

WOW NEWS

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February Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2020

Location: St. Barnabas Lutheran Church at 15600 Old Rockford Rd. in Plymouth, MN.

Social hour: 6:30 to 7 pm, **Meeting starts at 7 pm.**

Featuring a lecture and Trunk Show by Sara Hardwig from Blueberry Backroads.
(<https://blueberrybackroads.com>)

President's Corner

WOW! Our first meeting with a new WOW board, in a new location, with lots of new ideas. Overwhelming to say the least! But, we are on our way for the year 2020!

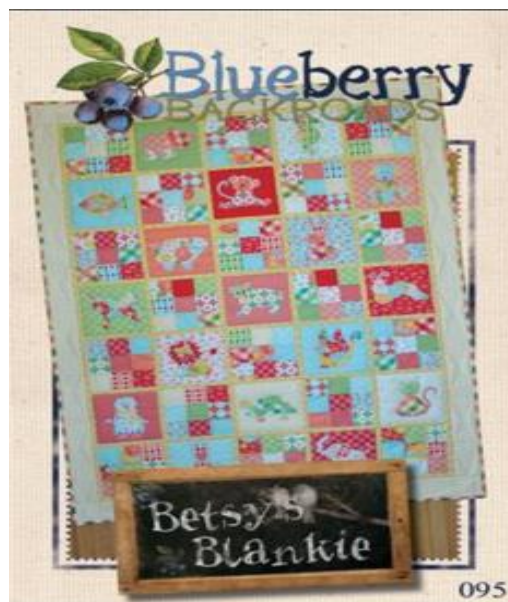
Our thanks to Sandy Irish for a great presentation! She is a local quilter and a friend from my Wooddale Quilting group. Next month, the program is Blueberry Backroads, Sara Hardwig will be presenting her patterns using embroidery, wool appliqué, and her new baby quilt. Check out her website: (<https://blueberrybackroads.com>)

The Board's major goals this year are to encourage members to be kind and respectful of one another, to build relationships among members, and increase our membership to 100. At the January meeting, I was excited to see that people were visiting and getting to know each other during the social time and break. This is a good thing! During the meeting, some members had a difficulty hearing during the presentations because of noise in the room. For the February meeting, we will reserve space near the podium for people with hearing concerns. We are listening to feedback and your concerns and will work out issues with the microphone system and the arrangement of the room.

In the newsletter you will find further explanation of the point-reward program. Faye Rylander will be available as you sign-in to answer any questions about the program. We hope to encourage friendships among members by creating new small groups, implementing and mentoring programs, and increasing members' involvement in already existing activities. I hope you will especially read the newsletter section offering ways to become more involved in WOW's educational, service, and fun activities.

Upcoming speaker information

Welcome to Blueberry Backroads! I'm Sara, and I'm the pattern designer. As a kid, I loved to draw and dreamed of becoming an artist. In 2007 my mom encouraged me to design a Christmas ornament pattern for her quilt shop, and Blueberry Backroads was born. Over the years I've expanded what started as all embroidery into appliqué, a little quilting, and working with wool. I recently completed my largest project yet - [Betsy's Blankie](#) - a baby quilt for my little girl. I live in Minneapolis with Betsy, Tony, our dog Stevie, and Kitty. We love to spend time outdoors in the summer and go to HOT yoga in the winter. I'm also a big fan of just hanging out with my girl, travel, cooking, and spending time with nieces and nephews.



Recap of the January WOW Quilt Guild Meeting:

Our first meeting of 2020 began with more than 50 people renewing their membership with WOW. Members were each given a small clip board with details of a points program for earning rewards for such things as wearing the name tag, talking to new members, inviting new people to join them at their table, making and donating service quilts, etc. (the program is described in detail later in the newsletter. Members were also given an opportunity to join a mentoring program.

Sandy Irish, from Irish Chain Pattern Company, showed many of the quilt patterns that she has designed. During Show and Share, 12 people showed quilts they have recently completed. Following a 15-minute break, we began our business meeting by brainstorming ways that WOW members can and do contribute to the community. The meeting continued with approval of the 2020 budget and hearing reports from committees: membership, Secret Quilters, Newsletter, Block of the Month, and Presidential Awards.

Membership:

Hello everyone and thank you to all who have paid their membership. We have 52 paid members. You can become a paid member at the February meeting. Payment options now include paying with a credit card. If you are not able to make the February meeting and want to pay your membership, contact Kevin (kevin.m.hemberger@gmail.com) for ways to pay your dues.

Don't forget to bring and wear your name badges to our meeting. I can't wait to see how everyone individualizes their badges. Adding pins or making your own lanyard are possibilities. If you need instructions for making a lanyard, there are plenty on Pinterest. Metal hooks will be available at the check-in table.

Mentoring program signups are ongoing. If you are interested in mentoring someone or want to be mentored, be sure to fill out the mentoring sections of the upcoming online survey.

Stay safe and warm, and we will see you at the February meeting.

