



# Women Of the West

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## QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

April 2011

### April Program:

April features quilt designers Susan Dyer and Nancy Raschka of Glad Creations. Located in Minneapolis since 1976, what began as a cottage business is now a thriving quilt shop. In 1985 Susan and Nancy began designing quilt patterns for classes in the shop, and they are now sold in quilt shops across the country. *In fact, if you've created a quilt from one of their patterns bring it to show and share!*

[www.gladcreationsquilts.com](http://www.gladcreationsquilts.com)

### President's Column

What were you doing at age 17? I found our March speaker, Doug Leko, not only a very talented young man, but an inspiration as well. Many of us have had a needle "in hand" since we were young, but never visioned being a published professional as a teen.

Do you have visions of what your project is going to look like? Half way through your project, the reality sets in: it is bigger than expected, the colors are not right, the technique is really hard and it is taking more time than expected. Is this where you stand tall and decide to finish it anyway or is this where the project is another line on the UFO list?

I have done both. In my studio I learn that some projects will never be finished and I move on -- although -- I now have valuable information to use in another one. Quilting projects are a source of ongoing learning and reflection for me. I recycle these never to be finished UFOs into something else I call "potluck" potholders, placemats, or table toppers. They sell for a few dollars at the church mission sale. This means that I have had the fun of planning and sewing, along with learning and then recycling my vision (although failed) into something good for others. This means every project becomes a winner.

At our April meeting, we are celebrating the many notions we use. Pick your favorite notion(s) and display it for others to see. Let's see how creative you can be. I would love to see someone come with a vest made of triangle papers or earrings made of some small notion. Let's think outside the notion box/drawer/mug and see what you can do to highlight one or more of your notions from your studio. I already have several ideas of what I am going to create. *(Continued Next Column)*

### President's Column Continued)

As a reminder, all proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will be donated to charitable organizations focused on cancer research and support services.

See you April 25th wearing your notion creation,

Mickey



*Doug Leko, 17, showed some of the patterns he has developed and sold through his company, Antler Quilt Design. He also shared tips on ways to use pre-cut fabrics.*

### Mystery Quilt

Hope you are all getting going on the mystery quilt for this year. The 3rd clue was given at the March meeting and will also be on WOW's website. Have fun with this quilt!

Elaine Franks

# PIECES OF OUR LIVES

The WOW Quilt Show

## Quilt Show News . . .

We have our three (well, actually 4!) speakers lined up for Quilt Show Day. The morning speaker will be Marilyn Foreman speaking on Kaleidoscope quilts. Our luncheon speakers will be sisters-in-law Kathryn Squibb and Deborah Jacobs of Gathering Friends in Bird Island, Minnesota. Our afternoon speaker will be Marilyn Bujalski speaking on Counted Cross Stitch Quilts.

Terrific cash prizes and WOW memberships for Viewer's Choice Awards . . . Plan now to finish that quilt so that it can be included in 'our' Quilt Show.

The next meeting of the Quilt Show Committee will be Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Lund's Community Room. Come join us!

## Quilt Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets were distributed to members attending the March 28 WOW meeting. We have an envelope for each member, so be sure to pick yours up. Tickets will be available at every meeting through September. Our goal is 5,000 tickets for \$5,000. Remember, for each 10 tickets you sell, your name will go in drawings for prizes.

All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will be donated to cancer organizations. We encourage you to support this worthy cause! If you have questions, or would like more tickets between meetings, please phone or email your raffle ticket sales volunteers:

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## Block of the Month

Block of the Month for April is Flower Basket, shown below left. It is a 6" finished block in Civil War-style fabrics. A wall hanging made from the Flower Basket blocks might look like the one shown below right.

Lori Allison



## March Guild Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2011 – WOW Meeting

President Mickey Ellis opened the meeting. Maple Grove Quilters gave an update on their upcoming quilt show, April 29-30 and they have tickets available for their raffle quilt.

The WOW Board is looking for volunteers for possible places for the studio/garden tour in June. Please contact Julie or Mickey if your garden or studio is a possibility. Membership update was given by Lola Hanson with 1 new member and many guests. We welcome Kathy Lemons after a "vacation" from membership.

Quilt Show update was presented by Dean Davis, Chairman. The raffle quilt tickets are now available for purchase. "Fanfare for our Friends" is the name of the quilt. The colors used in the quilt represent the various types of cancer. The speakers have been confirmed for the show. The next quilt show meeting is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, Plymouth Lunds Community Room. The boutique is in need of more holiday items for selling.

