



# Women Of the West

## QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

FEBRUARY 2016

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Monday, February 22, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m., at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

**SPEAKER: Tracy Trevathan – Wool Dying**

### President's Column

Dear Ladies of WOW,

I think our first meeting at our new "home" went very well. I will request the chairs be a little further apart but, all in all, I feel we will be happy at Beautiful Savior.

The Board and your committees have some wonderful ideas and speakers for the next year. All the volunteers work so hard for our group. I appreciate all their devotion. Angela has some super fun activities for each month. Come and be a part of getting to know more of our members.

For those interested in having dinner before the meeting, everyone is welcome to join my group. We meet at Applebee's on Hwy 55 & Vicksburg at 5:30 PM.. Applebee's have all their hamburgers for \$5.99 on Monday nights.

I hope everyone is giving a lot of thought to Gail and Robin's Art Quilt Challenge. Try something new! It should be fun.

Happy Valentine's Day. This month, please consider sending a note of encouragement or Valentine to a serviceman or woman, a shut-in or resident in a nursing home to cheer them and let them know someone is thinking of them.

Remember to keep track of your community service and drop a note at the desk when you check in on club nights.

Thank you ladies for being such special, devoted women!

*Shawn Taylor, President*

### Tracy Trevathan is February Speaker Wool Dying Lecture

<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.

## SECRET SISTERS

Secret Sisters 2016 is off and running! All participants have been matched with a secret sister and notified. Don't forget to surprise your secret sister with a small gift, greeting, treat, etc. Let the secret fun begin!

*Marcey Fahrenholtz, 2016 Secret Sister Coordinator*

## March 28<sup>th</sup> Lecture

### Aardvark Quilts – Pam Dindorff;

<http://www.aardvarkquilts.com/>



While I come from a long line of sewers, I haven't been able to identify any quilters in my family tree. So I'm going to claim my husband's great aunt who created the most beautiful full sized crazy quilt covered with an impressive array of embroidery as family.

When I'm not in my studio, I hang out with my husband, Pat, and our children, Sydney, Egan, and Elias in central Minnesota.

Pamela Goecke Dinndorf's original patterns are inspired by vintage quilts updated with today's fabrics and simple methods to appeal to both the traditional quilter as well as the newcomer to the quilting arts. Aardvark quilt patterns are unique in their exploitation of color and squeezing every ounce of magic from each of the glorious fabrics. Pam's designs have been featured in Quiltmania, Quilt, Quilty, and Simple Quilts magazines and Kaffe Fassett's Quilt Romance book. Look for her first book, **COLORIFIC**, elaborating on the secrets to successful fabric selection.

## WHAT'S NEW IN 2016!

### New Fun Activities from the Activity Coordinator!

As a quilter or sewing enthusiast, I find at times that I need a small finish to get me back into sewing. I mean how many blocks of the same pattern can one do before it gets tossed on the UFO pile. So, I find that a small project or even mending, heaven forbid, gets me back into the swing of things. Then, I can ease into the larger projects once more, feeling confident that I can vanquish the evil quilt monsters hiding in my stash. So without further ado, I would like to introduce a small projects challenge for this year, starting with February.

The stress free challenges are due at the monthly meeting. There will be prizes, exchanges and even a community project.

### SO LET THE FUN ACTIVITIES BEGIN!

**February** - mug rug exchange, any size and design.

**March** - 18" Mini quilt, completed, to donate to community services for NICU. This challenge will be documented as a service project to help with obtaining our grant monies for the 2017 quilt show. Juried with a prize for the winner.

**April** - 12 1/2" block, unfinished size, in a basket, flower or butterfly design, pieced or applique, pastel colors with white. Drawing for blocks.

**May** - pin cushion exchange, any size or design.

**June** - small zipper bag exchange, any size or design.

**July** - notebook covers exchange, use composition book size, any design and color.

**August** - 18" pillow or cover exchange, pieced or appliqué, any design and color.

**September** - fall themed table runner or topper, pieced or appliqué, Juried for prize.

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## New Fun Activities for 2016

**October** - needle book exchange, any design or color

**November** - hot pot holders exchange, pieced or appliqué, any color

I also want to continue the 5 UFOs Completion Challenge, with prizes for those who finish all five UFOs by December meeting. I will have index cards for your use at February's meeting. They need to be returned by the March meeting. Small Project Challenge projects are exempt from the UFO Challenge.

*Angela Coleman, Activities Coordinator*

## WOW Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

Opening by Shawn Taylor

Sherry Falls- speaker "This and That" started her business when her mom opened a quilt shop in Waconia. Wonderful trunk show with over 30 quilts, pillows, bags, plus patterns and books for sale.



