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Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President

Hope you all are having a fabulous October! I have been busy helping my brother move from a big house into an apartment, so I'm sure I'm having more fun than most of you! However, I did find time to take the Advanced Basket Making Class in September (which was great!) and go to Hamilton, Missouri with a caravan of 20+ Guild members. Had a good time and, of course, bought WAY TOO MUCH fabric!! But it's all so beautiful!! I keep remembering the fabric available in the 60's... not so great.

Anyway, fall is such a busy time but I hope you all have our last few events of 2025 on your calendars:
October 28 - Starlight Guild Meeting (Reminder - please bring a snack to the October Guild meeting. I'm making my favorite fall treat - Pumpkin Apple Muffins!)
November 1 - New Member Welcome Day! - We hope all new guild members, our Board, and anyone else in the Guild who would like to have a sew day will attend!
November 7-9 - Retreat
November 18th - last Starlight Guild Meeting of the year! Have your Challenge Quilts ready!

I do need to request that someone step up to be Vice-President of the Guild next year, and that someone volunteer to be the Guild's KCRQF representative with Tara Culley. These are both really important positions, but I'm confident that we can get these filled. We have a great Board that will be super supportive. You all have been so great this year helping me out with so many things, I just know we'll get these volunteers! Thank you, thank you to whoever steps forward!

Happy October!
Amy

~Amy Ubben
SQG President



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
September 2025

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	**$ 19,606.54**	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	**16,904.89**	
	Petty Cash	**60.00**	
Cash Balance			**36,571.43**
Income			
	Membership Dues	70.00	
	Bucket Babes	96.00	
	Retreat	-	
	Raffle Ticket Sales	20.00	
	Workshop Fees	80.00	
	Total Income		**266.00**
	CD Interest	173.01	**173.01**
Expenses			
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00	
	Storage Expense	130.00	
	Insurance	612.82	
	Reeze Hanson - program	517.20	
	Web hosting fee	348.72	
	Accuquilt Expense	149.00	
	Fabric Basket expense	180.00	
	Paypal fees	5.98	
	Total Expenses		**2,173.72**
	Ending Checkbook Balance	**17,698.82**	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	**17,077.90**	
	Petty Cash	**60.00**	
Cash Balance			**$ 34,836.72**
	Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer		



October Program

Nancy Swanwick

How I've Been Spending My Time

Our October speaker is Nancy Swanwick from Fort Scott, KS. Over the years, Nancy has presented workshops for Starlight on both the Wonky Log Cabin and Random Access.
Nancy's program is "How I've Been Spending My Time". The quilts in her program are hand quilted, and many are also hand pieced. They are amazing and I know we will all really enjoy her quilts!

~Mary Honas
Programs



We are excited to welcome back **Karla Filo** and new member **Deb Hollingsworth**!

Our membership total is now at 100!

Going forward, please sign in at the meetings by initialing. Your attendance is important and this will help in keeping accurate records.

There will also be a sheet for you to put your birth month & day of the month. We are hoping to recognize members birthdays in the newsletter starting in January 2026. See you at the meeting!

~Diane Phillips
Membership

October Fat Quarters Theme: ORANGE

Fat quarters for October are ORANGE!
Beautiful fall color… Fall leaves, pumpkins, sunsets, makes red headed little girls when you use it for appliqué, and an orange dress as last month's speaker referenced. Orange will pop on your quilts.
When you win all the fat quarters, you get to name next month's theme.

~Jan Ketchum









Fall Retreat Reminder

Only a few spots left for our Guild Fall Retreat! Our group will have exclusive access to KC Makers large 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 $65 per quilter. Four meals are included in the price (dinner on Friday; lunch/dinner on Saturday; lunch on Sunday)

Friday - Sunday; November 7-9, 2025
KC Maker Studio and Fabrics
5327 Johnson Drive
Mission, KS 66205

Signs up will be online using the following link: https://forms.gle/Cije43oFeEsV6Aa18
(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
Retreat Planner

New Member Sew Day

We're having a New Member Sew Day!
Saturday, November 1, from 9 am - 4 pm
Merriam Plaza Library (across from the community center)
Sign up forms will be available soon by email.

While the day is focused on our new members, current members and leadership are also encouraged to attend to welcome and spend time getting to know our newest members. There is room for twenty, so please come!

Cutting and ironing stations will be available. Multiple eateries are nearby for lunch.

~Kathy Keehn
Workshops

If at first you don't succeed, just cover it with an appliqué or ric rac and keep going.



Community Service News

We are still collecting walker bags and children's activity bags. Kits will be available at the next meeting. Thank you!

~Pam Lanza
Community Service



Got Stripes?

Are you wondering about the guild challenge? Your entries will be on display at the **November meeting**. We will be asking for a show of hands this month for those of you who've made a quilt so we can calculate/guess how many tables we will need to show them off and for voting. There will be prizes given for the top three winners.

