

WOMEN OF THE WEST

QUILTERS

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Evonne Cook: "Clothesline Quilts"



Clothesline Quilts Pattern Company features traditional quilt and craft patterns for the home and family. Evonne designs a series of quilts based on Civil War blocks, sampler quilts, bags and craft-style items for home and gifts. A former community college employee who learned to sew in a 7th grade Home Ec class. Evonne and her husband farm row crops in northwest Iowa where her pattern company is based.

Monday, May 24, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

April Program Highlights

Chris Hoover said she saw a quilt at JC Penney in 1988 and went home, drafted and made it. Some years later she agreed to do a block of the month with a friend – and she made a quilt IN BETWEEN each block of the month that she made with the friend. Chris says "she didn't show her the others because she didn't want to make her feel badly." Chris found a valuable resource for her quilting supplies: a combination meat market, gas station and quilt shop!



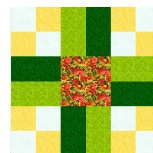
Above pictured is Chris's latest block of the month pattern. Chris says there were three main influences for her pattern company – she joined the St Cloud Heritage Quilt Guild, started to work at

Gruber's, and was encouraged by the store's owner.

Chris currently has more than 60 patterns on the market and she specializes with at least one new block of the month sampler pattern each season. Her style is very eclectic – she loves batiks, but showed many journal-style art quilts as well.

Her favorite phrase is

"God, I used everything that you gave me."



Block of the Month

The May block is a 12" finished "Lucky Clover Altered."

Upcoming Program....

Sandi Irish
June 28, 2010

Letter From Our President



Since Mother's Day is in May I thought I would pass on this little bit of fun. Now that I am over 65, I wish I could talk to my mother and grandmother. They were both wonderful quilters who made

serviceable quilts for their families out of whatever they had, used clothes or feed sacks. They didn't have all the wonderful quilt shops and the internet for finding material. Can you imagine what your great grandmother would think of the internet!

The Images of Mother

4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mommy can do anything!
8 YEARS OF AGE - My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!
12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't know everything!
14 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue.
16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's so five minutes ago.
18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!
25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it!
35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.
45 YEARS OF AGE - Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?
65 YEARS OF AGE - Wish I could talk it over with Mom.

Happy Quilting... Your Co-Pres. Mary Gunness

WOW Board Minutes April 19, 2010

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Present: Mary Gunness, Wendy Fedie, Lynda Guisinger, Suzanne Nelson, Sonja Folven

We finalized the board's recommendation for changes on the 2011 dues. Membership will write an article for the newsletter.

Dean Davis has agreed to be the Quilt Show Chair. She will begin in July. Mary G. will assume the VP duties for the remainder of the term and Karen Petersen will be president the last half of the year.

The show date is Oct 15, 2011 and the reservations were made for Oct 14 & 15, 2011.

Shirley Bonacci requested \$25 to purchase fat quarters for the resolution quilt and it was approved by the board.

The board reviewed the upcoming programs and workshops for the year.

Treasures report was reviewed.

PO Box items – An invitation to "Quilt in the Park" on June 12, an open air quilt show in Hopkins.

Next Board meeting May 17 at 7pm at Lunds in Plymouth.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

March 22, 2010 WOW Meeting

Mary Gunness opened the meeting. Dean Davis has accepted the position as quilt show chair. The Quilt Show is Oct 15, 2011 and the retreat will be Oct 7 & 8 in 2011. Reservations for the show were made at the Plymouth Creek Center.

Elaine Frank has the fourth clue for the mystery quilt.

There will be three workshops this year on July 26, September 27 and November 22. Save these dates there will be more information in the newsletter soon.

The Challenge quilt was introduced by Carol Fischer, Mary Havisto, and Carol Henderson. Jane Larson read a thank you from the Delano Meals on Wheels for the spring placemats we donated.

Additionally, so far we have 112 pillowcases donated.

If interested in joining a small group contact Carole Olson. There is interest in a group during the day and there are still openings in the evening group. Shirley Bonacci encouraged members to participate in resolution quilts – in addition to the 12 already participating.

Sharon introduced our guest speaker, Chris Hoover. There were four visitors this month.

Block of the month total was 16. Diane Salls won the blocks and Sharon Peterson won the fat quarter for making more than one block.

