

Booneslick Star

# QUILT-A-GRAM

Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild

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## From the CEO...

At the annual meeting, we passed the amendments to the by-laws and the proposed budget. Our newly elected officers are eager to start July 1. Martha Eberhard and her committee made our annual meeting day relaxed, fun, and informative. Thanks! The annual meeting is such an important part of guild life. I hope to see you all there next year!

This year we began updating our audio/visual equipment with the purchase of the new sound system. We have discussed other technologies that would enhance our programming.

In November Fairview United Methodist Church changed their building use policies. Suzanne Henage was able to secure space at the church for the guild library and sound system. Carrol Lewis and her family donated a storage unit for our quilt show supplies. Cindy Green stores hospitality supplies. Does Barbara Bauman want to be reminded of all the service project supplies she stored? These ladies deserve a special thank you for their unique support of the guild.

The 2005-2006 Board of Directors was a very dedicated group! Each person was so well suited to her position. At our last board meeting instead of hearing sighs of relief that our terms were over there was a lively discussion of ways to build on our guild's strong foundation to keep the momentum going. Our members shared some exciting and innovative ideas. Stay active to see how these plans develop!

People's reactions to me being CEO have been interesting. One of you sweet members implied that it was good for me to be the queen. My nephew John referred to my term in office as my reign of terror! I hope you all enjoyed this past year as much as I did!

Thanks for your help and encouragement!

Carol Jean



## July Programs

**Day Chapter** - Susan Forrest will be presenting the program for the Day Chapter meeting on July 10th. She will be giving a lecture called "Using Principles of Art to Design Quilts." She will talk about composition, use of objects, and thought process to visualize how to design your pieces, and other helpful tips. She will be showing some of her projects and finished quilts.

**Starlight Piecemakers** - Kim Diehl will be presenting a lecture and trunk show for the Evening Chapter meeting on July 6th. The release of her second book "Simple Traditions" is just off the press. Most of the samples Kim made for her new book will be with her. It's not too late to sign up for the Friday July 7th or Saturday July 8th workshops. Let Lauri Rich or Patti Cantu know if you want to attend the workshops. Kim will be at Miss Millie's for a book signing Saturday at 2:00 PM. Kim will be there to autograph either of her books, "Simple Blessings" or "Simple Traditions." Miss Millie has instructed Pam Oliver to order two cases of "Simple Traditions" books so you can purchase it before the book signing. Kim will have her samples on exhibit at the book signing for your close inspection.

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Published monthly by Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild, a not-for-profit organization, established in 1978, and dedicated to educating its members and the community in the art and appreciation of quilt making.

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Regular meetings of the Guild are held on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm and the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Fairview United Methodist Church, 3200 Chapel Hill Rd., Columbia, Missouri. Annual dues are \$30 for the fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Dues are payable on July 1st. Newsletter deadline is the Wednesday after the Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 pm, of each month. Email items to Willie Morris at morrisw@missouri.edu

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Starlight Piecemakers Guild Meeting	July 6 7 pm	Fairview United Methodist Church
Day Chapter Guild Meeting "Sit and Sew"	July 10 1 pm noon	Fairview United Methodist Church
Executive Board Meeting	July 10 6:30 pm	Suzanne Henage's Home
Deadline for June Newsletter items	July 12 5 pm	E-mail to Willie Morris at morrisw@missouri.edu
Evening Appliqué	July 17 6:30 pm	Library - Room B
Charm Group	July 18 9:30 am	Library
UFO	July 25 9:30-2:30	Library - Friendship Room
Art group	July 25 7 pm	Appletree Quilt Shop
Redwork	July 27 9:00 am	Joan Waller's Home 15 Fleming Drive

It is time to renew your BTQG membership. Please fill out the membership renewal form enclosed in the newsletter and mail it to:

Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild  
P.O. Box 542  
Columbia, MO 65205-0542

Please note that dues have increased to \$30 for the 2006-2007 year.

### Treasurer's Report - May 31, 2006

<b>Checking:</b>	<b>3,235.34</b>
<b>IMMA:</b>	<b>3,502.53</b>
<b>CD's:</b>	<b>10,460.66</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Total Members as of 05/31/06</b>
	<b>248</b>

## From the Presidents...

### Day Chapter

It's time for the new year! That is for BTQG. Many thanks for Becky Covington for her leadership last year. I have appreciated all the help you the members have given me this past year. We need all of you to contribute to make this guild truly a place of learning and enjoyment of the full range of quilting. Our diversity is our strength.

