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# WOMEN OF THE WEST

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## QUILTERS

June, 2008

### Lori Allison: Allison Quilt Designs

Lori began teaching simple blocks to her high school creative sewing classes, and from there went on to use her teaching skills in the instruction & illustrating of her 30 contemporary quilt patterns. You're in for a treat as Lori shares her inspiration and all 30 of these designs with our group. Carole Olson

**Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

### Marilyn Bujalski:

#### “The Kitchen Is Optional”

“How did she make those giant pictorial quilts?” was the question on everyone’s mind at the May WOW meeting. Once Marilyn began to describe the process, it made sense. Marilyn described purchasing fabric by matching fabric to the prescribed cross stitch floss color chart, cutting the 1” squares 100 at a time with a gridded cutting ruler, pressing them onto a fusible in 10x10 groupings and stitching the vertical and horizontal edges by folding the fusible web.



Marilyn said the greatest challenges are keeping track of the fabric colors, and managing the sheer size and weight of the quilts as they are assembled.

When the builder saw Marilyn’s house plans, he asked quizzically about the 25’x30’ foot space. She replied that it was the necessary quilt studio

and that the kitchen was optional! She also said that “No children and no husband” was a distinct advantage toward having the time to make these giant, labor-intensive quilts. She said the Last Supper quilt took 5 months using 57,632 squares. It measures 7½ feet high, 18 feet long and weighs 60 pounds. The Nativity quilt took 7 months at only 48,600 squares.

About fabric, Marilyn says, “If I like it, I buy 10 yards; if I love it, I buy the bolt!” She admitted to having a “fabric room” and that it, too, is filled to the ceiling.



#### How Cool Is This?

Said Lisa Gerber when she called to tell me that she read that Karen Nyberg, 38, from Vining, Minnesota (east of Fergus Falls) is taking a few pieces of fabric with her into space that she will later use in a quilt that she will make. She blasted off on May 31 as a crew

member of the latest NASA Discovery mission. She’s a NASA scientist AND a quilter! How cool is that?

*Upcoming Program....*

**Jane Spolar: Quilt Poetry**

*Monday, July 28, 2008*

## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Happy June!  
First I would like to thank everyone in the guild for being so patient and understanding with the reconstruction at the Medina. The music

entering the back room can be distracting (and even irritating) during our meetings, but I thank everyone for being so tolerant.

I had hoped to express my excitement at the weather, but sadly it is still cold and rainy. Oh well, life cannot be all sunshine, can it? The rain has its purposes too, and it helps to remind us of how great the bright times are. The thing I love most about spring (besides the warm weather) is the flowers coming up. Tulips of every color of red and yellow; purple crocus; yellow, red and orange tiger lilies; and all surrounded by the millions of different shades of green. I suppose it influences my bright colored quilts.

I am working currently on a block exchange that is all civil war and other Kansas Troubles/Thimbleberries type fabrics. It is helping me to break out of my "brights" box that I have clung to for all my years of quilting. And...I like it. I like the warmth these "dull colors" have and the feeling of comfort they bring. They evoke a feeling in me of snuggling up in on a cold day in front of a fire with a good book. Strange that a genre of fabric can pull such strong comforting emotions in a person, but it is certainly affecting me. Perhaps I have a new favorite color way. Only time will tell.

Happy Quilting!

Jen

### Membership *from Liz Kroger*

We now have 168 members, with 83 in attendance at the May meeting. We had one new member: Helen Wendorf and one renewal: Sharon Peterson. We also had five guests.



Kathy Stile did a brisk business selling raffle tickets for the Chaska guild quilt. Their show is October 3 & 4, 2008

## Community Service Quilts

Representatives from the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association gave a heartfelt thank you and description of how our community service quilts are given by their organization and the tremendous impact those quilts have on the recipients. Descriptions of unimaginable poverty in our own community were very moving to the program attendees and I'm sure many of us made a mental note to do more quilting for others. Michelle mentioned that they give quilts for children and teens, baby quilts for the "Tummy Time" initiative and quilts for seniors.

There will be no cutting sessions during June, July & August. Quilt kits are still available at the meetings. Any community service questions, call Pat at 763-553-0851.



CEO, Mary Ann Blade & Michelle Lichtig, Director of Volunteer Services of MVNA spoke to WOW in May.

## Board Meeting Minutes

The board met on May 12, 2008, 7p.m. at Byerly's.

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

**Vice President:** Briefly discussed programs scheduled through the end of the year

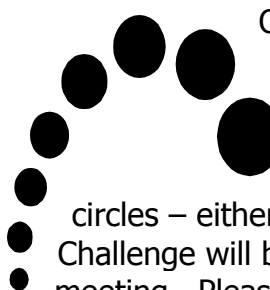
**Activity:** No news to report

**Treasurer:** No news to report

**President:** Another discussion regarding the December meeting. Jen will present options for a vote at the meeting May 19. Slow time of year for the Board - suggestion to not meet in June, unless there is a change in status before then, June 16. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Johnson, Secretary

## 2008 Quilt Challenge – Circles!



Only 2 months to the summer challenge! The quilt 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.

## WOW 2009 Show Committee Holds First Meeting

The first meeting for the 2009 WOW Quilt Show will be Thursday evening, June 12, 7 pm at the Plymouth Lund's community room. Committee chair positions are still open and many opportunities to volunteer are available. Come to this first meeting to learn more. Contact Gigi Hickey, the show chair, at [hickeyonlake@mchsi.com](mailto:hickeyonlake@mchsi.com) for more information.

## Wow Minutes-May 19, 2008

Meeting called to order by Jen Cogelow at 1900—New members and guests welcomed. Announcements: In the past the December meeting has had low attendance. The board offered 3 options for December meeting. Scaled back regular meeting, dinner as has been done in the past or no meeting. The membership voted to hold a regular meeting. Suggestions to bring Christmas quilt projects for show and tell, dessert, games. The December meeting will be held on December 15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday).

Two women from the MVNA (Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association) thanked the membership for quilts that have been donated. They gave a brief overview of who they were and how our quilts have made a difference in the lives of the recipients.

Community service showed quilts turned in this month.

Chaska Area Quilt Guild had raffle tickets for sale. Their quilt show is October 3 & 4 2008. Secret Sisters—See Carol Fisher if you are interested in Secret Sisters. May meeting was the deadline for signing up.

2007 Quilt Show—GiGi Hickey asked for volunteers for our October 2009 quilt show. I Program—Marilyn Bujalski talked about her "Cross Stitch" Quilts. She uses counted cross stitch patteunerns to make quilts. She gave a demonstration of the technique used to construct her quilts. Her "Last Supper and "Nativity" Quilt were on display. Marilyn also showed a quilt depicting a rose and the lion quilt she had in Paducah as well as a farm scene work in progress.

Break

Suggestion made to Jen that we all make and bring Christmas placemats to the December meeting—to be donated to the Dinner At Your Door program. Another suggestion—when at retreat make one community service quilt top. BOM—25 tulip blocks won by Connie O'Dell—Nancy Joens won FQ for making more than one block. Next months block is sailboat. Books are still available for \$2.00

BD Club \* Door prizes \* Show and Tell

Nancy Benolkin, Secretary

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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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