

WOW Meeting April 27, 2019

Topics

- Meeting started at 7:00 pm
- Rules of the Meeting – Kevin
 - Kevin described how the meeting works with Zoom (e.g., raise hands to speak to make sure that everyone can be heard).
- Introduction – Carol S.
 - Carol announced that the **May 18 WOW meeting will be cancelled** because the pandemic restrictions limit meetings to less than 50 people.
 - For the June meetings we will monitor the pandemic restrictions and determine whether we will need to cancel the next WOW meeting.
 - At the end of May Carol plans to share information on options for the Quilt Show and plans to gather feedback via a survey.
- Mask Questions – Alice
 - Alice shared that she has made 58 masks in a variety of patterns: folds and ties, Olson pattern, and mask with loops of elastic. They have been mailed and delivered. When Alice gets into the car to go to the grocery store, she wears a mask.
 - Carol shared that she has made and donated 180 masks and found the Olson mask as the easiest to make.
 - Sandra shared that she has made masks with folds and elastic or ties, and the Olson masks with elastic mostly for family. It has been challenging to find fabric in her stash to make masks that men will wear (no florals).
 - Terri has made about 110 masks, including a number from Crown Royal bags in a similar Olson pattern with a single string tie.
 - Kristin has been making masks with a single tie.
 - Deb has made 60 masks with 3-inch pipe cleaners as a nose shaper.
 - Mollie showed masks she has made. Mollie made Olson masks, hepa filters, and pleated masks. She donated masks to the Fire Station and to others.
 - Sonja has made 100 pleated masks and donated in the Rockford area. For donated masks to North Memorial they prefer gender neutral fabrics, but her neutral fabric is limited.
 - Jeanne has made 100 Olson masks and donated 65 to Home Health Care, along with others to friends and family.
 - Faye has made 30 masks and taught her daughter to sew them, and will be making more.
 - Carol H. shared that she is sewing masks for Methodists Hospital and headbands with buttons (A pattern will be shared)
- Show and Share – Terri
 - Terri led the Show and Share slide pictures of projects completed by individuals. The slides included the project and name of individual competing the item:
 - Margie – three quilts: including two modern quilts (Lupines and Weeks-like)
 - Carol S –a Twin XL quilt made for her granddaughter from dancer T-shirts
 - Jeanne – three items: 1) a Dresden Neighborhood applique in gray, red, white, and black quilt, 2) Camden basket with no handles, and 3) Pandemic quilt with six colors from McCall's July 2013 tickled pink.
 - Terri – two Quilts of Valor quilts and masks made for Star Tribune (Crown Royal)
 - Linda – four quilts: 1) a Minnesota kit from Craft Direct, 2) Pineapple quilt from Hawaii, 3) Row by row license plates in a bird house with pole quilt, 4) arrows quilt, a Lynette Johnson quilt, Thimbleberries 1980s. Linda shared that the sewing during the pandemic lead to a “pandemic sewing machine” to replace a dated, broke sewing machine.

