



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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July 2010

Presidents Message

By Connie Flagler

Hi everyone!

I want to thank all of you for making our annual Bingo Night a success! Thank you to everyone who helped out with the number calling, card sales etc. Lorna did a great job organizing the whole event. Thank you Lorna.

I think having the committee members come up front and take the mike for their announcements worked a lot better and quicker at the last meeting. Everyone was able to hear and it just made the evening go a lot smoother.

I'd like to encourage everyone to please get tickets for the Opportunity Quilts and sell as many as you can. We are very fortunate to have 2 quilts this year. These quilts are one of our biggest fundraisers so that we can continue to have quality speakers for you and it also encourages new memberships. These quilts are works of art and take so much time, energy, \$ and creativity to make. Having said that, let's support our volunteers and those that donated fabric, time, batting, and quilting by making more money this year than ever. You know how much work your quilts are and that they are each and every one a LABOR OF LOVE.

We also have a beautiful quilt chest for our "treasure chest" this year. Please support this fundraiser by buying tickets so one lucky winner will have a display case for their "labors of love." Who knows, someone could win an opportunity quilt and the treasure chest. I wish it would be me so I'm going to try really hard to win one of these items.

Remember our annual Quilt Show. We need baked goods as well as small quilts, fabric, patterns, wallhangings etc. for the boutique. If you have time to donate, no one will be turned away as we need as many hands as we can get. Hopefully we will have a great turnout and the weather cooperates this year. This will be my first one so I am so excited to see everything.

We are half way through the year so I was hoping some of you would consider holding an office or a chairing a committee next year. Our next board meeting is Tuesday, July 20th at 6:30. I will send out an e-mail as it gets closer. Think about what needs to be discussed that we haven't covered and make a note. I will send out an



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July Program-

Making Something New that Looks

Olde— by Donna DiNalate

Jo's love of 19th century quilts has led her to study making new quilts (doll/crib quilt size) that look "olde."

This old look is achieved by a careful selection of fabrics (stripes, plaids, paisleys, geometrics, florals and

some charming uglies). Jo will share with us lots of examples in an assortment of traditional patterns in her trunk show. She will also discuss her source of inspiration for the quilts she designs and makes, including those in her new book, "Coming Home." You will be inspired to make small quilts and achieve a great sense of accomplishment in making something new that looks old. Jo is co-sponsored by Prairie Point Quilts and Harper's Fabric and Quilts. Both shops will be present with patterns and books for you to purchase, and Jo will be happy to sign her books for you.

The lecture portion of the July guild meeting, Jo Morton's "Making Something New that Looks Olde," will be presented in the sanctuary of our usual meeting location – Countryside Christian Church at 6101 Nall. Following Jo's presentation we will gather in the fellowship hall (our usual meeting room) for refreshments, book sales and book signing, door prizes, fat quarter drawing, business meeting, and Show 'n Tell. We are expecting a large attendance for this event. Parking is always at a premium so consider carpooling. And don't forget to bring your friends!



Presidents Message (cont'd)

agenda and hopefully everyone will be able to open it and everything will be listed. I must have been having a hot flash during the last printing. ha.

Let's get excited and invite everyone we can to the July meeting with JO MORTON. Those with July birthdays please take your treats downstairs as usual. We will have show and tell and food downstairs and the meeting will be in the Sanctuary. Thank you for all your wonderful support and let's have a banner year for fundraising so that next year we will be able to offer even more awesome programs and speakers.

Project Linus-

Hugs Karen and Mary

We collected 14 blankets from members for the month of June -- THANK YOU -- and while this makes our total so far at 212 we have a long way to go to reach our goal. In the past we have hoped for 3 blankets per member -- so far this year we have 145 members -- so we are about half way there. Don't forget the weighted blankets - they count too and are very easy to make.



Fat Quarter Bingo-

Remember to bring you fat quarter for the July drawing. The fat quarter for the month of July is "Fruit Salad".



