

WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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September, 2010

George & Virginia Siciliano

In 1997 George's wife removed all the magazines from the bathroom except the quilt magazines. George was inspired by a log cabin block and he began specializing in variations of that particular block as he saw the endless design possibilities. He currently has over 150 different variations of this block on his computer's database. He has been awarded 74 ribbons for his unique miniature works in local, national and international shows – 27 of them first place blue ribbons. George's quilts have been published in many quilt magazines, and he has been nominated for "Quilt Teacher of the Year" twice. George teaches and demonstrates his unique techniques to guild members and show goers all over the United States. His easy going style of teaching makes the construction of a "miniature masterpiece" very doable and lots of fun. NOTE: There is no guest fee for this lecture on September 27th. Bring your quilt pals to this special event.

Monday, September 27, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

August Highlights

WOW Birthday Celebration

Games, prizes, music by Gigi Hickey, and cake were enjoyed by the attendees of the August WOW Birthday celebration. Following are photos of the players, the pianist, the games and the prizewinners.

Has anyone heard of a "lasagna" block? How many times can you thread a tiny little needle in one minute? How are you at crossword puzzles? How fast can you arrange 29 assorted geometric pieces into a quilt block?



Above: members trying to correctly assemble the colored geometric pieces against a time clock. Below: winners row!



Upcoming Programs.....

18" x 22" **Quilt With A Story** Challenge

Bring your challenge item to the Sept Meeting

October 25, 2010

Letter From Our President

What a great WOW Anniversary Party. I had a great time and it looked like everyone else did also. I am glad I didn't have to participate in the games though; some of them were hard and beyond my limited knowledge. I do want to thank Mary Gunness and Dean Davis for putting everything together. I didn't know that there were that many quilting related games. I also want to thank Nancy Joens and Sharon Dudziak for helping me pass out games and serving cake. It was really good cake too.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

As I mentioned last month I am an avid fair attendee. So I've made it again this year and was overwhelmed by some of the fantastic quilts shown in the Home Activities building. Looking at these quilts really points out how much I have yet to learn. The grand prize winner was really lovely. It was a beautiful appliqué and was hand quilted as well. It reminded me of a Pennsylvania Dutch pattern. I really should have paid more attention to the name of the creator and the pattern. There were also some quilts displayed on those fanning display boards that they use. I liked a number of the quilts displayed there. Some of them really deserved some type of award. I guess it depends on the judge(s). Anyway it was a great day and I didn't even eat too much. I did have to have my foot-long hotdog though -- it wouldn't be the fair without one. I hope all of you have had a chance to get to the fair.

Your Co President, Karen Petersen

WOW Board Meeting - Aug. 19, 2010

Present: Mary Gunness, Karen Petersen, Suzanne Nelson, Lynda Guisinger, Wendy Fedie, Sonja Folven

Old Business: A small group, the Maple Grove Senior Quilters, have volunteered for the Community Service committee for the remainder of this year and 2011.

Wendy gave the treasurers report. The percentage earned on the savings account has decreased and she will check other options for our savings.

Upcoming class with George and Virginia Siciliano has some openings. The November workshop with Cathy Geier will be on 11/22 at Medina.

New Business:

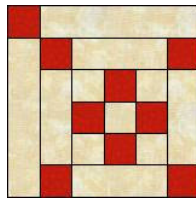
Mary updated us on future programs. We will ask for ideas at the guild meeting for the December 13 Christmas meeting. We received in the mail one thank-you notes and requests for quilt donation for a fund raiser. Karen will bring these to the guild meeting.

IRS forms for non-profit are completed for 2010 and the president will complete this form each year.

2011 officers and committee chairs. At the guild meeting request volunteers for nominating committee or individuals who are interested in one of the positions. September must have nominees for each position. October guild meeting we vote for the 2011 officers and committee chairs.

Next board meeting is September 20 from 6:30-8PM at Lunds in Plymouth.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven



September Block of the Month
Nine Patch Plaid – 12" finished.



Quilt Retreat – Oct 1-3

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, 303-775-1796 and 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 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.

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

We will have some labels to sew on when we meet next time and perhaps a few people who enjoy doing that would come prepared with needle and thread and we could get the quilts finished and ready to go right away.

Thanks, Nancy Miller Community Service

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? _____

WOW Quilt Show Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 14th, 7pm

Ridgedale Library, Rm #172

Questions? Dean Davis @ 952-412-3155

New Members in August

Joan Gale of Plymouth has been quilting for 20+ years and says hand appliqué is her favorite with machine quilting a close second.

Carol Stenck of Maple Grove especially likes to make dresses for her granddaughters and to piece bed quilts. She has been quilting for three years.

August 23, 2010 WOW meeting

Karen Petersen opened the meeting.

Dean updated us on the quilt show. A new category will be added to the show for patriot quilts since the quilt show will be one month after the 10 year anniversary of 9-11.

Contact her if interested in helping with the quilt show.

The next quilt show committee meeting is September 17 at the Ridgedale Library.

Community service will be the group project of the Maple Grove Senior Quilters. They need large (3 yards or more) pieces of fabric to finish the many tops that have been completed by members. They also have quilts ready for quilting.

The November workshop by Cathy Geier will be held on November 22 which is the same day as our guild meeting. The price for the full day workshop will be \$45.

We need volunteers for a nominating committee for the 2011 Guild officers and committee chairs. The ballot will

be completed in September with voting at the October meeting. Contact one of the officers to be on the nominating committee or to volunteer for one of the 2011 positions.

There is a box at the membership desk for ideas for the December meeting.

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. Balance is due at the September meeting.

Attendance is 75 members and two members renewing. Karen introduced one guest and one new member attending the meeting.

Block of the month blocks winner is Barb Cogelow and Barb also won the fat quarter. Birthday club made \$67.50. Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Cathy Geier Workshop: Landscapes

Full day workshop at Medina on Monday, November 22 from 9 to 5 is \$45 (Plus kit \$19 to her).

To learn more about Cathy's award-winning works, see www.patchworksthatpraise.com

To register, contact Mary Gunness at

monkswood@comcast.net.



6" Square Exchange is Halloween prints for the September meeting.

Chaska Area Quilt Club

presents:

Fall Splendor of Quilts

Friday, October 1, 2010 ♦ 10:00 a. – 7:00 p.
Saturday, October 2, 2010 ♦ 9:00 a. – 5:00 p.

Chaska Community Center

1661 Park Ridge Drive, Chaska, MN • So of MN Hwy 5
and just east of CR 41 on Engler Blvd., Chaska

Admission \$5.00

Featured Quilter & Speaker:
Kaye England

Workshop spaces available, see www.cagc.net for info

Women Of the West

QUILTERS

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✓ September Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Challenge Quilt
<input type="checkbox"/>	Block of the Month
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Service Donations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Nametag
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secret Sister surprises
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birthday Club Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	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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