



Women Of the West

QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

May 2011

Julie Harstad - "Useful Art to Enrich Life"

Julie Harstad will be our featured speaker in May. She will talk about 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. Remember to invite another woman this month, and WOW them!

President's Column

In April, Nancy and Susan from Glad Creations provided the WOW members with a stunning quilt show while sharing their family's story. Their story reminds me of the power of one and what can happen. What a legacy "Glad" has given her family and each of us. One person with one dream that bloomed into one great business!

Each of us has the power of one. Each one of us makes a difference for those around us. Our one action of kindness may mean the world for someone we don't know.

- Compliment a store clerk while shopping; see what happens.
- Buy a cup of lemonade from a neighborhood kid's stand; watch for the smile.
- _____(You fill in the blank)

In May our meeting is focused on membership and how sewing/quilting has been a part of our lives even when we did not call ourselves quilters. Bring a friend who:

- Expresses interest in what you do
- Quilts but is not a member of a guild
- Is a former WOW member taking a break from membership
- Just loves doing new things with you

See you in May with your guest(s),

Mickey



Nancy & Susan from Glad Creations displayed several examples of their mother's beautiful applique work at our April meeting.

Block of the Month

Dawn Bryant won the 26 little flower basket blocks at the April meeting. Single Irish Chain is the block of the month for May. A small quilt made with this versatile little block might look like this:

Lori Allison





Boutique Workdays

You are invited! The WOW Quilt Show committee invites you to participate in one or both of the workdays scheduled for this summer. The workdays take place at Four Seasons Quilt Shop Upstairs Retreat Room. Come for an hour or stay the entire time; depending on your schedule. Dates and times:

- ❖ Saturday, July 23rd – 12:30 – 5:00
- ❖ Saturday, August 13th - 9:00 – 5:00

The plan is to make several different items on each workday. A WOW member will provide the directions and oversight of each project. The projects use all skill levels and talents, along with opportunities to learn some new things without having to buy supplies. Some items will include fabric and sewing such as the zipper bag shown at the last WOW meeting. There will also be some non-sewing projects such as card making and little girl tutus.

If you have an idea or an example of an item we could make at the workdays, please see Dean Davis, Shawn Taylor, or Mickey Ellis. More details about what to bring will be announced in June.

The WOW Boutique will be filled with WONDERFUL things that no shopper will be able to pass up!! **Thank you** -- Your help with the WOW Quilt Show and Boutique continues to provide the guild with the financial resources to offer quality programs and opportunities for learning and sharing.

Raffle Quilt Tickets

Quilt raffle ticket packets have been prepared for all current WOW members. If you haven't picked yours up, be sure to stop by our table at the next WOW meeting. If you would like additional tickets to sell, they will be available every month at the WOW meeting. Please phone or email us if you need tickets in between the meetings, or if you would like to show the quilt and sell raffle tickets at
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other quilt guild meetings. For each 10 tickets sold, your name will go in drawings for prizes.

All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will be donated to cancer organizations. Our goal is 5000 tickets; \$5000. We encourage you to support this worthy cause!

Your raffle ticket sales volunteers,
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WOW Board Meeting Minutes April 18, 2011

Mickey Ellis, WOW President, opened the meeting and reported that she has received some information on potential speakers, including Ann Zemke and Diane Entrikin, co-authors of Every Barn Tells a Story. She has also sent out welcome notes to five new members. An evaluation of the format and room arrangement used at WOW meetings was discussed. All present gave favorable reviews on the format and flow of recent meetings.

Wendy Fedie, Treasurer, reported income and expenses for March, and distributed a net worth report and a quarterly budget report to all board members present.

Julie Harstad, Vice-President, reported on upcoming WOW programs for April and May. She is helping to promote the May 7th WOW workshop at *Make It Sew* in Chanhassen. She continues to work on both the new member welcome letter and the WOW informational postcard/brochures to distribute to quilt shops.

LuAnn Sing reported about the revisions to the WOW website, and researching a list-serve option to improve guild communication. Lisa Dietrich-Blocker will type up a working copy of the WOW by-laws and board job descriptions; these will be used by the board to decide on the need for revisions/amendments to the same. RuthAnn Mohs is researching past by-law amendments. The board will continue their work on revising/amending the WOW by-laws as necessary.

Next Board Meeting: May 16, 2011, 6:30-8PM @ Wayzata Library, 620 Rice St., Wayzata.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Co-Secretary

WOW Guild Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2011

President Mickey Ellis opened the meeting by welcoming all present, and asking those who brought their favorite notion to stand up and share it with the group.

Lola Hanson gave a membership update and introduced two new members. Mickey announced that Lola will be moving out of state, and Barb Pavek presented her with a card of thanks for her membership service.

Marliss Jensen, owner of *Iris Color Studio*, announced that the Surface Design Conference is in Minneapolis in June 2011.

Look online at www.SurfaceDesign.org for more information, or contact the Textile Center. Marliss will be a speaker at a future WOW meeting.

Vice-President Julie Harstad introduced our guest speakers from Glad Creations Quilts: Susan Dyer and Nancy Raschka. They gave an interesting presentation including the history of their shop, how they started developing patterns, their classes/workshops, and a wonderful showing of many of their quilts.

Dean Davis, Quilt Show Chairman, invited members to take and distribute the new quilt show postcards. Members responded favorably to interest in doing a boutique workday on an upcoming Saturday. Shawn Taylor, Boutique Chairman, shared some more ideas for boutique donations. Shawn thanked members for the sixty-plus blocks and lovely items the boutique has already received. The next Quilt Show committee meeting is Tuesday, May 10th @ Plymouth Lunds beginning at 6:30PM. All members are welcome to email ideas to Dean D. or come to the meeting.

Elaine Franks supplied Clue #4 for our mystery quilt. Current clues are available on the WOW website. Nancy Miller thanked members for their continued work on Community Service quilts. Birthday Club made \$45.50.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Co-Secretary*

April Show & Share:

So many lovely quilts appeared at this month's Show & Share. Check out the rest of the photos on WOW's website. Several members brought examples of quilts made from Glad Creation patterns:



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✓ May 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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