June Attendance-

By Marilyn Carr

Welcome New Members:

Susan Butler
Melanie White

May Attendance

Members Present	58
New Members	2
Guest	5
Total	65



Flag fact-

The US flag has three colors:
Red for courage
White for purity
Blue for loyalty



School House Workshop

Saturday, August 28
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
Community of Christ Church
Workshop Fee: \$20 (non-refundable)

August is time for back to school and that's where we are going for our School House Workshop. Whether you are learning new skills or just taking a refresher, this workshop is for everyone. The sessions are all designed for quilting at home on your regular sewing machine. There will be four "classrooms" positioned around the room: making your quilt sandwich; quilting with a walking foot; free motion quilting (without a walking foot); quick and easy binding. The sessions will run concurrently. They will last about 30 minutes each and will be repeated four times with a mid morning break. You may attend each session, or just those you are most interested in. A question and answer period with all the teachers will close the school house workshop. The afternoon (1:00-4:00 p.m.) will be an open sew for anyone wanting time to sew together. You do not need to attend the workshop in order to take advantage of the open sew. Sign up for the School House Workshop will be available at the July and August guild meeting. You must pay for the workshop when you sign up.



Do you have a Birthday This Month

Well, Happy Birthday! Please bring a snack or dessert for the Hospitality Table to share. Fellow SQG members will be deliriously happy to share your goodies! No doubt someone will beg for your recipe. This month's birthdays are:

Lois Bozarth
Rosie Brinker
Jeanette Byczek
Janice Craig
Donna DiNatale
William Donaldson
Connie Dunlap
Connie Flagler
Marline Heathman

Donna Simpson
Dana Switzer
Dorothy VanBoovin



Quilters Wisdom:
. I will cross that stitch when I come to it

Opportunity Quilts On Display



Let It Snow

Our 2010 Opportunity Quilts are currently being displayed at Prairie Point Quilts (Victoria's Charms) and Harper's Fabric and Quilts (Let It Snow). Please stop by these shops to view the quilts and thank the shops for agreeing to display the quilts. And while you are there, don't forget to purchase your fat quarter for next month's drawing (July: fruit salad; August: geometric art).



Victoria's Charms

Charm Square Project-

By Kristi Orr

Remember to bring your Batik Charm Squares to the July SQG meeting. You will need 82 Charm Squares. Put your squares in a baggy with your name and a piece of the selvage with the manufacturer listed on it.



Got post Bingo Blues? -

By Cheryl Diebold & Lisa Souza

Well here's your chance to get excited about our next upcoming event. Buy an opportunity to win the lovely Treasure Chest that was at last month's guild meeting. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00



each. Not only will you win the Treasure Chest, but all the fun sewing items that have been donated. If you would like to donate an item to the Treasure Chest, bring it and give to Cheryl or Lisa at the July meeting. The drawing will be held at the August meeting. This is one of our major fund raisers to bring in our wonderful speakers each month. Hope you'll participate!! :)

2010 Starlight Guild Challenge

—Mary Funk

A Reminder.:

Placemats for the 2010 Challenge will be collected at the August Guild meeting. These placemats will be donated to Meals-On-Wheels. Below are the instructions for your placemats.

Challenge:

Make colorful reversible placemats of cotton quilt fabrics.

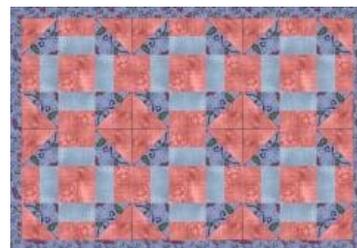
Batting: either light loft polyester or two layers cotton flannel (washed)

Finished size: 12 to 14 inches by 16 to 18 inches

Members will vote for prize winners.

Categories:

- Workmanship—hand or machine
- Most fabrics used
- Most placemats turned in



Guild Retreat-

By Carol Cleary



It's not too late to sign up for the quilt retreat at The Barn in Valley Falls, KS. We all have a great time sewing for two days!! A \$50 deposit holds your spot with the remainder due in August. Two persons in a room is \$185 per person and three or more persons in a room is \$175 per person. There are 11 spots left. Final count is due to The Barn in August. See Carol Cleary or Jackie Stokes to register.

Open Sew Day

Saturday, July 31st

By Jamie Morgan

Take a day for you! Come by yourself or with a group and join other quilting enthusiasts, Saturday, July 31st at the Perry, Kansas American Legion for an Open Sew Day. This is the perfect opportunity to work on UFO's, new projects, handwork or those Boutique items for the quilt show that you've been wanting to get done. Cutting and ironing stations are provided for your convenience. Sewing time is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.



