

# WOW NEWS

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**PLEASE NOTE: New meeting location starting in January 2020 is at:**  
**St. Barnabas Lutheran Church**  
**15600 Old Rockford Rd**  
**Plymouth, MN**

## January Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2020 – social hour from 6:30 to 7 pm, meeting starts at 7 pm.  
 Featuring a lecture and Trunk Show by Sandi Irish (<https://www.irishchain.com>)

### President's Corner

A huge "Thank You" to Audrey Fresh for her leadership in the past two years. Audrey initiated and promoted Quilt Inns, Barn Quilt Workshops, and group presentations that encouraged WOW members to get to know each other and develop new friendships. She and Brenda Dunlavy co-chaired the 2019 Quilt Show, which showcased 200 members quilts

In our planning meeting on December 2, the new board set a goal to continue building member relationships. We will follow the WOW Bylaws, further members' quilting knowledge and skills, and contribute to the community. We will treat one another with respect, create fellowship, and grow WOW to 100 members.

Articles by activity leaders in this newsletter describe ways they plan to implement these goals.

Starting January, we meet at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, 15600 Old Rockford Rd. Join us at 6:30 for a Social Half Hour with coffee/tea and treats, and announcements. Guest presentations will begin at 7:00pm, followed by Show and Share, the break and then the business portion of the meeting. During our business portion of the meeting, activity leaders will update members on plans and events.

Visit [wowquiltguild.com](http://www.wowquiltguild.com) every month for program information, scheduled Quilt Inns, newsletters, the WOW bylaws, and other timely member information.

### Upcoming speaker information

The Irish Chain pattern company was started in 2003 by Sandi Irish. She has been quilting for over 23 years, teaching and working in a quilt shop as well as designing quilts for companies like Timeless Treasures Fabrics and doing other commissioned works. Since she's always preferred to create her own designs or adapt traditional quilts to her own style, starting a pattern company was a natural step for her to take.



### Recap of the November 25 WOW Quilt Guild Meeting:

Angie and Rachel Roberts from Noble Quilter, of Elk River, presented “The Then and Now of Quilting. Angie gave a short history of American quilting from the 1880’s to the present. Rachel, Angie’s daughter, described her experiences with quilting, growing up in the quilt shop, and designing quilts. When Rachel designs (Rachel Gurl Designs) her quilts, she uses Electronic Quilt 8. She explored the whole process of choosing the fabric, colors, block variation, layout, borders, and her final concept.

### Membership

Your membership people will be doing more than just signing you in at meetings this year. We have some exciting news for the upcoming year at WOW. In keeping with our goal to increase membership we may be offering rewards to members who recruit new members.

We have had a number of guests this year and we would like to encourage them to come back and join us as members. But first, we have to invite guests to our meetings. Is there someone you know who likes to sew and who would enjoy meeting with others who share their interests? Invite them to a WOW meeting. Ah, but once they arrive, we want them to feel welcome so they will want to return. How do we do that? Well, how about a little meet and greet time. Some new members have gone for months without anyone speaking to them. Let’s work on that. How about a few mixers and a little time just to visit and get to know one another? Not a lot of time, just a few minutes over a cup of coffee or tea and maybe a few cookies.

We will also be doing some active outreach through more quilt shops. Kevin is drawing up some business cards with meeting info to be placed in various quilt shops around the west metro area.

To help with remembering all those new names we will be making new nametags, possibly with an added incentive to wear them to all meetings and events. To give us a bit more time to do all these things Kevin is working on a way to do computer check-ins in the future. Meanwhile, don’t forget the January meeting coming up. All membership dues will be collected the first meeting in January for the 2020 year. Don’t forget your checkbook and come prepared for some fun.

### Upcoming Events/Activities

#### Small Groups

New and existing members are encouraged to join a small group.

There are 4 small groups on the WOW website.

1. English Paper Piecing – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Lunds in Plymouth from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.
  - Leader is Sandy Johnson.
2. Quilts of Valor – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Four Seasons Quilt Shop from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm.
  - The leader is Terri Good.
3. Loose Bobbins – meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Four Seasons Quilt Shop from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm.
  - The Leader is Sharon Peterson.
4. Designing Women – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Four Seasons Quilt Shop from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.
  - The leader is Carole Olson

To all members, if your small group is not listed, please contact Carole Olson regarding adding it to the WOW website

**Quilts of Valor:**

Please remember to bring in the new block kit samples that you took in November.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas!

