

Women Of the West QUILTERS

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JULY 2016

JULY PROGRAM

Monday, July 25, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m., at Parker's Lake Pavilion
2nd Annual Picnic – Bring a dish to share, Red, White and Blue Fabric for a game

July 25th Picnic Meeting

Picnic at **Parkers Lake Pavilion**,
6:00 p.m. - Address: 15505
County Rd 6, Plymouth, MN
55447

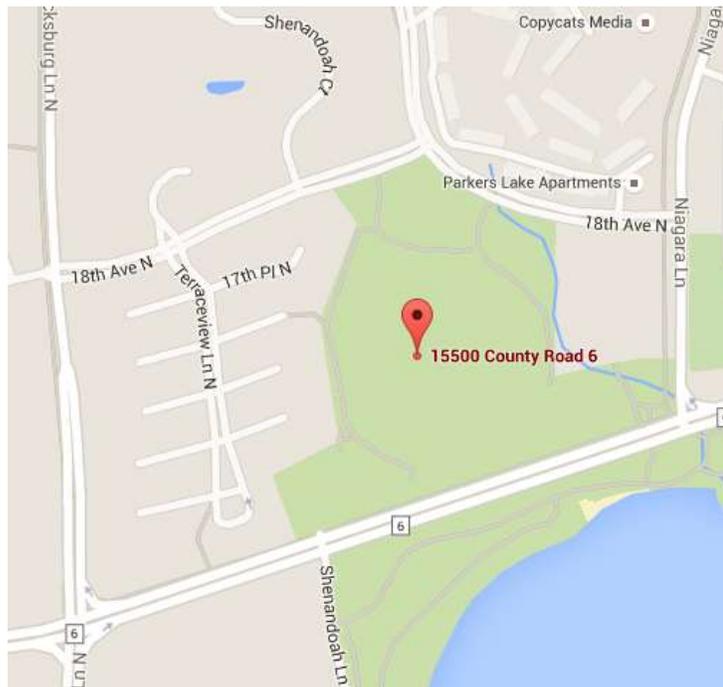


The Pavilion is across from the lake, up the hill near the ball fields. We will have a social hour before the fun begins.

The picnic will be similar to last year where we will have a pot luck dinner. I will have plates, napkins, flatware provided for everyone but please bring your own beverage/water for the evening. There are plug ins for those who are bringing crock pot items.

In addition, for one of the games – **Strip/Charm Poker - please bring at least: 10 2 1/2" strips or 5" charms in the colors of red, white or blue.** If you have additional cut, please bring around 20 in case there are those who forgot to bring their fabric or for donating to the Quilts of Valor group.

Robin Kohls, Vice President



Located between Vicksburg Lane and Niagara Lane, North of County Road 6.

Angela's Activities Continue

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.

October - needle book exchange, any design or color

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

Angela Coleman, Activities Chair



WOW Quilt Guild

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Remember to Like WOW on Facebook
We have 270 likes..

August 22nd - Workshop and Lecture Still some spaces open

Cynthia England -

www.englishdesign.com

Workshop – Small Landscape Class

Lecture - "Creating a Pictorial Quilt"

An entertaining presentation showing the process of making pictorial quilts using Cynthia's "Picture-piecing" technique.

Enlarging the design, fabric selection, and organizational methods are discussed in detail. A question and answer session to follow.



Workshop – Small Landscape Class

The most popular class... choose from two small landscapes. Both are 19" X 17". No tracing involved; templates are preprinted onto freezer paper. Fabric selection, organizational skills and construction methods will be addressed in class. After using applique to get the realistic effect in her early quilts, Cynthia gradually devised a machine piecing technique she calls Picture Piecing. This technique breaks the design down into pieces that can all be sewn using straight seams and allows her to include intricate details and shading without a single set-in seam. Her first quilt made entirely from that technique, Piece and Quiet, was so successful she was inspired to continue designing with the Picture Piecing method.

The Quilts of Valor group meets the



2nd Saturday of each month at the Blue Bamboo quilt shop in Plymouth 10am-3pm.

We supply the fabric and the friendship and even have kits ready if you would like to take one home to work on. Come check us out!

Saturday, August 13th is the next meeting.

Quilt Retreat September 22nd -25th

Green Lake Retreat Center
on the shores of Green Lake
in Spicer, MN. **Still Room**



What is a quilt retreat?

I call it a mini-vacation. A time away from my crazy life to relax, quilt, socialize, snack, take a nap if I want, swim, hike, sit by the fire, make some new friends, take a quick trip to the local fabric shop and did I say quilt, quilt, quilt! I don't have to worry about cooking because meals are provided. The hotel style rooms with private bath are mine to enjoy, bedding included (although I can bring my own quilt to personalize my bed if I want).

We are planning on a **Mystery Quilt** and **new exchange block** that you can take part of if desired (but not required).

If you have attended the retreat before, I hope you will come again this year. If you have never come to a retreat, please consider joining us!

