



Starlight Express

Starlight Quilters Guild

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May 2011

Presidents Message

By Lue Anne Christensen

Happy Sunny Day, Quilters, Aren't you so glad to see signs of spring, the sun, and flowers blooming! By the time you read this it may be freezing outside but today (May 3rd) it is such a beautiful day that I can hardly wait to be working outside (one of the perks of retirement). I will sew in the evening when it is too dark or chilly to garden. My plan for tonight's sewing project is a Linus quilt that needs quilting so I can turn it in at our next meeting. I am two quilts behind for my one-a-month goal for making Linus quilts. I know many of you have made similar goals for Linus quilts, but don't forget our other projects as a guild: place mats and small wall hangings for Meals on Wheels recipients. Of course, equally important are those projects for the boutique and the small quilts for our quilt show.



Many of you who heard Edie McGinnis at our April meeting know what a humorous and informative speaker she is. Her stories of the historical backgrounds of many of the quilts she has made were delightful. I bought several of her books which I am excited to actually put to use in the making of one or two of her quilts out of the feed sack fabric I bought when I visited my sister in Champaign, Illinois several years ago. I have had a difficult time using them because in themselves they are a treasure. I don't want to ruin them by cutting them up. It will happen though. I will be traveling to Illinois again this July to attend my 50th high school reunion in Moline. Of source, I will check there for old quilts and feed sacks. Obviously, I am looking forward to returning to my hometown and another visit to the antique shops my sister and I visited in the Champaign area.

More timely though is our next Starlight Quilters Guild meeting when Tony Munzio will be presenting a program on the 5 Ws of mystery quilts. For those of us accepting the challenge of Shirley's mystery quilt and for those of you who didn't accept the challenge but are curious about the 5 Ws, Tony's presentation promises to be both entertaining and informative. Perhaps, those of you who didn't step up to do the mystery quilt this year will do our next mystery quilt. When we are involved in the activities of a group, we always seem to get more out of that group. I know that is true for me. I am so anxious to complete the mystery quilt;

President's Message (cont'd)

As our summer months begin when we are able to travel more or have the time to search out those unwanted or cast off quilts at garage sales, estate sales, or antique shops; try to find out the history behind the quilt(s) you buy so that you can share these stories with our guild members at Show and Tell. With inspiration provided by some of our guild members who have made wonderful discoveries at such as the above sales, I am armed with dedication to pursue the purchase of a most wonderful quilt that I bought for pennies (hopefully) this summer. Best of luck to all of you this summer in your search for fantastic old quilts buy!

Happy Quilting and Shopping,

May Program

Tony Munoz

"THE FIVE W'S OF MYSTERY QUILTS: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY"

After teaching fifth grade for two years, third for eight years and second twenty-two years, Tony Munoz is enjoying retirement, though missing the kids, and finding more time to quilt. Tony has been quilting since 1981. He is a charter member of the Quilters' Guild of Parsons, a charter member and past president of the Kansas Quilters Organization, president and secretary of the Kaleidoscope Theatre For Young People, secretary of Delta Psi Omega theatre fraternity and quilts like a fool. One wonders when he found time to teach!

For his lecture on the Five W's Tony will bring a trunk show and discuss how quilts can become mysteries if no one knows anything about them. Using old photos from antique and junk shops Tony will note how no one knows who these people are because there is no information noted on them anywhere. He will then select 10 to 12 quilts from his trunk show and ask guild members to answer the 5 W's for each one. This should be a very entertaining and educational program so mark your calendars for our May 24 meeting.



Suzy Scissorhands



Dear SQG Friends,

What a wonderful spring we've had this year. It's hard to stay inside, even to sew. So I've decided to do some hand appliqué that I can take outside to work on. Did you know there are two ways to use freezer paper when you appliqué? This tip didn't come from a member (hey members – you need to send me your tips!!!). I got it from a friend who isn't a member, but should be.

I was familiar with cutting shapes out of freezer paper and pressing them "shiny side down" on the wrong side of my fabric. But I didn't know that sometimes it works better if you use the freezer paper dull side down on your fabric. This works especially well if you have *small* pieces or pieces with lots of *curves*.

Use a dab of basting (water soluble) glue to hold the freezer paper in place on the wrong side of the fabric. Cut the shape out leaving a 1/8 to 1/4" seam allowance on all sides. Snip the seam allowance wherever you have curves or points. Snip almost but not all the way through the seam allowance. Then take an iron (a mini such as the Clover "Adapter" works best) and press the seam allowance in over the shiny side of the freezer paper. Check to make sure the shape is smooth on the right side. If it isn't, release the freezer paper and press again until it's just right.