All paper products and eating utensils are provided. Lunch and dinner are potluck. The Legion has close parking, lots of room, good lighting, a big kitchen and clean bathrooms! To reserve your spot or if you have questions please email either Jamie Morgan (code343top@yahoo.com) or Janette Luehring (jluehring@kc.rr.com). Hope to see you there!

TIP- A feeder scrap of fabric placed at the beginning of stitching save thread and ensures tangles will be in the scrap and not in the block.



Letter to the Guild

Hi ladies,

I'm looking for a person to take over as **Chair** of the Programs and Workshops committee for 2011. It is time to book programs for next year and I would like the new chair to be a part of that process.

I would also like to form a **committee** to select speakers for next year. Being on the selection committee DOES NOT commit you to serving on the committee next year. You would only need to attend one or two committee meetings to put together a list of desired speakers and perhaps help contact one potential speaker. Most of the leg work will be done by me and the new chair.

I understand that many of you are currently serving as an officer or committee chair. This doesn't mean you can't participate in the selection process and doesn't excuse you from serving on the selection committee. PLEASE -- we need everyone's input to succeed in providing the programs you want to see and hear. And I don't recall any rules or regulations that say you can't serve in more than one capacity at a time. Or change positions from one year to the next. So -- if you are interested in participating by being a member of the selection committee, OR if you would like to be that very special person to head the Programs and Workshops committee next year, please respond to this email. If you know of someone who would make a good chair person, or someone who has good ideas for programs, please invite them to participate or volunteer. I do not want to leave anyone out.

I would like to bring the selection committee together for the first meeting later this month or early in August, so please send me your responses soon. If you are not interested in serving on the committee, but have suggestions for programs and/or workshops, please send those to me.

Donna di Natale



TIP- Spray limp pieces of fabric with starch or spary sizing before rotary cutting. Starching the wrong side of flannel or homespun fabrics before you cut helps firm up the weave and thus reduces fraying when you sew.

Northland Needlers Quilt Show

Sept. 17-18, 2010
"Harvest of Holidays" theme
Gashland Presbyterian Church
8029 N Oak Trafficway
Kansas City MO

Quilts on display, quilts and quilted items for sale, vendors, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser Ann Hazelwood, and more!
Read all about it at NNQS.webs.com

2010 Starlight Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show Saturday October 9 and Sunday October 10 “What is Old is New Again”

Antique Quilts

The Theme of this year’s guild’s quilt show is “What if Old is New Again”, we are inspired to display Antique Quilts. Where are we going to get this display”-The answer is from guild members. This is your opportunity to share your old quilts with others. Those of you who will allow the committee to display you old quilt will want to write up the story of the life of the antique quilt to include the pattern name and quilt artist (if known). No touching allowed by attendees, the “white-glovers” will be available.



New Quilts

Are you working on quilts to enter into the show this year? The categories are small, medium, large, and other. Other is that category where you can win a ribbon for quilted clothing, quilted bags, quilted aprons, quilted Christmas stocking, etc.

The entries into the show are voted on by all attendees. Awards are presented to the top three in each category. The public is not allowed to touch. Volunteers from our guild wear “white gloves” and will touch for the public.

74 (from the July guild meeting) days until show time....Sew...Sew....Sew!!!

Quilting Time & Space– June 28- August 29, 2010

This summer, the Spencer Museum of Art will explore cross-cultural connections through the art of quilting. Quilts representing confluences of tradition and place will be on display in the museum’s Central Court, where their juxtaposition will underscore the disparate ideas, customs, and materials that were stitched together both by historic and by contemporary quilters.



This exhibition is organized and curated by the Spencer Museum advanced level student interns from 2009-2010: Chassica Kirchhoff, Sooa Im, Natalie Svacina, Rachel Voorhies, Robin Bang, Rachel Harris and Jennifer Scheer.

Hours: Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Saturday– 10-4
Thursday– 10-8
Sunday– 12-4

Tip- Instead of a thimble, coat fingers with 3-4 layers of clear nail polish for hand quilting.



Pieces of Time: Quilts from the KSU Historic Costume and Textile Museum

May 28 – September 12, 2010
Marion Pelton Gallery

A patriotic flag quilt will star in this exhibition, which includes over a dozen American quilts from the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries.

