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Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President

Hi everyone,
Many of my quilting friends are also gardeners, so now that May is here and the weather is warming up, we are torn between our beloved hobbies! But somehow, some way, we cram it all in! On top of that, we've got the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival that I know many of you have signed up to help with! Thank you, thank you! This event showcases just how many guilds are active in the Kansas City area and the Midwest, and how many fabulous resources are available to us.
On that note, I want to take a minute to remind everyone that there is an organization that our guild is part of–the Heartland Quilt Network. Check out the website: Heartland Quilt Network.com. Members login is:
user name: StarlightQuiltGuild
password: Programs2025
There is an events tab that lists guilds, quilt shows, lectures/workshops, guild meetings, and more. For now, I'd better get back to designing my striped quilt for the guild challenge! I will see all of you at the May 27th meeting featuring Denise Stahl talking about 3D quilts.
Happy quilting/gardening,
Amy

~Amy Ubben
SQG President

Remember our feathered friends

It's nesting time—so if you think of it, drop some of your threads into the yard for the birds to use in their nest building!





STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
April 2025

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	**$ 8,874.48**	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	**16,628.73**	
	Petty Cash	**60.00**	
Cash Balance			**25,563.21**
Income			
	Membership Dues	910.00	
	Bucket Babes	105.00	
	Total Income		**1,015.00**
Expenses			
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00	
	Storage Expense	130.00	
	Raflle quilt - custom quilting	260.00	
	Acuquilt expense	184.97	
	Contribution to The Sewing Labs	500.00	
	Paypal fees	7.72	
	Total Expenses		**1,312.69**
	Ending Checkbook Balance	**8,576.79**	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	**16,628.73**	
	Petty Cash	**60.00**	
Cash Balance			**$ 25,265.52**
	Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer		

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome these new members to our Guild: Judy Clifford, June Slocum and Rhonda Weibrecht.
Our current membership stands at 76. We would like for ALL members to stop at the sign in table at our May meeting to verify their contact information is correct. We will be providing a 2025 Membership Directory soon!!

~Diane Phillips
Membership Chair





May Program

Denise Stahl

Denise Stahl is The Curious Kansas Quilter. This month she will be sharing her new program, 3D Quilts! Here's what she has to say about herself on her blog:

I am a quilter who:

- ❖ Is curious about new techniques, fabrics, designs, gadgets, and other cool stuff
- ❖ Learns and uses a variety of new and time-tested techniques
- ❖ Is inspired by nature, my surroundings and other quilters
- ❖ Works on several projects at one time
- ❖ Finishes projects
- ❖ Follows inspiring quilters
- ❖ Keeps an organized and functional studio (OK, this might be wishful thinking)
- ❖ Contributes to and participates in local and on-line quilting communities
- ❖ Documents the quilting process for her own and others' learning and enjoyment
- ❖ Happily shares her expertise (ok, maybe that should be experience)

I am so excited to see Denise's trunk show as I have attended several retreats with her as she worked on her quilts. I hope you will enjoy her sense of humor as much as you will her quilts.

~Mary Honas
Program chair

Workshops, Sew Days and Starlight Fun!

Friday 6/27/2025

- English Paper Piecing workshop with Margaret Welch 9-11a
- Supply list to follow
- Sew Day immediately following from 11am-5pm. Bring your sewing machine to work on personal projects, our community service projects or continue English Paper Piecing.
- Supply List to follow

Thursday 7/17/2025

- Workshop TBD
- Sewing scheduled from 9-7:30pm

Saturday 8/9/2025

- Workshop TBD
- Sewing scheduled from 9-4:30pm

Merriam Plaza Library
6120 Slater St.
Merriam, KS 66202

The Accuquilt cutter and dies will be available at the scheduled workshop/ sew days. Please let Cheryl know what dies you are interested in using. Demonstrations will be given throughout the day.

