

# WOMEN OF THE WEST

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## QUILTERS

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April, 2010

### Chris Hoover, Whirligig Designs presents: *"Time Flies When You're Having Fun"*

Chris Hoover began quilting over 20 years ago and a hobby soon became an all-consuming passion. Chris says everything she sees influences her designs — from color and texture, to architecture and nature. An eclectic designer — “one minute I’m the traditionalist with feathered stars and civil war fabrics and the next minute a contemporary mood strikes and I’m working with batiks and non-traditional designs.” Chris has been designing for almost 6 years and says there is always something new on her cutting table and in her sketch pad.

**Monday, April 26, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.**

### March Program Highlights

Karen Larson claims there wasn't a lot to do when she was growing up in the Upper Peninsula in Michigan, which drew her to sewing. She earned money for her first sewing machine by helping her dad trap beavers. In her early years of sewing she sewed standing up and then went on to sewing in 4H. She always liked sparkles and would claim items like strings of broken beads or ornamentations for use on the items she sewed. Karen showed many small quilts; table runners which embellished became wall quilts. Several of her small quilts were shown in a traditional version AND her embellished version. Karen says that the hardest part of adding embellishments to a quilt is deciding when to stop. She uses a variety of techniques including adding polymer clay to make buttons and thread painting.

*Below pictured is Karen Larson (left) showing a panel that she embellished with cording, wire, beads, paint, thread and poly clay.*



*Above pictured is a "2MuchFun" pattern that Karen has altered to suit her style.*

Karen never let lack of a pattern, or for that matter, having a pattern, keep her from what she wants to do. Karen also shared several dolls she has made.

As a sideline business Karen organizes studios for sewers.



## Letter From Our President



Well, I did it! I took the "ruffle quilt" that I showed at the February member trunk show apart and picked out all the quilting stitches. I just couldn't stand to give it back to

my daughter in that condition. I have asked my daughter to go shopping with me and plan a new quilt using the original blocks, not the sashing and ruffles!

Since making that first quilt I have taken many quilt classes. If I had taken a class before starting that first quilt, I probably wouldn't have had to pull it apart. It is amazing how many little tricks and secrets you learn by taking classes, not just the basics of piecing and color theory. I just finished an appliqué class taught by Pat Cox. One of her tips is that for her appliqué pieces she always buys three values of the same color, light, medium and dark, not too many shades apart from each other. When she is planning a block, the darker colors are behind the lighter colors. It makes sense now that I think about it, but it really didn't occur to me before.

It is never too late or too early to take a class or workshop. Take a friend and go to a quilt show. There is always something to learn. It may be a new technique or a tool to try. Check out the local quilt shops and see what classes they are offering. Spending time with other quilters charges the creative juices. After this winter, I personally need some charging up!

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

*Help yourself. Volunteer.*

## WOW Board Minutes Mar. 19, 2010

WOW Board Meeting March 19, 2010

Present: Mary Gunness, Suzanne Nelson, Dean Davis, Mary Hess, Sonja Folven

Old Business: we discussed the recommendation for membership dues revisions beginning in 2011. The membership committee will write an article for the newsletter. The recommendations will be discussed and voted upon at the April guild meeting.

Mary has contacted ten members to chair the 2011 quilt show and all have declined. We will vote at the March guild meeting to reserve the Plymouth Creek Center for the 2011 WOW quilt

show to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The retainer fee is \$750.

New Business: The MQ raffle quilt will be on display at the March meeting and they will be selling tickets. Chaska quilters will be showing their quilt at the May meeting.

Dean reviewed the scheduled programs.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

## WOW Board Meeting Notice

The next board meeting is Monday, April 19 at 7 pm at Lunds on Hwy 55 and Vicksburg. Board members please plan to attend. Committee chairs welcome.

## March 22, 2010 WOW Meeting

Mary Gunness opened the meeting. The secret sister table was moved. Linda Wines from MN quilters has the raffle quilt on display and is selling raffle tickets.

We need a quilt show chair. Contact Mary if interested. The board has recommended reserving the Plymouth Creek center for the quilt show on October 7 & 8, 2011. Vote taken and passed.

Jane Larson showed community service projects turned in the month. She also read a thank-you note for donation of quilts.

Elaine Frank has part three instructions for the mystery quilt.

Contact Shirley Bonacci if interested in participating in resolution quilt.

Contact Carole Olson if interested in joining a small group.

Mary introduced our guest speaker Karen Larsen. Mary introduced the three new members and five guests at the meeting.

Block of the month total was 17. The winner of the blocks is Barb Cogelow. Nancy Joens won the fat quarter. Birthday club made \$56.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

## Membership News

Three new members attended the March program.

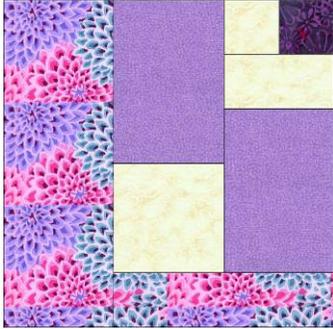
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## New Members

**Sherry Finch** of Chaska has a grown son and daughter and a husband of 35 years, which is right between when she started sewing (40 years) and when she began quilting (30 years ago). Sherry machine pieces and quilts and also belongs to the Chaska guild.

**Mitzi Doshier** of Plymouth has three grown children and a husband. She has been quilting 27 years and prefers traditional quilting because she "is not good at art or appliqué!"

**Bernice Musech** of Maple Grove is married to Auggie with two children and three grandchildren. Bernice has been quilting since 1987 and enjoys appliqué and piecing. She is also a member of the Maple Grove Quilters and Minnesota Quilters.



### Block of the Month

The March block is a 12" finished "Becky's Nine Patch." For more information about BOM, see Carol Fischer or Sandy Johnson.

### Million Pillowcase Project

The million pillowcase project is off to a great start. At the March meeting we collected 57 pillow cases. This project will be in place for the balance of the year. Just think how much fabric we can turn into a day brightener for someone! Each case uses about a yard of fabric. Let's keep up the good work! The cases will be donated within our community.

Mary Havisto

### Birthday Club

We were able to raise \$56.00 dollars from the Birthday club. The money raised goes toward the rent on our meeting room. This is not just for your birthday, bring something for any special event you would like to remember.

Mary Havisto

### CHALLENGE

The 2010 challenge will be introduced at the April meeting.

**Bits & Pieces** will be 6" squares of floral fabrics for April

*Upcoming Program....*

**Clothesline Quilts -- Evonne Cook.**

**Monday, May 24, 2010**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:smp1951@hotmail.com).

**Need an excuse to get away?** Following are some quilt shows around the area and the country:

Forest Lake Quilters	April 16-17
Chicago, IL	April 16-18
Paducah, KY	April 21-24
Denver Qlt Festival	April 29-May 2
Tulip Festival & Quilt	May 13-15
MQS, St. Cloud	June 17-19
Long Beach, CA	July 23-25

*The Sampler* Presents:

*Valorie Wells*



**Wednesday, May 19 ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**A trunk show and lecture full of inspiration and Valori's newest collection, "Feather Your Nest" from Free Spirit Fabrics. Treats & Door Prizes**

Lecture Fee **\$30**

**Call 952-935-5307 to register**

# Women Of the West

## Q U I L T E R S

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### ✓ April 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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