Love the new facility for the meeting, where the 2015 quilt show was held. New rent is higher because we are not a bible study group \$90 per month. Still over \$100 less a month than Medina Entertainment Center.

Annual dues for 2016 are \$30.00. Joining WOW July or later, dues are \$15.00 for the year. We will no longer pro-rate by the month.

Group decided to just have water at the meeting. No kitchen use at new facility.

**Reminder:** Please keep track of what quilts or items you donate and to whom. Let WOW know of these donations for their grant.

Service works-Boxes for babies-Sue has made 120 peapod bags, and baby quilts sizes can vary 18" square for premies at Methodist hospital.

68 members tonight, one new member Pam Brake.

Nancy- budget approval \$3500, deficit out going treasurer. Brenda, new treasurer -vote to approve budget. Budget Passed.

## Member Spotlight: Jennifer Rose

- **Where were you born and where do you live now?**

- I was born in Milwaukee, WI and relocated to Maple Grove 11 years ago with my husband and two sons. We just relocated to Lino Lakes last summer.

**How long have you been a member of WOW?**

I joined WOW in 2013.

**Do you hold any**

**volunteer positions at WOW?**

I wrote and managed the grant for WOW's 2015 quilt show.

**How long have you been quilting and who taught you quilt?**

I started quilting by taking a class at Joann Fabrics about 8 years ago. I've spent loads of time with quilting books from the Hennepin and Anoka County Library systems, as well as reading blogs on the Internet

**How many quilts would you guess you've completed?**

I've made about 30 quilts and over half have been gifted for baby showers, birthdays, weddings, fundraising, and community service.

**Have you ever won an award for one or more of your quilts?** I've made two Harry Potter bookcase quilts that have won awards. My oldest son's HP quilt was a fan favorite at the 2013 WOW show. I was blown away to see it win first place in the 2014 MN Quilters Large Pieced/1-Person category. In addition, it was juried into and exhibited at the 2014 QuiltExpo in Madison. My youngest son's HP quilt has Hufflepuff House items within the shelves. I designed the paper pieced dragon with paper, pencil and lots of patience from a movie still. This quilt won a 7th place ribbon in the Large Pieced/1-Person category at the 2014 MN State Fair

**What's your favorite quilting magazine, book or website?**

Pinterest.com is a fabulous quilting eye candy place that sucks up my evening time.

Jennifer Ofenstein's FandomInStitches.com is an awesome site.







# January Show and Share



Sharon Peterson's \$5 find and rescue quilt from Savers



Kathleen Winters completed UFO bag made from Australian Aborigine fabric.

Terri Good shows Quilt of Valor Quilt.



Karen Gallegher - December Spotlight Member



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Angela Coleman – purchased top in 1991 at Savers in Houston, TX. Completed UFO.





Cherryl Dahlheimer – Quilt made with 2010 Minnesota fabric called “Winter Bliss”.



Marty Bradbury –Umbrella Scrappy Quilt.



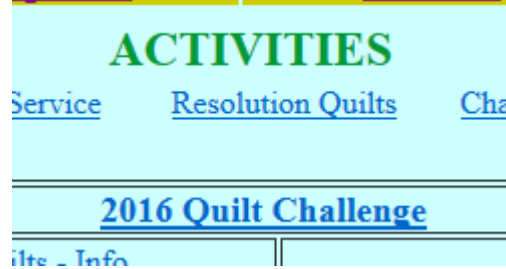
Mary Gunness – Wall hanging made for her daughter



Peg Lindberg – Inspired from photos -Heron and Azalea improvisational piecing quilts.

### On the Web Site:

<http://wowquiltguild.com/activities.htm>



This year’s **WOW Quilt Challenge** has been posted.

This quilt challenge asks the quilter/artist to select an artist or art style for inspiration and create a quilt from a particular picture, the style, color, shape, line, form, repetition, etc. Please don’t create a literal copy but use for inspiration only as this must be an original design. Copyright laws do apply to this challenge.

Style could include Art Nouveau, Arts & Crafts, Classical, Folk, etc. The types of art can include many mediums such as ceramic tile, pottery, glass, photography, architecture, woodwork, painting, furniture, jewelry, clothing design, beading, etc.

Bring your \$5.00 entry fee to the meeting to get the application from Robin or Gail. The web site has the size requirements and judging criteria. Quilts will be due by July or later. More information to come.

Any questions please contact:

Robin Kohls ([robinkohls@hotmail.com](mailto:robinkohls@hotmail.com)) or Gail Bronner ([gbronner@comcast.net](mailto:gbronner@comcast.net))

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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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