

WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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Karen Larsen: “Embellishment”

Karen believes that every quilt can be embellished in some way. Karen was 20 years with the U of M Extension Service as coordinator, working extensively with 4-H programs and quilt camps for children. She retired 2 years ago. She now has a small business where she works with individuals involving their 'Studio Organization'. She will present a trunk show including some art quilts and art dolls. It promises to be a varied and interesting program.

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

February Program Highlights

The February program was a WOW Member Trunk Show featuring the following quilters.

Jen Cogelow says she’s not too nervous to talk in front of people – she does that all the time. But, she says she is nervous to show her quilts! No worries, Jen showed some beautiful quilts that she is inspired to make while at the North Shore with her sister.



Pat Cedar likes to make 30’s reproduction quilts and showed two made from favorite Darlene Zimmerman patterns. Then she showed and



described her “nightmare” holiday quilt as she didn’t know how to appliqué when she took on the teeny little appliqué cardinals in the quilt pictured.



Doris Hareland showed a quilt that she made some years ago called a Virginia Reel in red and white and this popular block exchange called “Cabin Tracks.”

Doris teaches

regularly at Quilted Treasures in Rogers and she makes and teaches many of the quilts from the Judy Martin books. The latest of these is Kyoto Garden which dazzled program attendees.

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Upcoming Program....

Chris Hoover, Whirligig Designs presents:
“Time Flies When You’re Having Fun”
Monday, April 26, 2010

Letter From Our President



There are only nineteen months until our next quilt show. We are under a deadline of sorts with the Plymouth Creek Center. If we want to have our next show

there, they will begin taking reservations for October 2011 the first of April this year.

We need a volunteer(s) to chair or co-chair the quilt show and get things in motion. This person needs to be organized and have the ability to follow through. She doesn't work alone, but with a committee. Each person on the committee takes part of the responsibility for the success of the show. Some of the areas include the boutique, the raffle quilt, demos, publicity, working with vendors and set-up and take-down. For some of you new guild members, volunteering to work on the show committee would be a great opportunity to get to know members of the guild better. The binder from the 2009 show, which provides guidance from the committee including minutes from all meetings, is available to get started.

Gigi Hickey has volunteered to apply for the grant from the Metropolitan Arts Council, so that is taken care of already.

If you know of someone who would be a good candidate to take on the quilt show, let me know either by phone or e-mail. I would be happy to contact her.

Completely off that subject, I saw a useful tip on the Internet recently for those who pre-wash their fabrics. Cut a one-half inch square out of each corner before washing and it will help cut down on the fraying that usually occurs.

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

Help yourself. Volunteer.

WOW Board Minutes Feb. 15, 2010

Members present: Mary Gunness, Dean Davis, Sonja Folven, Mary Hess, Suzanne Nelson, Lynda Guisinger

Old Business: Continued discussion on changes to membership dues for 2011. We will vote on the proposed budget at the guild meeting and will seek two members to audit the books.

New Business: Dean updated us on the program plans.

We will reimburse Sunshine & Shadows for expenses from miscellaneous for 2010. We need to place them on the budget for 2011.

We discussed donation to the American cancer society in memory of the member who have

recently passed away from cancer. We will consider this at the end of the year.

Dean will demonstrate pillowcases technique for the community service project at the meeting. There is a request for Easter placemats for Meals on Wheels.

Dawn Bryant is checking out various web management sources.

Need a volunteer for quilt show chair by next month and need to begin thinking of venue for the show.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

WOW Board Meeting Notice

Next board meeting is March 15 from 7 to 8 at Lunds 55/Vicksburg. Board members please plan to attend. Committee chairs welcome.

February 22, 2010 WOW Meeting

President Mary Gunness opened the meeting. Diane Adams passed away from cancer. This is the third guild member who has recently passed away from cancer and at the end of the year we may consider a monetary donation to the American Cancer Society.

We need two members for the annual audit the treasure's book. Lyla West and Elaine Miller volunteered.

Shirley Bonacci is coordinating resolution quilts. Your resolution quilts need to be completed by the November. You may show them any month but if not completed by November turn in a fat quarter for each quilt not finished. For each quilt you complete your name goes in the drawing for the fat quarters. Please contact Shirley for the participation form.

The community service chair, Jane Larson, showed the quilts and pillowcases turned in tonight. We

are participating in the ongoing project "One million pillowcases". There is a request from **Delano Meals on Wheels for spring placemats for Easter.**

Please turn placemats in at the March meeting.

A motion was made by Bev Romfo and seconded by Dawn Bryant to accept the 2010 budget. A vote was taken and passed.

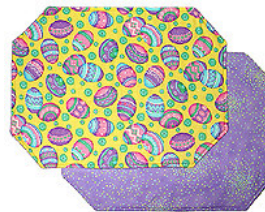
We need a volunteer to chair the 2011 quilt show. The goal is to have the chair in place by March meeting.

Mary introduced the three guests and five new members.

Block of the month total was 26. The two winners of 13 blocks each are Nancy Joens and Lynda Guisinger. Mary Fahrenholtz won the fat quarter. Birthday club earned \$50.

Bits and pieces for March is St. Patrick Day fabric.

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

78 members, three guests and five new members attended the January program.

Lynda Guisinger

New Members

Lucie Taylor of Minnetonka has been quilting for 30 years and is a former WOW member. She says work interfered with making the meetings but now she is retired! She is wife to Paul, mother to three and grandmother to three. She loves to make large quilts and looks forward to friendship and quilting inspiration from the guild.

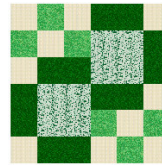
Lois Brandvold of Plymouth has been quilting for 10 years and she likes all types of quilts. Lois would like to learn more about quilting from WOW.

Audrey Gable of Mound has a husband, two grown children and six grandchildren. She has been quilting for a few years but still considers herself a beginner. She says she would like to learn more about quilting from WOW.

Wendy Anderson of Plymouth, wife to Scott with three children, aged 19, 17 and 14. She has been quilting since her children were little – mostly baby quilts and patch or scrap quilts. From WOW, Wendy would like to get inspiration to try new patterns.

Shawn Taylor of Plymouth has a husband, two daughters, one foster daughter, and five grandchildren. She has been quilting for 15 plus years and likes all types of quilting. She'd like to get some new ideas from attending WOW meetings.

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!
--author unknown



Block of the Month

The March block is a 12" finished "Domino." For more information about BOM, see Carol Fischer or Sandy Johnson.

Million Pillowcase Project

Looking for a way to work down the stash? I sure need to reduce mine. Join our new community service project, "The Million Pillowcase Project". Each case



takes about a yard of fabric. Make a few standard size cases to bring to the next WOW meeting. We will be giving the pillow cases to a shelter in the area. Shelters can use cases for men, women and children.

This project is from the American Patchwork and Quilting, and ASPQ. The goal nationwide is for a million cases. This will be an ongoing project at least till the end of the year. So make them fancy or not – let's just see how many we can donate this year!

Mary Havisto

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Gigi Hickey claims she has a little attention deficit when it comes to quilting and she prefers to make smaller projects that she can complete more quickly. Gigi likes brights and makes many kids quilts.



Mary Gunness

showed some of her early quilts before she knew about quilting techniques such as bindings. Since she had daughters, she finished her quilts with ruffles! Once she found a quilt book – on Amish quilts – she went to town and has mastered many types of quilting.

Women Of the West

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✓ March Checklist

- Block of the Month
- Community Service
Donations – Easter
Placemats
- 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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