

WOMEN OF THE WEST

QUILTERS

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Patricia Ewer



Patricia Ewer will kick off our theme for 2011 “The Talent Within Ourselves and Our Community With Endless Possibilities,” as she is a professional conservator who lives in Mound, MN. Patricia is the principal of Textile Objects Conservation in Minneapolis. She will be sharing about textile conservation, and some of the items she has worked on, and will include information on how to protect your heirloom piece so it can be passed on to future generations.

She is a conservation professional with over 30 years of experience in treating textiles, managing, developing and staffing conservation projects. She has held conservation positions at Historic Royal Palaces (U.K.), Midwest Art Conservation Center (Minneapolis, Minnesota), Biltmore House (Asheville, North Carolina), Textile Conservation Laboratory at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine (New York, New York), and The Textile Conservation Workshop (South Salem, New York). She has been a Professional Associate of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works since 1989. Ms. Ewer was recently a presenter at the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Tapestry Conservation Symposium (December 2009). She is co-editor with Frances Lennard of the recently published book *Textile Conservation: Advances in Practice*.



December Highlights

WOW members got in the holiday spirit during December as they made and filled Christmas stockings to be given to adults and children living at Home Free and Mary’s Place. Members had been asked to sew Christmas stockings ahead of time, and to bring small toiletries and toys to fill them. At the meeting they filled their stockings to overflowing, selecting from hundreds of donated items.

Later members shared some of the holiday themed quilts and projects they had made.



IN ALL, THE GUILD FILLED 77 STOCKINGS FOR CHILDREN AND 37 FOR ADULTS

President's Letter

A new year! Don't you just love new things? Remember that new box of crayons or the recent purchase at your favorite quilt store. 2011 promises to be a great one for the WOW Quilters. Our theme for 2011 is "The Talent Within Ourselves and Our Community With Endless Possibilities."

The January meeting will include our version of True Confessions of the WOW Quilters (AKA - Let's count the number of Unfinished Objects (UFOs) we have as a group.)

Here is how it goes:

- Start a list (inventory) of your UFO's
- The UFO must be one you have started
- Purchased kits **not started** do not count
- Attempt to date your oldest UFO's
- Bring your list to the January 24th WOW meeting

Be ready to be amazed (or is that amused?) at the total numbers; so come for the fun and the true confessions. Everyone will go home a winner!

You will notice some changes to the WOW meeting. The WOW Leadership made some decisions to enhance our meeting and our total experience. One of the biggest changes is in the Door Prize activity. We will seek out 2 or 3 GREAT door prizes for each meeting. This means we will not be accepting potential prizes from members. There will be a time later in the year for a "swap meet" so we can trade patterns, notions, and fabric that we no longer need.

A big THANK YOU to the WOW Leadership team of 2010 for a great and fun year. You have paved the way for the 2011 Leadership team.

Mickey Ellis, President



January Block of the Month

- Double Monkey Wrench
- 6" finished.
- Made with quilt store quality Civil War-like fabric

2011 Quilt Show News



The raffle quilt is based on the pattern "Fanfare for the Heroes" from the Judy Martin book, "Scraps." It was pieced by Mona Harmann and Sue Hoag.

Pieces of Our Lives, the WOW Quilt Show is scheduled for October 15, 2011. The raffle quilt top is completed thanks to Mona Harmann and Sue Hoag and is ready for quilting. The committee is accepting your items for the boutique. This is your opportunity to make items for sale that include holiday themes, jewelry, knitted items, quilt squares, kits, etc.--all the beautiful things we enjoy making and sharing.

"Where In The World?" is one of the special events for the quilt show. Four volunteers are needed for a short-term commitment to plan the details and select fabrics for this activity. Interested? Contact Mickey Ellis at 763.475.9581.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Resolution Quilts

Do you have a quilt on your UFO inventory you "resolve" to finish this year? Make the commitment and fill out a Resolution Quilt 2011 form. Elaine Miller will be ready with the form for you to complete. Then all you have to do is finish the quilt and show it in Show and Share time.

At the end of the year:

- If you have finished and shared your resolution quilt, you will be eligible for a drawing for a gift certificate and the "penalty" fat quarter stash.
- If you do not finish, you must donate a fat quarter for each unfinished resolution to the stash as a "penalty."

December 13th Guild Meeting Minutes

Karen Petersen opened the meeting. She reminded current board members and committee chairs to transfer their notebooks and job descriptions to the 2011 board and committee chairs. She thanked the members for making the president blocks.

Julie Harstad, VP for 2011, passed out a questionnaire for members to complete. She will bring it again to the January meeting. The results will be shared with us. For our program we filled Christmas stockings that the members had made with the items donated. We filled 77 stocking for children and 37 stocking for adults. The Maple Grove Quilters will distribute the stocking to Home Free and Mary's Place. We also played Quilter's Bingo. We had a show and share of Christmas items.

Community services showed the items donated. This month's blocks winner is Barb Cogelow and Diane Salls won the fat quarter. Suzanne Nelson showed a sampler she had made using the 2010 blocks for each month. Secret sisters were revealed at the meeting. Birthday club made \$32.25. There are 57 members at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

WOW Board Meeting

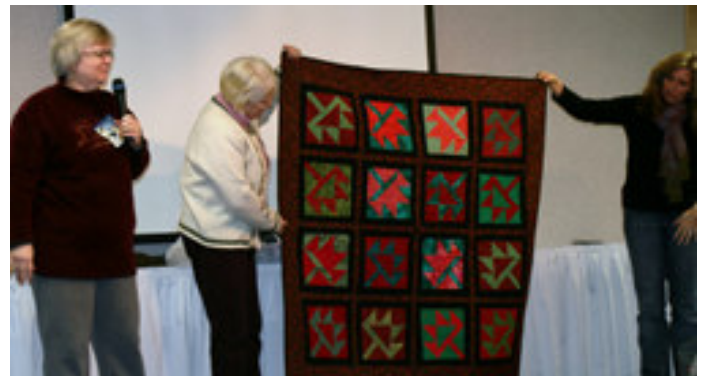
The Board did not meet in December.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2011, 7:00 pm
Wayzata Public Library Meeting Room
620 Rice Street, Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

New member

Please welcome our newest member Karen St. John. Karen has been quilting for about 14 years. Karen enjoys traditional quilting, appliqué, paper piecing and embroidering on quilts. She and her husband moved from northern Minnesota to Plymouth a year ago. They have 2 grown children.

More Christmas & Winter Themed Quilts From the December Meeting.....



Show & Share:



One of our youngest members proudly shows her newest creation during Show and Share.

Upcoming February Program:

February will be a quilt trunk show featuring talented quilters within our midst!

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✓ January Checklist

- Boutique Donations
- Block of the Month
- Community Service Donations
- Your Nametag
- 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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