WOW Point Awards

This point system is designed to encourage relationships between WOW members. Upon completing any listed activity below, ask the designated person to add their initials to the form. Note: board members have special nametags so that you can identify them. Points are claimed based on the honor system; it is your responsibility to have your card initialed monthly. Pick up and return your clipboard by the membership table.

Points awards will be given quarterly to the member who has the highest total points earned, not necessarily earning points in all categories. Grand Awards are given to any and all members who have earned points in ALL categories.

Points	Category	Initialed by
5 pts.	Invite a new member/guest to sit with you	new member/ guest
5 pts.	Wear the official nametag	any board member
5 pts.	Bring a guest.	the guest
15 pts.	Recruit a new paid member	new member
5 pts.	Participate in show and share	any board member
5 pts.	Help out at a meeting	any board member
5 pts.	Ask the guest speaker a question	any board member
10 pts.	Turn in a community service project	any board member
5 pts.	Mentor a member in a new skill	member mentored

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 2nd Friday of the month at Lunds in Plymouth from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.
 - Leader is Sandy Johnson.
2. Quilts of Valor – meets 2nd 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 2nd 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 1st 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:

Terri Good shared the quilt square kits available to make for the Quilts of Valor quilts at the January meeting.

Upcoming Quilt-Inns:

March 30th – Quilt-Inn at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

June 22nd – Quilt-Inn at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 15th – Quilt-Inn at St. Barnabas Luther Church from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Treasurer's Report:

The balance on December 31 in checking was \$6,918.97. The membership dues and Birthday Club added \$1,446.51. After some expenditures, the current balance is \$7,549.71.

Block of the Month:

February Block

Attached is your February Block, the Braced Star. This is a traditionally pieced block. Please make two (2) of these blocks. You will need templates for cutting out your fabric. I provided templates at the January meeting.

Important! If you did not receive the templates at the meeting, please go to this site to print them. If you use the online templates remember to ADD your ¼” seams to all sides of the templates before cutting out your fabric.

<http://www.quilterscache.com/images10/bracedvarOnetempsA.gif>

Your BOM Mystery quilt will measure 72” x 86” before borders. You will need 4 yards of background fabric that includes the sashing. There will be (30) 12-1/2 inch unfinished blocks in this quilt (5 across and

6 down). The background fabrics is the same fabric for your 2-1/2” unfinished sashing strips. You can pick a fabric close to your background for your sashing 2-1/2” x 2-1/2” unfinished cornerstones.

All blocks for the WOW BOM Mystery will be traditionally pieced stars. Choose a scrappy light low volume background for each of your blocks if you do not want to use the same yardage for the background.

If you have any questions about this program or have questions about the blocks, please email me at audrey@thefreshfamily.com

Have fun sewing this beautiful quilt?

Presidential Volunteer Service Award:

At our January 2020 meeting we honored 6 members with the 2019 Presidential Volunteer Service Award:

Pam Plocek
Patricia Larson
Sharon Peterson
Carol Henderson
Mary Havisto
Jane Donner

Congratulations to these amazing volunteers! Together they served 3,716 volunteer hours in 2019!

Want to get involved with WOW?

Community Service – The WOW board is sending out an online survey to gain information on small groups, community service, future educational speakers, and the mentoring system. Please help us by completing the survey as soon as possible!

The results will be discussed at the February meeting.

How you can get involved with WOW:

- Help with snack set-up and clean-up
- Invite a guest or new member to sit with you
- Use your quilting skills to mentor a new member
- Complete ‘Quilts of Valor’ blocks
- Join one of the two ‘Block of the Month’ groups

WOW has been contacted by a Wayzata Sr. High School Art teacher in special needs. The students worked in teams to create batik art pieces that are now ready to be turned into quilts. The goal is for the finished quilts to be “cuddle” size. We could work on the project at the high school in a wonderful naturally lit spacious area. Most likely on Saturdays. The project should not have a cost to WOW. We would also have community coverage.

Birthday Club:

\$38 was generated this month by the sale of items donated by those members with January birthdays.

Schedule of Speakers for 2020:

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

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

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

April 27th – Heather Mulder Peterson from Anika's Treasures will present a fresh perspective to traditional quilting.

May 18th – Bev Getschel will present a lecture/trunk show on how to “Up-Cycle Those left-overs into something wonderful”.

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

July 27th – WOW Picnic at Plymouth Park

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

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

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

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

Thank You:

Joray and Brenda Dunlavy,

Thank you so much for designing and maintaining our website and managing our social media account. Many people have found WOW because of your hard work! The board is adding a new position to the board called Data and Technology Manager. The Bylaws will be changed in March to include this position. Kevin Hemberger will manage this position. He will work with you on the transfer of the website, square, and social media to his management.

Thank You again for designing and maintaining our website and managing social media for WOW.

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:

At January’s meeting 12 individuals shared items complete, UFOs, and tops. See pictures of those quilts on the next pages.