You can remove the paper now or after you appliqué the piece to your quilt top. Whenever you are ready to remove the paper, take a damp sponge and blot the spot of basting glue until it releases. If you haven't appliquéed the piece to the quilt simply remove the paper and carefully press again before sewing it to your quilt. If you've already sewn the piece on, carefully make a small cut in the background fabric behind your appliqué piece. Using your stitches as a guide cut out the background fabric and remove the freezer paper. Make sure you don't cut the appliqué piece you've just sewn.

Happy Quilting

Suzy

Boutique News-



Hello quilters! Thank you so much to those who have been bringing me items for the boutique! We have a really good start, and I'm looking forward to each meeting as we receive more "gifts". After the May meeting I'd like to schedule some group sewing sessions, more about that later. I have space in my sewing room for several people, and would love to have some evening "production" sessions in my workroom in addition to taking advantage of some bigger group settings. Contact me anytime at especialquilts@att.net, or 913-341-0525.

Zingy Log Cabin Workshop

August 20, 9:00 am – 3 pm

Taught by Jeanne Poore

Love Log Cabin quilts but hate cutting all those little pieces? Then this is the workshop for you. Jeanne Poore will show us how to make log cabin blocks the easy way. This is a good way to use up those leftover strips you have in your stash, too.

This is a hands-on workshop so you will need to bring your sewing machine AND there will be some pre-class cutting instructions.

The cost is \$15 for SQG members, \$25 for nonmembers. Be sure to sign up soon because class size is limited. The nonrefundable* workshop fee must be paid when you sign up.

*If you sign up and are unable to attend you may transfer your fee to someone else.



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:

Renee Arnett
Marilyn Carr
Karen Edwards
Christine Foo
Patty Kroll
Cyndy O'Rourke
Lea Robrahn
Jackie Stoaks



Opportunity Quilt 2011-

Opportunity quilt tickets for members to buy for themselves or sell to others will be ready at the May meeting. The quilt will be displayed at Harper's, Prairie Point and Quilter's Haven during the coming months. We welcome suggestions of other places to show the quilt and sell tickets -- maybe at your office or church or any other organization or club where you belong. Please call Karen Edwards or Donna diNatale with your suggestions. You will get credit for the tickets sold at a location you suggest.



LET'S DO THE BLOG HOP NOW!

Toni Caro

For Starlight Quilt Guild Members who QUILT & BLOG collect & LOVE fabric. Enjoy sharing your quilting creations? Linking up is quick and easy and will surely make for some enjoyable blog hopping! ! OR ~ Leave a comment with your favorite places to visit, it's easy! IF you Blog please add your link on the Starlight Blog :

<http://starlightquilters.blogspot.com>

ALSO ~ are you participating in the Starlight Mystery Challenge, or just want to peek at Works In Progress? (WIP) ... & finished projects Hop on over and see the FLICKR Group:

<http://starlightquilters.blogspot.com/p/challenges.html>

&

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/starlightchallenge/>

May Fat Quarter - Father's day



Concern-

Marcella Ryan owner of The Barn in Valley Falls, recently fell and broke her hip. She was hospitalized (possibly surgery), and is now recovering. If you remember she was battling cancer/chemo a couple years ago but seemed to have that under control.



2011 Opportunity Quilt a Success at IMQA

Starlight had the honor of exhibiting their 2011 Opportunity Quilt at the Machine Quilters Showcase on May 13. It received many compliments and volunteers took in \$85 on chances to win the quilt.

Thank you SQG members who volunteered to sell tickets and promote the 2011 Opportunity Quilt at the Showcase: Paula Quade, Lue Anne Christensen, Bernadine Farrow, Jeanne Poore, Marilyn Carr, Sandy Ralston and Donna di Natale.

If you would like to exhibit the 2011 Opportunity Quilt (and sell tickets) at your place of work, church, or other community outlet contact Donna di Natale, dinatale@att.net or 913-541-0283.

Members please pick up your Opportunity Ticket packets at the May meeting. Each member is asked to sell or purchase at least \$10 worth. Ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Membership

Marilyn Carr

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Hurley
Sharon Summers

April Attendance

Members	88
New members	2
Guest	<u>3</u>
Total	93



2011 Starlight Guild Challenge-

Mary Funk,

Colorful, cheerful panels— Dimensions are:
8-10 inches wide
15-18 inches long

Can be turned in at any meeting before September. These will be given to elderly/homebound.

Hand or machine crafted placemats are always accepted. These placemats will be going to Meals-on Wheels participants. If questions—please call Mary Funk at 913-262-8455.