We have new options for attending the retreat which are:

2 nights/5 meals (Friday-Sunday)	\$141
3 nights/8 meals (Thursday-Sunday)	\$209

Rates are based on double occupancy.

There will be an \$18/night additional fee if you desire your own room (based on availability).

If you work and don't want to take that extra time off or perhaps you don't like the higher price tag of the 3 night option, we hope the 2 night option will encourage you to join us.

We will be having sign up at the June meeting, where **we need a minimum of a half down payment to hold your spot**, with the remainder due by the August 22nd meeting. Please consider joining us at the retreat!

Dawn Bryant, Retreat Coordinator

July WOW Member Spotlight:



Dawn Thrift

Where were you born and where do you live now?

Born in Buffalo, MN.
Moved to Plymouth in 1965 when Plymouth did not have its own zip code.
Currently live in Maple Grove.

How long have you been a member of WOW?

I have been a member since day one. I went to the initial “should we create a quilt guild in the west suburbs?” meeting and am still here.

Do you hold any volunteer positions at WOW?

Not at this time. I did Sunshine and Shadows for a couple of year. I’ve helped my friends when they held volunteer positions.

How long have you been quilting? I have been quilting seriously (and almost exclusively) since 1995.

Who taught you to quilt? I am a self-taught quilter. My grandma taught me to embroider and sew when I was a little girl. I was making Barbie clothes in grade school.

How many quilts would you guess you’ve completed? Over 100

What is your favorite quilting technique or style? I love scrap quilts. My motto is “Why use 4 fabrics when you can use 40 or 400!” I also like a good Four Patch Posey.

What is your favorite type of fabric to quilt with? I’m partial to batiks. I recently fell in love with Civil War fabrics when I challenged myself to do Lori Alison’s Block of the Month program.

Do you prefer hand or machine quilting? I admire hand quilting but I only do machine quilting.

What is the biggest change that has happened since you started quilting? Rotary cutters, rulers and mats (my first log cabin was cut with cardboard templates). Online stores. YouTube for learning techniques and patterns. Longarm quilting.

2016 WOW Quilt Challenge

Art to Fabric - 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. We will have a section by the entry door where you can pay the \$5 entry fee and get your registration sheet. **You don’t have to know what you are doing yet. You just need to pay the \$5 to get the registration sheet. This way we can plan for how many are entering, etc.**

Any questions please contact: Robin Kohls (robinkohls@hotmail.com) or Gail Bronner (gbbronner@comcast.net)

June Show and Share



Marcy Higgins “Almost Quilt” Red and White – Almost Done



Mary Havisto – Jewel Box Quilt found at Goodwill for \$5 and finished

WOW June Meeting

Robin Kohls introduced our speaker, Ann



Peterson from Colorado/Arizona. She talked about fixing quilts. When some of

her quilts didn't turn out right, she came up with solutions. She teaches classes on Craftsby. She brought several quilts to show the mistakes that were made and her solutions to fixing them. She also talked about blocking and that she only blocks quilts if they are a wall hanging or a show quilt.

Surveys were handed out at check in for members to fill out of what we would like to see in programming/speakers, what we don't want to see, etc.

Lexi Fresh (Girl Scout) came again with her girl scout dresses. WOW members have already sewn 300 dresses. The website is www.dressforachange.com for more information.

Community Service said they have donated 63 quilts so far. Also, if you donate things, log them down so they can keep track for our grant for our Quilt Show.

Several people have donated quilts for the fires in Canada. Terri Good also said they have donated 8 quilts for the Quilts of Valor.

MEMBERSHIP

We had 62 members with 12 guests.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

They received \$47.75. Don't forget to bring in a donation during your birthday month!

QUILTER OF THE MONTH Sandy Johnson showed a few of her favorite quilts. She loves to do English Paper Piecing.



Sandy Johnson, June Spotlight Member shows her English Paper Piecing quilts. Wonderful quilts come in all sizes.



Members show results from the June Paper Piecing workshop.

June Show and Share



Diane Salls shows her floating star table topper.





Suzanne Nelson shows her quilt "Greeting the Moon".



Cindy Stenson shows her paper pieced Wild Goose quilt



Pam Plolok shows her Bali Sea Star quilt.



Shawn Taylor shows a quilt that she has made as a wedding gift.



Dean Davis (far right) shows her Hearts baby quilt

✓ **JULY CHECKLIST:**

- Your Name tag
- Birthday Club Donations
- Secret Sister Surprises
- Show and Share items
- Free books, magazines and fabric
- Your donation/service quilt



English Paper Piecing

Small Group meets at the Lunds in Plymouth on Hwy 55 and Vicksburg Lane.

All are welcome from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, the second Friday of the month. Friday, August 12th is the next meeting.

WOW has a Textile Center Membership

The WOW quilt guild is a member of the Textile Center and you can join the Textile Center for **reduced rates**. Event/meeting listings in the "Textiles on the Town" e-newsletter that goes out bi-weekly to more than 4,000 recipients. (great way to promote our speaker presentations & workshops).

Women Of the West

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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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