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Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President



April showers bring May flowers. Whoever said that didn't live in Kansas. April showers bring April flowers. May showers will bring May flowers. It's hard for me to get any work done this time of the year because from my chair in my office, I look out over the mass of purple and white violets, red, pink, and purple tulips, and yellow woodland poppies. Instead of working on taxes (ugh) I'd rather be sewing/quilting. Anything would be better than taxes. But I have a lot of sewing to get done, so I'd better finish my taxes.

You see, now that a date has been set for our quilt show it's time to finish up that quilt I was going to enter last year. Plus, I've been saving scraps and collecting patterns for things to make for the boutique. Pincushions usually sell so I'm making some of those. I have a fun little credit card wallet pattern to make. Baby items usually sell, and I have patterns for bibs of all shapes and sizes. What will you be making?

The perfect time to make boutique items is on a rainy day. Forced to stay indoors because of rain or wind I can spend hours in my sewing room without feeling guilty. The next best time is on Sew Days hosted by Starlight. Sew what you bring or pick up a "boutique pattern" to make. The GO cutter and dies will be there to make your time from cut to done much faster. And the guild has a great library of dies. You can find the list on our website. If there is a particular die you want to use, be sure to let Cheryl Tomson know and she will put it in the bag.

Remember that April is Starlight's renewal month. You can renew at the guild meeting or by mail. The membership form is on our website. Jannice Barland and Wanda Schmiedling would prefer you do it in person at the guild meeting so they can get to know everyone.

Speaking of getting to know everyone – as long as the weather is nice, guild meetings from here on out will be in person at the Merriam Community Center. I know some of you would prefer to meet via Zoom, but guilds and bees are all about community and socializing with our friends, plus the ideas and motivation we get from personally meeting our speakers and seeing their quilts up close. If you don't like driving at night let me know. I'll either pick you up or find someone else who can.

Until next month, happy stitching!

~Donna di Natale
President

Member Spotlight



This month, the spotlight is on member is Barbara Dietz! Barbara is our Treasurer and a new member to Starlight. Introduce yourself to her at the April meeting!

Family and Pets: I am married to my husband, Steven, of almost 46 years. We have three cats. Two inside and one outside. The inside cats have been with us for 5 and 15 years. The outside cat is a semi-feral who adopted us 5 years ago. He's not feral anymore either.
Home: We live in Merriam and have been here for almost 34 years. Our house is over 80 years old with nearly an acre of plants, trees and shrubs. I love our neighborhood and house.
Work: I'm a CPA and no longer work full time. What a relief to give up tax season!! I currently do accounting work on a consulting basis. I am pursuing my next career in volunteering at agencies that involve food and feeding people.
Hobbies and Interests: During the Spring into Fall, I spend my time outside gardening. That and volunteering take up much of my time now. Even with volunteering, I am involved in gardening. Our lot has too many large trees for growing vegetables, so my gardens are perennials, small trees and shrubs. There is a small, raised bed for growing lettuce since it doesn't require as much sun. In the summer afternoons and winter I spend time quilting and sewing. Hiking is another interest of mine, especially in the mountains.
First Quilt: I made my first quilt before I went to K-State in 1976 and it used red, white and blue. The fabrics were mostly polyester, and I had no idea how piece or quilt but the quilt was on my bed in the dorm. When we lived in Winfield, Kansas I took my first quilting class. Quilt making has ebbed and flowed depending on my work life and what was happening with my family.
What happens with my quilts. Most of the quilts I make now are generally given away. I made small quilts for my office or cubicle when I was working. Some of the most recent quilts were baby quilts I gave to neighbors with newborns.
Projects: I generally focus on just one project. But I may have more than one project I am working on at times. Sometimes, a project gets paused. I still will make every effort to finish it.
Neat or Not: I try to be neat and keep things in order since I have a very small sewing room. But there are times when it gets out of hand. I will stop and work to get things back in order so I can find what I'm looking for.
Obsessed with: Right now, I guess I would say gardening. I am not the type who really gets obsessed. There are so many things I like to do; variety keeps life interesting.
The best piece of quilting advice I've received was: Never listen to my husband on quilting ideas or projects. He may have good ideas for piece placement and colors. But his ideas get out of hand quickly.
Quilt come together issues: I try to take care of issues before I start. The biggest headache is making sure I have enough of the right fabric before I start cutting and piecing. My favorite quilts are scrap quilts, so I have a large variety of fabrics but not large quantities of any one fabric.
Favorite part of making a quilt: I really enjoy selecting colors for the quilt and piecing the quilt top and borders.
Listen: I listen to music such as Classic Folk or Trail Mix.



SQG April Program

Starlight Schoolhouse

Get ready to learn while having fun at the Starlight Schoolhouse at our next guild meeting. These eight talented Starlight quilters will be sharing their special skills with you during a fast-paced evening of learning. After a brief welcome, each of you will select your first schoolhouse session. Sessions will be 15-minute demonstrations of a particular technique. When the bell rings you will move on to your next session. Don't want to view them all? No problem, only attend the sessionsyou are interested in. Want to see them all? Still no problem as there should be time to visit each session. The same demonstration will be given in each session. If you want to stick around and watch a second time, that is allowed, too. The only rule is to have funwhile learning.