Birthday club made \$62.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Save the date: October 1-3 2010

Save the date....Friday October 1 - Sunday October 3. Fall foliage, new and old friends, laughter, good food, nature walks, fun and games, shopping, maple leaves, a bit of mystery.....and a whole lot of quilting. The annual WOW Fall Quilting Retreat is coming. More information will be available at the May meeting.

Bits & Pieces

If you want to plan ahead, here are the 6" squares bits and pieces exchange fabric themes for the upcoming months:

May: patriotic reading white

June: patriotic reading red

July patriotic reading blue

Quilts in Bloom – 50 Quilts

Saturday, June 12th. 9a. to 3p.

310 Herman Terrace, Hopkins Minnesota

Resurrection Life Church

NOTICE:

This motion must be printed in the newsletter of the month prior to the Guild meeting in which the members will vote on the motion.

Member Dues Proposal

Under Article 2, A, 2. annual dues have been reviewed by the Board and the following motion has been proposed by the Board of Directors.

Effective January 2011 the annual dues be adjusted as follows:

\$24.00 per year for membership dues with an e-mailed newsletter

\$30.00 per year for membership dues with postal service newsletter

\$35.00 per year for a business membership.

The basic dues have been adequate to maintain the business of the guild. However, postage and printing costs have risen over the past several years. Also, there are several businesses supporting our guild that may choose to be recognized as a business.

The benefits of an individual membership include:

1. Attendance at monthly meetings for speakers and parties
2. First chance to register for the fall quilting retreat and workshops
3. Participation in guild activities such as the mystery quilt, block of the month, resolution quilts, secret sisters, the quilt challenge and the quilt show.
4. One free quilt related small ad (3 lines) in the newsletter per year.

Benefits of a business membership include:

1. Attendance at monthly meetings for one representative of the business
2. First choice of vendor locations at the show
3. A copy of the newsletter mailed to the business
4. May display business literature at the informational table during meetings.
5. One free 5 line ad per year in the newsletter

Million Pillowcase Project

The Million pillowcase project has donated 50 pillowcases to the Family Promise of Anoka County Family Shelter program. Family Promise is a tax-exempt non-denominational faith based shelter/support program similar to the long standing Families Moving Forward in Hennepin County. This shelter can house 3 to 4 families at a time. Families stay overnight and receive their meals at each of the participating host churches with social services, job search services and other family support services available at the program day center. The

average family stay in the program is about 30 weeks. The January 2010 Wilder homeless inventory found over 1,400 individuals homeless in Anoka County. Over 400 of the homeless were families including children. Anoka County currently has 16 shelter, beds available, none for families, this facility will add 15 beds available to families.

Mary Havisto

Create A Quilt That Tells A Story

The **2010 quilt challenge** is to create an 18" x 22" (approx.) quilt that tells a story which could be from a favorite book, a vacation or any other memory or fantasy. *Let's see what is in your head!* Quilts are due at the September meeting. Entries will be hung at the October meeting. Each winner will receive a **\$50 gift certificate** to the member quilt store of their choice. Winners will be determined based on



the following categories:

- ❖ Most Unique
- ❖ Best Title
- ❖ Best selection/ use of fabrics
- ❖ Overall viewer's choice

Quilts must be covered by the

owner's insurance as none is provided by the WOW guild. All quilts must have a label with the creator's name, address and phone number sewn into the lower back right corner.

Carol Fisher, Carol Henderson & Mary Havisto

If You Like Door Prizes You Should Read This!!!

Starting in May 2005, nametags were required in order to win door prizes. Since then, it has not always been enforced. So once again, it is time to reinstate this rule. Starting in May, members that forget to wear their nametags won't be eligible to participate in the door prize drawings. Nametags are important so we can place a name with a face, and they help new members get to know current members. Nametags are to be handmade and quilted, in any way you want to make them.

New members will have a period of time (tbd) to make their nametags and will be eligible with written nametags. So don't forget to wear your nametag every month or you'll forfeit your chance for a door prize.

No nametag = No door prize. Sorry!!!!

*Those who can, do.
Those who can do more, volunteer. ~
Author Unknown.*

Women Of the West

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✓ May Checklist

- ☐ Block of the Month
- ☐ Community Service Donations
- ☐ Your Nametag
- ☐ Secret Sister surprises
- ☐ Birthday Club Donation
- ☐ Show & Share

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 the 4th Monday monthly at 7 p.m. at the Medina Entertainment Center. If there is a conflict with a holiday, another night will be scheduled. The Medina Entertainment Center is on Highway 55 in Medina.

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