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Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President

Hello everyone!
Thanksgiving is in two weeks, a great time to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives! I have so many people to thank for their help and support during this past year: Donna Holloway, Michele Fix, Barb Dietz, Donna DiNatale, Mary Honas, Tara Culley, Jan Ketchum, Cheryl Dvorak, Ann Doherty, Shirley Lewis, Barbara McMahon, Cheryl Tomson, Pam Lanza, Janette Sheldon, Kate McCabe, Diane Phillips, Suzanne Andrews, Laura Bogue, and Janice McKee.
Those are all the officers and committee chairs, but I also want to thank everyone in the guild for their many kind and supportive comments, for coming to the meetings, coming to the workshops and sew days, showing us your beautiful creations month after month. This is truly a community of artists and friends coming together to learn, to share, to teach, hopefully to relax, to appreciate others' efforts, large and small.
Thank you for our time together. May you all have a wonderful holiday season surrounded by those you love.

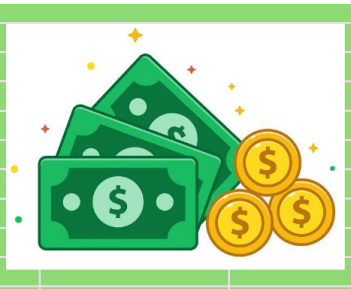
Best wishes and happy sewing,
Amy

~Amy Ubben
SQG President

President's Gift

For her "Thank you" gift, Amy has requested donations to Catholic Relief Services, which provides aid to survivors of natural disasters, wars, famines, and trafficking survivors worldwide. Please bring your gift to the November meeting.

~Donna Holloway
Vice President



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
October 2025

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	$ 17,698.82		
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,077.90		
	Petty Cash	60.00		
Cash Balance				34,836.72
Income				
	Membership Dues	55.00		
	Bucket Babes	132.00		
	Retreat	1,040.00		
	Quilt Show Vendors	135.00		
	Total Income			1,362.00
Expenses				
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00		
	Storage Expense	130.00		
	Nancy Swanwick - Program	469.00		
	Membership Expense	118.04		
	Paypal fees	5.31		
	Total Expenses			952.35
	Ending Checkbook Balance	18,108.47		
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,077.90		
	Petty Cash	60.00		
Cash Balance				$ 35,246.37
	Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer			



We are excited to welcome these new members to our guild!
Angie Davies, Sanna Ford & Mary Halda

Please remember when signing in at meetings to use your initials. There will also be a sheet for you to put your birth month & day of the month. We are hoping to start recognizing members' birthdays in the newsletter beginning in January, 2026.

If you are a new Starlight member and you missed our New Member Sew Day, please come see me to get your Guild welcome bag at our next meeting.

~Diane Phillips
Membership



November Program

Mary Ellen Winter

Foundation Paper Piecing

One of the topics the guild members shared they wanted to know more about was paper piecing. Legit Kits is a company that specializes in patterns and kits for large paper pieced projects. Mary Ellen Winter is a newly certified Legit Kits instructor and has been a pattern tester for them since their inception. Mary Ellen has many of the Legit Kit quilts made and has had some of her quilts displayed at the Legit Kit booth at KCRQF and other quilt shows. Her knowledge of paper piecing and her quilts are going to "wow" us!

~Mary Honas
Programs

Community Service News

I appreciate everyone who supported the Community Service project this year. If you have walker bags or children's bags, we are still collecting them for Sewing Labs. Final numbers are being tallied and will be announced soon. Thank you!

~Pam Lanza
Community Service

November Fat Quarters Theme: Flowers

Fat quarters for November are Flowers
All stashes on alert...some fat quarters are leaving home. All flowers welcome such as poinsettias., orchids, zinnia, daisy, rose, wildflowers, peonies, sunflowers, pansies, mistletoe, lily of the valley and even moon flowers. So many choices. Delightful to think about flowers!

~Jan Ketchum



Another good month for Linus Quilts. Kudos to the following:

Janette Sheldon – 2
Kim Cawthon – 2
Marsha Reeves – 2
Opal Yarnell – 5
Elaine Patton - 1
Rosemary Watrak - 2
Chris & Kathy Foos - 1
Tara Culley- 2
Plus - 1

Total - 18

According to my records, the guild has donated 90 quilts this year. I hope we close out the year with over 100.

At the November meeting there will be a few kits, some batting and some fabric for backing. It is two months until our next
meeting so grab some Linus Quilt supplies.

Again, thanks for your donations and support.

~Kate McCabe & Mary Honas
for Project Linus

Kansas City Chapter Project Linus Update

Jeanine Snyder, KC Chapter Leader for Project Linus

I must say you all are amazing! We have delivered 2200 blankets to Love Fund, 600 to some children who live well below poverty level (just before it gets cold), 40 to another that helps with small children in this same situation. 300 to another social service group, 160 large blankets and 42 twins to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and all our regular hospital deliveries! All these have been delivered in October and November! We still have one more big group that will take as many as we can give them for children living below poverty! Thank you so much for your generosity!!! You make a huge difference to the children in our area!

