



Women Of the West QUILTERS

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JULY 2012

JULY PROGRAM

Cathy Wierzbicki, author, lecturer, teacher, pattern and notion designer.
Monday, July 23RD, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

President's Column

I have been spending some time going through my quilting fabrics. The process has been a joy. I am also taking an online couture dress class! The class has been a blast. I have learned so much about making a fabulously fitting garment and I cannot wait to start sewing for my girls and myself. This is what I have been up to, so that I can stay out of the heat of these summer days! I hope that your summer finds you learning, playing with your fabric, relaxing and just having some summer fun!

Thank you for the Smile Network Totes received at the last meeting, remember our goal is 100 by September, when they go on their next trip to make the lives of some really great kids better.

Our speaker in July looks like fun. Cathy has numerous patterns and ideas for us to get some piecing done quickly and in a new way. Check out her website before our meeting to get a better idea of what she is about.
<http://www.timetoquilt.com/>

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

Yours in Stitches and Giggles,
Patti Mannin, President

July Program - July 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Cathy Wierzbicki: Time To Quilt

Pattern and notion designer, author of *Time To Quilt*, *Coffee Time Quilts*, *Geometric Gems*, *Take Time To Quilt* & *Twosey-Foursey Quilts*, Cathy Wierzbicki teaches and lectures around the country. Cathy last visited the Women of the West Quilters in September of 2004 – and she has created LOTS of new stuff since then!

Lori Allison, Vice President

3/4 Yard Bag for The Smile Network

Materials needed: 3/4 yard of fabric, embellishments (if desired).

1. Fold fabric right sides together, selvages together.
2. Cut a 4-1/2" strip from the selvedge side (do not trim off selvage). This will give you two strips for your bag handles. (If you like a bit wider handle, you can cut a 5" strip)
3. To make handles: Press strip in half lengthwise. Open strip and press the two halves in towards the center of the strip; press again. Fold strip in half and top stitch around the whole strip. Repeat with other strip. Set aside.
4. With right sides of fabric together, sew around the outside edges of the bag fabric, leaving a 4-5" opening to be able to turn the bag right side out. (Don't need to sew the folded edge, but you can if you want!) NOTE: If your fabric is directional, fold your fabric right sides together with the folded edge on the bottom of the fabric towards you. Leave an opening near the top left side of your fabric. (When you turn your fabric, the folded side will be on the left and the opening will be on the right side near the top of the bag. Your printed design should be right side up!)
5. Turn bag right side out, press
6. Top stitch opening closed. This part will be hidden as it becomes the lining of the bag.
7. Now stuff the top half of the fabric into the bottom half, creating lining for the bag and a fold at the top. Press again.
8. Fold top down towards the outside approximately 1-1/2" or so. Press.
9. Insert bag handles: Insert end of one strip under the folded top- 4" in from the left side of the Bag and pin in place. Insert other end of strip under folded top -4" from right side of bag and pin in place. (Strips are now facing toward the bottom of the bag.) Now lift each side of handle so the handle is above the bag and two strips ends are over the top of the folded top of the bag- pin each side in place.
10. Repeat procedure for the handle on the other side of the bag.
11. Now top stitch around the top and bottom of the folded edge. This will also secure the strips in place. You may wish to use a decorative stitch for this step.
12. Embellish if you want, rickrack, coordinating pockets, etc.

You can also have fun experimenting with bags of varying sizes and shapes using this method. **Deliver to Patti Marrin or bring to the next guild meeting. We need 100 bags by September!**

Quilt Retreat October 2012

Attention Quilters: The Wow Annual Quilt Retreat this year will be held in October at: Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Retreat Center in Spicer, MN. This year, sleeping accommodations and quilting space will be in one building, bed linens will be provided. All meals beginning with dinner Friday evening and ending with brunch on Sunday will be provided, and there is an elevator available for use between floors. The space at this facility allows for a maximum of 45-50 quilters. Specifics are:

- Estimated Cost: \$130 per person (actual cost dependent on number of quilters attending).
- A 50% deposit (\$60) is required no later than Thursday, August 30th, to confirm your attendance and save your table.
- Dates: Check-in is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26th, and Check-out is 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28th.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact one of your WOW Quilt Retreat Coordinators: Mary Inman-Forbes; (763)-559-0703, email: mary.inman-forbes@blackbox-vs.com, Nancy Erbst (612) 965-5664, email: nancy@erbst.org, Linda Lindholm (612) 735-5849, email: linda.lindholm@honeywill.com. More information will be provided in the following months. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Block of the Month

Elaine Franks won the 14 Triangle Square blocks last month. This month the pattern is a 9" finished or 9 1/2" unfinished summer theme block, your choice of design and fabric. See the website or your booklet for the instructions. We also still have booklets available for purchase - just see me at a meeting.