**Upcoming Quilt Inns**

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Quilt Inn at St. Barnabas Luther Church from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Quilt Inn at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Quilt Inn at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Quilt Inn at St. Barnabas Luther Church from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report will be in the January newsletter.

**Block of the Month:**

I am very excited to share our 2020 Block-of-the-Month Program with you today!

As you know our 2019 Splash of Stars Raffle Quilt was magnificent, and I have received Connie's blessing to recreate a similar quilt for our BOM Program.

If you were like me and purchased raffle tickets, you may also want to have this quilt. This is your chance to make your own!

A caveat: Most of the stars on this BOM quilt are Judy Martin EQ8 Stars requiring permissions to copy. I have contacted Judy Martin directly and received her written permission to make 20 copies of each star from her software.

Therefore, I can take up to 20 participants for this Block-of-the-Month Program. If you are interested, please email me now at [audrey@thefreshfamily.com](mailto:audrey@thefreshfamily.com). I will take the first 20 people who express their interest starting today through the end of 2019, or until the program is full.

The finished quilt measures 97" x 97". Fabric requirements will be provided at our January 2020 Meeting. For planning purposes now, you will need approx. 7 yards of background fabric, and approx. 2 yards dark blue and 1-1/2 yards green for the outer border.

We will make 2 stars per month, January through August, and the borders will be pieced September through November. This is primarily a paper-pieced pattern and will require paper piecing experience.

I have provided two colorways below. The first quilt is multi-colored muted-brights. The second quilt is similar to the raffle quilt. You can choose any colorway you love. Batiks are recommended for the stars and borders to help with paper-piecing.

I know there will be a mystery program in 2020 also. If you feel you cannot participate in this BOM, please know there is another program that you might be interested in.

Thank you everyone! I look forward to hearing from you. Remember to email me directly at [audrey@thefreshfamily.com](mailto:audrey@thefreshfamily.com) to RSVP for this BOM.



### Want to get involved with WOW?

We will be reaching out to our members in January for charity ideas. Many members volunteer in other community groups by donating quilted items. We want to list those charity options and canvas members to see about starting a couple new small groups to assist those causes. Please think of your input for the January meeting.

### Schedule of Speakers for 2020:

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** – Sandy Irish from The Irish Chain Pattern Company will present a lecture/trunk show.

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Sara Hardwig from Blueberry Backroads will present a lecture/trunk show - embroidery

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Joanne Hillestad from Swirly Girl Designs will present a lecture/trunk show.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Heather Mulder Peterson from Anika's Trasures will present a fresh perspective to traditional quilting.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Bev Getschel will present a lecture/trunk show on how to "Up-Cycle Those left-overs into something wonderful".

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Carol Steuck, Shawn Taylor and Alice Barrera will present a lecture/trunk show on techniques that make bags and totes look professional.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – WOW Picnic at Plymouth Park

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Margie McNichols from Noble Quilters will present a lecture/trunk show on Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Rulers.

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** – Mike Ellingsen of Blue Earth will present a lecture/trunk show with topic to be announced later.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Stacy Horton from The Quilting Grounds will be lecturing on paper piecing with Tula Pink.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Members are invited to show their favorite Holiday creations, share/trade patterns, and make a holiday craft to bring home.

### 2020 WOW Board Members:

**President:** Carol Steuck

**Vice President:** Terri Good

**Treasurer:** Alice Barrera

**Secretary:** Sandy Hamlin

**Membership:** Faye Rylander/Kevin Hemberger

**Newsletter:** Jeanne Wyman/Deane Gradous

**Activity Chairperson:** Mary Havisto

- **Small Groups:** Carole Olson
- **Community Service:** Judy Mages
- **Secret Quilter:** Cindy Stenson
- **Birthday Club:** Kathy Barnes/Connie Falkenstein
- **Craft Show Committee Chairs:** Open
- **Block of the Month:** Audrey Fresh

**Facebook:** Sharon Peterson/Brenda Dunlavy

**Web Master:** Joray Dunlavy

**"Show and Share" Quilts from our November meeting:**







**HAPPY HOLIDAYS and WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR**