



Women Of the West

QUILTERS

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SEPTEMBER 2016

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Monday, September 26, 2016 @ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Social and Make and Take

President's Column

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Minnesota State Fair will be a passing memory. I hope you were able to attend the fair this year and see all the amazing quilts on display. My favorite thing to do at the fair is to check out all the spectacular quilts in the Creative Arts building and see the talent from all over the state and in our guild. It's my first stop, after I get my Corn Dog and Mini Donuts of course.

I hope everyone enjoyed our speaker last month, Cynthia England, as much as I did. Cynthia's energy and enthusiasm were contagious; and her quilts, well...they were simply stunning! I especially liked her quilt of Lake Tahoe, as it reminded me of the North Shore of Lake Superior where I grew up!

Thank you to everyone that completed the recent "WOW" survey. We received a lot of good feedback and appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. The board will be reviewing the responses to the survey at our next board meeting and determine the best way to communicate the results. Thank you again for all your great suggestions!

Just a quick reminder, we are still looking for volunteers for the "WOW" board of directors for 2017. Brenda Dunlavey will continue as our Treasurer for 2017 which means we still need a **President, Vice President** and a **Secretary** for next year. If you have questions or are interested in any of these positions, please contact myself or Shawn Taylor.

Renelle Kunau, President

May your bobbin always be full.

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

Angela's Activities

As a hot summer comes to a close, I have the desire to do little things that may be used as quick gifts. **September's WOW guild meeting will be a make-n-take night.** We will be making a yo yo bookmark, a finger or wristlet pincushion, a wooden spool ornament and bonus, scrap-using cutie!

SUPPLIES: 5 charm squares, scissors, hand sewing needle, and your happy face! Also if you would like to bring a snack or ooey gooey dessert, it will be appreciated.

October - needle book exchange, any design or color.

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

How are your 5 UFOs doing? The UFO Completion Challenge is due by the November meeting, with prizes for those who finish all five UFOs. Have an awesome day and keep calm and quilt on.

Angela Coleman, Activities Coordinator





WOW Spotlight Member Kathy Barnes

Where were you born and where do you live now? I was born in Mound, MN and remained in the area until after college. I then

moved to San Diego where I lived for 38 years, raised 2 boys and worked as an RN. I moved back to MN in 2007 to help take care of my mother who was in the mid to late stages of Alzheimer's disease. I now live in Plymouth. I retired 1 ½ years ago which gave me more time to quilt, craft and at times do nothing.

Approximately how long have you been a member of WOW? I've been a member of WOW for a little over a year. Since retirement, I was looking for a quilt group to join so I could keep up with the new trends and techniques in the quilting world. WOW has done that for me, especially through the workshops they offer!

How long have you been quilting? I've been quilting on and off since the early 80's.

Who taught you to quilt? My mom taught me how to sew so that was the first step learning to quilt.

How many quilts would you guess you've completed? Probably around 10-15.

What is your favorite quilting technique or style?

Most of the baby quilts I made were crayon quilts where I would give each person a piece of muslin and have them draw a picture of their choice and color it in with crayons. I'd collect the squares, heat set them and put them together. Even though I used the same pattern, they all turned out so different!

What is your favorite type of fabric to quilt? I love Batiks

Do you prefer hand or machine quilting? I started with hand quilting but now I usually do a combination of hand quilting and stitching in the ditch. One of my goals is to feel more comfortable with free motion as it can add such texture to the quilt.

What is the biggest change that has happened since you started quilting? All of the landscape quilting ... I love the idea of painting with fabric! The workshops I've taken at WOW have really opened my eyes to the possibilities of what can be done with fabric. I can't say enough good things about the instructors, their talent and their teaching ability to get their technique across to the participants

How many UFO's will you admit to? I'll admit to 5 unfinished projects...2 from ~15 years ago and 3 from the past couple years.

Still room in this class to sign up.
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.



WOW Quilt Show 2017 – Wanted: Past Show information and Volunteers.

Hi ladies, I hope you are enjoying the Labor Day weekend. As you probably know, **Teri Good** and **Janna**

Laumann have volunteered to Co-Chair the Quilt Show committee next year. **The date of the quilt show is Sept 30, 2017** at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

Janna has requested: If you have any info regarding the quilt show, please let her and Teri know. The show also needs volunteers. Janna and Teri will be providing information on where help is needed.

Also, Shawn Taylor, Karen Gallagher, Sue Haug, Brenda Dunlavy, Jan Blackstad are the ladies in our group working on the raffle quilt and perhaps a few more.

Together, **WOW** will have another terrific show. *Thank you, Renelle*



Janna Laumann, Renelle Kunau, Teri Good. Janna and Teri are 2017 Co-Chairs for the Quilt Show

WOW's favorite Girl Scout, Lexi says THANK YOU!

As you know, together we sewed 1,072 dresses and 120 yds of fabric was donated primarily from your WOW members. This generosity is heartfelt not only by me, but also by over 1,000 girls around the world receiving the dresses and learning about Girl Scouts.



Lexi Fresh

Girls in Kenya wearing the dresses that WOW members sewed.



This was Lex's Girl Scout Gold Award project.

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.

The Quilts of Valor group will be at Blue Bamboo Quilt Shop but it will be the 3rd Saturday this time – so on 9/17/16 the usual time frame 10am -3:30 pm (or whatever people can come for). Usually, the 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!

THERE IS STILL TIME to join the 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 still have 8 weeks. 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 24th 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)

✓ SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST:

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

Cythia England, August speaker and workshop.
 She shows her traditional looking quilt with the roses done in her piecing technique.



Peg Lindberg shared her deconstructed print screening and art quilts



Cynthia England's other patterns and quilts.

August Show and Share



Sonja Folven showed her 4 Seasons Flower Sampler Quilt



Cindy Stenson shows her Kitty Quilt.



Sharon Peterson showed her Folded Coasters that her beginning quilt class is making. I had the pleasure of seeing Sharon at JoAnn's when the class was buying fabric.

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