



Women Of the West QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

August 2011

August Program - Marliss Jensen of Iris Color Studio

Marliss Jensen is a fabric painting and dyeing specialist, who will share how she makes and paints art cloth. As owner of Iris Color Studio she provides expert custom-color dyeing and painting for the general public, designers, ballroom dance, figure skating, advertising, performance artists, theater, opera, movies and museums..

www.iriscolorstudio.com

Monday, August 22, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

President's Column

At the July meeting members named ways that quilting helps to keep them healthy. From making lasting friendships to creating an opportunity for walking from sewing machine to ironing board, there are many ways we stay healthy all because of our passion.

Creativity lives in all of us and when we access that part of our being, it brings a sense of pleasure. It may be the colors, the textures, the pattern, the doing, or maybe all of the process – it feeds our creative needs and helps to keep us healthy.

We have all read articles on staying healthy. You know the basics: eat right, exercise, reduce stress, and get enough sleep. Another one that speaks to me is the act of doing something for others. We all know that we receive the most when we give expecting nothing in return. Quilters are known for giving and sharing their talents with others

Volunteering is another aspect of being a healthy person. We all have the opportunity to volunteer for those things that mean the most to us like the Quilt Show. Let's surprise Ruth Ann and decrease her stress; sign up to volunteer instead of waiting.
Sign me up!

Mickey

Block of the Month

The block for August is an Eight-Pointed Star that uses a cutting and piecing technique that eliminates those pesky "Y" seams. I hope you enjoy piecing it in this way. A quilt made with these blocks might look like the quilt on the right.



Congratulations to Sandy Johnson, who won the 19 Cypress Blocks at the July program.

Participants may enter up to three blocks and put their name into the drawing three times -- one for each block. It should be fun to see the blocks up on the wall in August. For any new members, Block of the Month books are still available for \$2 each.

With our WOW quilt show fast approaching, it would be fun to have some Block Of The Month completed quilts in a small, special exhibit as well.

Lori Allison

PIECES OF OUR LIVES

The WOW Quilt Show

October 15, 2011

This is OUR Quilt Show revealing YOUR quilts and talents!! You supply the WOW factor! We want all who attend to be WOW'd!

There are many ways for you to help with our Quilt Show:

- Spread the word everywhere
- Give out bookmarks (postcards). These are terrific conversation pieces with all the information about the show
- Sell raffle tickets
- Make Boutique items
- Register your quilts
- Sign up to volunteer
- Look for an article in the next issue of the

Country Register.

Thank you for all you do and also to the 9 members who participated in the July workday. There is **no** August workday scheduled

Quilt Show Chairman

Dean Davis



Co-Author and one of last months speakers, Ann Zemke, shows one variation of her Barn Quilts.

Quilt Raffle Tickets

To date WOW members have sold \$969 in raffle tickets. In July 19 members turned in \$304 in ticket sales. Hooray for Patti Marrin, second highest salesperson, with 80 tickets sold at two group meetings.

All ticket proceeds will be divided among: Gilda's Club, Susan G. Komen and Circle In The Field, Hastings, MN support group who produce Voices of Hope DVD.

Thank you for taking the bookmarks at the July meeting. What a great way to market our beautiful quilt. Ideas for distributing bookmarks advertising our show:

- Give to the teller at your bank (I did)
- Include in a greeting card (I did)
- Drop off at the garage sales you attend (I did)
- Take to family or class reunions

Call us to arrange for ticket sales at YOUR group meeting.

Additional tickets mailed at your request:

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WOW Quilt Survivor – West Metro



It is month 3 of our 1st WOW Quilt Survivor activity. Four brave volunteers started with fabric that is “beautiful in the eye of the beholder”. In July participants revealed a block made with a certain number of additional fabrics as determined in a random drawing. For August the participants are to construct a Community Service placemat using the block, fabrics in the bag, AND the new colorful “ugly” fabric.

August will be the final reveal.

Remember-- “It is the journey, not the destination or finished product” that is important.

WOW Board Meeting Minutes

There was no board meeting in July

Next board meeting is August 15 at 6:30 at the Wayzata Public Library

Mystery Quilt Reveal -

Bring your mystery quilt to the August WOW meeting. We want to see it no matter if it is still in blocks, summer weight, or complete. It will be interesting to see how your quilt looks compared to the others. The pattern can look different depending on the fabric we use

Elaine Franks

WOW July Guild Meeting Minutes

With a beautiful sampler quilt as their backdrop, Ann Zemke and Diane Entrikin gave an inspiring presentation about their newest project, a book called "Every Barn Tells a Story". After sharing a little about their backgrounds, Ann and Diane proceeded to talk about their travels in MN and Iowa in search of quilt blocks on barns. On one "quilt block trail" in Grundy Center, Iowa, sixty quilt blocks on barns are now included in their trail. Many other areas in IA and MN are starting their own trails, as well as guilds creating quilt trails within their own neighborhoods. Their book includes personal stories from families whose barn quilt blocks were showcased, along with patterns for the blocks, sampler quilt patterns, instructions on how to make your own "barn" quilt block, and much more. Their display of quilt projects from their book was heartily received, as well as the book-signing for book purchasers.

After their presentation, many "summer weight" quilt tops were shared by guild members, along with some of the reasons they have remained un-quilted: so many quilts--too little time, not sure how to finish, not their color scheme, fragile antiques, recipient grew up too fast, etc.

- Birthday Club made: \$61.25
- Three door prizes were distributed to happy winners
- Membership Info: 86 members present, 5 new members and 8 visitors

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Co-Secretary

COMING IN SEPTEMBER.....

WOW Schoolhouse

A time to learn some new techniques



Above; 2 of our show & share quilts...

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✓ AUGUST CHECKLIST:

- Mystery Quilt
- 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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