Quilting machine for Sale

Lea Robrahn

Gammill Optimum Plus (stitch regulated) on 14 foot table with pivotal sit-or-stand access. Features include: EdgeRider wheels, swivel casters, zippered canvas leaders plus one extra set, 4 clamps with Velcro holders, 2-station needle positioner, vertical and horizontal channel locks, dual data display panels, dual control handles, Precision handles from thecalicokitten.com, built-in bobbin winder, standard and cone thread holders, automatic and manual variable speed control, low bobbin alert, thread-break alert, laser stylus, and extended throat plate.

Accessories include: Gammill Workstation with 4 double-sided templates, Gam Guide, Gam Guide Jr., Gammill Bullseye plus two other plexiglass squares, Linda's Applique helper, free-standing bobbin winder, over two dozen double capacity (M-size) bobbins, multiple cones of thread, extra needles, check springs, o-rings, other parts I've forgotten, needle point machine oil bottle, large oil refill bottle, technical guide and instructions for operating Gammill Longarm Quilting Machines and Accessories, and a few pantos.

Includes resources: Rick's Maintenance Library DVD, Linda Taylor's Fancy Feather Frenzy 2 DVD and Advanced Artistic Freeform 2 DVD and Irena Bluhm's Gammill Workstation Plus the Magic of Freehand Embellishment book.
\$12,500

Quilters Wisdom

With each new project it's back to square one.

Only a Quilter ...

By Tom and Madge Powls

We've all heard the classic line that only a quilter would take yards of material, cut it into little pieces and then sew them back together again. While this statement is true and a little funny to think about, it doesn't even scratch the surface of the things that only a quilter would do.

Only a Quilter would spend more hours sewing several hundreds of buttons on a quilt to embellish it, but wouldn't take five minutes to replace a button on a pair of pants.

Only a Quilter would give the gift of a wedding quilt two months after the birth of the couple's second child.

Only a Quilter would put hundreds of dollars worth of fabric in her fabric stash because she might find a use for it sometime, but wouldn't replace a 50-cent needle on her sewing machine.

Only a Quilter would let three later-arriving patients go ahead of her at the doctor's office because she is on the verge of completing a block.

Only a Quilter would rush to finish a gift quilt. Not so it's done in time for the recipient's birthday but so it is done in time for Show and Tell.

Only a Quilter would make a special quilt to give to her son, who would then have to attend quilts shows just to see it.

Only a Quilter would use freezer paper in the production of something to keep someone warm.

Only a Quilter has a welcome mat at the door to her home and an "Enter at Your Own Risk" sign on the door of her sewing room.

Only a Quilter invites everyone to see her sewing room, then says "Don't look at the mess".

Only a Quilter says, "I really don't need another project", then offers to make a quilt for a friend.

Only a Quilter will buy more than she'll ever need of one fabric for her stash, but slightly less than is needed for another project.

Only a Quilter would give a quilt book to the guild auction then bid on it to get it back.

Only a Quilter would drive 40 miles in a hurricane to attend the quilt show, but call out to have her dinner delivered because it is drizzling.

Only a Quilter's family would put up with, understand and love a quilter.

2011 Events Calendar

May 24---Tony Munoz, *The Five W's of Mystery Quilts: Who, What, When, Where, Why*

June 28---Linda Mooney, *Doll quilts and miniatures*

July 19---SQG Board meeting

July 26--- Joanna Figuero of Fig Tree Designs, TBA

August 23---Fat Quarter Bingo

September 27----Sewing Bee

September 16-18--- Retreat -The Barn

October 8 & 9- The Art Of Quilting, SQG Quilt Show, Bishop Miege High School

October 18---SQG Board Meeting

October 25---It's A Mystery, Author event

November 15---Ada Niedenthal, *Timeless Textiles*

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 DiNatale 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/>



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Machine Quilting. Custom Quilting by Peggy Skaith. especiallyquilts@att.net or 913-341-0525

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



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.

GARAGE SALE

8314 Walmer

May 26, 27 9 to 5

May 28 9 to noon

100% cotton fabric and fleece \$2.00 yard

Vintage sewing machines

Two feather weight sewing tables

Four treadle sewing machine drawers

Lots of odds and ends and access



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!

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) .



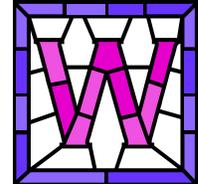
NEXT SQG MEET-

ING! Tuesday, May 24, 2011

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

7:00 PM— *Tony Munoz, The Five W's of Mystery*

Quilts: Who, What, When, Where, Why



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.

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.



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

Remember to bring:

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

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