

WOW NEWS

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2018 Board

President
Audrey Fresh

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Open Position

Treasurer
Brenda Dunlavy

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Last Meeting Recap

At our November 27, 2017 meeting we presented our past President, Angela Coleman, with her President's Blocks and WOW Signature Blocks. We had a potluck, and bingo with lots of quilters prizes. The QTS (Quilters Talent Showcase) tables were set up for members to gather and determine groups for 2018 meeting presentations. See our website for the full schedule and content for 2018.



President's Corner

Happy New Year to the Women of the West membership! I am honored to serve as your President this year. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to work with you. My goals as your President include: (1) provide excellent communication; (2) inspire our members with new quilting techniques through our monthly Quilter's Talent Showcase presentations and guest speakers; (3) help grow our membership and participation in our small groups and speaker workshops; (4) support the Quilts of Valor Quilt Show; and (5) learn from each of you!

Enjoy photos from our 2017 Quilt Show





Exquisite Tumbling Blocks

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This is your guild and I would love to learn if there are any special workshops you would like included this year that would be scheduled outside of our regular meetings. Perhaps you would like to learn how to make these Tumbling Blocks?

WOW Classifieds

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If you would like to feature quality quilting items, services, or events that you feel would benefit our membership, please email the information to me and I will include it in our monthly newsletter.

2018 Member Dues

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Please plan to bring your \$30 dues to the January meeting. We hope to collect all dues by the March meeting. Thank you.

Quilter's Talent Showcase

QTS is a member driven program that will be presented at our regular meetings throughout 2018 and 2019, featuring the incredible talent among our membership. QTS is in addition to our contracted guest speakers & workshops. WOW Members will meet outside of regular meetings to plan their presentations. Each group is given a \$100 budget that may be used for supplies, bringing in a special speaker, small quilt kit for members, etc.

The QTS groups were formed at our November, 2017 meeting. For all members who were not present at this meeting, please sign up to join the groups at the next meeting you can attend. Members are encouraged to join at least one group, and participate in the assigned quilting technique presentation their scheduled meeting date.

QTS Categories & Meeting Dates: (Note Date Changes*)

2/26/18	Traditional Piecing
3/26/18	Paper Piecing
4/23/18	Applique'
5/28/18	Civil War / 1930's*
8/27/18	Art / Collage Quilts
10/22/18	Wool Applique'
2/25/19	Embroidery for Quilts
3/25/19	English Paper Piecing*
4/22/19	Modern Quilts*

All QTS Chairpersons are requested to email me your group information, including the chairperson's name and email address, and names of all members of the group.



Challenge Quilt

This is a great year for WOW to come up with a Challenge Quilt, that we would feature at our 2019 Quilt Show. We are seeking a Committee Chair to design the quilt, choose any featured fabric(s) and present the rules to the membership. Please contact a Board Member if you would like to talk this very fun position.

Secret Sister Reveal

The 2017 Secret Sister Reveal will be at the WOW January 22nd meeting. I hope everyone who participated this year will be able to attend. Please keep your final secret sister gift with you at the meeting so you can give it directly to your Secret Sister during the reveal. Thank you for participating!
Marcey Fahrenholtz, Secret Sister 2017 Coordinator

Quilts of Valor Quilt Show ~ November 2018

WOW Members are encouraged to make a QOV Quilt for donation to the Quilt Show. Below are the requirements. Terri Good and Shawn Taylor are your Quilt Chairs for this show. Please contact them if you have any questions. Terri says "For us a few simple yet quality quilts are better than one fancy one." So please consider making a quilt and remember it need not be difficult to please :)

Quilts of Valor Requirements

- Fabric used should be high quality 100% "shirt-weight" or "quilt-weight" cotton fabric appropriate for adults.
- While Quilts of Valor do not have to be red, white, and blue (unless being sent to overseas hospitals) most recipients choose quilts that are patriotic in theme when given a choice.
- Patterns and blocks can be of any design suitable for a patriotic theme.
- Use of military-branch-specific fabrics (Army, Navy, etc.) or non-"patriotic" fabrics (i.e. overly floral), may create difficulty in identifying a recipient unless the recipient is known in advance.
- There is no specific requirement on backing colors but light colors will show stains more if given to a wounded service member still dealing with bandages.
- A Quilt of Valor is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60" x 80." Finished size can be no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90."

- The quilt must be machine quilted or hand quilted. A tied quilt is not acceptable for a Quilt of Valor.
- Batting should be quality, low-loft batting. Quilting should be appropriate for the quilt and not overly dense, which can reduce the loft and softness of the quilt.
- Binding strips should be joined with diagonal seams. Binding should be double-fold (“French fold”), attached by machine, and finished by hand or machine.
- Before awarding, a Quilt of Valor must be machine laundered (gently, using mild detergent) so any bleeding of fabric dyes has occurred prior to awarding, and because some facilities where quilts are awarded require pre-laundering. Use of a “color catcher” that attracts loose dye during washing is recommended.
- A note, card, or letter documenting the creation of the Quilt of Valor and /or a dedication may be included to be presented to the recipient along with the quilt.

Sample QOV Quilts



WOW Board Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018

Present: Audrey Fresh, Brenda Dunlavy

1. Financial Report was reviewed (see attached 2017 financials)
2. Audrey is now on bank account.
3. Website: LuAnn Sing has agreed to continue to update and manage
4. Newsletter: Audrey will update every month. Our goal this year is COMMUNICATION.

We will try to keep everyone informed of upcoming events, board activity, etc.

5. Dues: Due in January. \$30/member/year or \$5/meeting. Would like this completed by March.
6. Facebook: Administrator will be Brenda Dunlavy. Discussed how we could make this fun as well as informative.
7. January Meeting: Small Group Show and Share
8. QTS: Quilter's Talent Showcase discussed. Still need names from the Chair of each group.
9. Challenge Quilt: Would like to see this happen this year. Will discuss at January Guild Meeting.
10. Vice President: Discussed this vacancy. Would consider co-chairs. Must happen in January.
11. Quilts of Valor is set for November. Shawn Taylor and Terri Good are co-chairs. They are in process of finding space and planning. More info is to come.
12. Secret Sister reveal is set for January meeting. Marcy Fahrenholtz is leading.
13. Discussion of purchase of Digital Projection for QTS in 2018 and future needs. Will look into cost and details.

Margie Lundberg, Co-Secretary