As I said before I am still an apprentice to you master quilters, but I am learning each time I come to a meeting or participate in an interest group. If you are in an interest group, please let us know if you have openings. There has been an interest in the "Dear Jane." Let Ann Rennie and Anna Mary Hughes know if you would like to join or at least meet with them for info.

I will introduce our new officers and committees at our meeting on **July 10th**. Our meeting will be a week later so you can enjoy the July 4th holiday in style. Meet for "sit and sew" at 12:00. Bring a sack lunch and catch up with your friends.

At the meetings that will not have trunk shows, we would like to showcase your quilts. Those green walls just aren't very exciting. So for July, we thought it would be appropriate to show patriotic quilts. I am sure you have just gotten them out to have on display at your own homes, so could you bring one to share with us? You may have brought them before for show and tell but we would love to see them again. We will hang these up so we can be red, white and blue. Isn't summer great. I hope it brings you some time to quilt.

Ann Rennie will do a Booneslick Star demo from 12-1 on July 10th. If you have questions about the process or supplies, call Ann at 573-424-7459(C) or 573-657-5224(H) or email [ann@rennier.net](mailto:ann@rennier.net).

Looking forward to Aug. 7th. Karol Owens is coming from St. Charles, MO. She will give a lecture on "Setting Solutions". Karol has over 30 years experience as a quilter, served 12 years with the Silver Dollar City craft guild, and is a distinguished international teacher. She will also have a trunk show. Before the meeting there will be a repeat of the Booneslick Star demonstration by Ann Rennie.

We also have received a special invitation to go

see the quilts from the UMC Cornett collection. Laurel Wilson is the curator. She spoke last March and couldn't bring all of the quilts. She is very knowledgeable about fabrics restoration and conservation but is still learning about quilt patterns etc. This full collection has never been on display. This is quite an opportunity. This will be on Aug. 15th. Please see full details in separate invitation.

See you in July....Nancy Antonio

### Starlight Piecemakers Chapter

I wish to thank all of you who have voted me into office. I do appreciate the honor and will try to meet your expectations. Mindy and Becky did such good jobs as President, I aspire to keep up with them.

We have a fabulous group of ladies that have volunteered to help the Starlight Piecemakers this year. Please remember to say "Hi" and thank them for their time and efforts. Lauri Rich VP has been hard at work looking for those perfect programs to help us each grow as quilters. If you have thought or heard about someone you would like to see at our programs, please let her know. The programming for 2006-2007 is almost complete, but there are several openings for 2007-2008 year.

During the August Starlight Piecemaker meeting we will be enjoying a visit from Karen Guthrie and we will also be piecing boutique items under the stars. If you have any unfinished boutique projects bring them with you to complete during the 2nd half of the meeting. If you need something to work on, Suzanne, Janice and Jan will have it there for you. It's time to start collecting the completed boutique items. The Quilt Show will be here before we know it. The profits from the boutique assist with guild expenses, please help if you can.

The Quilt Show Challenge involves the Booneslick Star. Thirty minutes before the day and evening guild meetings in July and August you can attend instruction sessions on how to sew this pattern. Please come and learn. For the evening guild meetings in July Bettina will show us how to hand piece the block and in August Suzanne will show us how to machine piece the block.

I look forward to seeing you soon....Patti

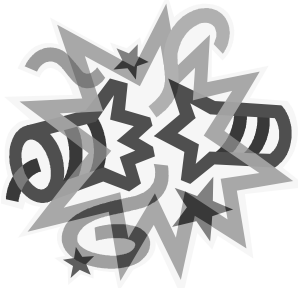
## Thank You BTQG

When I think of the Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild, the first thing to come to mind is all the wonderful friends I've made in the guild. I knew I wanted signatures on my CEO quilt because I have such great affection for the members of our guild. I wanted Booneslick Stars on the quilt because they remind me of the pride I have in our guild. We are fortunate to have a quilt block designed specifically for our guild logo.

Thank you all for making the signature blocks! They are gorgeous. I'll have some squares at the July chapter meetings to be sure I get everyone's signature. Martha Eberhard did a fantastic job of organizing this project. She was so patient with me when I kept changing my mind about colors and settings. Thanks, Martha! Martha, Fern Turner, and my sister, Linda O'Keefe let me go through their fabric stashes for my quilt. That was fun!

I've even had some volunteers to help make the Booneslick Star blocks. You all are the best! This quilt will be a perfect reminder of the memories we've made. Thanks!

