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Starlight Quilters Guild

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July 16, 2024

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From the President

"Hot time, summer in the city, back of my neck is getting' damp & gritty."

Those song lyrics describe the weather we are experiencing. Get your outdoor work done early. Then it is time to go in, grab and iced tea, and sit on the sofa with a hand sewing project or the latest quilting magazine.

When the weather is hot like it has been, no one wants to go outside unless they have to. In other words, time to sew!

Amy Ubben has given us some ideas for small, quick projects for the boutique.

Project Linus can always use small quilts.

Australian animal rescue can use Joey bags. (Google it.) There are numerous ways to use your stash and scraps. And, no, it's not too early to start making Christmas or Hanukkah gifts and décor. Shops are starting to get shipments of holiday fabrics. I'm anxious to see this year's colors and themes.

So, if you can't stand the heat, stay inside and sew. Until next time, happy quilting!

~Donna di Natale
President

REMINDER:

Fewer than ONE HALF of our members have paid their dues for 2024. Please pay your dues or this will unfortunately be your final newsletter.

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STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
July 2024

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	**$**	**18,288.40**	
	CD's at Capitol Federal		**16,000.00**	
	Petty Cash		**60.00**	
Cash Balance				**34,348.40**
Income	Membership Dues		490.00	
	Bucket Babes		81.00	
	Retreat Registration Fees		550.00	
	Interest from CD's		130.00	
	Total Income			1,251.00
Expenses	June program		252.26	
	Meeting Facility Rental		230.00	
	Storage Expense		114.00	
	Paypal fees		5.35	
	Total Expenses			601.61
	Ending Checkbook Balance		**18,807.79**	
	CD's at Capitol Federal		**16,130.00**	
	Petty Cash		**60.00**	
Cash Balance				**$ 34,997.79**

~Barbara Dietz
SQG Treasurer

ACCUQUILT NEWS

It's Christmas in July! The guild has a number of holiday dies. These include an evergreen tree, holly, snowflake, angel, circles and accessories for a snowman, and a large stocking. Size of each is available on the AccuQuilt section of the Starlight web site. Free pattern downloads are available at AccuQuilt.com. As always, contact me at any time to arrange checkout of the AccuQuilt or any of the dies, or to ask for a demonstration of how it works. Be sure to return the dies when you finish.

~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Manager







SQG July Program
Kelly Ashton



Kelly Ashton is our program speaker this month. Her program is Spinners, Spirals, & Stars: Hexagons with Movement & Without "Y-Seams"!

As a self-described "pragmatic quilt maker", Kelly approaches quilt design and construction with a knowledge of and an appreciation for the theoretical and a penchant for the practical. Her mid-life realization that she truly may not live long enough to use all her fabric stash has propelled her into "turbo quilt making mode"! Kelly's quilt designs range from "quick and easy" to "challenging", thereby providing offerings to quilt makers with a wide range of skills and experience.

In addition to designing quilt patterns and Kelly teaches a variety of quilt-making projects and techniques using "modern" tools of the trade.

SPINNERS, SPIRALS, & STARS: HEXAGONS WITH MOVEMENT & WITHOUT "Y-SEAMS"!
Kelly loves 60-degree shapes and the interesting blocks and quilts that can be made with them. Kelly also loves sewing "Y-seams" – **AND she knows that isn't true for everyone**. So, she designed a bunch of interesting blocks and quilt settings using her favorite shapes – and NO Y-seams!! – so that everyone could enjoy the pleasure and satisfaction of making 60-degree quilts! This presentation is based on Kelly's new book, **Spinners, Spirals, & Stars: Hexagons WITH Movement and WITHOUT "Y-Seams"!** Kelly will love showing us how easy these blocks are to sew……and to share her no-Y-seam quilts with you!

~Mary Honas
Programs Chair

Marketing Update for the Quilt Show

Bookmarks are available for distribution to all of your quilty friends. We will have them available at all future meetings. If you are attending an event where you'd like to distribute bookmarks, please send a text to Janice McKee (913-660-3645) and we will figure out how to get a supply to you.

