# WOW NEWS

#### LATE SUMMER | 2018 | ISSUE 7

#### 2018 Board

President Audrey Fresh

Vice President Open Position

Treasurer Brenda Dunlavy

Secretaries Connie Falkenstein Margie Lundberg

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#### Last Meeting Recap

In June 2018, Catherine Redford brought her English Paper Piecing Clamshell Pillow Workshop, and her World in Folkart Stitches Lecture. Both were very educational and entertaining for our guild! I hope most of you were able to attend one or both. In July, we held our annual guild picnic at Parker's Lake. The delicious foods and drinks, and quilty games made the picnic memorable. Thanks to all members who participated!



## **President's Corner**

Has everyone had a great summer so far? I would love to hear all about your travels & family get-togethers. Are you planning on attending the MN State Fair? I hope to see you there! I've been a very busy mom, and so have dubbed this our "Late Summer Newsletter". Besides quilting, my house has been busy with summer sports, boating, entertaining, and college prep.

#### Enjoy photos from our July Picnic

Above photo ~ Steve Taylor barbecuing burgers at our July Picnic, and delicious appetizers below.



#### Women of the West Quilters



#### Quilt-Inn #2: Christmas in July

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Thank you to all of our awesome members (and guests) who attended our wonderful Quilt-Inn. We had a great turnout of over 30 members, who got a lot of sewing done!! BSLC set up the tables and took them down for us, and we paid them a tip for this service. Our next Quilt-Inn is schedule for October 4th. Don't miss out! This is your time to share your quilting passion together with our members. So fun! LuAnn, our webmistress, is currently uploading photos and news at our new "Quilt-Inn Tab" located on the Activities section of our website. Check it out!

#### August 27th Guild Meeting ~ 7pm

#### QTS: Art/Collage Quilts

Please don't miss our August Guild Meeting! I know that our Art & Collage QTS Group has been very busy behind the scenes getting ready for their presentation. Please come to support our QTS group and guild! See you next Monday!

## September Workshop: Small Pieces, Small Quilts: TUE SDAY 9/25/18

The date of our much anticipated workshop with Mary Elizabeth Kinch from Toronto, Canada, has been switched from Monday to Tuesday morning, the day after our guild meeting. This was a very welcome change to our members at our June meeting vote. The idea is this .... you will have the pleasure of meeting the speaker at the lecture and then decide, that same evening, if you wish to sign up and participate at his/her workshop the next day. This gives you the opportunity to first really enjoy the teachings of the speaker. Remember, we also lowered the price of our workshops from \$55 to \$25 to bring more value to your membership. Here is the supply list for the September workshop so you can get everything ready. Four Seasons Quilt Loft accommodates 22 students. Mary Elizabeth can accommodate up to 35. We will need to limit the class to 22 students, and we have space for 8 more students. Please let me know now if you are interested, in the event we need to change the venue to accommodate everyone who can attend.

#### MARY ELIZABETH'S SMALL PIECES, SMALL QUILTS SUPPLY LIST:

- \* Basic Sewing Kit (fabric scissors, thimble, thread to match your fabrics)
- \* Sewing machine (in good working order)

\* Bring fat quarters or 1/4 yard cuts of 15- 20 different fabrics that you love. You can bring scraps too. This is the time to cut into those beauties that you have been holding onto! Be sure to include in your choices a fabric with a directional design. Directional designs are created either through distinct striping or with, for example, floral patterns that are designed in a linear manner. Good examples of directional fabrics can be found on page 27 of Small Blocks, Stunning Quilts. Don't forget to also bring a few setting fabric options as well.

\* Rotary cutter, cutting board and ruler (Bring either a smaller ruler like the  $4\nu/2$ " x  $4\nu/2$ " or the  $6\nu/2$ " x  $6\nu/2$ " Frosted Ruler by Olfa, which is my favourite and I strongly recommend. Also bring a 6" x 24" or 6" x 12" ruler, whatever will work with the fabric you are bringing.)

