



WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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Lori Allison, Editor

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Marilyn Bujalski: Cross Stitch Quilting

Nine years ago Marilyn went from garment sewing to the quilting world. She loves art quilts and using non-traditional fabrics. She dyes much of her own fabric, in addition to raiding every fabric store she can find. She does her own quilting on a Gammill long arm. She has won many awards and was thrilled to be accepted in the Paducah show this year. Marilyn will show us a very large quilt in progress and explain the technique she uses with samples. She will display a few of her large quilts, as well as others she has made.

Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Remember, Our May Meeting is the 3rd Monday

April Member Show

Pat Cedar led off the member show with an impressive array of quilts generously made for family members and friends – including this quilt “made for my brother’s dog!” Hard to believe until Pat held up one that had been made for her cat too.



Lisa Gerber says she does an “on the go” style quilting that she can take with her and work on while watching her children’s sports activities. Lisa has a unique floral/botanical style of her own that provided a visual breath of spring for viewers. Lisa taught us to layer our quilts in their display. (pictured is a Lisa Gerber-style quilt. “Gerbera Daisy” by Seams & Dreams).



Dean Davis showed many quilts made for family members including this necktie and ultrasuede quilt that members exclaimed over (pictured right) and a redwork style quilt in green. Dean cleverly used printed photos in many of her quilts. Dean had to have many quilts shipped from her daughter in New York to be able to show us.

Thanks Dean!
We really enjoyed seeing your creativity.



Jane Larson said she “invited herself along” with a friend who was going to a quilt shop. She thought her husband was gonna be mad about all the fabric spending so she made him an appeasement quilt right away. [Continued on page 3]

Upcoming Program....
Our Own Lori Allison, Design & Trunk Show – 30 Pattern Quilts
Monday, June 23, 2008

From Our President.....



Happy May! First I would like to thank Carole Olson for pinch hitting for me at our April meeting. I understand from several people that she did an excellent job and that the program was a real hit. I regretted missing that one

because I always love seeing the incredible artistry of our members. It always inspires me to go home and try a new technique or some new embellishment to kick my quilts up a notch.

I don't know how many of our members made it to the Monticello guild's show in April, but I know I saw several familiar faces on Saturday morning when Mom and I went to check it out. I was really impressed with the skill of their guild. I had a very difficult time picking my favorite quilts for their viewer's choice awards! I also thought it was neat to show the high school students' work. I started speaking with a young gal named Christine who is a student at the Monticello high school who was taking a quilting class there. She was very enthusiastic about the class and the project they were doing, and she was so very proud of the pieces she had put in the show. I think she's been bitten by the quilting bug...let's hope she's infected for good.

Do I dare say that the snow is over for the year? Probably not. But now you know that when we get 12 inches over Mother's Day weekend it will be my fault. After the quilt show Mom and I went to two quilt shops to extend our day together. I really enjoy our days like that. We have breakfast with Dad and then a-quilting we go. When we are on retreats everyone always says to Mom, "Oh you are so lucky that both of your girls quilt!" They are wrong. My sister and I are the luck ones. We are lucky to be able to share this hobby with Mom and have the opportunity to become closer as women; to become friends. I can't describe how much fun it is to be able to spend the day at a show and then hitting shops, going to WOW meetings every month, spending the weekend at retreat, or just sitting and talking about our latest projects. I hope that Christine is able to have a relationship with her mom that is like the one that we have with Mom. Happy Mother's Day Mom! I love you.

Quilt On.....Jen Cogelow, President

Membership from Liz Kroger

We now have 166 members, with 106 in attendance at the April meeting. We had one new member: Annette Balkenende. We also had five guests.

Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jen Cogelow, President, Carole Olson, Vice President, Chris Huesers, Treasurer, Barb Carlson-Vergin, Activity Chair, Joyce Johnson, Membership, Secretary

President: Jen let us know MQ has offered grants to Quilt Guilds, toward the cost of unusually expensive programs.

More discussion regarding the December meeting. The last few years, where a dinner has been served, attendance has been sparse. Suggestions for this December will be solicited at the April meeting, possibly cookies, or cake, and beverages? Members show quilts? Members show holiday quilts? Perhaps no matter what the agenda, December is simply too busy for some members to attend.

Vice President: Carole reported the restaurant Rascal's is renovating, they will be serving in our usual meeting room in June and July; we will use the bigger room but will not be charged the additional fee.

We will need the bigger room in August, for the Quilt Challenge.

