



Women Of the West QUILTERS

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JUNE 2012

JUNE PROGRAM

Pat Speth, author of *Nickel Quilt* series of books and quilter for the past 23 years.

Monday, JUNE 25TH, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

President's Column

What a great meeting we had at Four Seasons! Thanks to Joanne for all of the set up, and willingness to stay open past 9 for us. In addition she offered all WOW members who were at the meeting 10% savings in the store that night! We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful people to work with.

Our speaker was fun and interesting as well. I am excited to make the mini pin cushion kit that I bought. Watch out friends, I think this will be the holiday gift of choice this year!

We are looking for Quilt Show Chairs. Please, please consider volunteering for this important post. You may share the job with someone, and remember there is a lot of help!

I am excited to see the submissions for the raffle quilt in the following months -- how exciting to have our own home-grown raffle quilt!

My friend Zara, who works with the Smile Network, would like to know if any of you would be willing to make some small tote bags to donate. These are called Smile Totes, and are filled with a coloring book, crayons, toothbrush and toothpaste, and a small mirror. The bags keep the kids that are waiting for surgery busy until it is their turn. We would just make the totes, I will supply a pattern and you can contact me directly if you are interested. They are in need of 100 more totes for this year.

June will bring sundress weather, and Pat Speth as our speaker. *Cont. page 2*

June Program - June 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Pat Speth, author of the *Nickel Quilt* series of books, began quilting in 1988 when she purchased a wool quilt batting from her Grandmother's auction. "I checked out a stack of quilt books from the library and fell in love with the patterns and designs, I knew I could not stop with just one quilt."

Pat started working with 5 inch squares as a basis for her quilting in 1993 after attending her first retreat. She was asked to do a program for her guild in 1997 using the 5" squares, which gave her the push to explore new uses and techniques for working with the squares.



Pat, while working a full time job, started on the book, *Nickel Quilts* in 1998 and was able to have it ready for the publishers in June 2001.

She loves teaching the methods for working with the 5" squares, and sharing her quilts with others. After juggling her full time job and her quilting for many years, Pat moved into a full time quilting career in July 2003. "I have found my passion in life, and I can't imagine doing anything else." *Cont. page 2*

President's column cont.

Do any of you have a nickel quilt to share with us at the meeting? Make sure to bring it along. Also check out Pat's website: <http://www.patspeth.com/>, she has some lovely free patterns that she shares with all.

I hope to see many of you before the meeting at the Minnesota Quilters Show in Rochester. If you want transportation, give Four Seasons a call. They have a few buses going down. Look for me in the Country Loft booth. I will be helping out some friends who are expecting 2 grandbabies right in time for the show.

You may reach me at pres.womenofthewest@gmail.com

Yours in Stitches and Giggles,
Patti Marrin, President

*Friendship is sewn with love and
measured by kindness.*

Spicy Rhubarb Chutney (per request)
2/3 c. sugar, 1/2 c. red wine vinegar, 1/3 c. golden raisins,
1 large shallot, finely chopped, 1 Tbsp. ginger, peeled,
finely chopped, 1/4 tsp. crush red pepper, 2 Tbsp.
raspberry jam(seedless), pinch of cloves, 1 pound of
chopped rhubarb. Heat to boiling on medium heat all
ingredients except rhubarb. Boil for 5 minutes. Then
add rhubarb and pinch of salt. Cook 5 minutes or until
tender. Cool then refrigerate. Makes 2 cups.

Gruber's 30th Anniversary Quilt Show & Sale: June 30,
10:00 - 4:00 pm, \$2.00 admission.
Shipshewana Quilt Festival, IN - June 20-23
Information pamphlets will be on membership table or check
online.
Thread Benders Quilt Guild: 16th Quilt & Trunk Show, Oct.
6th, 9:30 - 4pm & 7th, 12-4pm, @ Adult Community Center,
107 S. 4th St., Marshall, MN, Admission \$3.00. To display at
show contact Michelle Full (507) 532-3893 or
full@chartermi.net, or Lori Dagele (507) 658-3556.
Stewartville Heritage House: For retreats, overnight stays,
meetings, gatherings @ 309 N. Main St., Stewartville, MN.
For rates contact Laurie (507) 533-8555.

Pat Speth cont.

Pat is currently working on her line of individual patterns, a Block of the Month Quilt, and has just finished her fourth book. Her newest release, *Nickel Quilts & Borders*, was debuted on April 19, 2010 and is available for purchase through this website or at your local quilt shop.

When she is not quilting (a rare and odd occurrence) Pat enjoys traveling with her two webmasters and children, Ray and Roxie, who keep her from getting lost in foreign lands. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

July 23 Program: Cathy Wierzbicki: Time To Quilt
Lori Allison, Vice President

Block of the Month

Carol Henderson won the May basket blocks last month. This month the pattern is Triangle Square in red, white, and a medium and dark blue. See the website or your booklet for the pattern. We also still have booklets available for purchase - just see me at a meeting.

