

## 2016 WOW Survey Comments and Responses

- Speakers that you would like to see:
  - Terry Atkinson – doesn't do lectures/workshops anymore
  - Lori Smith - \$1000 for lecture plus workshop fee.
  - Pam Bono – no longer living
  - Claudia Clark Myers – Have tried contacting but has not responded to our request. Doesn't do workshops/lectures to my understanding.
  - Gudrin – Was here for quilt show in 2013; will recommend her for future programs
  - Darlene Zimmerman – she has been here often in the past; but will recommend for future programs due to interest
  - Local speakers – If the local speaker is also a national speaker, their fees are the same as national speakers. We save on hotel/travel but the lecture fees are the same.
  - Want a variety of speakers for education purposes.
  - Scott Flannigan – not familiar with him, will recommend for future programs.
  - Mike Ellingson – tried to reach him on several occasions; but he has never responded.
  - Lola Jenkins – She has been a speaker at MN Quilters and again at their recent quilt show. Will recommend for future programming.
  - Page Johnson – Paige is a long-arm quilter. Not sure we have enough interest in a long-arm quilter as a speaker.
  - Kristin Lawson –She is from MN and a member of the MN Modern Quilters and is a blogger. Possible speaker for future programming.
  - Marilyn Foreman –is local and creates traditional patterns such as Kaleidoscope, Stars, etc. Excellent suggestion and will suggest as a possible speaker for next year.
- Topics You Would Like to see:
  - Quilt Design, Color Theory – Many of our speakers have included this in their lectures and workshops (ie: Pam Dinndorf), and will continue to look for this
  - Art Quilts – Recent Speakers: Jane Sassaman, Carol Taylor, Vikki Pignatelli. Will recommend Art Quilts for future programming as they have led to increased membership.
  - Eco Dying – Tried to do wool dying and not enough interest. MN Textile Center offers a variety of dying classes (Eco, Shibori, Wool, etc.) that are very affordable.
  - Applique –We have had several applique speakers including Laura Wasilowski, Jane Sassaman, Lenore Crawford. Could try Pat Cox again.

- English Paper piecing/Hexie/Millifiore – Will recommend for future programming.
- Quilts of Valor – The “Quilts of Valor” small group is always looking for help and is a great resource for this.
- Memory Quilts – Will recommend for future programs down the road.
- Traditional Piecing – Recent speakers include: Judi Madsen, Karen Stone, Anne Petersen, Sherri Falls, Pam Dindorff, Stitchin Sisters.
- Reproduction, Civil War – 4 Seasons and Eagle Creek Quilt Shop both sell many books and have many classes on these topics.
- Quilt as you Go/Trapunto/Embroidery Applique – Will suggest for future programming depending upon interest.
- Machine Quilting – Recent speakers include: Susan Stein, Judi Madsen, Anne Petersen
- Barn Quilts – Have a speaker scheduled for January 2017
- Historical Quilts – Have speakers in the first half of 2017. Gail Bakkom will be presenting Bold Letters on quilts with signatures and letters. Jean Carlton will be presenting Antique Doll Quilts.
- What could be different –
  - Publicity/Descriptions – Printed information under signup sheet, information in the newsletter, information on website, and people can always contact Robin directly. The speaker’s websites are always included so you can research before you sign up. Have also started to send the sign-up sheets around during the meetings.
  - Mondays not good for Workshops - Workshops are scheduled on the same day as the guild meeting to save on hotel/travel expenses for national speakers.
  - Want Weekend Workshops - We’ve tried Saturday workshops with local speakers and they have been just as difficult to fill as Monday workshops.
  - Slide Shows – leave the lights on in the back so people don’t fall asleep
  - Want more traditional speakers – We have had several traditional speakers including Judi Madsen, Anne Petersen, Sherri Falls, Pam Dindorff, Stitchin Sisters.
- Why don’t you attend workshops –
  - Don’t want to use vacation
  - Can’t afford, funds are tight, limited budget
  - Not done with last year’s workshop quilts, Behind in quilts already started, and haven’t finished last year’s quilts.
  - Don’t want to carry my sewing machine
- What are other guilds doing that you would like to try:
  - Mystery Quilts

- Studio Tours
- Member workshops
- Quilt Shop Hops
- Small Groups – Techniques or groups that you would like to see:
  - Art Quilts
  - Fabric Surface Design
  - Civil War Quilts, Pony Club Quilts, Jane Austin etc?
  - Need to Publish List of Small Groups that are accepting new members – Action Item: will try to publish list by the end of the year.
- Ideas on How to Get New Members
  - Update website – Action Item: The board is contacting local schools and vo-tech to see if we can get someone to update for free.
  - Social Media / Advertise online
  - Post something on Facebook Each week
  - Assign a “Buddy” to new members to make sure they feel welcome
  - Welcome Tea for new members – Action Item – Judey Mages, from membership has agreed to schedule New Member Tea in spring 2017.
- Would you like to see Member demos? If so, what topics?
  - Yes - 8
  - No - 2
    - Quick & easy gift ideas
    - Fabric Choices
    - Quilting Basics
    - Embroidered applique
    - Speaker of someone who’s been to Paducah
- Do you think we should continue the retreat?
  - Yes - 3
  - Not interested / Don’t Do Retreats / Have never been / Go to other retreats - 7
- Are there programs that should be eliminated?
  - Fabric dyeing – too messy
  - Picnic
- Ideas for the Web-page / News letter
  - Needs updating possibly new logo - Action Item: The board is contacting local schools and vo-tech to see if we can get someone to update for free
  - List upcoming speakers
  - Keep it current
- Should we continue with the quilt show every other year
  - Yes – 14

- Should have a show every year - 1
- Other topics –
  - Perhaps break down the board positions and Committee positions into smaller roles (smaller time commitments) or pair people up so that the pressure isn't on just one person. If someone's life gets hectic they have a backup then.
  - Comment "Not a t a fan of Picnics" - The picnic saves us money on a speaker and provides the group an opportunity to socialize.
  - Don't like Make and Takes –Again, this format saves us money and helps keep the costs down. It is also another great way for the group to socialize.
  - When we mention people we should use the first and last name. – This is a great suggestion. Action Item – we will be providing name tags at future meetings so everyone will have a name tag.