Activity: The Secret Sisters Chair position is open. Barb indicated at the board meeting that she would fill this position. However later in the week, Carol Fisher volunteered and will hand out new applications for members at the April Guild meeting. Gigi has reserved the Plymouth Creek Center for the 2009 Quilt Show.

Treasurer: Chris will need a Quilt Show budget. Retreat Idea, Jan Wilson retreat in August Quilt Shop til you Drop in early May was mentioned Discussed financial statement year to date Suggestion to move some of the savings to a C.D., Chris will obtain details.

The next **Board Meeting** will be on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the community room of the Maple Grove Byerlys, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Johnson, Secretary

Community Service Quilts

Cutting Session

The Community Service cutting session this month will be at Four Season Quilt Shop on May 10 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. Bring a ruler, rotary cutter and mat. Any questions, call Pat at 763-553-0851. There will be no cutting sessions during June, July & August.

QUILTIN' BABES STASH BUSTER SALE

The Quiltin' Babes are having a Sale! On **Saturday, May 31 from 9:00am - 5:00pm** the Quiltin' Babes are having a garage sale. They have gone through their stash and will be selling fabric, notions, patterns and other quilt related items at rock bottom prices. The sale will be held at **16130 21st Ave N, Plymouth**. You can call Judy Odle, 763-476-0561 for more details.

Hope to see you all there!

2008 Quilt Challenge – Circles!

The challenge event is is Circles. It is to be approximately 18x22" in size and to represent circles – either in design, shape or fabric. Challenge will be at the August WOW meeting. Please sign up with Carol Henderson or Mary Havisto so they know how much pole & drape will be needed.

Viewers Choice Awards will go to

- 1) Best use of shape,
- 2) Most Creative, and
- 3) Overall Favorite.

From the Editor

I found great inspiration for the this summer's Circle Challenge – the Microsoft website. It has zillions of free clipart images including no less than 30 pages of just

"circle" images and artwork, sure to give you some bright ideas. First open a Word.doc, click insert, clipart, from web, and follow the download clipart instructions, then insert clipart into the word doc. Using the picture toolbars in Word, highlight

the image and use the "dog" tool to change it to a square, then you can make it bigger or manipulate it anyway you want.



WOW Minutes April 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Carole Olson at 7 p.m. Guests were welcomed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May meeting will be May 19th (3rd Monday). We will meet in the room near bowling alley in May and June, because of remodeling. May speaker Marilyn Bujalski—Cross Stitch Quilts. She is the lady that did the "Last Supper" quilt.

Secret Sisters—If interested contact Carol Fisher—612-588-8698 or Crazyq98@aol.com

Community Service—Community service quilts were shown. Most last month went to Ronald McDonald House. Other recipients—VA Hospital and Memory Quilts for pregnancy and infant loss.

2009 Quilt Show—Gigi Hickey quilt show chairperson announced that the 2009 quilt show will be at Plymouth Creek Center on October 3, 2009. She asked for volunteers. If you are interested in helping you can call or email her. 952-471-0352 or hickeyonlake@mchsi.com

Challenge Quilt—Mary Havisto and Carol Henderson talked about the August Circle Challenge.

Program—Member Trunk Show. Pat Ceder, Deane Davis, Lisa Gerber, Jane Larson, and Lynn Lovette shared quilts they have made.

BOM Drawing –55 blocks were turned in and split between Terry Cich and Mona Harmann. FQ for doing more than one block won by Carole Olson
BD Club—12 BD bags—Brought in enough money to pay April rent.
Show and Tell; meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Nancy Benolkin, Secretary

Member Trunk Show Con't

Jane likes to make little quilts and showed this array. She once won seven courthouse steps blocks – two of them weren't fit to use, but she wound up making a quilt with 90 courthouse steps blocks – each with 26 pieces.



Lynn Lovett has been quilting for 19 years. She showed this challenge quilt from her small group "Two By Four" called "Wildflowers" where she used a courthouse steps as the alternating block. Lynn likes traditional patterns and scrap quilts especially if the pattern forms a secondary design.



A Warm Fuzzy For Quilts

(clipped by Carole Olson from newspaper)

The International Quilt Study Center opened March 30 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The new \$12 million facility, with a façade of glass panels "stitched together", will house more than 2300 quilts, touted as the world's largest collection. It contains gallery space, an international study center dedicated to research and preservation and climate-controlled storage areas for the center's expanding collection of quilts from cultures worldwide. For more information, visit www.quiltstudy.org.

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✓ May Checklist

- Block of the Month
- Community Service Donations
- Your Nametag
- Secret Sister surprises
- Birthday Club
- 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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