~Kathy Keehn
Workshops

May Fat Quarters Theme: Flowers

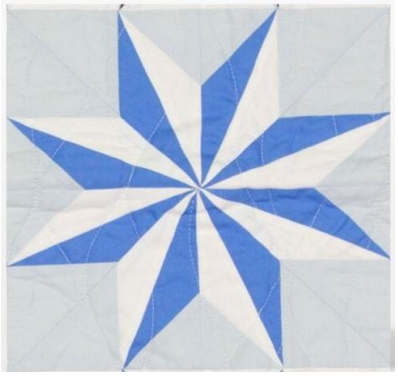
Floral is the delightful theme for May fat quarters. Not hard to be inspired…take a look all around with flowers a bloom everywhere. Oh my!! Our stash must have many floral prints: brightly colored, small and delicate, happy flowers, beautiful blends of flowers (vivid purple and deep blue) etc. Grow your stash as a winner, April prize was 3.75 yards of blues for just one fat quarter entry. Just saying!

~Jan Ketchum
Fat Quarters



May Accuquilt News

The featured die for this month is the Star of the East. It makes a 9" block and the die can be used with either the guild's GO cutter or the smaller GO Me. This striking block would be great in a Quilt of Valor or for a wall hanging in holiday colors. The Accuquilt cutter will be available at all the guild sew days; let me know which dies you'd like to use. A list of the dies owned by the guild is available on our website. Contact me for a demonstration or to check out our Accuquilt cutter and/or any of our many dies to use at home.





Here's a link to a free pattern for this block:
https://www.accuquilt.com/go-stellar-flare-table-runner-pattern.html

~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Manager

IMPORTANT
KCRQF QUILT ENTRY INFO

For those who entered quilts into the KC Regional Quilt Festival - Guild Display - please note:

Preparing your quilt: please ensure you have a label on the back with your name and the quilt name; and that you have added a 4" hanging sleeve to the top edge. There are instructions re: how to make a hanging sleeve on the KCRQF website.

Dropping off your quilt: you may drop off your quilt at the May 27th Guild meeting; or Donna Holloway will be in the Prairie Point parking lot on June 7th from 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon. If neither of these times work for you - please contact Donna and we will sort out a way to connect.

Retrieving your quilt: All quilts will be returned during our June 24th Guild meeting (note - I will not be able to return quilts in the convention center parking lot this year).

Thanks so much!

~Donna Holloway
SQG Vice President



Project ♥ Linus

Wow!! 18 Linus Quilts donated last month. Mary had to have help carrying all of them to the car. Was that a record? As far as I am concerned it was a record since I took this position the first of the year.

Kudos to the following:

♥Rosemary Watrak ♥Shirley Lewis
♥Sandy Teeple ♥Peggy Selig
♥Theresa Benson ♥Suzie Steele
♥Janette Sheldon

Check the Newsletter for upcoming sew days. Perhaps one of those days would be a good time to work on a Linus quilt.

~Kate McCabe
for Project Linus

2025 KCRQF Update

At the May meeting, I will be available with a computer for anyone who needs help signing up for volunteer jobs, purchasing tickets or merchandise, or signing up for a class.

Speaking of classes–quite a few classes have sold out and others are very close. If there's a class you've been checking out, sign up before it's too late Classes | KCRQF

If you want to be sure you get a t-shirt, tote bag, the lapel pin/needle minder, or some stickers, order them now at KCRQF | Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival.









~ Tara Culley
KCRQF Representative

Community Service Update

Sewing Labs is still collecting Walker bags and Children's activity bags. Instructions are on our web site as well as printed copies and kits will be available at our next meeting. Thank you for all the bags that have been turned in!

~Pam Lanza
Community Service



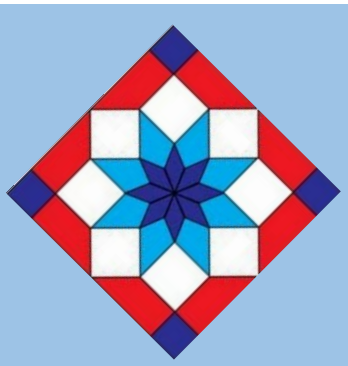
SQG Quilt Show Update

Mark Your Calendars: Our next guild show will be Apr 24-25, 2026, at the newly renovated Lenexa Community Center at Sante Fe Trails Drive and Pflumm. Thursday, Apr 23 will be the set-up, and we will need lots of volunteers to handle it.

Janette Sheldon and Kim Cawthon will co-chair the 2026 show, but truly, it will be our last time doing so. If you are interested in chairing future shows, we suggest that you shadow us during this cycle, so you will be prepared for the task.

Any quilt made primarily by you and never shown in a Starlight Quilters Guild Show is eligible to be shown. Ask Janette, Kim or Donna Holloway if you have any questions.