Dawn Bryant/Carol Henderson

Membership

We had 74 members, 2 guests and 1 new member in attendance for our May meeting. We welcome Sherry Finch as the new member.

LuAnn Singl Shirley Bonacci

???Secret Sisters???

The theme for June is ideas and tips for T-shirt, memory and photo quilts. Remember if you have not had a gift from your secret sister or you can't remember who your secret sister is, see Patti Marrin.

RAFFLE QUILT

Hello Fellow Quilters,

We are excited to share with you our 2013 Raffle Quilt Committee: Carol Henderson, our own Cat Woman, Elaine Franks, Julie Harstad and Patti Marrin. Together we would like to involve the whole guild in the Raffle Quilt process!

To begin with, because we have so many talented individuals, we will be taking pattern entries from our members. The WOW Board Members will then be choosing the pattern to be used. It will be a blind vote as they will not know who the designer is. They have the final decision.

Next we are looking for members who are interested in
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completing blocks. Mary Havisto has already agreed to help us sew! We will be hosting sewing days, or you can take fabric home to work on the blocks. Then we will be taking bids on longarm quilting services from within the guild. We will then enter it into the Minnesota Quilt Show as a group entry!

While the quilt is making the raffle ticket sales round we will also make the pattern available for purchase. A portion of the pattern sale proceeds will go into the raffle sales, and a portion will go to the pattern designer.

What a wonderful opportunity to share talents and time together as we explore the gifts within the WOW Quilt Guild!

Here are the guidelines for designers:

- Must be an original pattern design.
- Pattern needs to be complete: picture; written, easy to follow directions; packaged to sell
- Although it doesn't need to be an easy pattern, it must be easy to assemble. Please take into consideration there will be a number of different piecers, those who make scant seams and full seams. The blocks should have some give and take for easy of assembly.
- Yardage requirements
- Please include the genre and suggested colors for fabrics. (This will be open for discussion and the Raffle Committee will make the final decision.)
- Pattern entries will be taken until August meeting, 2012. Please give the completed entry to Julie Harstad, contact information: 612-701-4192, julie@harstads.biz, 7150 Jubert Lane, Corcoran, MN 55340, or to Patti Marrin, contact information: 952.240.4398, p.m.quiltdesign@gmail.com, 10909 Ewing Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431.

We look forward to seeing your patterns!

No Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting June 25th; 5:30pm at Robert's Guild Meeting, May 28th, 2012

(Meeting held at Four Seasons Loft due to Medina Entertainment Center being closed for Memorial Day.)

President Patti Marin called the meeting to order. She introduced JoAnn and thanked her for allowing us to have our meeting at her shop, Four Seasons. JoAnn gave a short greeting and mentioned that we all get a 10% discount on regular items tonight.

Circle in the Field: Peer Support for Breast Cancer, a recipient of our quilt show money, sent a nice thank you. Announcements included a reminder of Quilt in Bloom on June 9th from 9-3 and Marshall MN's Thread Benders Quilt Guild's show on October 6-7.

Vice President Lori Allison introduced our guest speaker, Sheila Sinclair Snyder, who talked about her Perfect Fit Pieced Border book and style of sewing those borders. She also brought along lots of quilts to share and inspire.

Membership report – see newsletter for details

Birthday Bags – brought in \$37.50

Secret Sisters – please contact Patti tonight if you have not yet received a gift.

Block of the Month – Carol Henderson won the basket blocks. Triangle squares are next.

Angela needs help with WOW post cards to be distributed to local quilt shops.

Raffle Quilt – A reminder for members to enter their queen sized quilt pattern and photo for next years quilt show by August. Patterns will be sold at the show with part of the proceeds going to the designer. Four Seasons will be contacted to see about using their loft for quilt workdays.

Quilt Show coordinator is still needed for next years quilt show to determine venue and theme. This position could be two people willing to share the duties.

Five door prizes were handed out before Show and Share.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Morris, Co-Secretary

Pictures from Sheila Sinclair Snyder



Shelia with an example of her pieced border method.



An example of Shelia's pieced border with an "oops"



One more of Shelia's pieced to the edge border quilts.

Show & Share Gallery



Beck Plusa with "Hotcakes" potholders.



Pam Plocek's pieced quilt with novelty cat panel center.



Janet Balej pieced quilt with flower applique.

Show & Share cont.



Annette Balkenende's quilted keepsake pillow cover for a bride.



Shawn Taylor's "Vikings Fan" quilt.



Carol Fisher's children's quilt featuring Spot.



Janna Laumann's candle mat made from a kit purchased @ Nov. 2011 Make & Take with guest Bonnie Lundorf.



Gail Bronner's 'Magic Stars' quilt.



Patti Marrin's blue/pink quilt with grossgrain ribbon binding.



Julie Harstad's "Music theme" quilt for competition.

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✓ JUNE CHECKLIST:

- Block of the month
- Your Nametag
- Birthday Club Donations
- Show and Share
- Community Service projects or donations
- Free books ,magazine and fabric to 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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