

# WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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August, 2010

## WOW Birthday Celebration

Cake, prizes and surprises. Come for the fun!

**Monday, August 23, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.**

## July Program Highlights

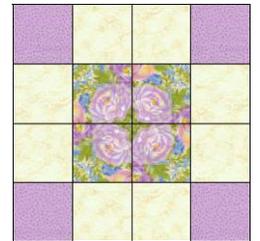
**Cindy Thury Smith** gave a slide presentation about the history and assortment of pincushions – past and present. Cindy demonstrated the construction of an apple pincushion, a two minute pillow pincushion and pincushions made from tuna cans – sans the label! Cindy brought an assortment of pincushions for members to see.

## Mystery Quilt

Participants in the mystery quilt led by Elaine Franks showed their finished quilts and quilt tops at the July program. The large number of participants made the reveal of the quilts very interesting. As is often the case, there are those who followed the instructions, those who did not follow them and those who interpreted them differently! It makes for a fun comparison.



**August Block of the Month:**  
Necktie without a knot. 12½” unfinished



## Quilt Show Upcoming Meeting

The show is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Plymouth Creek Center. The committee for the 2011 quilt show will meet at Lund's in Plymouth on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have an interest in being part of the organization of our next Quilt Show, please join us. Show Chair: Dean Davis

*Upcoming Programs.....*

George & Virginia Siciliano

**September 27 ♦ Workshop: Sept 28**



## Letter From Our President



WOW this summer is going fast. It is already August and almost time for the State Fair and the Renaissance Festival. I am an avid fair goer and have been as long as I can remember. Last week some of us went to the Tessellating Stars workshop by Cindy Thury, I did my square scrappy but others had a much better plan than I did. I am really amazed at

how differently each of us made the same square. I haven't worked any more squares but I am sure each quilt top will be wonderfully unique. We had a very lovely afternoon with lots of conversation and some good chuckles.

Looking ahead I am planning on taking both the Bird of Paradise by George Siciliano on September 28 and also the November 22 raw edge landscape workshop by Cathy Geier. I hope a lot of us take this opportunity to learn more about our craft. If these workshops are well attended maybe we can make this part of our regular year's plan.

As for my own projects, I finished my grandson's quilt. It took me a year to complete but I am pleased with the results. This is the third applique quilt I have made for my grandsons and one of six quilts that I have made for my grandchildren. The best is that neither of my daughters are expecting so maybe I can make something for myself. The next thing to get done is the challenge quilt. I have a good start but still quite a bit more to do.

Our next meeting is our birthday anniversary meeting. From what I am hearing it should be a really fun evening complete with birthday cake and prizes. I am hoping that we have a great attendance.

See you there. Karen Petersen Co President

## WOW Board Meeting July 19, 2010

Present: Mary Gunness, Karen Petersen, Suzanne Nelson, Lynda Guisinger, Dean Davis, Jane Larson, Sonja Folven

Old Business: The July speaker has requested moving lecture prior to the meeting. We discussed and agreed to the one time change.

Upcoming class on with George and Virginia Siciliano will be open for non-members to sign-up on August 15. Lori is making a flyer for the class that will go the area quilt shops and guilds.

Dean Davis turned in her resignation as Vice President because she is beginning her new duties as the quilt show chair. The first quilt show committee meeting is July 22. Mary Gunness will assume V.P. duties.

New Business: Treasures report: the second quarter report was reviewed.

Dean updated us on future programs. The November 22 full-day workshop is raw edge landscape appliqué with Cathy Geier.

We received two thank-you notes and Karen will bring to the guild meeting.

The WOW email list was used by another business. Karen will address at the guild meeting that our email list is private and not to be shared.

We need a new Community Service Chair with Jane moving out of state. Jane recommended and we agreed that Community Service chair should be at least two people or a small group project. Karen will request volunteers at the guild meeting. Next board meeting is August 16 at 6:30-8PM at Lunds in Plymouth.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

## Quilt Retreat – Oct 1-3, 2010

The WOW Fall Quilt Retreat will be held October 1, 2, and 3 at the Long Lake Conservation Center near McGregor. Join in the fun working on quilts, enjoying nature, and spending time with new and old friends. The cost of the retreat is \$142.50 – a \$25 deposit is due when you sign



up; the remaining balance is due 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), great food and there is plenty of time to work on projects! 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@wellsfargo.com](mailto:sharon.peterson@wellsfargo.com), 303-775-1796 and [chuesers@und-alum.org](mailto:chuesers@und-alum.org), 763-536-9540.

Chris Heusers & Sharon Peterson

## Workshop Opportunity

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 [monkwood@comcast.net](mailto:monkwood@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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!**



## Community Service

Our 30 pillowcases this month went to LBFE: Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly is an organization which works with seniors to add fun into their lives as well as necessities. It started in France and has spread to several US states and Canada.

Volunteers take seniors (by ones and twos) to dinners, the zoo, ball games, operas, as well as monthly group birthday parties. At these parties, the senior (over 65) receives fun stuff and basic stuff like pillowcases, quilts, nightgowns, and placemats. Many of these seniors are still in their own homes so do not have the group life of assisted living.

## Bits & Pieces

The 6" squares bits and pieces exchange fabric theme for August is **fall leaves**.

**"There is a microscopically thin line between being brilliantly creative and acting like the most gigantic idiot on Earth."**

*Cynthia Heimel - 20th/21st Century American Writer*

## CHALLENGE:



### *Create A Quilt That Tells A Story- Due Sept Mtg.*

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? \_\_\_\_\_

## July 26, 2010 WOW Meeting

Karen Petersen opened the meeting. The speaker presented prior to the guild meeting and Mary Gunness asked the tessellating stars workshop participants to show their blocks and then introduced the workshop teacher and program speaker, Cindy Thury Smith.

The Challenge quilt is 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.

Jane Larson is moving to San Diego and we need someone to take over this position. The board is suggesting two people or a small group assume this role. Please contact Karen or a board member if interested. The community service items turned in were shown.

Elaine Frank revealed the mystery quilt "Stone Soup". The members displayed the mystery quilts they had completed.

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. A down payment of \$25 is due when you sign-up.

The speaker at the September meeting is George Siciliano. There is no charge for guests to attend the September meeting. On Tuesday after WOW, they will be giving a workshop on paper pieced miniature quilts. Beginning August 15 non-members may register to attend the workshop.

Dean is the quilt show chair. She has begun the role this month. Dean placed a list of assignment on each chair. Contact her if interested in helping with the quilt show. The next quilt show committee meeting is August 17 at 7PM at Lunds.

Carole Olson is the small group coordinator and she has someone interested in a daytime group and there are openings in an evening group. Contact Carole for more info.

Karen introduced the four guests attending the meeting.

Block of the month blocks winner is Diane Salls and Diane also won the fat quarter. Birthday club earned \$74.

*Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven*



*Where flowers bloom,  
so does Hope.*

*Lady Bird Johnson*

# Women Of the West

## QUILTERS

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### ✓ August 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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