

WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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February, 2010

Member Trunk Show

February program will be a WOW Member Trunk Show featuring Mary Gunness, Mona Harmann, Gigi Hickey, Doris Hareland, Pat Cedar, and Jen Cogelow.

Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

January Program Highlights

By Lori Allison

Linda Hohag, artist and former greeting card and children's book illustrator from Corcoran, MN, showed the January WOW attendees her vast array of pattern quilts. Linda has self-published many patterns and books including the wildly successful Alphabears and Critter Caboodle series of patterns and books.

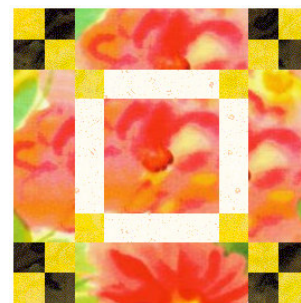


Linda delighted WOW program attendees with the stories of quilt market, how each pattern design comes to be and some of the fun that she and her retired-teacher husband (official title: G-O-P-H-E-R) have had on the road with her quilt pattern business. In addition to pattern design, Linda teaches a template, liquid starch and machine sewn appliqué technique and designs fabric.



She has a line of patterns in books from her fabric lines, called, "Bloomers," pictured that artistically combines appliqué and piecework.

Below pictured is a Linda Hohag design combining piecework and appliqué.



Block of the Month

Booklets for block of the month for 2010 are now available. See Carol Fischer or Sandy Johnson.

You can also get the pattern off the website. Block for February is a 12" finished "Starry Lane" made from

yellow, black and floral.

Upcoming Program....

**Karen Larson: "An Evolutionary Tale"
Quilt room organization, etc.**

Monday, March 22, 2010

Letter From Our President



At our January board meeting we read our mission statement again to remind us of why we meet as a group of quilters.

We want to encourage all levels of quilters. It is so much fun to see the joy on the face of a new quilter and the talent our more experienced members show as they show and share their projects at the guild meetings.

We offer education through quilt shows and workshops for our members. Speaking of quilt shows, we should have a volunteer to chair our Fall 2011 show in place by May this year.

The programs each month are a source of inspiration. I was either inspired or challenged by our January speaker, and purchased her "Twelve Days of Christmas" patterns!

Small groups provide another source of fellowship in addition to the guild meetings.

The newsletter and web site provide a readily accessible source of communication to our members.

The community service projects we undertake provide a service to a wide variety of others outside our guild. A new service project this year is the Million Pillowcase Challenge which kicked off at the January meeting.

All of this happens while providing a place to be among people with a common interest in quilting.

Happy Quilting... Your Co-Pres. Mary Gunness

WOW Board Meeting Jan 18, 2010

Present: Mary Gunness, Suzanne Nelson, Dean Davis, Linda Guisinger, Elaine Frank, Wendy Fedie, Mary Hess, Sonja Folven

Mary opened the meeting with reviewing of the guild mission statement and her goal for 2010 to have fun.

Old Business: we discussed an adjustment in membership dues for 2011 and the membership committee will work on language change for the bylaws.

New Business: Mary has renewed the WOW with the State of Minnesota. Mary reviewed the 2010 calendar and we decided the December, 2010 meeting will be on the 13th with no board meeting that month. Dean updated us on the current plans for programs.

The 2010 budget was discussed. We have a question for last year's treasurer and once clarified the board will vote, via email, for board approval of the 2010 budget. The guild will vote on the budget at the February 22 meeting. We agreed to purchase Quicken software for maintaining the budget.

There has been a request from Mary Havisto that our guild participate the national project of a million pillow cases for women's shelter. She is going to contact

local shelters to determine if we could donate pillow cases to them. We discussed bringing this project to community service group.

The membership committee is going to write a brief questionnaire for new members along with release of info because we are considering recognizing new members in the newsletter.

Challenge quilt will be launched in April with reveal in October.

The Mystery quilt is being coordinated by Elaine Frank. She requested \$50 to purchase rights to the mystery quilt. Motion made, voted upon and carried. The mystery quilt will run for 6 months from February through August.

Lori has requested newsletter article are turned in by the first of the month following the guild meeting.

