



# Women Of the West

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## QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

July 2011

### July Program:

Ann Zemke, author of "They Named Me Marjorie" (Orphan Train) and Diane EntriKin with their new book "Every Barn Tells a Story"

Monday, July 25, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

#### President's Column

"You have a lot of quilting friends." This was a comment by one of my friends while visiting the MQ show. She is right; I am rich in quilting friends. My passion has been a "friend magnet" for years. Whether at a conference or in the airport, complete strangers come up and start sharing their love for textiles. WOW has offered me the opportunity to meet all of you and share our common thread.

It was not until I joined a small group through WOW that I actually experienced the close relationships of other quilters for ongoing support and experiences. Now I have friends who like to take field trips, complete challenges and projects together, and share in all of life's events.

Are you looking for an opportunity to make more friends? Talk to Carole Olson or me and we will help start a new small group. Don't think you have time? Life is about doing good and building relationships. There is always enough time and energy for life. Try it, you will love it! I do.

Speaking of friends – want to have some fun and an opportunity to visit with others while stitching and creating? Plan on attending our WOW quilt show boutique workday on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Four Seasons Retreat Room from 12:30 – 5:00.

Enjoy the beauty of the summer season,  
Mickey

#### Block of the Month

The July block is the Cypress Block (modified), shown below left. A quilt made with these blocks might look like the quilt on the right.



Dawn Thrift was the lucky winner of 21 Variable Star blocks at the June meeting.

Many thanks to the WOW quilt guild for letting me preview my "Using The Elements & Principles of Design to Make Your Quilts Sparkle & Sing" at the June program. I learned that I need to make a better distinction between the elements, which are present in every quilt to varying degrees, and the principles, which guide the selection of all aspects of a successful quilt. I hope that I gave those who attended a better lens to view your design choices as well as the vocabulary to analyze specific features of your quilts in the future.

Thanks again,  
Lori Allison



Lori Allison covered elements of quilt design at the June meeting.

# PIECES OF OUR LIVES

The WOW Quilt Show

## WOW Quilt Show Boutique Workdays

We have two fun boutique work days scheduled. Be sure to get them on your calendar!

- July 23, 12:30-5:00
- August 13, 9:00 – 5:00

We will be at the Four Seasons Upstairs Retreat Room. Come for an hour or come for the entire time. Plans include making items from felted wool, card making, and holiday items. It will be a time to take a break and enjoy meeting with friends to make some fun items for the WOW Quilt Show Boutique. Details of what to bring are on the WOW web site.

## Quilt Raffle Tickets

**Good news:** We're booked to show the raffle quilt at eight quilt group meetings and three quilt shops. Sales to date are \$665. **Better news:** We have consigned out over 2000 tickets. **Bad news:** That leaves 3000 more tickets to sell.

Going on a retreat this summer? Attending a family reunion? Don't miss the opportunity to pass out to all who attend. Today, June 30, I took the WOW raffle ticket deposit to the bank. The teller is a want-to-be quilter. Tomorrow I'm stopping back with a bookmark for her---and perhaps a sale of raffle tickets? The opportunities are endless. Remember: Gilda's Club, Susan G. Komen & Voices of Hope are the recipients of our ticket sales.

Additional tickets mailed at your request.

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## WOW Quilt Survivor – West Metro



It is month 2 of our 1<sup>st</sup> WOW Quilt Survivor activity. Four brave volunteers have a bag with fabric that is “beautiful in the eye of the beholder” along with new directions for what to do. At the July meeting we will get to see what they have made. Come and join the fun. Remember-- “It is the journey, not the destination or finished product” that is important.

## Bring Your “Summer Weight” Quilts to The July WOW Meeting

Do you have some quilt tops that you've never gotten around to quilting? Bring a few along to the July WOW meeting, and show us your “summer weight” quilts!

## WOW Board Meeting Minutes June 20, 2011

Board members present: Mickey Ellis, Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Wendy Fedie, Lisa Olson and Ruth Ann Mohs; absent: Julie Harstad, LuAnn Sing, Shirley Bonacci and Donna Champion.

Mickey E. opened the meeting. Wendy F. shared the Treasurer's report for May: income = \$1000.50, expenses = \$52.45. Mickey E. then reported that Lori Allison will be the program presenter for June, and Ann Zemke/Diane Entrikin will present a program for the July guild meeting. The Board has been researching the option of using a Listserv to contact guild members. LuAnn S. may become the administrator of a Yahoo group instead, which would be a free option and still allow us to restrict the group to WOW members. The Yahoo group email could be used for reminders and to announce special events. Lisa O. discussed the challenges of formatting the monthly newsletter. Lisa D.B. suggested condensing the Board meeting minutes, and keeping the guild minutes to a short report on the program and a bulleted list for information on membership numbers, birthday club, and door prizes. The Board continued their work on revising the bylaws. The meeting was adjourned at 8PM. Next Board meeting: July 18, 2011, 6:30-8:00PM @ Wayzata Library \*\*(Mtg. later cancelled for July.)



Karen Petersen & Donna Champion showed the Bird Of Paradise projects they completed after a WOW workshop with George Siciliano.

## WOW Guild Meeting Minutes - **May 23, 2011**

Lori Allison of Allison Quilt Design in Prior Lake, MN gave a presentation detailing the elements and principles of design, and how they can be used to make an award-winning quilt. Using quilt examples, she showed how quilt makers had used elements such as color, lines, texture, and value to add visual interest to their quilts. She illustrated the principles of design with more quilt slides; for example, a center medallion=dominance, colors shading from dark to light=gradation, sampler quilts=variety, etc. She showed how some quilts could have been improved by adding contrast, making borders in proportion to central elements, or by using a different color scheme. She ended by quizzing members on which principles/elements were used in the slides she showed, and then challenged all present to use these guidelines to make their quilts "sparkle and sing!"

There were five entrants in the member "Ugliest Quilt Contest", and prizes were awarded for the following categories: valueless, humps & bumps, pointless, at least it's quilted and most valiant effort. The WOW Quilt Survivor activity was continued with one returning player and three new players. *Please note: There will be no WOW Board meeting in July.*

- Birthday club proceeds: \$55.75
- Membership: 65 members plus 13 returning/new members; 9 guests

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Co-Secretary

## Welcome to the 13 New and Returning Members Who Joined Us in June!

- Mary R. Lueders, Wayzata, MN
- Kathy Gustafson, Long Lake, MN
- Debra Dirks, St. Louis Park, MN
- Kitty Curran, Golden Valley, MN
- Michele Gacek, Plymouth, MN
- Lynette Disrud, Eden Prairie, MN
- Donna Winship, Eden Prairie, MN
- Yvonne Blomquist, Plymouth, MN
- Marjorie Russell, Wayzata, MN
- Karal Plocher, Chanhassen, MN
- Mary Beth Marinaro, Plymouth, MN
- Barb Maki, Eden Prairie, MN
- Bev Panzer, Plymouth, MN



One of the beautiful quilts displayed at Show & Share



Members shared some of their "less than perfect" quilts during WOW's good natured Ugly Quilt Contest.

**COMING IN AUGUST.....**

**A WOW Birthday Celebration!**

*We are looking for a person who would be interested in making and quilting three school memories t-shirt quilts for a mom whose kids are "moving on" to college. Please contact Barb Syverson (763-559-4578) or Jeanne Bendzinski at (763-509-9243) for more information.*

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## Q U I L T E R S

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### ✓ JULY CHECKLIST:

- Your "Summer Weight" Quilts
- 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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