“Pieces of Time” includes sixteen additional American quilts and quilted children’s blankets from 1840 to 1950. Each work celebrates the art of the needle and fabric Gallery

Hours:

Mon & Tues: Closed

Wed-Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

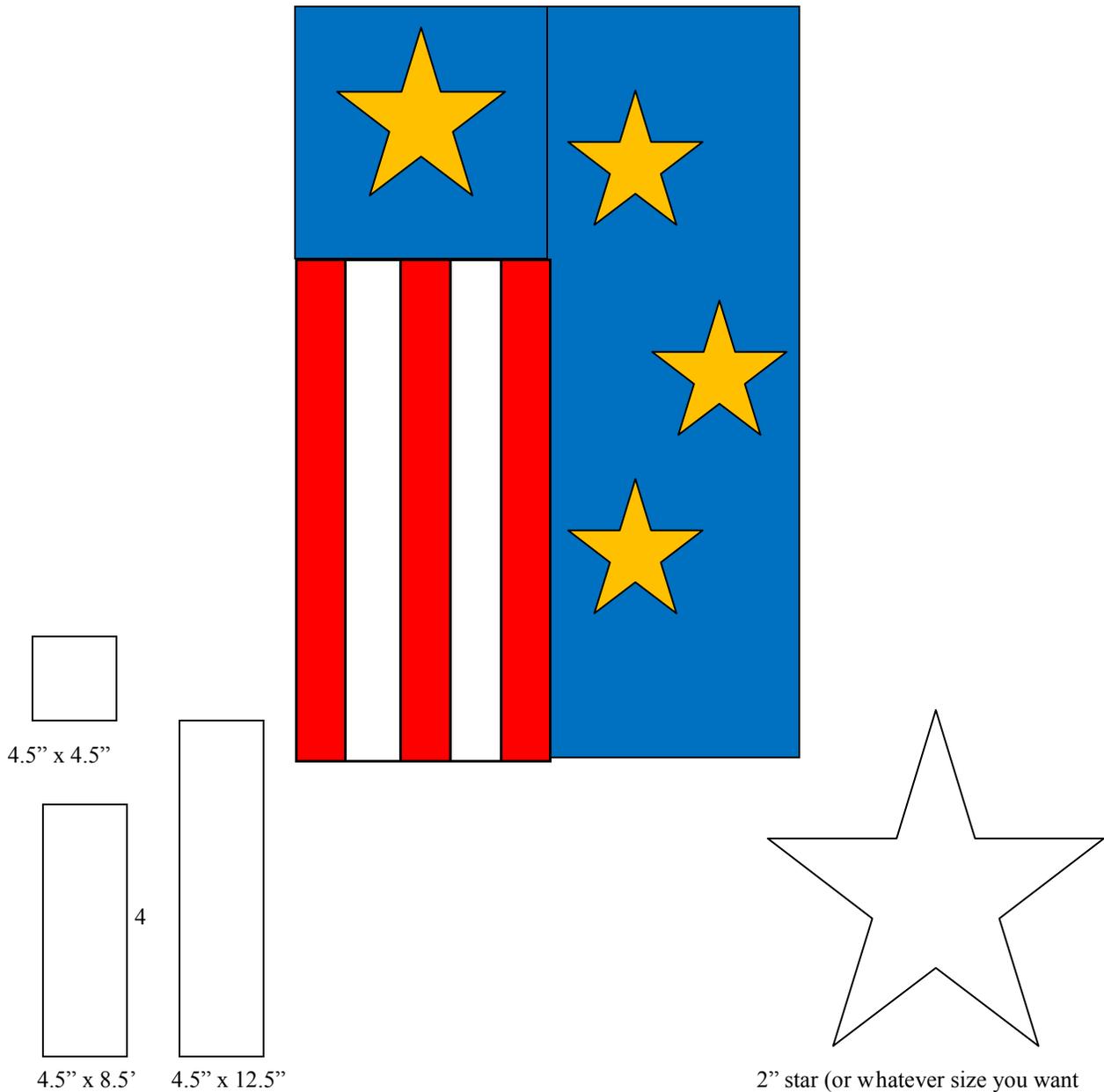
Sun: Noon-5 p.m.