~Janette Sheldon

Project ♥ Linus

September was another great month for Linus Quilts. The following donated:

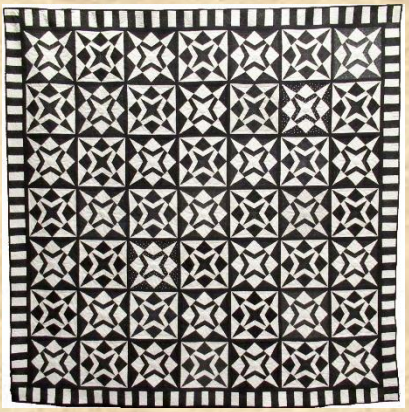
Kim Cawthon – 2
Marsha Reeves – 1
Karla Filo – 1
Shirley Lewis – 1
Theresa Benson – 7
Janet Wilke – 1
Rosemary Watrak – 2
Margaret Welsh – 1
Kathy Keehn – 2

Total of 18! Thank you to everyone!

I think last month I asked for large pieces of fabric for backing. Someone left a large bag of fabric at Harpers marked for Linus quilts. Mary Honas and I have cut the fabric into pieces about two yards each. If you need backing for a Linus quilt come by our table at the October meeting. We are working on getting a supply of batting also. The Linus Quilt Gods must be listening to us to supply fabric. Many thanks to the unnamed contributor. Also, we may have kits. 😊

Don't forget we can find quilters and binders if you need help.

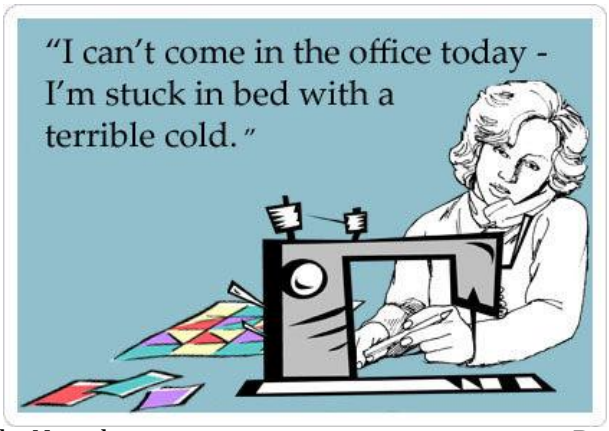
~Kate McCabe
for Project Linus



Opportunity Quilt

Opportunity quilt tickets will be available for purchase at the September and October meetings. The drawing will be held at the meeting on **November 18**. Good luck!

~Suzanne Andrews
Opportunity Quilt





Jean Patchen, 75, passed away on October 3, 2025, at home. She was born in Austin, Minnesota on January 4, 1950, to Burton and Dorothy Kittelson. She graduated from Austin High School in 1968. She married the love of her life, John "Rick" Patchen on July 11, 1970. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church. Jean loved her family, church, quilting, cooking and dancing. She was preceded in death by her husband Rick and father Burton. Jean and Rick had three children Derrick (Cassandra), Linea Wilson (Neill Mohammad), and Janet Annan (Brandon) and seven grandchildren Sydney, Luke, Kellan, Elizabeth, Zachary, Jack and Colin. She was a loving servant of God and was described as loving, caring, and comforting.

Mark Your Calendars:

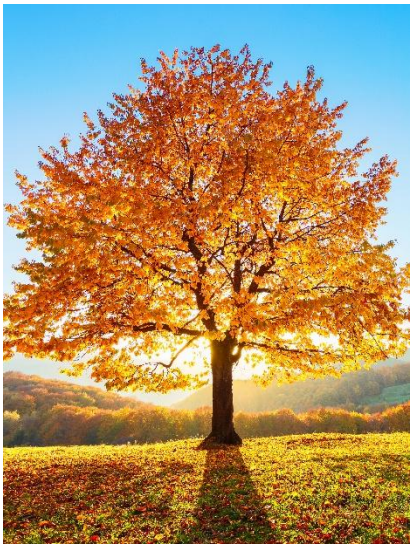
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Featuring Nancy Swanwick

November 1 – New Member Sew Day
Merriam Library, 9am-4pm

November 6-8 – Ad Astra Jingle All the Way Shop Hop

November 7-9 – Fall Retreat
KC Makers Studio

November 18 – Last meeting of 2025
Featuring Mary Ellen Winter



Note from the Bucket Babes

Have you ever wondered how the buckets really work? A few years back we purchased a lot of fabric from Scraps KC, and a lot of the books came from our library when it was being dismantled. But the bulk of bucket items come from member contributions. For this year our lowest income was $89, and the highest was $145. Our yearly total thus far is $931. We are sure that after the next two guild meetings we will more than top $1000. We've discussed whether to continue buckets since we seem to have enough cash to run the guild. The conclusion was members enjoy the suspense of winning, so you can count on them being around.

~Janette Sheldon and Donna Holloway



Our trip to Missouri Star was a resounding success! Twenty participants enjoyed the time together and got in some quality window shopping at minimum! Many lovely treasures were brought back to a new home. It will be fun to see what we create!

Thanks to all who participated. Special appreciation to our drivers.

~Kathy Keehn
Workshops









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