



WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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Cindy Thury Smith

"After more than 40 years of quiltmaking I have come to the conclusion that quilts are like potato chips: I can't sew just one! I sew three kinds of quilts: crazy quilts, quilts using full wool, and patchwork piecing (not traditional)." Cindy learned early (from her grandmother) that just because you use something every day, doesn't mean you can't make it beautiful. For a twist on a quilting program, Cindy's lecture/slide presentation will be "Pincushions: History and Construction". Cindy will be bringing her pincushion collection and will also demo three pincushions that can be made quickly as gifts. WOW members are encouraged to bring your own pincushion to be part of a "Pincushion Display" during the July WOW meeting. Cindy is from Hastings, MN. To learn more about her work, visit her website at www.quiltsbycts.com

Monday, July 26, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Monday Workshop: Tessellating Stars \$20 Beautiful Savior Church, 5005 Northwest Blvd., Plymouth

June Program Highlights

Sandi Irish gave a presentation about her evolution as a quilter. She has been quilting for more than 20 years. Shown below is a quilt that she designed for the Brainerd guild and Sandi plans to write a pattern book with this quilt as the focus – but she says other things have gotten in the way and so far, there is no book. The smaller quilt to Sandi's right is an award-winning art quilt that was featured in a magazine advertisement for a batting company with whom she is affiliated. Sandi is a fabric representative for Blank Textiles and Timeless Treasures.



She has designed a line of black and white fabrics for Blank and had some on hand for WOW members to see.



TESSELLATING STARS taught by Cindy Thury Smith is a rotary cut, machine sewn scrap quilt using strips of many fabrics to create an interlocking star pattern. Students will learn how to mix fabrics for contrast or for color blending plus see how the same pattern can look dramatically different just by the use of color. No angles are cut, only straight strips. A generous fudge factor in this pattern makes it *easy for beginners*. Five different colorations are presented plus several different sizes.

Upcoming Programs.....

Women of The West Birthday Celebration

August 23, 2010

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George & Virginia Siciliano

September 27 ♦ Workshop: Sept 28

Letter From Our President



I recently returned from a special tour to Ireland with an emphasis on quilting. I met some wonderful women on the tour who have been bitten with the same quilting bug as we all have. Although quilting is not prominent in Irish history, some

have taken to it like a fish to water. They are doing many of the same patterns and ideas that we have. Quilt Fabric is not easy to find with only 13 shops in the whole of Ireland. Much of their fabric is obtained over the Internet.

We visited one shop in the heart of Londonderry, that has a mission far beyond teaching quilting. If you will remember back in the 70's the unrest that took over Ireland, especially Londonderry. It has left a lot of hard feeling between families and friends. This shop called The Mission Hall Quilts started holding classes and it has brought women together over a skill they can share. As part of the Peace II Programme, it is busy building pathways and transitions for the ladies of Londonderry. Old friendships have been re-kindled and many new friendships have been formed. It's wonderful to see some of the old wounds start to heal.

Happy Quilting... Your Co-Pres. Karen Petersen

WOW Board Meeting June 21, 2010

Present: Mary Gunness, Karen Petersen, Suzanne Nelson, Dean Davis, Wendy Fedie, Sonja Folven

Old Business: Wendy will file the guild as a non-profit with the IRS.

Question was asked by a member if guests are eligible to win door prizes? We reviewed the guidelines in the president's book and guest may win door prizes.

New Business: Treasures report: nothing to report but July meeting will have second quarter budget update to review. Dean updated us on future programs. At the guild meeting there will be sign-up for the July 26 half day workshop with Cindy Thury Smith on tessellating star.

The September 28 workshop is on miniature quilting with George Siciliano. The fee for the workshop is \$75 plus purchase of the workshop kit. Sign up will begin at the guild meeting with first opportunity to attend workshop given to guild members. In August non-members may sign up for the workshop. Payment is due when you sign up and there are no refunds if unable to attend.

November 22 workshop is raw edge appliqué with Cathy Geier. In July Dean Davis will change from V.P. to Quilt Show Chair and Mary Gunness will assume V.P. duties.

Next board meeting is July 19 at 6:30-8PM at Lunds in Plymouth.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Resolution Quilts

Eleven people have signed up to complete a resolution quilt by November. Of that group Lyla West has completed two. She finished the first one this year and received a fat quarter as a special treat! Nancy Jones completed quilts for twins who arrived in April and shared them this past Monday. Mary

Havisto also signed up to complete two quilts and she has shown both of hers. What an ambitious group!

There is still time to sign up and complete one of those troublesome quilts that has been hanging around your sewing room for weeks, months, possibly even years! Complete by the November meeting and bring them in to share and you'll be eligible for the fat quarters already collected. Shirley Bonacci

WOW Quilt Show Committee Meeting

The Community Room at the Lund's in Plymouth has been reserved from 7-9pm on Thursday, July 22nd. If you have an interest in being part of the organization of our next Quilt Show, please join us at this initial meeting. If you are not available at this particular time but have an interest, please contact Dean Davis.

Mystery Quilt

Everyone should have the final clue for the mystery quilt. Bring the top to the July meeting. Hope everyone has had fun doing the quilt.