~Kim Cawthon
Quilt Show Committee



Mark Your Calendars:

May 27 – Guild meeting
Denise Stahl

May 28 – Project Linus Sew
At Prairie Point 5:30-7:30 pm

June 7 – SQG quilts for KCRQF drop-off
10am-Noon Prairie Point parking lot

June 11-14 – KCRQF
Overland Park Convention Center

June 24 – Guild meeting

June 27 – English Paper Piecing workshop & sew day
9am-5pm Merriam Plaza Library

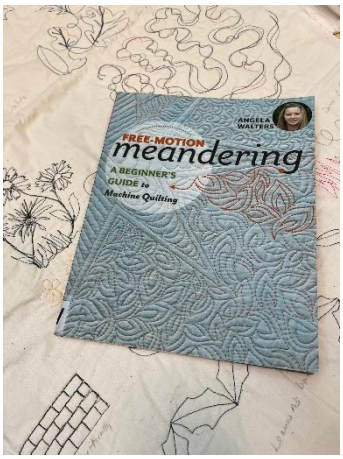


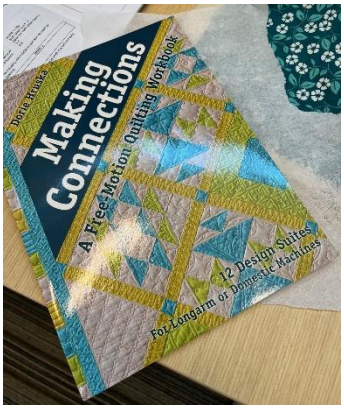
Free-Motion Quilting Workshop

On Saturday, May 10, Janette Sheldon gave the guild a workshop on free-motion quilting. Here are some photos from the event!















Thank you, Janette! I'm sure everyone who took part left with more confidence in their free-motion quilting.

Need a Friend?

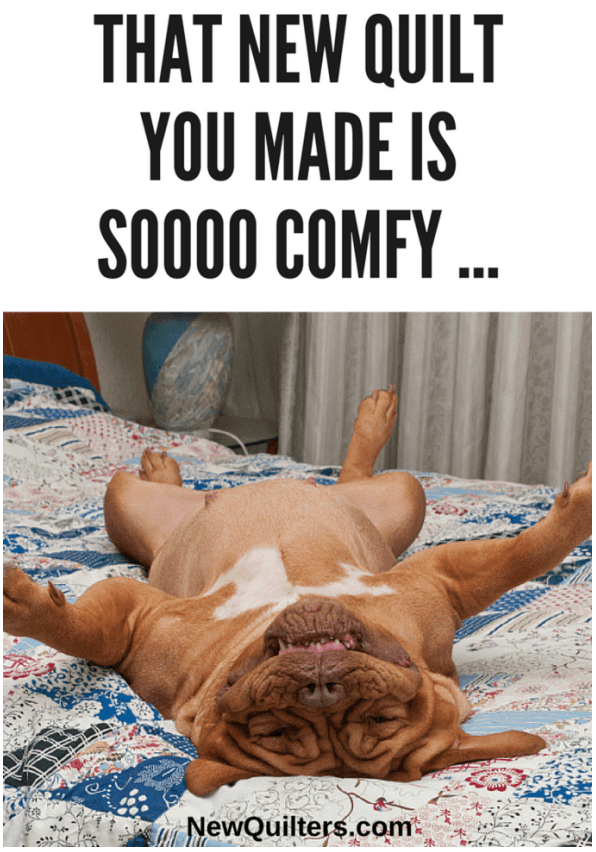
Times are tough and money isn't always available for the things we love. If you find that the $35 Starlight membership dues is more than your budget can take, you've got a friend who will help. Thanks to some wonderful anonymous Starlight friends, your membership for one year will be renewed and paid for. Please contact Diane Phillips, StarlightGuildMembers@gmail.com for more information.

Want a ride?

If you would like to attend Starlight Quilters Guild meetings in person but are unable to do this yourself, Starlight can help. Just send an email to StarlightQuilters@gmail.com and we'll hook you up with a ride. Please allow 2 days in advance of the meeting to connect your ride.

~Donna di Natale
Past President

The Last Laugh…





"Laying out a quilt top over the mess doesn't count as spring cleaning."

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