Mary Hess updated us that BOM is now on line and only 50 hard copies were printed. We have requested that all groups update Mary, prior to the board meeting each month, of their current activities.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Women of the West Income/Expense Summary

	2010 Budget
INCOME	
Birthday Club	500.00
Block of the Month Club	200.00
Draw on Reserves	4,660.00
Guest	200.00
Interest Income	100.00
Membership Dues	3,800.00
Quilt Retreat Income	3,500.00
Workshop Income	2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	14,960.00
EXPENSES	
Bank Charge	10.00
Block of the Month Expense	200.00
Challenge Quilt	300.00
Community Service	400.00
Door Prizes	150.00
Membership Expense	300.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Newsletter Postage	400.00
Newsletter Printing	400.00
Program Expense	5,000.00
Quilt Retreat Expense	3,800.00
Rent	900.00
Website	900.00
Workshop Expense	2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,960.00

The budget is submitted by Wendy Fedie, Treasurer. Membership will vote to approve this budget at the February meeting.

WOW Board Meeting Notice

Next board meeting is Feb 15 at Lunds 55/Vicksburg Board members please plan to attend. Committee chairs welcome.

January, 2010 WOW meeting

Mary Gunness opened the meeting. The three new members and one visitor were welcomed. For 2010 the guild meetings will be held the fourth Monday of each month except for December in which it will be December 13. The board meetings will be the third Monday of the month.

A member, Linda Wilken, passed away from ovarian cancer.

The information for secret sister was mailed to the participating members. If you did not receive the letter contact Barb Carlson-Vergin.

Elaine Frank explained the mystery quilt. For the next six months she will bring a step for the quilt to the guild meeting. They were unable to obtain permission to place it on the website.

Jane Larson showed the community service projects turned in tonight. A new ongoing project for 2010 is participating in the "One million pillowcases". The website, allpeoplequilt.com has patterns to download. Dean Davis will demo a quick pillowcase pattern at the next meeting.

Carole Olson is the small group coordinator. There is a request to start a small group that will meet during the day and there are opening in the evening group that meets at 5pm on the third Thursday. Contact Carole for more info.

A letter was read that was received from Connie O'Dell.

A thank you card was received from Redeemer Lutheran for the donation of fabric and the gift of money.

Sharon Dudziak introduced our guest speaker Linda Hohag.

There were 48 block of the month blocks turned in. The winners of 12 blocks each are Cindy Stenson, Nancy Joens, Sharon Peterson, and Marcey Fahrenholtz. Nancy Joens won the fat quarter. Bits and Pieces for February is Valentine fabric. Birthday club earned \$53.00.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Small Groups

Information forms are available for those wanting to join a new daytime small group. If you are interested, please phone Carole Olson 763-544-7130 or e-mail carole_olson@msn.com.

The new evening small group, Loose Bobbins, currently has six members and is open to other members. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday at 5:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 Glenwood Ave. If you are interested in the joining this

evening group, please phone Sharon Peterson 612-312-9423 or e-mail smp1951@hotmail.com.

Membership News

62 members, one guest and three new members attended the January program. WOW welcomes Diane Salls, Sue Haug and Kathi Korum as the new members.

Lynda Guisinger

New Members

Kathi Korum of Bloomington is mother to two teenagers. She took her first sampler class at the Country Peddler in 1989. She likes hand and machine piecing, hand & machine appliqué and hand and machine quilting – Kathi says, "I love it all." Kathi is looking forward to meeting WOW members and learning and growing in quilting skills and knowledge.

Sue Haug hails from Brooklyn Center and has been quilting for 20 plus years. She has one cat. Sue really enjoys working with batik fabrics and likes to bless others with her gifts by doing community service projects.

Diane Salls, Burnsville, is mom to three and grandma to three. She has been quilting on and off for 30 years. Diane likes traditional pieced patterns and to date has only tied, never "quilted" them. She is a substitute teacher who recently moved here from Minoqua, Wisc.

Thank You! From the 2009 President

My sincere thanks to all those who sewed the beautiful array of President's blocks using fabric from my Northern Solitude collection. For those who took fabric, intending to make a block, will you return it, sewn or unsewn, so I may use it in my planned quilt – I'm a little short! Gratefully, Carole Olson



The Sampler
...a quilt shop and BERNINA too!

Project Runway star, CHRISTOPHER STRAUB to appear at The Sampler!

Friday, March 12, 7—9pm



Come spend a couple of hours as Christopher shares his story of how he developed a love for design, how he approaches design, how it lead him to Project Runway, his experiences there, and how it has changed his life plans and what lies ahead for his design career.

He will bring some of his designs and tell where you will be able to shop for them. It promises to be an enjoyable and inspirational evening for all.

Register to win a one of 2 handbags designed by him!!

Enjoy refreshments and a fun atmosphere with friends.
Call 952-934-5307 to reserve your space now!
\$30.00 for it all!

Women Of the West

QUILTERS

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✓ February 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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