

# WOW NEWS

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## March Meeting

**Monday, March 23, 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 Joanne Hillestad from Swirly Girl Designs.  
(<https://www.swirlygirlsdesign.com>)

## President's Corner

The WOW Board is working hard to make the monthly meetings the best they can be. The addition of eight new members in February brings our membership to 71. Our goal, which is to be more welcoming and inclusive may be working. Next meeting, please take extra care to personally greet our guests and our newest members. Invite them to join you at your table.

Mary Havisto and her committees will be organizing small groups to begin in April. We need and want your response to the recent short survey that was sent by email to all members. The survey invites you to sign up for a small group. Add your suggestions for places that welcome small groups meetings.

Awards will be given for the most points earned using the reward system during our March meeting.

An additional email will be coming to you this month with revised WOW bylaws that will be adopted at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Please read through the bylaws document before the WOW meeting so you are ready to ask questions and vote on the changes. Updates to the bylaws include the following:

- Adding the position of Data and Technology Chair.
- All members are elected and all have a board vote.
- Added a requirement for membership approval of all expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500) that were not approved as part of the annual budget.
- Membership criteria and meeting dates may be approved by the board as needed.

## Upcoming speaker information

Our March speaker is Joanne Hillestad, the owner of The Fat Quarter Gypsy Designs. At the age of 5 Joanne was hooked and her love of playing with fabric only grew over the decades. After 20 years as a database analyst in corporate America, she chose to pursue a career around her love of all things fabric. While designing quilts on one chilly MN day, inspiration hit! The Fat Quarter Pop-Up combined her fabrics and her husband's wire forming ability. This handy collapsible container became an instant hit and led to a fun line of Dress Up Your Pop-Up patterns. In 2018 Joanne acquired the popular pattern line of Swirly Girls Design. Swirly Girl Patterns are traditional with a modern flair.

Visit [www.fatquartergypsy.com](http://www.fatquartergypsy.com) and [www.swirlygirlsdesign.com](http://www.swirlygirlsdesign.com) for more information.



**Recap of the February WOW Quilt Guild Meeting:**

The February 24<sup>th</sup> WOW meeting was a big success. The changes we made to the microphone system was a huge improvement. Everyone could hear! I was delighted to observe WOW members visiting, helping, and enjoying themselves. We welcomed eight new members and nine returning members; this brought the attendance at the meeting to 71 members.

Sarah Hardwig from Blueberry Backroads presented her embroidery and wool applique patterns. She regaled us with the story about working with her mother in the quilt shop business and how she began her own quilting business. After Sarah’s presentation, 17 WOW members showed and shared the quilts they completed in the last couple months. Cindy Stenson invited members to join the Secret Quilters activity.

Mary Havisto and Kevin Hemberger reviewed the results from the on-line survey about members preferences. Mary introduced the “Student with Disabilities Project” from Wayzata High School and announced the small groups that will be starting in April.

**Membership:**

The membership committee welcomes our newest member to the team. Linda Waterman has graciously accepted our request for help. Now that we have past Jan and Feb, with everyone paying their dues, we can check members in by scanning their name tags. Check-in will proceed much faster. If you came to the Feb meeting and did not let us know on your way out that you still need a name tag, email Kevin ([kevin.m.hemberger@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.m.hemberger@gmail.com)). We’ll have name tag for you at the next meeting. Feel free to individualize your name tag: add pins; make your own lanyard; etc. Let your creativity flow freely and show everyone what you can do.

Mentoring update: Below are the results from the survey. Members signed up to be mentors for some topics. Other topics lack mentors. If you want to sign up in either list, email Kevin.

<b>Mentoring topics available:</b>
Quilt Binding (how to properly cut using a rotary cutter)
Scrap Quilting
Wool Applique
Kingwell quilts
Customizing patterns in size and design
<b>Mentors needed:</b>
Adding Borders
Free Motion Quilting
Paper Piecing
Binding - Machine & Hand Sewing
Collage
Quilting Finished Projects

**Upcoming Events/Activities**

**Small Groups:**

A survey went out to WOW members asking them which small group they would like to join. Small groups will be formed using this information and announced in April.

**Open sewing groups that WOW members attend regularly****Four Seasons Quilt Shop****TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OPEN SEWING**

Come, spend the day sewing on any project you choose. It's a great time to be with friends and work on finishing up quilting projects. Cutting tables and mats and two ironing stations are provided. Bring lunch or eat out. A refrigerator and microwave are available. Some sewers like to bring snacks to share. If you plan to sew for two days, you can leave your materials and your sewing machine overnight.

Open sewing meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tues. & Wed. of the month, 10:00a.m.--6:00p.m. The fee is \$5/day. Check in at the desk.

**FEATHERWEIGHT CLUB**

Bring your Featherweight and join others who enjoy sewing on these wonderful little machines. Sew on any project you choose and enjoy show-and-tell.

The featherweight group meets on the first Monday of the month, 10:00a.m. The fee is \$5 each month you attend.

**QUILTING WITH FRIENDS**

Work on your quilting projects. Bring what you like to eat and snacks to share. There are good places to eat nearby.

The quilting with friends group meets on the first Saturday of the month. 2:00p.m.--9:00p.m. The fee is \$5. Call ahead on the Saturday you plan to attend to be assured of a spot to sew (763) 557-5899.

**Maple Grove Community Center**

We are an informal quilting group that gathers to work on our own projects. Bring your project, sewing machine (if needed), and lunch. Cutting tables, mats, rulers and irons are provided.

Maple Grove Senior quilters meet at the Maple Grove Community Center on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 9:30a.m.--3:00 p.m. The activity fee is \$10 per year.

**St. Barnabas Church**

Our group assembles and ties mission quilts. Members sew the quilt tops at home and complete them with the group by adding a fiber fill batting, a backing, tying the layers, and sewing the edges. We welcome all who wish to contribute by sewing a quilt top at home and/or joining our group to complete quilts for distribution overseas and locally.

St. Barnabas quilters meet Friday mornings at 9:30.

**Quilts of Valor:**

Terri Good shared that 2 – 3 quilts are distributed each month and many quilts will be needed for Veteran's Day. Individuals can make quilts or take kits and sew the blocks.

**Upcoming Quilt-Inns:**

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:**

WOW Quilt Guild  
Treasurer’s Report

Financial Statement as of February 29, 2020

Total Assets as of December 31, 2019		11,872.21
	February	Year to Date
Income		
Membership Dues	570.00	1,986.60
Birthday Club	55.00	93.00
Savings Interest	0.03	0.13
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Total Income YTD		2,079.73
Expenses		
Speaker Fees	119.00	269.00
Membership	0.00	48.07
Square Fees	0.00	8.09
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	92.00
Insurance Policy	0.00	476.71
Challenge Quilt	0.00	48.99
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Total Expenses YTD		<u>942.86</u>
Total Assets as of February 29, 2020		<u>13,009.08</u>

**Block of the Month:**

This month and going forward the Block of the month will be sent by e-mail.

**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:**

\$55 was generated this month by the sale of items donated by those members with February birthdays.

### **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 Treasures will present a fresh perspective to traditional quilting.

**May 18<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>** – Kim Cooke, 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.

### **Thank You:**



**2020 WOW Board Members:**

**President:** Carol Steuck

**Vice President:** Terri Good

**Treasurer:** Alice Barrera

**Secretary:** Sandy Hamlin

**Membership:** Linda Waterman/Kevin Hemberger

**Newsletter:** Jeanne Wyman/Deane Gradous

**Data and Technology Manager:** Kevin Hemberger

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





























