



Women Of the West

QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

AUGUST 2016

AUGUST PROGRAM

Monday, August 22, 2016 @ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Speaker: Cynthia England – Creating a Pictorial Quilt

President's Column

If you missed the July WOW picnic, you missed a fun evening. Those that attended enjoyed an awesome array of delicious cuisine provided by WOW members. At the end of the evening, Quilts of Valor was the lucky recipient of the fabric strips from the "Strip poker" game. Our favorite Girl Scout Lexi, brought two huge plastic tubs full of girl scout cookies to share with the guild as a thank you to everyone who has participated in her "Dress for a Change" campaign. All in all it was a perfect evening.

As we head into Fall, please consider how you can participate in Women of the West in 2017. Interested in being on the 2017 WOW board? While the jobs require a serious commitment of time, we do have a lot of fun working together. Are there speakers that you would like to see at our WOW meetings?

Please consider being the **Vice President**, whose job it is to schedule our monthly speakers and workshops. Admin skills are needed as the **Secretary** of the guild. If you have an accounting background, we could definitely use your skills as **Treasurer**. If you have any questions about serving on the board, please contact myself or any of the other existing board members.

We are looking for a **Quilt Show Chairperson** as well as individuals to serve on the 2017 Quilt Show committee.

Renelle Kunau, President

May your bobbin always be full.

August 22nd - Workshop and Lecture Cynthia England -

www.englanddesign.com

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.

Quilt Retreat September 22nd -25th

Green Lake Retreat Center
on the shores of Green Lake
in Spicer, MN



**Final Payment is due at
the August 22nd meeting.**

Dawn Bryant, Retreat Coordinator

Angela's Activities

It is already August, WOW how the summer has gone by fast! Lots of activity at my house, but I'm still keeping up with the small project challenge.

Because of the picnic in July, I decided that for **August**, quilters can choose between a **composition notebook cover or a 18" pillow cover, or do both.** In photo below are my two projects. **September** will be a make and take workshop, free and several of us will be showing the how-tos. Also for **September**, the small project challenge will be a **fall table runner or topper, your choice of design and construction.** There will be a viewer's choice award, a copy of "Fabulous Fat Quarter Bags", by Susan Briscoe. Stay cool in these hot days and see you soon.

Angela Coleman, Activities Coordinator



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!

September 26th Meeting - Social

The September meeting will be a social gathering and a viewing of the Fall runners. The members will select a winner from the Fall runner entries. The winner will get a prize. We will also be doing some make and takes and "How-to's" that Angela is arranging. Lemonade and coffee will be provided. Members can bring a dessert or appetizer to share with the group if they desire. *Robin Kohls, Vice-President*

Still time to sign up.

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.***

The quilts will be due at the October meeting or can be dropped off the first week in November at Robin's home in Plymouth.

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

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.



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.** I just saved \$20 on my Textile Center Membership because WOW is a member. I can belong to WOW and the Textile Center for only \$60 a year. – Brenda Hansen

WOW QUILT GUILD MEETING July 25, 2016 at Parker's Lake

Renelle Kunau opened the meeting. We started by having a potluck and enjoying wonderful food. 35 people attended the WOW Picnic. We played strip poker with charm squares and 2 ½" strips of fabric. A lot of fabric was donated for the Quilts of Valor.

Renelle got up and said for us to think about a few things:

- Nominations for WOW Quilt Board beginning next month
- Volunteering for the Quilt Show Committee in 2017
- Being a part of the Raffle Quilt

Dawn Bryant said they still have room for the retreat.

Terri Good sent off 24 quilts to Canada for the wild fires. She thanked people for donating and also for giving money for shipping.

We ended with Show & Share.

Brenda Dunlavy, Secretary

Quilter of the Month -Dawn Thrift

Dawn showed her favorite quilts from block of the month club.



October 24th – Workshop and Lecture Vikki Pignatelli -

www.vikkipignatelli.com

Lecture - “Nurturing Your Creative Spirit: Personal Traits That Inspire Great Quilts”

Deeply influenced by her husband's bout with cancer and his recovery in 1993, most of Vikki's artwork now focuses on the themes of healing, spirituality, hope, and inspiration. In her writings and teaching, Vikki's focus is to inspire, nurture and develop the artistry and self-confidence within each quilter.



Workshop - Crazy About Curves: The Basics

All skill levels

Workshop - This class is for students who want a general overview of Vikki's construction technique.

In this class students will quickly master the basic concepts of Vikki's flexible, “no rules”, “no fear” Crazy About Curves technique using a small, simple teaching pattern (complimentary). With this method, a meld of piecing and machine appliqué, students learn to create even sharp curves and narrow points effortlessly without the hassle. There are NO measuring seam allowances, NO easing together unruly seams and NO matching points. All construction work, color choices and stitching are done on the quilt top surface. This is a very simple, anyone-can-do technique suitable for all skill levels. Workshop emphasis is on creativity, inspiration and self-confidence for the quilter. Students work at their own pace.



Class includes:

- Basic construction technique concepts;
- How to machine sew using this technique;
- Painless mitering;
- Splicing seams;
- How to finish techniques and ideas;
- Vikki's whole-cloth finishing techniques.

Still room in this class to sign up.

July Show and Share



July Picnic – Women, dice and fabric = FUN!



Robin Kohls shows Strips and Strings



Sandy Johnson with Small Fishing Quilt for the table.



Angela Coleman with wall hanging



Robin complete her Ann Peterson workshop quilt.



✓ **AUGUST CHECKLIST:**

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

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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:

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