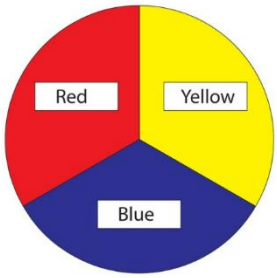
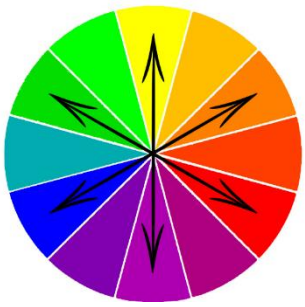
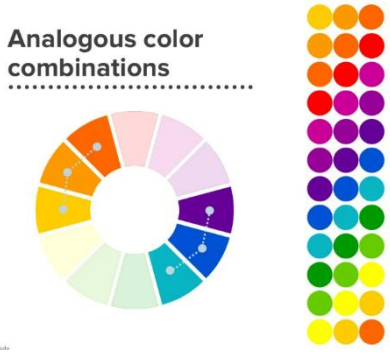
We also need help distributing bookmarks to area quilt shops. If you're shopping anytime soon, please take a handful or two and drop them off.

As we get closer to October, we'll be active on social media. Please like, share, and comment on our quilt show posts to get more eyes on the event. Remember, our Facebook chat is for members who already know about the show, so please share outside of this chat.

Since the cost of postage has increased so much, we decided not to send postcards this year and doubled up on bookmarks. We have a ton of them. We will not run out.

~Janice McKee

Experiment With Color

Primary Colors	Monochromatic	Complementary Colors	Analogous Colors
			

Challenge due date is creeping up on us. October will be here before we know if, so let's review the rules

1. Make a quilt using one of the above color theories..
2. You may add black and white fabric
3. There are no size restrictions, although you may want to make it 40 x 60, so that it can be donated to Project Linus
4. Your fabric must "read" one of your colors, but it may have other colors in it
5. Quilts will be shown and voted on at the Starlight Quilt Show **ONLY.** You must enter your quilt in the show to have it considered as a Challenge Quilt.

~Kim Cawthon
Challenge Quilt Coordinator

July's Fat Quarters are FRUITS & VEGGIES

It is the season and so many choices. Watermelons, apples, chiles, carrots, peaches, pears, garlic, strawberry, radish, cucumbers, cherries, on and on and on. Did you know olives are fruits? Think about it, has a pit😊

~Jan Ketchum
Fat Quarters



SQG Website Update

This month we've added a few fun video links to the Quilting Tips & Projects page of the website: Tips and Projects Link.

Newest links are at the top of each list.

If you are a board member, please proofread any bits that belong to you and send me any changes needed. Also, anyone feel free to send questions, suggestions, or corrections to me at maidmerriam1@gmail.com.

~Janice McKee
Webfumbler

SQG Fall Retreat

Sign-ups for this year's Starlight Fall retreat have been brisk! We are over halfway to the maximum of 40 quilters at this time. As a reminder, this will be a "Day Retreat"! We will have exclusive access to KC Maker's classroom for 3 full days; no overnight accommodations will be provided. Each quilter will have a dedicated table space to keep their machine and projects set up throughout the weekend. Come join us for great company and inspiration as you work on your UFOs or perhaps make some holiday gifts! Cost will be $55 per quilter. Four meals are included in the price (dinner on Friday; lunch/dinner on Saturday; lunch on Sunday)

Friday - Sunday; November 1-3,2024 - $55 per person

KC Maker Studio and Fabrics
5327 Johnson Drive
Mission, KS 66205

Signs up will be online using the following link: SQG Fall Retreat Signup
(link is also posted on the Starlight website)

Enrollment will be time stamped; and once we reach capacity at 40 participants; names will go onto a waitlist. Registration will be finalized once payment has been received. Reach out to Donna Holloway if you have any questions!

~Donna Holloway
SQG Retreats

Project Linus
Providing Security Through Blankets
Greater Kansas City Area Chapter

For Project Linus, we had 14 quilts turned in last month, plus a couple of envelopes of Best Choice labels. Please continue to bring in your quilts as well as Best Choice labels, as those are collected throughout the year to pay for the labels sewn to the quilts and blankets that are presented. Check the Project Linus KC site for information. https://www.projectlinuskc.org/

Important Note:

Zoom meetings are discontinued as of the July meeting.

~The Starlight Quilters Guild Board

"In Stitches"

Quilt Show Update

Our show is slowly but surely pulling together. The ribbons are almost finished and the floor plan is set. Laura Bogue will have the Sign-up Genius for volunteers ready shortly. Look for the announcement. Remember, no warm bodies to set up, work the show, or take down spells disaster.

