Cheryl Tomson to borrow the Accuquilt cutter and/or dies. Watch for an upcoming Accuquilt workshop to try it out!

~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Librarian



How about a Round Robin?

If you've never done a round robin project, this just might be your time. You get to choose whether you do a center block, panel or row. For those of you who've never done one before, this is how it works. In groups of no more than six, you start your own project by making a center block, first in a series of panels, or that first row. Your work gets passed to another in your group and that person adds to what you have done. After the project has worked its way through the small group, it comes back to you with all the additions. There are only a few simple rules:
1. For a center block, it can be no smaller than 8.5 nor larger than 18.5 inches. For a panel, the rectangle can be no smaller than 8.5 nor larger than 24.5 in either direction. For a row, it can be no smaller than 6.5 nor larger than 12.5 in one direction, nor 60.5 inches in the other direction.
2. Put your project, together with the equivalent of about three fat quarters of fabric in some sort of container that is clearly marked with your name and contact information. You may include any instructions or suggestions
as to what you want or not want.
3. Do your best work, which includes trying to keep what you make squared.
4. Have your part done each month to be exchanged at each guild meeting. If you are unable to be at the meeting with your project, it's your responsibility to get it to whoever you are to hand it off to, as well as pick up whatever you are to be receiving. This is an opportunity to try something new on a small scale, make new friends, and get something back that will be a total surprise. If you want to participate, please email me, or sign up at the February guild meeting. Your project will be due for the first exchange at the March guild meeting. Based on the sign ups, I will be designating the groups at the March meeting. If you have buddies you particularly want to participate with or have questions, please let me know. Keep in mind we have a quilt show coming up in mid-October. Your project can be finished and shown in a special category for those pieced by more than one person.

~Janette Sheldon
granola1000@gmail.com

Searching for a Small Group?

Great news! In response to the survey last year, new groups are being formed. There will be a short questionnaire available at the check-in table at February's meeting just to verify locations and availability so new groups can get started. If you will NOT be attending the February meeting in person, a questionnaire can be emailed to you. Just drop me an email at csandkc@gmail.com.

~Suzanne Andrews

Boutique Ideas

The Starlight Quilt Guild Show will have a boutique October 18-19, 2024. Here are some ideas for the kinds of items we think will sell in the boutique:



- Microwave cozies
- Ready to use quilt labels
- Hats
- Tooth fairy bags
- Baby doll quilts
- Table runners
- Placemats
- Needle books
- Pin cushions (ex. mouse, hen, teacup)
- Kids' busy bags (include pencils, stencils, hard surface for working)
- Dog collars
- Tote bags
- Drawstring bags
- Gift tags
- Baskets
- Mittens
- Knitted or crocheted items

Think about using fabric with popular logos or that is of local interest (example: Chiefs, KU, KState, MU). I read somewhere that roosters sell—who knew?! There is Taylor Swift fabric our there, too!

All of you are very creative, so I know you can come up with some great ideas. As was mentioned at the last meeting, we won't be accepting larger quilts because they did not sell.

I will start collecting items at the February meeting and continue until the September meeting. If you'd like to put a price on your items, go ahead. I very much appreciate your generosity in donating items. If you have any questions, you can send me a text or an email. amy.ubben@gmail.com.

~Amy Ubben
Quilt Show Boutique Chair

Quilting Around the Metro…





Upcoming Events

February 27 – Guild Meeting

February 28 – Project Linus Sewing night at Prairie Point

March 15 & 16 – Blue Valley Quilters Guild special exhibit

March 26 – March Guild Meeting

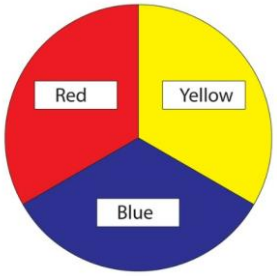
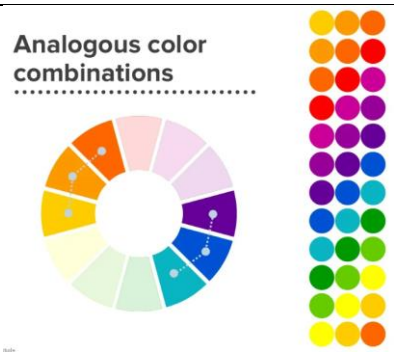
Photos Needed!

Starlight has been around for over 20 years and it's time to log some of our history. I'm putting together a document using archived notes from guild and board meetings. Unfortunately, these do not included photographs. I know that our historian as well as members have taken lots of photos over the years. Won't you please share some? I especially need photos from guild meetings showing the group and/or speaker, workshops that feature the group sewing together, and quilt shows showing multiple quilts. If you have photos to share, please contact me at dinatale@att.net.

~Donna di Natale
Starlight President

2024 Starlight Quilters Guild Challenge: Experiment With Color

Building on last year's Challenge experience, let's see how much more we can learn about color. This year, we will select our own colors using one of the color schemes listed below.

Primary Colors		Red, Blue, and Yellow If using this scheme, you will make a quilt that incorporates all three of these colors
Monochromatic		Any number of colors in the same family in various tint, hues, and shades. If using this scheme, you will make a quilt that uses any number of fabrics all from the same color family
Complementary Colors		Two colors that are directly across the color wheel from each other. If using this scheme, you will select 2 complementary colors such as Violet and Yellow and use as many fabrics from these 2 colors as needed to make your quilt.
Analogous Colors		Three colors next to each other on the color wheel, including one primary color. If using this scheme, you will choose your 3 analogous colors, such as Yellow, Yellow-Green and Green and use as any number of fabrics from these colors to make your quilt.

Additional Rules:

• You may use white and black fabric	• Maximum, 64" on any side
• Fabric must "read" as one of your colors, but it may have other colors within it	• Quilts will be shown and voted on at the October Guild Meeting, Oct 22, 2024
• Select your own color scheme, or choose one from a jar on the Greeter's Table	
Although your quilt may be any size up to 64" on any side, it is requested that it be a minimum of 40" x 60" so you can donate it as a teen Project Linus Quilt	

Storm at Sea Workshop Photos



The paper piecing workshop with our January speaker, Dave Sirota, was a fun and engaging day!
The techniques were helpful, especially to those new to paper piecing, and we also enjoyed meeting other quilters in the community. Here are some photos of the fun:

~Kathy Keehn
Program Committee



We accomplished quite a bit—Dave was impressed!



Of course, Dave wanted a class photo with our work!

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