Carol Jean



The poem *Untitled* published in last month's newsletter with Author Unknown was written by Cynicky Phin and first published in Bettina Havig's book *Carrie Hall Blocks*. Please do not reproduce or republish the poem without permission from Bettina as she holds the copyright to the poem.

My apologies to Bettina for violating her copyright. My source did not identify the information about the copyright.

Willie

## Use Your BTQG Library!

Two Jewels in our Guild Library

There are two books in our Guild Library which I want to call to your attention. These are not instructional books regarding how to quilt. However, both books contain inspiration and wisdom in our quilting world and within our quilting family. These are books I read rather casually, but now months after reading them I frequently think about their contents and find they have greatly influenced my outlook and enriched my quilting experience.

The first book is *NO TIME ON MY HANDS* by Grace Snyder. Grace Snyder wrote these words in her eightieth year with the assistance of her daughter, Nellie. Grace actually lived twenty years after their publication to the age of 100. Grace Snyder was born into a pioneer Nebraska family living in a sod house on the frontier in 1885. "As a child of seven and up," writes Grace, "...I wished that I might grow up to make the most beautiful quilts in the world, to marry a cowboy, and to look down on top of a cloud. At the time I dreamed those dreams and wished those wishes, it seemed impossible that any of them could ever come true." But she saw all of these dreams realized. This book relates her early life in the sod house era, her married life on a ranch in Nebraska's sand hills and later flying above the clouds to exhibits where her quilts contribute to the worldwide revival of quilting.

Next is the book *A COMMUNION OF THE SPIRITS: AFRICIAN-AMERICAN QUILTERS* by Roland L. Freeman. Mr. Freeman is a photographer and folklorist who has spent 25 years documenting Black quilting practices throughout America. He has actually lived with quilts for all of his 60-plus years of life. Roland Freeman came by this love of quilts as a boy growing up in Baltimore in the 1940's when he was fascinated by a "healing quilt" that had been made by his great, great grandmother. "Quilts were special, even magical to me," he says. "They could heal and they could curse; they could capture history and affect the future; they could transform pain to celebration." Mr. Freeman sees quilts as objects of art, symbols of heritage and, of course, something to keep you warm."

Joan Westcott, Librarian



## 2006 BTQG QUILT SHOW A TRAIL OF STARS

It was personally a wonderful year for me as president of the Starlight Piecemakers....what a lovely group of women you are. Thanks so much for being so gracious—I so enjoyed being with you. But somebody save me a seat because now I get to sit with you and concentrate on the quilt show.

We will be including a separate page about the quilt show in each of the newsletters through November in an effort to keep you updated. I will try to include as much information for you as I can. Please send me emails or give me a call if you have questions or ideas.

We have begun printing the pamphlets and brochures and will have them at each of the meetings. The tickets are in the final stages of edits and will be printed soon. I believe we have filled all the vendor booths but one and that will be finalized very soon. Plans are to have the raffle quilt finished in July. We are scheduled on the Paul Pepper show for Monday, November 13, at 8:45 a.m. Bettina will be teaching a class during our show this year—more about that later. The entry form will be available on our web site and we will also have paper copies available for you at the day and evening program meetings. We are adding a Missouri Guilds Gallery this year—I will be telling you more about that later. There will be much more information about these projects and more as time goes on.

Please make a note on your calendars.....You may have seen the little “shopping purses” I recently made as gifts for the 05-06 evening board members. A few of you have requested that we have a class to make them....your wish is our command. We have scheduled the Library Friends Room for Saturday, August 26, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. I will provide more information and a supply list for you at the July meetings. They are really a lot of fun to make and not only cute, but great little purses. The only requirements are that we will ask you to make 2 and donate 1 to the boutique and you will need to purchase a pattern. I will arrange to have to patterns available for you.

### Challenge

Donna Baker and Becky Covington are coordinating the Booneslick Star Challenge for the quilt show. They thought it would be good to include a list of the rules again, so they are listed below. Please contact Donna or Becky for more information or with questions.

1. The overall size of your piece/wall hanging must be at least 9 inches square.
2. The overall size cannot be larger than 24 inches by 24 inches.
3. Your piece/wall hanging can be any shape other than a square but within the above size range.
4. The Booneslick Star(s) pattern can be anywhere on the piece/wall hanging and can be any size.
5. Must put a 4 inch sleeve at the top.
6. There is no limit on color.
7. Any and all embellishments are OK – beads, buttons, feathers, thread painting, paper piecing, painting, any technique.
8. Be creative.
9. You may enter as many as you want.
10. Must include a label.
11. And remember.....demonstrations for constructing the Booneslick Star pattern are scheduled as follows:  
Day Chapter - Ann Rennie will provide a demonstration for you from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. prior to the day chapter July and August meetings.