Instructors and techniques

Amy Ubben Embellishing with beads, buttons, lace, etc.; **David Duwe** Dresden Plate blocks; **Donna di Natale** Rulers and mats – what are all those lines?;**Jackie Rudolph** "Fake" flange binding; **Janette Sheldon** Paper piecing using the "tearless" method; **Kim Cawthon** Hand piecing; **Nancy Bunn** Wool applique; **Teresa Duwe** Using vintage linens & doilies on your quilt



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
April 2024

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	**$ 34,029.83**	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			$ 34,089.83
Income	Membership Dues	420.00	
	March Bucket Babes	95.00	
	Total Income		$ 515.00
Expenses			
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00	
	Storage Expense	114.00	
	March Program	350.00	
	P.O. Box Rental - annual	232.00	
	Total Expenses		$ 926.00
	Ending Checkbook Balance	**$ 33,618.83**	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			**$ 33,678.83**

~Barbara Dietz
SQG Treasurer

IN STITCHES

Quilt Show 2024 Update

The theme for this year's quilt show is humor. Let's see what we can make. The committee hasn't been doing much as yet. However, as we get nearer to October there will be a lot going on. Chrysa Zinser, with Michele Fix, are working on obtaining vendors. They can use all your suggestions so please reach out to either of them if you have any ideas.

There is a new category added – Embellished. If that's your bag, we have just the category for you. Whether you are a crazy quilter, do beading, embroidery, like to add lace or whatever – go for it! Remember, if you are giving your most exciting work away, be sure to tell the recipient you will need that quilt back for the show.

~Janette Sheldon
Quilt Show Chair

ACCUQUILT NEWS



This month's featured dies are Sunbonnet Sue and Overall Sam. Each can cut 4 layers of fused fabric at a time. Sue is 5 ⅜" wide and 7 ½" tall; Sam is 4 ½" wide and 7 ¼" tall. Surround them with flowers for a summer garden hanging, put them in a cute child's quilt, or have Sue spruce up a kitchen towel. Sue's hat is the shape of a bell. What else can you think of for these cute dies?



We have also added two new dies— music notes and an angel. The notes are just over 3" tall and the treble clef is 5 ½" tall. The angel is 3 ½" wide and 6 ¾" tall. Put them together with words to a Christmas carol, use the notes on a throw for a music lover, use the angel without wings as a lady's silhouette, or add the wings to the owl die so it is flying rather than sitting.

The AccuQuilt is available for checkout at any time and will be available at all sew days. Let me know which dies you want to use.

~Cheryl Tomson
AccuQuilt manager

April Fat Quarters

April fat quarters are primary colors. My teacher daughter informs me the primary colors are red, yellow, and blue. You mix these colors to make all other colors. I have to relearn these things, sometimes. 😊

~Jan Ketchum

Quilt Show Boutique Update

Reminder - Please be thinking of items that you can make and/or sell in our Guild Boutique in October!

All of you are very creative, so I know you can come up with some great ideas. Besides the types of items I listed in the February newsletter, we will also accept fabric, books, tools, and small quilts (not large ones).

I have started collecting items, so any time you want to bring things to me at the Guild meetings is fine. Again, 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, just send me a text (my number is in the directory) or email at amy.ubben@gmail.com. Thanks!

~Amy Ubben
Boutique Manager

Small Groups, one more chance!

We received several sign-ups for those interested in forming new small groups at the March meeting. The forms will be available again at the April meeting, at the check-in table. Alternatively, you can email me at csandkc@gmail.com.

~Suzanne Andrews

Upcoming Events

April 20 – Guild Sew Day

April 23 – April Guild Meeting

April 24 – Project Linus Sewing at Prairie Point

May 28 – May Guild Meeting

April1-May 31 – All Kansas & Nebraska Shop Hop

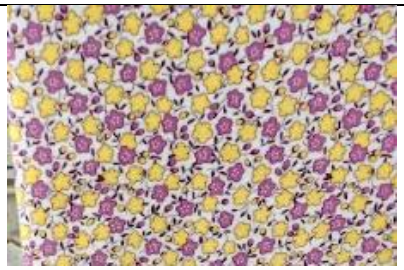
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2024 Starlight Quilters Guild Challenge: Experiment With Color

You've decided to make a project for the 2024 Challenge, you've picked your colors and decided on a pattern. Now you need to pick out fabric, but you're confused about what kind of fabric you have to use. Well, let me help with that. Your fabric does not need to be solids or tone on tone. I went to Prairie Point and took pictures of some fabric. Let's look at them and hear my thoughts.

Regardless of whether you enter a quilt in the Challenge or not, it's important for you to remember, you are all an integral part of the Challenge. Your vote determines the winners. Your vote should be based on several factors. How well the quilt represents the Challenge rules should be the first determination. Then in any order, originality, and workmanship.

See last month's newsletter for the full rules or Contact Kim Cawthon with any questions or suggestions. Kecawthon1985@gmail.com.

YES	Maybe	Probably Not
		
		
Both of these fabrics will read as yellow regardless of what they are paired with	These fabrics may work depending on what they go with or how they are cut. If for example the yellow/purple fabric is used with other purple in a strip pieced section, it will read as purple	These fabrics might work if you fussy cut sections, but there are such large areas of multiple colors that it would be hard to call them a single color.

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616 W. Main Street, Warsaw, MO 65355
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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