I have been updating our Project Linus KC website and have been working with Jodie Land to get some of her newer patterns loaded. I have also put some of my Covered in Quilts patterns there as well. These are free downloads so take advantage of that. We plan to add new patterns every month or so and remove older ones so if you like one, download it before it is gone. View this link on your computer. It doesn't work well on your phone. There are also some crochet and knitting patterns on the site. These have not changed but wanted to make sure you knew they were there.
https://www.projectlinuskc.org/copy-of-patterns

Project Linus of Kansas City Patterns
Fun and Fast Quilt Patterns for Project Linus of Kansas City

Starlight Website News

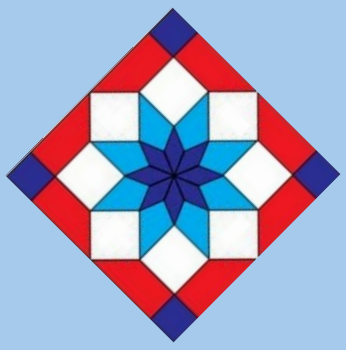
Guild Position Descriptions and Organizational Chart are now available on our website.

Under the "Home" tab of the menu, you will see an item called "Guild Descriptions". When you scroll down past the organizational chart, there is a table containing all the descriptions of each job. If you click on the job title, you will see a .pdf file of each job.

Keep your eyes on the page for the Quilt Show. We will be making changes from now until our next meeting in January. Updates will appear when they are available.

Just a reminder about email safety... If you receive an email that looks like it's from a guild member, asking you for money right away, do not reply, and delete it immediately. It's probably not legitimate.

~Janice McKee
Webfumbler



Mark Your Calendars:

November 18 – Last meeting of 2025

Featuring Mary Ellen Winter

and

Guild challenge entries

and

Raffle Quilt drawing

Accuquilt News

This month's featured die is the Courtyard. It makes a 10" finished block. This block would be great for a table runner (think poinsettias) or a floral garden wall hanging for spring. The central portion could also be used as an appliqué flower or star. As always, contact me to check out the Accuquilt cutter or dies. I have spent all my budget for this year but will be looking for end of the year bargains to begin using next year's allowance so let me know if there is a die you think the guild should own.

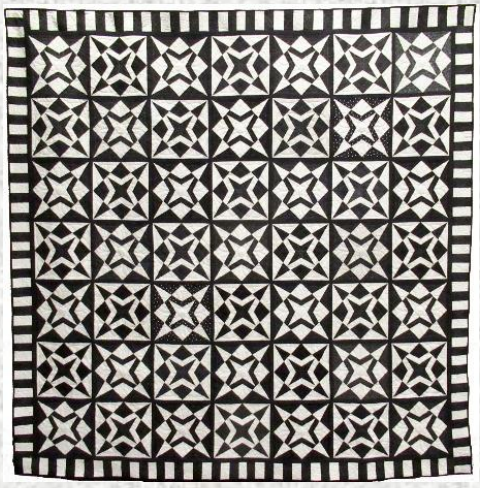
~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Manager





LAST CHANCE

Opportunity quilt tickets are still available for purchase from Suzanne. They will also be available before the beginning of the November meeting. The drawing will be held at the meeting on **November 18**. Good luck!



Proposed Starlight Budget for 2026

Please review the budget proposal for 2026 so we can vote to approve it at the November meeting.
Thank you.

~Barb Dietz
Treasurer

Starlight Quilters Guild
2026 Proposed Budget

Income	
Fund Raising - Bucket Babes	1,000
Quilt Show	3,500
Guild Membership - 100 members	3,500
Workshops & Retreat	5,500
Other Income - CD Interest	600
TOTAL INCOME	**14,100**
Expenses	
Administration	
Merriam Community Center Rent	2,530
Storage fees	1,620
Insurance	650
Web hosting fee	400
PO Box Rental	275
Paypal fees, Miscellaneous	350
Total Administration	5,825
Fund Raising	
2026 Raffle Quilt Expense	200
Bucket Babe expenses	150
Total Fund Raising	350
Guild Quilt Show	
Quilt Show Rental, Supplies, Publicity	3,200
Sales Tax	300
Total Guild Quilt Show	3,500
Programs/Workshops	
Speakers Fees: travel, meals, etc.	9,000
Zoom & Microsoft subscription	350
Workshops	4,000
Total Programs/Workshops	13,350
Community Services/Charity	500
Other Expenses	
Retreat Reservations & Supplies	2,500
Door Prizes	800
AccuQuilt repairs & maintenance	250
Total Other Expenses	3,550
TOTAL EXPENSES	**27,075**
Grand Totals	**(12,975)**

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