Dawn Bryant/Carol Henderson

???Secret Sisters???

Our June speaker, Pat Speth, inspires the theme for July and August. Let's give our secret sister (10) 5" squares in blues for July and (10) 5" in red for August. Remember if you have not had a gift from your secret sister or you can't remember your secret sister is, see Patti Marrin or me.

Mary Hess

RAFFLE QUILT

Hello Fellow Quilters,

We are excited to share with you our 2013 Raffle Quilt Committee: Carol Henderson, our own Cat Woman,
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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 making 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 long arm 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!

Redeemer Lutheran Block Club 5th Annual Quilt Auction:

July 28th, 2012 10:30 am @ 1800 Glenwood Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55405. Proceeds from the Quilt Auction will go for Women and Children projects in Mexico, Togo and Kenya. For additional information contact Redeemer Lutheran Church @ (612) 374-4139, <http://www.redeemermpls.org>

New small group: Looking to start a new small group interested in Pat Speth's "nickel quilt" concept. See Carole Olson or Angela Coleman.

No Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting, July 23rd 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Medina Bowl.

Guild Meeting Notes:

President, Patti Marrin, called the meeting to order.

Lori Allison, Vice President, informed us that the September meeting would be held on the 4th Wednesday, due to an overbooking by the speaker. Class will also be that same day at Four Seasons Quilt Shop. Lori then introduced our evening's guest, Pat Speth who has been quilting full time for the last nine years. Now living in the Twin Cities, Pat presented many quilts and books for "Nickel Quilts". Check out her website www.patspeth.com for her blog as well as free patterns.

- Community Service had items on the table that needed finishing.
- Membership announced 5 guests and 2 returning members.
- Resolution Quilts had forms for those wishing to get their unfinished projects done.
- Secret Sisters were asked to see Patti again if they were not receiving any gifts.
- Small Groups had no report.
- Quilt Show now has a chair, Julie Harstad. Julie asked for both help and information with the 2013 Quilt Show. Thanks Julie for being our leader.
- Our Retreat Coordinators now have sheets available for interested participants. The retreat will be October 26-28 at the Green Lake Lutheran Ministry at Spicer. For more information see page 2 of the newsletter.
- The Smile Network, who goes to third world countries performing cleft palate surgeries, needs our help. As a group, we are providing 100 tote bags (pattern for a tote bag on page 2 of newsletter). The tote bags are used for storing coloring books and other activities for patients awaiting surgery. The bags use $\frac{3}{4}$ of a yard of fabric. Let's do our part to help this worthy endeavor.

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- Janet Balej mentioned that a pair of sunglasses was left at our last meeting at Four Seasons. See her if they are yours.
- Quilt pins are still available for \$5.
- WOW postcards still need to be delivered to area quilt stores.
- A Quilt Auction is coming up. See the newsletter for more information.
- There were 4 lucky door prize winners.
- Birthday Club brought in \$62.50.
- Block of the Month winner, Elaine Franks won 14 triangle squares. Next month is a 9 inch summer theme.
- Show N Share began with Nickel Quilts and then other creations by our talented members.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Morris, Co-Secretary

Small Sample from Pat Speth's Trunk Show



One of many quilts from Pat Speth's Trunk Show



Another sample of Pat Speth's "Nickel Quilts"



The 'sampler' quilt from Pat's trunk show.

Show & Share Sampler: With having over twenty quilts and projects, here is just a sampling of all the wonderful hard work brought to the June meeting. It was hard choosing what to include in this month's newsletter!!



Lynda Guisinger with a Pat Speth design "Texas 2 Step"

Show & Share Gallery cont.



Lynda Guisinger with Pat Speth's design "Butterfly Waltz"



Cindy Stinson with a resolutions quilt of scrappy triangles.



Lori Allison with a quilt made by her mother.



Deane Gradous with a community service quilt.



Edith Lejonvarn with "Diamond in the Rough" by Heather Moulder



Mary Dunison with "President's Block" and "McTavishing" quilting.



Mickey Ellis with bright starburst quilt.



Carol Henderson with an "I Spy" quilt.

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✓ July 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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