



Women Of the West QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

JANUARY 2016

JANUARY PROGRAM

Monday, January 25, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m., at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

SPEAKER: Sherri Falls of This & That Patterns

President's Column

Happy New Year Women of the West!

I pray the year 2016 will be blessed and healthy for every one of you.

It is my honor to serve you for the next six months as your President again. Thank you for showing trust in Renelle Kunau and me again.

This year promises to be many new adventures for our guild. As you know, we are holding our meetings at a **new location**—**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**. They hosted us for our Quilt Show. I heard nothing but great reviews. The committee enjoyed working with the staff at the church. I know we will love our "new home".

Robin Kohls has done a superb job again scheduling knowledgeable and excellent speakers for 2016. Be sure to sign up for the classes.

We have a new Board and new committee chairs this year. Thank you for your willingness to serve our group. Members be sure and introduce yourself.

Ladies, please, this year invite someone new to our guild. Or, if you know someone who has not been for a while, call and invite them back and let them know our new location.

Let me know where you are eating before club. Maybe we can "take one" as our restaurant in the neighborhood.

Promise me that all of us this year will do something different and get out of our comfort zone. Be sure and share with me your experience. Every one of you are so special to me. Be a blessing to someone this year, you will receive much more in return.

See you at the church,

Shawn Taylor, President

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!

WOW has moved:

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5005 Northwest Blvd., Plymouth, MN

Please use the North Entrance

NW corner of Northwest Blvd & Schmidt Lake Rd

New meeting location for 2016

January 25th Program:

Sherri Falls of This & That Patterns

Lecture & Trunk Show



Sherri began quilting in 1994. She enjoyed trying to put patterns together in different ways and experimented with designing her own patterns. In 2000, Sherri started a machine quilting business with her mother who owned a quilt store in scenic Waconia, MN. It was at that store that she met Eileen Taylor, designer of the Holly Taylor fabric line from Moda. Eileen encouraged Sherri to try creating patterns with her fabric, and This & That Pattern Company was born in 2004.

Since then, Sherri has designed many patterns and a book for the Holly Taylor fabric lines. In addition, Sherri has designed charm patterns and other fun patterns for jelly rolls and layer cakes under the "Little Scraps" and "Breakfast Club" lines. You can visit Sherri's website here:

<http://www.thisandthatpatterns.com/books.php>

Still only \$30 2016 WOW Membership Dues

Membership dues will be collected starting the January 25th meeting. Please remember to bring either cash in the exact amount of \$30.00 or a check made out to WOW for \$30.00. Since we will be at the church for our meetings we will not have the option of getting change from the restaurant or the "pull tabs" man. It is VERY HELPFUL for you to have the exact amount if paying with cash.

February Program and Workshop:

Tracy Trevethan – Wool Dying
February 22nd - Lecture at WOW
February 27th – Wool Dying Workshop
(Saturday Workshop)



<http://mkt.com/TracyTrevethanDesigns>

Tracy Trevethan Designs features unique and beautiful hand-dyed and hand-painted fabrics as well as Quilt Patterns and Kits, all created by Tracy. The top quality hand-dyed cotton is available in fat quarter pieces. The luxuriously soft hand-dyed wools are available in fat eighth up to 1 yard pieces. The hand painted cotton is available in fat quarter pieces up to 1 yard pieces. Tracy only uses a 200 thread count cotton and the softest wool she can find. Some of the original quilt patterns are available alone or with a kit of hand-dyed or hand painted fabrics.

Tracy has enjoyed sewing, drawing and painting since childhood. In college Tracy was introduced to fabric dyeing and has explored many avenues to bring her passions together. Tracy started quilting in 1992 and loves every step of the quilt making process. Beginning with the designing, creating the fabric, bringing it together with piecing and the machine quilting too, (Just drawing with thread).

February 27th Workshop with Tracy Trevethan will have a \$75 material fee. Workshop fee is \$35/\$45 member/non-member.

Two Volunteer Committee Positions Still Needed for 2016

WOW is able to be a vibrant guild because of its volunteers. There are still two positions available:

The first is **Activities Chair**. The job description is here: <http://www.wowquiltguild.com/assets/byLaws/ActivityChair.pdf>

The second is **Annual Fall Retreat coordinator(s)** which can be one person, or several people serving as a committee. The job description is here: <http://www.wowquiltguild.com/assets/byLaws/RetreatCoordinator.pdf>

Please consider whether you can contribute to our Guild's success by taking one of these positions.

Secret Sisters

We enjoyed revealing our Secret Sisters at the November meeting and look forward to getting new Secret Sisters at the January meeting. A few of us weren't at the meeting and look forward to meeting our 2015 Secret Sister in January.



I encourage everyone to become a part of the Secret Sisters and become better acquainted with one of WOW's members. Just think about your "sister" and give her a small gift (under \$10) each month. You'll also be challenged to find clues to who has you for a "sister." Do you recognize her handwriting? Did the gift show up at the same time she did? Who was on vacation the month you didn't get a gift? (She'll give you 2 gifts next month.) Have Fun! Have a wonderful New Year!

Diane Salls, 2015 Secret Sisters Chair

How to sign up for 2016 Secret Sisters:

Sign up now by downloading the form attached to this newsletter, and return it by January 22, 2016 in person, by mail or email to Marcey Fahrenholtz. You will be matched with a Secret Sister and notified who she is by mid-January so we can start our exchange at the January WOW meeting. Secret Sisters is completely voluntary, but once you start, please don't stop as this would leave your Secret Sister out of the fun.

Marcey Fahrenholtz, 2016 Secret Sisters Chair



Quilts of Valor has moved

Terri Good announced that the Quilts of Valor small group has moved to Blue Bamboo in Plymouth, MN. It will still be held the second Saturday of the month from 10-3.

New Small Group Forming

Piecemakers is the new small group comprised of WOW members. They meet the 2nd Monday 1:00 - 4:00 PM, at 9225 Medicine Lake Rd, Room #101. Joanne Sorbel is a member and lives at this address. Please join them, as the group is looking for more members. The next meeting is January 11, 1:00 PM.

Birthday Club

With the start of 2016, WOW welcomes 4 members new to taking care of the Birthday Club: Terri Good, Lucy Joyce, Rita Ranfranz and Cheryl Vessels. Remember to bring an item on your birthday month for the raffle. Quilting or sewing related items, fat quarters or chocolate are only a few suggestions. The proceeds of the birthday club help offset the cost of rent for the meeting.



Have an idea for an article?

Do you have a small group that is looking for some new members? Do you have an idea for something new you would like to see in the newsletter? Please feel free to contact me, Brenda Hansen, bjhanscat@yahoo.com. I will try to make room in the newsletter for your information. This newsletter is for the members.



In my dream world, fabric is free and quilting makes you thin!



[facebook.com/QuiltingSewingCreating](https://www.facebook.com/QuiltingSewingCreating)

Speaker & Workshop Preview

Workshop fees for 2016 will be \$55 / \$65 member / nm. Look for more information at the meeting.

Saturday, March 12th - Sew In Workshop

Monday, April 25th - Carol Taylor

Workshop and Lecture

Sensuous Lines and Curves, 1 Day Workshop

Monday, May 23rd Kate Eelkema, Lecture

✓ JANUARY CHECKLIST:

- Your Name tag
- Your 2016 Membership Dues
- Birthday Club Donations
- Final Secret Sister Surprises & 2016 Signup
- Show and Share items
- Free books, magazines and fabric
- Your donation/service quilt

Women Of the West

QUILTERS

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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 monthly on the 4th Monday, at 7 p.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5005 Northwest Blvd, in Plymouth. If there is a conflict with a holiday, or other changes in schedule, they will be noted in the newsletter and on our website which can be found here:

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com/index.htm>

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