Elaine Franks

Quilt Retreat – Oct 1-3

The WOW Fall Quilt Retreat is coming! Registration started at the June meeting and will be continuing in July. The retreat will



be held October 1, 2, and 3 at the Long Lake Conservation Center near McGregor. The retreat is a great place to get to know other quilters, let someone else do the cooking while you catch up on quilt projects, find

inspiration through the work of others, and just have fun. The location is beautiful in the fall and – if the weather cooperates - there is a lake to walk around and birds, stars, and fall leaves to enjoy. The cost of the retreat is \$142.50 – a \$25 deposit is required when you sign up; the remaining balance due needs to be paid at/before the September WOW meeting.

Activities at the retreat include a mystery quilt, games, nature walks, door prizes (including some provided by Four Seasons, Heavenly Patchwork, and The Sampler), and great food (Friday supper, Saturday lunch & supper, Sunday brunch). Information related to items you might want to do some advance planning for (Maple Leaf blocks, the mystery quilt, and a new game we will be playing this year) will be available in July. Breakfast on Saturday will be a potluck - more details to be provided with the pre-retreat information packet that is distributed in August/September.

If you aren't able to attend the next WOW meeting, but would like to sign up – or if you just have questions, please contact the 2010 Retreat Coordinators Sharon Peterson (sharon.peterson@wellsfargo.com, 303-775-1796) and Chris Huesers (chuesers@und-alum.org, 763-536-9540.)

Chris Heusers & Sharon Peterson

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.

Workshop Opportunities

The cost for the full day Bird of Paradise workshop with George & Virginia Siciliano on Tuesday Sept 28 from 9-5p is \$75 + kit (\$20) and will be held at the Medina Entertainment Center.



Workshop registration will be open to non-members after August 15. Contact Mary Gunness at 763-593-3862 or email at monkswood@comcast.net for more information on the workshop. Only paid reservations for the

workshop will be put on the list. Class limit is 40. Send your check – payable to Women of the West Guild – to Mary Gunness, 915 Windemere Drive, Plymouth 55441.

NOTE: There is no guest fee for the George Siciliano lecture on September 27th. Bring your quilt pals to this special event.

Kit #1 (required) - \$20.00 per student

This kit includes the following items:

1. A specially designed 8" seam allowance guide, retail \$12
2. The original pattern for the workshop, which includes
 - All foundations printed on "Foundation Stuff"
 - Block schematic, cutting chart, fabric gradation chart and a worksheet.

All patterns retail for \$20. The total kit is a \$32.00 value.

Workshop students only pay \$20.00 for kit #1!

WOW Member to open quilt shop in July

Faye Hoch is opening Twin Cities Quilting on July 12 with a grand opening on Thursday 4p – 8p., July 22nd. The address is 1085 Dionne St, Roseville, MN, 55113. Phone 651-340-8263 & email faye@twincitiesquilting.com. In the Lexington Plaza- one block north of Larpenteur on Lexington.

Bits & Pieces

The 6" squares bits and pieces exchange fabric theme for July is 'patriotic reading blue.'

The 3rd Annual Redeemer Lutheran Church Block Club Quilt Auction will be held **July 24, 2010** from 10:00 AM - 12:00PM.

Million Pillowcase Project

Pillowcases will be donated to Damascus Way Reentry Center Inc. which is a Christ-centered residential halfway house for men exiting prison. The program is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Damascus operates two facilities, one in Golden Valley and one in Rochester, with room for 34 men. Our goal is to assist the men in three main areas: help them find Employment; guide them into a long-term Support Community, and help them secure Housing upon release from the program. Bible studies, prayer and

loving counsel are offered to help the men transition back into society.

Mary Havisto

CHALLENGE:

Create A Quilt That Tells A Story

The **2010 quilt challenge** is to create an 18" x 22" (approx.) quilt that tells a story which could be from a favorite book, a vacation or any other memory or fantasy. They are due at the September meeting and will be hung at the October meeting. Each winner will receive a **\$50 gift certificate** to the member quilt store of their choice. Winners will be determined based on the following categories:

- ❖ Most Unique
- ❖ Best Title
- ❖ Best selection/ use of fabrics
- ❖ Overall viewer's choice

All quilts must have a label with the creator's name, address and phone number sewn into the lower back right corner.

Carol Fisher, Carol Henderson & Mary Havisto

2010 WOW Challenge Entry Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Ph #: _____
Name of the Quilt: _____
What story is the quilt telling? _____

June 28, 2010 WOW Meeting

Karen Petersen opened the meeting. She reviewed the items in the PO Box and they will be placed on the information table for members to see.

Karen reminded all members to wear their nametags and clarified that guests may win door prizes according to the bylaws.

The Challenge quilts are due at September meeting and will be hung for the October meeting. Guidelines and entry form are on the table or contact Mary Havisto or Carol Henderson. Community service showed the items turn in tonight. Jane Larson is moving to San Diego and we need someone to take over this position.

Elaine Frank has part six of the instructions for the mystery quilt. Bring the completed quilt top to the July meeting. Resolution quilts – contact Shirley Bonacci to participate. Chris Hueser and Sharon Peterson are the retreat coordinators. The retreat will be held October 1-3 at Long Lake Conservation Center. The fee is \$142.50.

Dean Davis has set-up a half-day workshop with Cindy Thury-Smith on tessellating stars on July 26 prior to guild meeting. Sign-up with Dean if interested in attending.

The speaker at the September meeting is George Siciliano and a paper piecing workshop is offered on the Tuesday following. Dean introduced our guest speaker Sandi Irish. Karen introduced the five guests and one new member at the meeting.

Block of the month blocks winner is Nancy Joens. Barb Cogelow won the fat quarter. Birthday club earned \$57.50.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Women Of the West

QUILTERS

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✓ July 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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