Evening Chapter – Bettina Havig will do a demonstration at 6:30 p.m. for the July evening chapter meeting and Suzanne will do one at 6:30 p.m. for the August evening meeting.

Stay tuned.....we have a lot more to talk about!!

## Let's Get Acquainted- Friendship Block Winners

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**NAME:** Susan Forrest

**CHAPTER:** Day Chapter

**MONTH:** June

**Background and Family Information:** I grew up in Branson, MO when it was a quaint small town and "The Strip" was four blocks in Rockaway Beach. Anyone remember that? My husband and I met in Columbia while we were students in the late 50's. After trying to seek our fortune in Texas, we came home to Missouri. Dale's parents and grandparents farmed in the area so we came to Sturgeon "temporarily." And now I've lived here 45 years. Life certainly leads us to unexpected places. We raised three sons here. Dale retired in 1999 and died in 2003. My joys now are three grandchildren who live in Columbia.

**How did you get interested in quilting:** My mother was quilting in the 30's. A few we used but most were kept to treasure. There are some very interesting stories about this collection. She revived her interest in quilts in the 80's and pieced off and on until completing her last quilt top in 2005 at the age of 99. I started making a quilt or two just to let her know the heritage would continue. Little did I think it would lead to where quilting has taken me now!

**Tell about your favorite project:** Leaves - pieces, appliquéd, fused or glued are my favorite types of quilts. It's that love of the outdoors in my hillbilly soul.

**Some other interests:** My former title was "The Santa Gourd Lady." Dale grew gourds and did the dirty work and I painted them as Santas. This mushroomed into quite an enterprise and partnership. Now I paint a few each year and they are sold at Blue Stem in Columbia. Now the outdoors is where you usually find me. When my home was built in 1967, we started with two oak trees on the edge of an open field and now it is a forest. Quilting used to take second place and be done when it was either too hot or too cold outside. But lately it seems the draw of the sewing room and design

board is bringing me inside even on good days.

**Choice of a Friendship Block:** You can just about bet it will have something to do with leaves.



**NAME:** Kathy Harvey

**CHAPTER:** Starlight Piecemakers

**MONTH:** June

**Background and Family Information:** State Design Engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation during the day, longarm quilter at night! I have a husband, two wonderful sons (one is 7 and will be in 2nd grade, the other is 22 and is a junior at the University of Missouri - Rolla in the aerospace engineering program). I also have 4 step-children, all old enough to be out of the house and on their own! I was raised in Joplin, Missouri and have lived in the Jefferson City area for 12 years. My parents still live in Joplin.

**How did you get interested in quilting:** : My mother. I've been sewing my entire life but I did not try quilting until I moved to Jefferson City. My mother had tried for years to get me interested, but failed! My first attempt was a Quilt in a Day class taught at Nichols Career Center in JC. After that I was hooked!! Two years ago I went the next step and bought my longarm quilting machine so now I can do it all, start to finish!

**Tell about your favorite project:** Each one as I work on it is my favorite. The most challenging was the quilt my husband wanted... he wanted blocks that depicted everything he hunts! Finding patterns was quite a chore and for a turkey I never did find a pattern, I drew up my own. Another challenge I had was the watercolor quilt I did for my bed, queen size and all 2" squares! It took about 3 years to complete.

**Choice of a Friendship Block:** It will be a surprise at the meeting because I have not had time to figure it out!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING...

May 23-June 29 - "The 2006 Missouri Fiber Artist Association Exhibit", Ashby-Hodge Art Gallery, Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30-4:00 pm. Artists reception June 28th.

August 4-5 - MOKA meeting in Pittsburg, KS, Friday August 4 - "The Story of Quilts of Della Morris" by Nancy Hornback, Saturday August 5 - "Quilts in Red and Green" by co-authors Nancy Hornback and Terry Clothier Thompson. Contact Linda Frihart, 620-232-2186, lfrihart@apexcorp.com; Elaine Huntsinger, 620-232-9148, hndquiltz@sbcglobal.net

September 9 - Quilts on Main Quilt Show, Main Street, St. Charles, MO. This year's theme: "Quilts in Bloom" featuring floral quilts, art quilts, etc. Saturday 9 am-5pm.

