

President's Letter

Spring has sprung, and my mind turns to cleaning and getting organized. My UFOs haven't shrunk, I just keep adding to the pile. I have decided not to start a UFO challenge this year, but I will add a new twist to Show & Share. Before & After, it will give quilters chance to see behind the scenes and the thought processes on how others solved a problem to get a project completed. To participate, simply show a "before" that you don't know how to finish and looking for suggestions or a sample of a before then later the "after". These need to be UFOs that have been a stumbling block in some way or a good use of "aesthetically challenged" fabric. Sew let's get busy!

Procrastination, a big word used to cover a multitude of problems, excuses, including the kitchen sink, enough said. This year our guild has been different, in that there are vacancies in the service positions, leaving someone else, to pick up the slack....Not always easy. In my usual way, I have put on a couple of hats again. Thanks for your patience in this matter.

Angela Coleman, President

February WOW Guild Meeting

The meeting was opened by **Angela Coleman**, president. There were 46 members and 3 guests in attendance, and one new member.

Audrey Fresh, Vice President, introduced our guest speakers, **Kelly Hanson and Norma Rhiehm**, of **Twisted Sisters**. The presentation on memory and T-Shirt quilts was full of good information on the type of stability products to use, layout ideas and even the best printer and paper to transfer photos. Her quilts were good examples of different layouts for these type of quilts. The take away from this presentation: The best spray on stabilizer she found has been Terial Magic stabilizer (doesn't leave flakes), Pellon Shape Flex 101 on all quilt pieces woven and knit to help with stretching and fabric strength, After a lot of testing, Kelly also recommends for a photo transfer an HP Envy 7640 for best resolution and color quality and Threadz paper for printing, all of these products she has available to purchase which at good prices. However, the best tip was to remember that the quilt is not always about you, but the person the quilt is for or about. Considering that, in the workshop, when I looked at my collection of T-shirts compared to everyone else's collection, it was something I had to keep repeating to myself!

Birthday Club brought in \$41.50.

There were 7 donations to the community service group

March WOW Guild Meeting

The meeting was opened by **Angela Coleman**, president. **Audrey Fresh**, VP, introduced our speaker.

General Meeting March 27, 2017

The meeting included 66 members and 6 visitors. The speaker, **Gail Bakkom** presented a historical review of quilts with words and letters. The takeaway from this presentation: always label your quilts!

The birthday club reported income of \$106.75.

Quilter of the month was Audrey Fresh. A brief activity to encourage meeting new people was successful. The meeting ended with show and share.

Quilt show:

- The committee reported that the grant should be available in a few weeks
- Boutique items are needed and idea lists will be handed out at the next meeting
- The quilt show speaker is Kathy McNeal who will present 2 lectures.

April WOW Guild Meeting

The meeting was opened by **Angela Coleman**, president. The speaker and workshop presenter, **Karen Eckmeier** was introduced by **Audrey Fresh**, VP. The meeting included 55 members and 3 visitors, 2 new members. The speaker, **Karen Eckmeier** gave an excellent presentation on 'Happy Villages' and 'Accidental Landscapes'. Attendees of her workshop showed their beautiful folded roses. The birthday club reported income of \$48. **Judy Mages** announced a new member tea in June. There was a reminder to submit service quilts. The retreat will be held from November 2-5 at Green Lake in Spicer. Angela announced the beginning of a **mystery quilt** and handed out the first clue. The meeting ended with show and share. Photos for show & share are on our website and some on Facebook.

The Quilt Show Committee reported that the grant for \$5000 was awarded!

Boutique items are needed and idea lists were available.

Bookmarks are printed and raffle tickets will be available at the May meeting.

May Notes:

Audrey fresh, VP, received this email, which may be of interest: Hi Audrey, I'm not sure who I should send this e-mail to but I have a friend that is very ill and will not be sewing anymore. Her daughter will be having a **garage sale** of her stash (it's all quilt shop fabric) at her home June 22 & 23 . 550 Wheeler Drive, Excelsior, MN 55331. If we can put it in the newsletter and let the ladies know at the meeting I know she will be appreciative. Thanks, Kay Derner.

President's Block- Yes there will be a president's block for this year. Of course, I always want another project! **Audrey** will be introducing this project.

There will also be a change of venue for our workshops. We will be having our workshops at Four Seasons Quilt Shop, 9708 63rd Ave. N, Maple Groce, MN 55369, (763) 557-5894

We will also be trying a new idea with **Show & Share**, **Carol Olson** will talk more about it at the meeting.

There will be a signup sheet for the June Tea at **Judy Mages'** house.

Tonight's speaker is **Jean Carlton**, a member of the Minnesota's Quilters. She's participated in a book called 'Minnesota's Quilts'. She will be giving a trunk show of 40 quilts - Mini vintage doll quilts but others quilts that are connected to Minnesota. Jean has a blog called Quilts, etc.!.