

# WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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## Linda Hohag: Brandywine Designs

From traditional appliqué to simple pieced quilts, Brandywine Design has a wonderful selection of patterns and books for all quilt lovers. The designs are unique and timeless with clear and easy to understand instructions.

**Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

## November Program Highlights

*By Lori Allison*

“Hello I’m Shirley Krantz and I’m an addict” is how Shirley began her program. She clarified and said she’s addicted to quilting. Shirley delighted members with her many miniature quilts and quips, including “I’m a member of AA – appliqué attitude” or “I got a wild hair today – and named a miniature quilt pattern ‘Wild Hair.’”

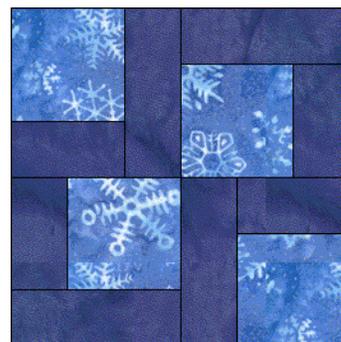
She began quilting in the 60’s when a friend, who was cleaning out her mother’s house, gave Shirley boxes of fabric and quilt supplies. Shirley tickled WOW members with the story of her first lumpy quilt batting – an old chenille bedspread quilted by hand with a big long needle and double thread. When she eventually found batting, it was Mountain Mist and it included some free patterns inside.

Shirley began her quilt career before rotary cutting and she mainly hand pieced and quilted, although today her miniature patterns have rotary cutting and machine piecing instructions.

She says with four children in five years – they were all teenagers at the same time and quilting was her therapy. Shirley found she cannot stay home and continues to work part time at Gruber’s in Waite Park and teaches quilt classes based on her patterns.



Because her mother was one of seven sisters, the seven sisters quilt pattern was a sentimental favorite of Shirley’s and she made this full size as well as a miniature.



## Block of the Month

Booklets for block of the month for 2010 are now available. See the website and print the months you want, or see Carol Fischer or Sandy Johnson for a printed copy.

Block for January is a 12” finished “Patience Corner” made from light blue snowflake and medium blue.



President elect, Karen Peterson and Becky Miller show some of Shirley Krantz’ miniature quilts.

## Upcoming Program....

### Member 5 X 10 Trunk Show

Five members show 10 quilts.

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

## Letter From Our President



Christmas is past. New Years Eve is past. And now it is time to quilt!!

As some of you know I am in Florida for the first part of 2010. My friend and Co President, Mary

Gunness will be heading up our meetings from January to May. I am not sure just when I will be returning to Minnesota but for sure not until the SNOW is gone.

Although there are quilt shops in my area they are few and far between. So I have brought some of my Stash with me. However I never seem to have just the right thing. I made a trip to Four Seasons before I left and bought a Four Patch Posies pattern and material to get started. I have several projects I have taken, including a Brandywine pattern called Critters Dancin' in the Moonlight for my new grandson.

I have been using the applique method that Mary Gunness demo'd at the our Quilt show in October. Although I did have some trouble with markings on the dark background, the method worked quite well. I found that placement of each figure was much more accurate. It has also been easier to pack up and work on wherever I go. No freezer paper, on templates and no fusible web. My aim is to finish this quilt and have it ready to hang by the time I return.

I will be keeping in touch with our guild through Mary and I am looking forward to our mystery quilt. It has been a long time since I tried one. The last one was a Celtic Knot at retreat. No one could guess what it was until the very last clue.

While I will miss all of you and also our wonderful fabric stores, I am not going to miss the snow and cold. Have a great winter and stay safe and well.

Your Co-Pres & Freind, Karen

## Minutes for Nov 23 WOW Meeting

President Carol Olson opened the meeting.

There were no new members, and 8 guests present. The board recommended we give \$200 to Redeemer Lutheran Church. A motion was made and second to give this donation. Motion passed.

Carol announced that Grubers will be taking a bus to International Market Quilt Show in Chicago in April. There will not be a newsletter for December, however a notice will be sent to everyone regarding the Christmas meeting on December 14th.

Secret Sisters will be revealed at the December meeting. You can sign up for the 2010 Secret Sisters now.

