

WOMEN OF THE WEST

QUILTERS

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Susan Cleveland

Making Simple Quilts with Spark[®]



Susan's enthusiasm for quilting is said to be contagious! Her quilts have been shown in international-level competitions since 1997 and have received many awards, most recently as a finalist in the 2007 American Quilters Society show. Judges comment on her fine workmanship and appreciate her original style. She bases her designs on traditional patterns and then adds specialty threads, prairie points, piping, and great binding techniques. Susan is the inventor of the Groovin' Piping Trimming Tool.

Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Laurel Mulhollam is Fat Quarter Winner

2007 is over and the January meeting was time to come to terms with your 2007 resolution quilts. Laurel Mulhollam showed three completed resolution quilts **AND** she was the big winner of the fat quarters donated by all those who did not finish their resolution quilts. Any non-finishers may bring their fat quarters due to the next meeting or send to Laurel. *Congrats Laurel!*

2008 Resolutions made at January Meeting

Thanks to all who signed up for a resolution for 2008. Please remember to bring a fat quarter to the February meeting for each project you resolved to finish. I will try to have some tips or incentives through out the year to keep you on task. By "paying" early with you fat quarter, you may have a chance to win one through out the year. We will choose the November meeting as our finish date. Sharyn Resvick, Resolution Coordinator

Community Service Quilts

An impressive array of beautiful quilts were shown by members of the community service committee at the January meeting.

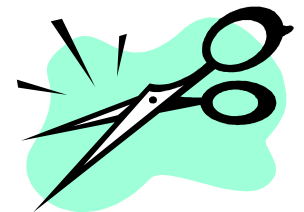
Thank you to Lucinda of the Anoka shop, "Bardella Fabric Art" that gave 4 new bolts of Civil War fabric to Mary Havisto for community service projects.

Cutting Party

Remember, the cutting session at the Plymouth Library on Saturday, February 16 from 10:30 until 4:00 p.m. Come for as long as your schedule permits – bring a

- 1) cutting mat,
- 2) rotary cutter and
- 3) ruler that you like to use.

The Plymouth library is located at 15700 36th Ave North. It's on the corner of Vicksburg & 35th Ave just north of Hwy 55. The library phone number is 952-947-5825. Any questions, call Pat at 763-553-0851.



Upcoming Program – March 24...

Pam Pryshepa Ronan – Beadlique

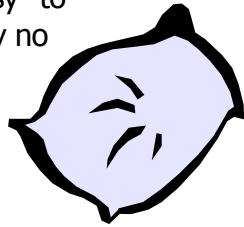
From Our President.....



I was on retreat recently and one of my projects was to make an "Exceptionally Easy Pillowcase." I consider myself a pretty accomplished quilter. I'm not as precise as some, but frankly, I think I'm fairly

good at piecing a quilt top. I've made several pillowcases before and have never had a problem, so this one really didn't concern me all that much. Until I read the directions. A wise man once told me, "Never trust a man who says 'trust me.'" I've adapted that to, "Never trust a quilt pattern that says 'exceptionally easy.'"

I'm a big believer in just trusting in the pattern and following it, even if it makes no sense on its face. I couldn't do it. I enlisted the help of several other retreaters, and eventually abandoned the pattern and made the silly pillowcase as it made sense to me and the other retreaters. It provides a good lesson...what is "exceptionally easy" to some is hard, or makes absolutely no sense, to others. It also shows how helpful it is when folks step up and offer suggestions, information, and guidance.



WOW is a changing and evolving group. And part of that change is made when members make suggestions and provide feedback. I encourage you to provide me with feedback and suggestions with how you think I'm doing and how the Guild is being run. We cannot meet the needs of our members if we remain stagnant. I am interested to hear your complaints and constructive criticism and want to discuss your concerns in an open and thought provoking manner. Please call or email me with your suggestions, information, and guidance along with your complaints and constructive criticism. Nothing (including making a pillowcase) is "exceptionally easy," so if you have some ideas for the Guild, or if it isn't meeting your expectations, please let me know. By working together we can make sure that the Guild meetings are one of the highlights of your month!

Quilt On....Gen Cogelow, President

Board Meeting Minutes

The WOW board met on January 21, 2008 at Jen's home. Members present were Jen Cogelow, President, Carole Olson, Vice President, Chris Huesers, Treasurer, Barb Carlson-Vergin, Activity Chair, Jane Larson, Pat Cedar, Community Service Chairs, Joyce Johnson, Membership, Secretary. New Business: Discussed dates: for guild meetings, 4th Monday of every month, board meetings 3rd Monday of the months, except May – guild meeting May 19, board meeting May 12. Board meetings will be held at Byerly's Maple Grove February and forward. Holiday party was attended by only 20% of guild members the last two years. Discussed a survey to poll members, other suggestions for a holiday event.