- Carol H. described that she was at a quilt retreat 3/12-16 and is still working on a star quilt with 3 1/2" stars.
 - Brenda is working on tabletastic table runners
 - Carol S shared that some of the show and share will be put on Facebook.
- Projects other than quilting – Terri
 - Terri asked attendees to share non-quilting projects.
 - Terri is sorting boxes of photos from her parents.
 - Linda is working on 1,000-piece quilt puzzles.
 - Mollie shared crocheted “creatures” for her granddaughter, including dragon and sweet-tooth fairy
 - Rita is working on masks for the VA home and making jewelry.
 - Jeanne is working in the yard, on ancestry, and photobooks.
 - Faye’s husband is working on pictures and ancestry and they found her grandparent’s address. Faye is working on wall hanging kits and making masks for neighbors.
 - Carol H. is knitting prayer shawls.
- Sew Alongs – Kevin
 - Kevin asked if anyone is participating in the Calico Mystery Sew Along (no one indicated they are participating)
 - Suzanne shared that she participates in sew alongs looking to Facebook, video, directions, etc. from GE Designs.com. The group agreed that GE Designs is a good site.
 - Carol S. has fabric from Wooddale, making strip quilts with minky and using glue spray to hold down flannel to batting on a quilt as you go. The quilts will go to homeless teens.
- Challenge and Donations – Mary
 - Alice shared updated information for Mary (Mary’s phone would not un-mute):
 - Reminder: The Triangle quilt challenge is a quilt of mostly triangles that has a maximum of 100 inches’ circumference.
 - Wayzata project – will not be held as the school is closed
 - We are looking for places to work on donation projects. We may use libraries, and plan to hold these meetings during the day based on member interests.
 - Jane Kingwell group will meet at Carol’s house for the first session and then will find another place.
- Brainstorm boutique ideas – Carol
 - Carol initiated a discussion on ideas for the boutique, generally to sell items for under \$25. We would prefer that items sell for \$20 or less. At the quilt show the items that sold were the less expensive items.
 - Carol shared a wine topper gnome (\$8 item) and similar, smaller gnome tree ornaments.
 - We should look for items that are the current craze, e.g., gnomes last year
 - We hope to make \$1,000 before year-end at Boutique/craft sales
 - Linda suggested microwave bowls
 - Carol suggested kitchen towels with quilted strip across the bottom
 - Alice suggested placemats to go with the bright colors in Fiesta pottery or goes with grays.
 - Kevin suggested mug rugs
 - Jeanne suggested items for children
 - Jeanne suggested grocery bags with embroidery on canvas washable bag.
 - Jeanne suggested making pencil bags out of long candy wrappers with zipper
 - Suzanne suggested seasonal items such as Halloween table runners (two sided for another holiday), basket liners for buns, candle mats and small table toppers.
 - Rita suggested aprons for all and caps for kids
 - Alice shared a recent better Homes and Gardens magazine with aprons made of linen or canvas (e.g., denim weight from S.R. Harris), with embroidery or quilt design, to sell for \$15 or \$20.

- The group discussed that we will look to buy in bulk after buying one apron and tote to try them out first.
- Carol suggested that we make 20 to 25 of an items, maximum, to sell and take orders if more items are wanted.
- Membership Dues – Linda
 - Linda suggested that we could reduce dues in 2021 for current members due to the missed meetings, likely three meetings with no speakers. The 2020 members' dues could be reduced by say \$6 or \$7 for the 2021 year.
 - Faye suggested that no dues reductions. Others agreed.
 - We can include the topic of reduced dues for 2021 in a survey.
- Grocery – Kevin
 - Kevin asked about staying at home and going out for limited activities. In particular, going to the grocery store. Do you use curbside pick-up, home delivery or go into the store to shop for groceries?
 - Many individuals are using curbside pick-up, and some of us go into the store.
 - Alice shared ordering online from Walmart (paying online) and having the groceries delivered into her daughter's trunk, then they transfer the groceries to her car trunk and they talk on the phone between cars (not in person). She has experienced only a few substitutions.
 - Jeanne has used Hy-Vee on 101 for curbside pick-up
 - Jane ordered online and picked-up curbside, and is ordering 5-7 days ahead of pick up.
 - Kevin uses Hy-Vee and found curbside pick-up is better on Hwy 24
 - Jeanne orders a few days ahead
 - Note: Hy-Vee uses a central location and ships to the local stores. Cub uses the local store for its curbside items.
 - Faye uses the senior shopping hour in store and wears a mask and practices social distancing when the grocery stores are clean.
 - Suzanne and Sandra both are shopping in the grocery stores (to get out of the house for a change of scenery).
 - The group suggested meal planning, use the freezer, and when ordering take-out order two meals at once to have a leftover meal
- Books
 - Individuals shared book authors, including James Michener, A Man called Ove by Frederic, William Kent Kruger, etc.
- Movies/TV Series
 - Quigley Down Under
 - Robert Ludlum
 - The Crown series (Netflix)
 - Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist (TV series, like a musical)
- Thank you to Kevin and Carol for coordinating this Zoom meeting
- Meeting ended at 8:50 pm

Attendees: Kevin, Jeanne, Linda, Carol S., Sandra, Jennifer, Alice, Deb, Margie, Cheryl, Mollie, Kristin, Faye, Brenda, Suzanne, Jody, Sonja, Terri, Jane, Rita, Carol H., Mary, plus a few others on the phone or identified only by a phone number.