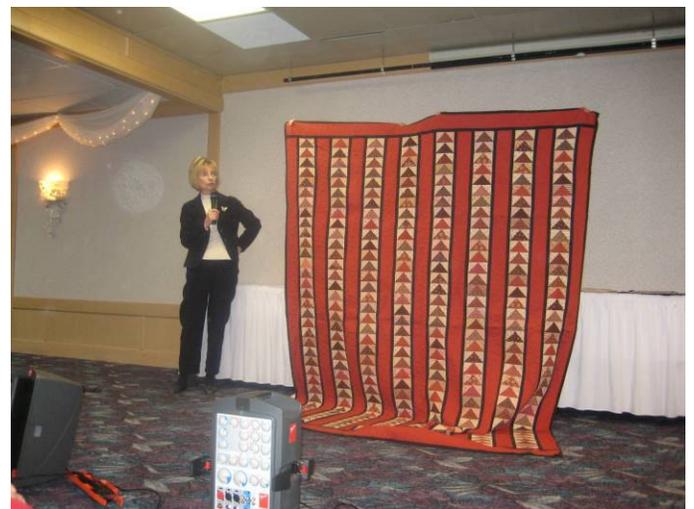
71 placements have been turned in to date.

Gigi announced the winners for selling most raffle tickets, Florine and Janna were the winners. She also gave the 6 awards for those who volunteered for the show.

Block of the Month winner was Connie O'Dell who also won the fat quarters  
The Block of the Month booklet for next year is now on sale for \$2.00.  
Birthday club earned \$59.50.

Olga Challman, Secretary

More photos of "Grandma" Shirley Krantz.....



## WOW Board Minutes November 16, 2009

Members present: Carol Olson, Mary Gunness, Sue Nelson, Lynda Guisinger, Mary Hess, Dean Davis, Wendy Fedie, Karen Petersen, Chris Huesers, Gigi Hickey, Sharon Dudziak, and Olga Challman  
Carol Olson called the meeting to order. She mentioned that Grubers Quilt Shop will be having a bus to the Chicago Quilt show in April 15-17 2010. The Christmas party will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Planning a member show and tell of Christmas items made by members. We will have gift certificates from the local Quilt Shops, Blue Bamboo, 4 Seasons, Noble Quilters and Quilted Treasures as door prizes.

Cake and coffee will be provided.

Along with the fabric donations to Redeemer Church, a motion was made and seconded that we give a donation of \$200.00.

Gigi Hickey gave a financial report on the Quilt Show. The profit from the show was \$3,339.87 and from the Raffle Quilt \$1,346.29. Proceeds from the raffle quilt must be used as charity donation or education open to everyone. We have donated \$500.00 to Bundles of Love, therefore we have \$846.29 to be distributed.

Chris H passed out a copy of the budget for 2010. After discussion, a motion was made and carried to accept the budget as it stands.

Dean Davis talked about potential speakers for the next year. She discussed having a speaker who would also do a workshop.

Membership dues were discussed. One change to encourage new members is to reduce cost to those who receive newsletter on line, and those who volunteer.

There is no December board meeting.

*Meeting adjourned, Olga Challman, Secretary*

**Birthday Club** is led monthly by Mary Havisto and Carol Henderson. You may commemorate any event that you like – including birthdays – with a quilt-related donation.



Above: Jane Larson, Carol Henderson & Emily Bloudek show donated placemats for holiday Meals on Wheels. Below: Carol Henderson & Emily Bloudek show two of the many community service quilts turned in at the November program.



## Membership News

87 members attended the November program. One new member, Ann Schaezel, was welcomed to WOW. 67 members and 5 guests attended the December 14 holiday celebration.

*Mona Harmann*

## Community Service

Many thanks for the quilts you have given to use in our Community Service projects in 2009.....*Jane Larson*  
Any questions about community service quilts, please call me, Jane Larson @ 952-938-9297

STANDARD SIZES for charity quilts:

Meals On Wheels Placemats.....12" x 18"  
Stillborn Infant Memory Quilts.....20" X 24"  
Veterans Wheelchair Lap Quilts.....34" X 43"  
Lap Quilts & Baby/Crib.....38" to 42" by 48" to 54"

## Inclement Weather Policy

We base our decision to cancel a monthly guild meeting on whether or not the Wayzata School District has cancelled classes. The way to find out is to watch WCCO (channel 4), tune in on the radio, or visit the WCCO School Alert page.

# Women Of the West

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### ✓ January Checklist

- Block of the Month
- Community Service Donations
- Your Nametag
- Secret Sister surprises
- Birthday Club Donation
- Show & Share

The *Women of the West Quilt Guild* was organized in December of 1997 to encourage and support all levels of quilters. The guild offers education, programs, fellowship, communication and community service while providing a place to be among people that share the same interest of the art of quilting. Meetings are held the 4th Monday monthly at 7 p.m. at the Medina Entertainment Center. If there is a conflict with a holiday, another night will be scheduled. The Medina Entertainment Center is on Highway 55 in Medina.

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