September 30-October 1 - 19th Annual Country Patchwork Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Saturday, Sept. 30 9am-5pm, Sunday, Oct. 1, 10am-5pm, Salt Fork YMCA, 740 East Yerby, Marshall, MO 65340, www.countrypatchworkquilters.com



### MEMBERSHIP

#### Updates

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##### Susan Forrest

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### Service Project Quilts

The total number of service project quilts distributed between June 2005 and June 2006:

Rainbow House -- 58 quilts  
Ronald McDonald House --26 quilts  
The Women's Center --20 quilts  
The Linus Project --3 quilts  
Houston Katrina Relief project --1 quilt

This is a total of **108** quilts given by BTQG this year.

Thanks very much to all the members who contributed their time, talent, and fabric to make this possible.

Barbara Bauman



### Special Invitation:

**When:** August 15, 2006  
2:00 pm or 3:30 pm (two sessions)

**Where:** UMC

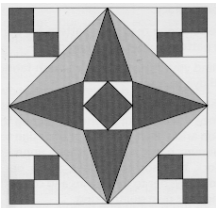
Dr. Laurel E. Wilson has invited members and guests of the guild to see the quilts from the UMC Cornett collection. There will be two sessions so that there is room for all. Meet in Gwynn Lounge and Gwynn 101. Gwynn is located right behind Memorial Union on the right side beside Stanley Hall. Park in the University Avenue Parking Garage. This would be a good time to car pool. What an opportunity!



### Appletree Quilting & Viking Center Guild Appreciation Discount For BTQG Members

*On the day of each of the two Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild monthly meetings, Appletree Quilting & Viking Center will offer guild members a 20% discount on non-sale items. This includes fabric (1/2 yard min.), notions, books, and machine accessories. (Machines, sewing cabinets, and class fees are excluded).*

*Please present your BTQG membership card to take advantage of this offer.*



**Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild**  
**P.O. Box 542**  
**Columbia, MO 65205-0542**



### **Day Chapter Meeting**

**July 10, 1 p.m.**

**Susan Forrest**

*“Using Principles of Art to Design Quilts”*

### **Starlight Piecemakers Chapter Meeting**

**July 6, 7 p.m.**

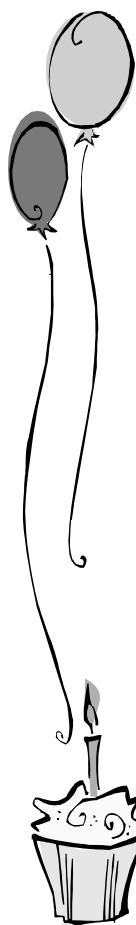
**Kim Diehl**

**Lecture and Trunk Show**

### **Happy Birthday**

#### **July**

Lola Bolton	7
Lauri Rich	9
Mindy Smith	9
Sally Johnson	10
Corinne Remeika	11
Fern Turner	11
Linda Smith	20
Susan Forrest	21
Nancy Skelly	21
Teri White	21
Kay Grebing	22
Pat Sanders	22
Connie Miltenberger	23
Sue Turnquist	24
Frances Cope	26
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## BTQG Membership Form 2006-2007

The membership and fiscal year of the BTQG is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. All dues are payable July 1, 2006. Please complete this form and return it with your dues. Annual dues are \$30.00. **To be included in the Directory, membership form and dues must be received by August 15, 2006.** New members joining January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007 will pay \$15.

**Return completed membership form with \$30 cash or check made payable to BTQG, PO Box 542, Columbia, MO 65205-0542.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check One: New member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORY:** (Please print info as you want it to appear in the Directory). **NOTE:** All information will be included in the BTQG Membership Handbook and Directory. If you do not want the information published, **do not** include it.

**Please check here if the information is unchanged from last year's directory.**

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**Please check the box if you would like to receive the newsletter by Email ONLY**

It takes many, many volunteers to support a guild of our size. Please give serious consideration to serving on a committee(s). Your voice and support are important. By serving on a committee, you can help make the guild more yours. Please check the committee(s) on which you would like to participate. Job descriptions are in the Membership Directory or feel free to ask the current chairperson for information.

### Executive Committees:

\_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Show  
\_\_\_\_\_ Library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Publications (Newsletter & Directory)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Retreat  
\_\_\_\_\_ Service Projects

### Chapter Committees:

Membership Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospitality Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
Friendship Blocks Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have an idea for a program or workshop? Or perhaps a collection of quilts you'd be willing to offer for a trunk show? If so, please let us know by writing a note on the back. Other comments and suggestions are also welcome.**