\* Stiletto – this is a must have! (my favourite brand is Clover, item 485W, listed in their catalogue as a straight awl)

- \* Fine straight pins
- \* Notebook and pen
- \* Extra lighting with extension cord can be helpful for your work area

## **Color Inspiration WOW Challenge Quilt**

Are you busy working on your Challenge Quilt? If you have any questions, please contact Challenge Chairperson: Sharyn Resvick, rosesharyn@comcast.net, 763-476-5945



Saturday November 3, 2018

10am - 4pm at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 5005 Northwest Blvd., Plymouth, MN 100+ Quilts of Valor on display

There will be a quilt presentation ceremony at 4pm Help us honor our Veterans the weekend prior to Veteran's Day

# Quilts of Valor Quilt Show - November 3, 2018

"A Show of Appreciation"

> WOW Members are encouraged to make a QOV Quilt for donation to the Quilt Show. QOV Co-Chair Terri Good 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 :) Please make and donate a QOV quilt, to prove our first show honoring our veterans is a success.

### **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 prelaundering. 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.

### WOW Presidential Volunteer Service Award to honor YOU!

BREAKING NEWS! My long-awaited application to authorize WOW to be a certifying organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award has finally been approved! I am now able to award WOW members, and others, who are contributing to the community via verified qualifying volunteer hours, with the Presidential Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award Medallion!



Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	C II
			Gold
Kids (5-10)	26 - 49	50 - 74	75 +
Teens (11-15)	50 - 74	75 – 99	100 +
Young Adults (16-25)	100 - 174	175 - 249	250 +
Adults (26 and older)	100 - 249	250 - 499	500+
Families and Groups*	200 - 499	500 - 999	1.000+

Hours By Award. We are honoring WOW volunteers on a 12 month calendar, from January to December.

Many of our members are ACTIVELY making donation quilts and/or serving on charitable organizations. Please provide me (Audrey Fresh) with your hours, including the date, activity, and organization you are serving. I will then create a profile for you at the Presidential Volunteer Service Award Website. Once you reach volunteer hours in the Adult category above before December 31st, you will qualify for an award this year. Otherwise, you can begin serving and document your hours starting in January, 2019. To assist, I will email you with, and provide, more information via handouts at our August 27th guild meeting.

## **WOW Board Meeting Minutes**

August 7, 2018

Present: Audrey Fresh, Brenda Dunlavy, Terri Good

- 1. Financial Report was reviewed and approved.
- 2. Board Meeting guest and QOV Co-Chair Terri Good presented questions and answers regarding the QOV November 3rd show at BSLC.
  - a. Can we take down poles and drapes on Monday to save \$150? Per BSLC we must take down poles and drapes Saturday night because they have Sunday family programing in the gym.
  - b. Okay to invite other service chapters to host a table? Per BSLC yes, ok to have other tables in the entry way.
  - c. Can BSLC provide room dividers for overflow quilt tops? *Per BSLC they have up to 6 room dividers we can use.*
  - d. BSLC to offer coffee & donuts or cookies for sale? *The BSLC Youth Group will have Coffee & Donuts from 10am to 12pm*
  - e. Free admission to show for service members.
  - f. \$5 admission for all other show
  - g. Who is BSLC contact, and how many BSLC veterans to honor? BSLC has 19 veterans that they are asking us to honor, and will provide the list to Terri and Shawn.
  - h. Identify up to 80 donated quilts, but goal is 200. Need more donated quilts.
  - i. Terri will look into getting QOV pins to sell at the show for another fundraiser.
- 3. Audrey and Brenda discussed the September 2019 WOW Quilt Show. We are beginning to gather ideas and form a quilt show committee. SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 is a date that BSLC offered to us for the show.
- 4. Home2 in Plymouth is the hotel where we booked for our speaker, Mary Elizabeth Kinch, who will need 1 night at the hotel. We discussed slightly upgrading the accommodations for the comfort of our speakers, due to feedback from previous speakers.

Recorded by Audrey Fresh, President



Hello WOW Members, a fun reminder!

If you are interested in attending our retreat this Fall, please be sure to email Dawn Bryant at her email address below:

#### Dawn.Bryant@usbank.com

You can also sign up and pay at our August guild meeting. But it would be great if you would like to email Dawn to let her know your interest, and your retreat preferences offered here:

WOW Retreat October 4 - 7 Green Lake Camp ~ Spicer MN

\* 3 day, 2 night option: \$175
\* 4 day, 3 night option: \$250
\* Private Room Fee: \$19 per night additional fee



## **Newsletter Riddle:**

Unscramble this quilting term.

## outward print holder

The first person to correctly email the answer to Audrey Fresh wins a quilty prize.

## Quilter's Classified's

A new online quilt shop just opened up. We were contacted by a local Minnesota mother and daughter team, who would like to become members of our guild.

## www.rosiegirlquilting.com

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please email audrey@thefreshfamily with any questions.