July Block of the Month

Star Spangled Stripes
Finished block 8" x 12"

This month's block is an original pattern, although I'm sure you could find something similar if you looked. After all, there are only so many shapes and so many combinations. The trick for this block is using striped fabric for the "stripes." But be careful -- stripes can be tricky. For this block to work you need to use striped fabric with a repeat that fits within the 4" finished width. As an alternative, cut your stripes on the bias for a firecracker shape or use wavy striped fabric. The stars are raw-edge fused making this block quick and easy. Because this pattern makes a rather large block, it makes a very nice patriotic small quilt with just one block and a couple borders (think Boutique!).



2010 Events Calendar

July 27--- **Jo Morton**,
Making Something New
That Looks Like Olde.
\$5 for non-members

July 31 Open sew Perry
American Legion, Perry,
Kansas. 10 AM-10PM.
\$10/person

August 24---**Deb Row-**
den, Making Memories

September 28----Quilting Bee and Quilted Postcard
Workshop

September 17-19---SQG Retreat, The Barn

October 9 & 10-- SQG Quilt Show-" Everything Old is
New Again"

October 26---**Kathy Delaney**, It I'm the Appliqué
Queen, Where is My Crown?

November 16---**Caroline Searles**, Closets, Shelves,
Trunks, and Under the Bed



Advertisements

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Pieces in Plaid Quilting by Lynne Zeh. A professional full service quilter for 6 years. Located in Lenexa, KS.

Machine Quilting. Let's make your quilt special! Machine quilting; traditional or contemporary, simple or custom . Peggy Skaith 913-341-0525 or Especially-Quilts@att.net

Machine Quilting. Call Lea Robrahn

Machine Quilting by Julia Day. Is your piecing ready to transform? Call for your consultation today.

Communications-

Let us know of any concerns, deaths, triumphs, or if someone needs help with something. This way we know what is going on with our fellow members and can send cards, etc. Contact one of these members:

- Rosie Brinker---913-268-8819 or rosie474@aol.com
- Shirley Lewis---913-722-5486 or sll849@aol.com
- Barbara DeMack---913-485-3966 or barb-stoys4u@hotmail.com



Blog.

For those of you who are interested in quilts, especially old quilts, Donna Di-Nalale has started a new blog that will talk about some of her quilts. She will include information about collecting and caring for quilts, old and new. She'd love to have you follow along and provide comments. Here is the link: <http://heartlandquilts.blogspot.com/>



Starlight E-site—the Yahoo Group

---Lea Robrahn
Starlight E-Site is an online club where Starlight members get together to share photos, links, documents or files, and have a message board to post items of interest.

It sounds more complicated than it is. You can elect to read all information on the E-Site, which leaves your inbox less cluttered.

To join:

1. Send an email message to Lea Robrahn (remove spaces) leannieq@hotmail.com
2. You'll than be sent an invitation from Starlight E-Site
3. Join.

"FIND US ON FACEBOOK" <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106359079270>

Flag fact 2— The star in the American flag is associated with unity, independence or to represent the constituent parts of a nation.





Membership Information:

2010 Membership, New or Renewal, \$25.00. Your annual dues bring the newsletter chocked full of information and news of upcoming events to your e-mail or home; provide a lending library of quilting books available to members; and other benefits too numerous to mention!

Meeting Date and Time:

Monthly guild meetings are held 6:30-9:00 PM every 4th Tuesday, January-October at **Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nall, Mission, KS**. The November meeting date is determined each year based on the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no December meeting.



Changes: If you have moved, changed your name, e-mail address or telephone numbers (home, work, or cell), please bring them with you to the next guild meeting or mail them to Starlight Quilters Guild, PO Box 9362, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201

Newsletter Deadline:

Articles are due the 5th of the month. E-mail your article to Margaret Welch at mwelch5@kc.rr.com (913-432-4515) .



NEXT SQG MEETING!

Tuesday, June 27, 2010 6:30 PM—Meet friends, gobble some goodies, bring some boutique items or tickets, sign up to volunteer!

7:00 PM—Jo Morton

Meeting Cancellation:

SQG meetings will be canceled if the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes. Monitor announcements on TV and radio when bad weather threatens.



Remember to bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Goodies (if it is your Birthday)
- Fat Quarter (see list)

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