Vice-President Julie Harstad introduced our guest speaker, Doug Leko. He has established his own pattern company, Antler Quilt Design. He provided information on using pre-cuts and other helpful quilting tips.

Community Services reported 39 quilts have been given away. They read a thank you from Catholic Elder Care. Upcoming meeting schedule includes:

April – Bring your favorite notion. Guest speakers are from Glad Creations.

May - Bring another woman to the meeting. Julie Harstad will be speaking on "Quilting Through Your Lifetime."

June - "Not Everything Turns out Pretty" – Ugly quilt contest. Guest speaker will be Lori Allison.

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, a WOW workshop is being held at Make It Sew in Chanhassen on Vivacious Curvy Quilts. The cost is \$40.00. Call Make it Sew to make your reservation. Block of the Month winner was Carol Henderson. Birthday Club made \$53.25.

Respectfully submitted,  
LuAnn Sing, Co-Secretary

## New Members

We had one new member in March. Her name is Kathy Lemons and she is a returning member. Welcome back Kathy!



## Spotlight On: Sunshine & Shadows

Life happens for WOW members and their families. At those times we want to stay connected and let them know they are in our thoughts. Barb Pavek has pen in hand ready to send out notes and cards to members or their families who have experienced a life event. Call or email Barb to let her know about the need for a card. Her phone number and email address are on the last page of the newsletter.



## UPCOMING WOW WORKSHOP

### Vivacious Curvy Quilts

Saturday, May 7 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Toss aside your rotary cutter and rulers and embrace the world of free form curved piecing. Let go of the “have to’s” of quilting and let your free spirit flow!

This easy, no-stress, method of cutting and piecing curves will have you creating your one-of-a-kind hanging in no time.

The class will be hosted at *Make It Sew* in Chanhassen. Presented by skilled instructor Shannon Atwill, this is one of their most popular classes!

Cost is \$40.

You may register in person at *Make it Sew*, or call the store at **952-767-0701**. You will receive a supply list at that time. Questions may also be directed to WOW Program Chair, Julie Harstad at 612-701-4192.

Workshop location:

Make It Sew  
600 Market Street, Suite 110  
Chanhassen, MN 55317  
<http://www.makeitsewmn.com>

## WOW Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2011

Mickey Ellis, WOW President, began the meeting by thanking all the board members for their continued hard work. She then presented a treasury report on the state of WOW finances, along with information on programming using notes from Julie Harstad, Vice-President. Some upcoming programs/events include: the June member garden/studio tour, the May 7th workshop at Make It Sew in Chanhassen, MN, and the possibility of having Karen McTavish, Duluth, MN longarm quilter, speak at WOW.

The board also discussed the preparation, distribution and retention of records for the WOW guild. This included: the need to create a set of digital masters for information which needs to be passed from year to year, the review process for the guild by-laws, the use of email for approval of board meeting minutes, and discussion on which records the board will need to retain. Changes to the new member packets were also discussed, including adding a revised welcome/informational letter to new members and streamlining the packet.

Individual board members continue their work to improve WOW public relations and increase membership. Julie Harstad is currently revising the new member welcome/information letter, Lola Hanson and Shirley Bonacci are revising the new member packets, and LuAnn Sing is working on enhancements to the WOW website and improved communication to our membership.

Other items discussed included: the approval of the 2011 WOW Budget at the February WOW meeting, business memberships and their benefits, and possible ways to increase donations to the quilt show boutique.

Next Board Meeting: April 18, 2011, 6:30-8PM @ Wayzata Library, 620 Rice St., Wayzata, MN 55391.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Dietrich-Blocker,  
Co-Secretary

### Coming in May

*“Useful Art to Enrich Life”*

In May we encourage you to bring someone new to our meeting and WOW her! Julie Harstad is our featured speaker. She will be sharing how quilting fits into the different phases of our lives, whether we realize it or not. And how we as quilters bless those around us with beautiful and useful handiwork. The goal of this talk is to inspire new and experienced quilters alike in the time honored craft of quilting.

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### ✓ APRIL CHECKLIST:

- Boutique Donations
- Block of the Month
- Community Service Donations
- Secret Sisters Surprises
- Your Nametag
- Birthday Club Donations
- Show and 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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