All quilt categories are set. Donna Holloway will have online quilt registration ready shortly. Watch for that announcement as well. You asked for more categories. We've added plenty of new ones. You will find them all listed with definitions on the registration form. Remember, the theme is humor. There is no specific category for theme. All quilts will be considered.

Our show is the same weekend as Maple Leaf in Baldwin. This is adding a bit of difficulty in finding vendors. If you have a suggestion, please share with either Chrysa Zinser or Michele Fix.



~Janette Sheldon
Quilt Show Chair

Boutique Reminder:

The October Starlight Quilt Guild Show will have a boutique again this year. 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 •Kids' busy bags •Dog collars/bandanas •Tote and/or drawstring bags •Gift fabric, books, & tools

Think about using fabric with popular logos or that is of local interest (example: Chiefs, KU, KState, MU) All of you are creative people, so I'm sure you can think of some great ideas!

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.

We will have a Bake Sale which will be part of the Boutique/Gift Shop. There will be a separate sign up for people willing to donate baked goods.

~Amy Ubben, Boutique Chair

New By-laws

Pages eight and nine of this newsletter contain the new by-laws for Starlight Quilters Guild to be voted on at the July meeting. Please read these newly streamlined by-laws that the committee worked on.

Policies & procedures that were previously in the by-laws will now be their own separate document. That document is currently in process.

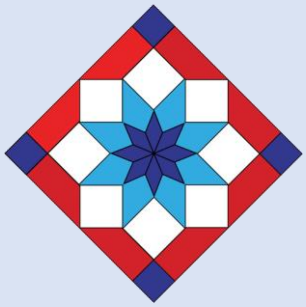
~SQG Board

Thank You!

I really wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who gave me the beautiful gifts of fabric. I am taking a class to make a fun and striking quilt. I really love being a member of Starlight and getting to know so many members.
Thank you so much for your support!



~Suzanne Andrews
Past president



Mark your calendars:

July 17-21 – Quilt 2024's (free) Summer camp quilt2024.com

July 23 – SQG Meeting

July 31 – Project Linus sew at Prairie Point

August 23-24 – QGGKC Quilt Show

August 31-Sept. 2 – Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve's Annual Quilt Display

October 18-19 – SQG Quilt Show

November 1-3 – SQG Fall Retreat

Starlight Quilters Guild new proposed by-laws

The name of the organization shall be the Starlight Quilters Guild.
The Starlight Quilters Guild is a not-for-profit corporation established under the laws of the State of Kansas.

The purpose of the organization shall be to:

- Promote the art of quilt making;
- Educate members and the public through programs and workshops;
- Encourage public appreciation of quilting;
- Serve the community through charitable activities involving quilting.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will be made up of the elected officers.

The elected officers include:

- The President
- The Vice President
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- Immediate Past President

Quarterly Board meetings will be held the third Tuesday in January, April, July and October, or as requested by the President.

The members of the Board of Directors will vote and make final decisions for the Guild.

Elections

The Vice-President will review and recruit new officers annually. The slate of candidates for the Board of Directors shall be published in the newsletter prior to the November meeting.

The Board will be elected and installed at the November meeting by a majority of the members present.

The new Board of Directors will take office in January for a term lasting 12 months.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone.
The membership year shall be from April 1 through March 31.
The annual membership dues rate shall be determined by the Board of Directors each year during the budget development process. Members joining after October 1 shall pay one- half of the annual membership dues for the remaining membership year.

A Junior Membership is available to members up to 18 years of age.

Meetings

The Guild will meet the 4th Tuesday in January – October. The meeting date in November will be determined each year based on the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no Guild meeting in December.

In November, the Board of Directors are elected and installed. Each member is entitled to one vote.

Issues presented by the Board to the Guild will be decided by the majority of members present at monthly Guild meetings.

Amendments

Amendments to the By-laws, proposed by the Board, will be published **electronically and/or** in the newsletter prior to a regular Guild meeting. The amendments shall be voted on by a majority of members present at the next scheduled Guild meeting.

Guild Committees

Committee Chairs will lead groups of members to carry out Guild business through Guild Committees. Committee Chairs may present issues or requests to the Board of Directors. The Board will make final decisions.

Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures will be established by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the policies every two years on the even years. Policies may be updated and approved as needed.

Disbandment

If and when membership of the Guild declines to less than 10 members, the Guild may vote to disband. The Board of Directors will decide how to disperse any remaining funds. Notice will need to be given to the State of Kansas.

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