Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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From the President

Summer Stitches, Holiday Smiles

Can the temperatures and humidity get any higher? This hot weather may not seem like quilting season, but summer is an ideal time to get a head start on fall projects and handmade holiday gifts. A few relaxed sewing sessions now can prevent the year-end rush and leave you with more time to enjoy the creative process.

Take advantage of long summer afternoons to stay inside and organize fabric, complete unfinished blocks, or bind a quilt that has been waiting for attention. With fewer deadlines, you can experiment with a new pattern, explore unexpected color combinations, or simply settle into the satisfying rhythm of stitching. By the time cooler days arrive, your gifts can be finished, your project list can be shorter, and your sewing space can be ready for fresh autumn inspiration.

Here are a few August opportunities while you are staying cool inside:

- **Fat Quarter Raffle**: Celebrate Christmas in August by bringing a festive fat quarter to our August guild meeting for a chance to win yards of holiday fabrics.
- **Fall Retreat**: Begin choosing and preparing your projects now so you will be ready for a productive and enjoyable retreat.
- **Stash-Busting Program**: Join us for Diane Harris's guild presentation and workshop, featuring creative inspiration and practical ideas for making the most of the fabric you already have.

So, turn up the air conditioning, gather your favorite fabrics, and enjoy a little holiday sewing ahead of schedule. Every stitch you make this summer is one less task during the busy months ahead. Happy quilting!

~Donna Holloway
SQG President



STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report
July 2026

	Beginning Checkbook Balance	$ 14,198.55	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,415.07	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			31,673.62
Income			
	Membership Dues	105.00	
	Bucket Babes	80.00	
	Workshop fee	300.00	
	Retreat	555.00	
	Total Income		1,040.00
	CD Interest	128.34	128.34
Expenses			
	Meeting Facility Rental	230.00	
	Program	875.00	
	Workshop Expense	697.50	
	Storage Expense	130.00	
	Stamps	15.60	
	Door Prizes	41.50	
	PayPal Fees	19.86	
	Total Expenses		2,009.46
	Ending Checkbook Balance	13,229.09	
	CD's at Capitol Federal	17,543.41	
	Petty Cash	60.00	
Cash Balance			$ 30,832.50
	Submitted by Barbara Dietz, Treasurer		

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Starlight currently has 90 members. We had 55 members and 5 visitors attend our July meeting.

~Diane Phillips
Membership



August Program – Diane Harris
The Stash Bandit

Diane says she loves to entertain and inspire guilds with her programs. For our guild, she will provide a trunk show of One Hundred Small Quilts. She made the quilts over the past three decades. Through her story one can see the changing styles, techniques, and fabrics over the decades. Come and hear her tips on fabric and color selection, design ideas, and quilting inspiration!

(Find Diane at stashbandit.net and on Instagram at @stashbanditquilts)

~Mary Lou Guy
Programs

August Workshop: Ahead of the Curve - Improvising a Round with Diane Harris

Class Description:

You've tried making curves. You've tried making curves with rulers. And neither one gave you much satisfaction. So how about trying improv?
Diane Harris describes her upcoming workshop like this:
"I'm excited for this new class because improvisational curves are fun and easy! I'll teach you how to cut and sew the curves while paying attention to value and scale in your fabrics so that your results are smashing. We'll cover lots of ideas for adding machine quilting details and hand stitched embellishments, and I'll show you how to finish it off with a facing instead of a binding."

Workshop Details:
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Time: 9am-4pm
Location: Merriam Community Center, Campbell Room



Cost: $55 – members
$75 – non-members
Max Students: 20

~Tammy Smith
Workshops

*****The class supply list link has been added to the workshop site.*****



Fall Retreat Reminder

The **Starlight Quilters Annual Fall Retreat** will be **Friday-Sunday: November 6-8, 2026**. This year we will be going to a more tranquil location and retreating at the Hollis Renewal Center. https://holliscenter.org/ The Lodge will accommodate up to 38 day retreaters and has a large deck, access to many trails and is in an overall serene setting. We will also have access to the cottage next door that has a very large living room/lounge area if you need a break from sewing and the weather isn't cooperating. Day retreater price will be $75 and includes your workspace and 4 meals (dinner Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday). The workspace will be available starting from 10AM Friday until 4PM Sunday – you can stay as late or arrive as early as you'd like throughout the weekend.

There will also be a Barn Quilt Block painting workshop on Sat. afternoon (Nov 7th, 1-5). If you are interested in participating - here is the link to sign up: Reserved EVENT: Starlight Quilter's Guild Retreat Barn Quilt Painting Even if you are not able to join us for retreat, you may still come on out to the Hollis Renewal Center and participate in this workshop.

More details about the retreat and the workshop are on the Guild Website under the Retreat tab or contact Donna if you have any questions!

Hoping you can enjoy us for a weekend of sewing, inspiration and of course, a great time of socializing with your fellow guild members!

~Donna Holloway
Retreats

Accuquilt News

This month's featured die is the Dresden Plate. With rounded edges it makes a 12" circle and with points it is a 13 ½" circle. Use one alone as a centerpiece or placemat or put several together for a table runner or larger quilt. This die fits the guild's Accuquilt cutter but not the smaller Go Me. As always, contact me to check out the Accuquilt cutter or dies and remember that the Accuquilt is available at every guild sew day.



~Cheryl Tomson
Accuquilt Manager



Guild Challenge Reminder

Are you working on your Animal House challenge?
Remember - Must have at least one animal and one house on the front. It is OK to use fabric printed with animals and houses. No size restriction. Must be made this year. Due at the October meeting.

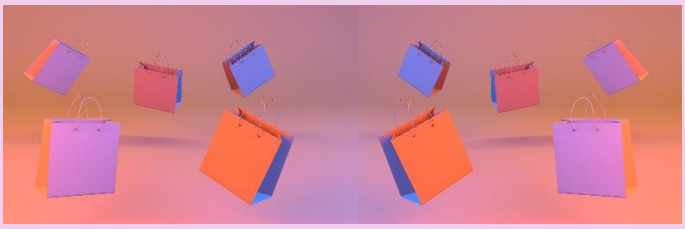
~Karen Edwards and Shirley Lewis






Community Service News

Just a quick reminder that Pam's substitute will still be bringing kits and collecting bags at the August meeting.



August Fat Quarters

The theme for the August fat quarters is Christmas/ Winter Holidays. Be thinking about what you will choose if you are the winner!







Mark Your Calendars:

Aug. 21 & 22 – Raymore Quilt Guild Show
Crossroads UMC
Belton, MO

August 25 – SQG Meeting
Merriam Community Center
Diane Harris of Stash Bandit Quilts
6:30-8:30 pm

August 26 – Workshop
Merriam Community Center
Improv Circles with Diane Harris

September 3 – Open Sew
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Olathe Library, Indian Creek

Sept. 11 & 12 – Twilight Stitchers Guild Quilt Show
First United Methodist Church
Blue Springs, MO



Quilting may not solve all your problems, but neither will housework.









Approaching deadlines and links:

Information about nominated veterans for Honor Quilts – **ASAP** Nominating emails should be sent to Lynda Loomis at contact@kcrqf.com

The Showcase Challenge – Entries must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2026. Submission info can be found **HERE.**

Tickets and merchandise will go on sale in January 2027

Guild opportunity quilt photos and descriptions are needed by January 2027

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

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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

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Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525

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