Chairpersons for the 2009 Quilt Show should be confirmed by March. Reservations for the location need to be made around that time. Carole suggested the church Beautiful Savior, located at Schmidt Lake Road and NW Blvd. as a location to be considered.

Treasurer Report: Chris presented the budget for review. Discussions regarding: Newsletter; postage and printing costs were less than anticipated; reduced both by \$300. An announcement will be made to remind members to opt for email rather than paper, if possible. Quilt Show; moved \$750 to current year, to cover expected 2008 expenses. Website; no change in total, \$150 re-directed to high-speed internet and domain name costs. Barb, Activity Chair, will contact each Committee Chair to be sure each has her contact information. Need Historian details.

Community Service announced they received a donation of 4 bolts of civil war fabric. They have many tubs of fabric. After the first cutting-party, they'll have a better idea of the type of patterns and quantities for the quilt tops. An announcement will be made to members that donations of 4-6 yards each are needed for quilt backs.

Vice President, Carole has received suggestions for programs & she always welcomes more ideas: Susan Cleveland is speaking at MQ. She is scheduled for our guild meeting, but will present a different program. Carole made the suggestion, to have a 'Garage Sale' meeting. Suggestions included fabrics, quilt tops. More details to follow. Other ideas were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Johnson, Secretary

Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Monday February 18 at the community room of the Maple Grove Byerlys, at 7:00 p.m. The March meeting will be on the 17th; same place/time.

2008 Preliminary Budget

This budget will be voted upon by the Women of the West Quilters Guild at the February 2008 meeting. Any questions, please e-mail or call Chris Huesers at chuesers@und-alum.org or 763-536-9540.

INCOME

Birthday Club	400.00
Block of the Month Club	300.00
Draw on Reserves	2,850.00
Guest	300.00
Interest Income	500.00
Membership Dues	4,800.00
Newsletter Ads	0.00
Quilt Retreat Income	3,500.00
Quilt Show Income	
Workshop Income	2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	14,650.00

EXPENSES

Bank Charge	50.00
Block of the Month Expense	300.00
Challenge Quilt	300.00
Community Service	400.00
Membership Expense	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Newsletter Postage	900.00
Newsletter Printing	900.00
Program Expense	4,000.00
Quilt Retreat Expense	3,500.00
Quilt Show	700.00
Rent	600.00
Website	300.00
Workshop Expense	2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,650.00

OVERALL TOTAL -0-

Block of the Month

The drawing for 17 Civil War Log Cabin blocks went to Chris Huesers. Lori Allison won the fat quarters for extra blocks. Next month's drawing will be the heart block.

From the Editor



I hope you enjoy the January program recap in this issue. If anyone has read any books on the list, a short book report might be enjoyable for other members to read.

January Program Recap

Monica Ferris, author of murder mysteries solved by needlework enthusiasts spoke to the January guild attendees. She kept them "in stitches" with her humor and inside knowledge of crimes and criminals, unseemly for a 'behatted' matronly type. How many of us knew that a silencer doesn't work on a six-shooter? Or multiple ways to murder someone without detection?

Ms. Ferris offered a free book to anyone who comes up with the next good book title having both needlework and a sinister slant!

Among her favorite quotes are, "Why would anyone write a book, when, for a few dollars you can buy one?" Ms. Ferris also says that she has an unspoken agreement with Earlene Fowler – she won't write about quilting and Ms. Fowler won't write about needlework!" Among the books written by both are:

Monica Ferris

Sins & Needles
Knitting Bones

Embroidered Truths
Unraveled Sleeve
Crewel World
Cutwork
A Stitch In Time
Hanging by a Thread
Knit Fast; Die Young
Crewel Yule

Earlene Fowler

Tumbling Blocks
The Saddlemaker's
Wife

Fool's Puzzle
Kansas Troubles
Goose In The Pond
Steps to the Alter
Seven Sisters
Arkansas Traveler
Mariner's Compass
Delectable Mountains



Membership News

At this month's WOW meeting, we had 81 members in attendance.

Welcome to the 13 new members who joined:

Theresa Boute * Kathy Cotter
Gloria Fey * Mary Gorelick * Judy Walker
Lynda Guisinger * Janna Laumann
Susan Nelson * Suzanne Nelson
Pam Oesterreich * Marilyn Pidany
Susan Pidany * Linda Porter-Mason

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✓ February Checklist

- Block of the Month
- Community Service Donations
- Your Nametag
- Secret Sister surprises
- Show & Share

The *Women of the West Quilt Guild* was organized in December of 1997 to encourage and support all levels of quilters. The guild offers education, programs, fellowship, communication and community service while providing a place to be among people that share the same interest of the art of quilting. Meetings are held the 4th Monday monthly at 7 p.m. at the Medina Entertainment Center. If there is a conflict with a holiday, another night will be scheduled. The Medina Entertainment Center is on Highway 55 in Medina.

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