



WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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Jane Spolar: Quilt Poetry

Jane began designing and publishing Quilt Poetry patterns in 2004, which she claims is just the beginning of the best part of her life. She finds color, motion and texture to be irresistible forces, and puts them to use in her designs. She's happy to be able to share her love to quilting through her patterns, which are all easily fused designs. Quilts truly are poetry in fabric for Jane!

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

June Program: Lori Allison "Hits & Misses"

One attendee, upon seeing the stack of Allison Quilt Designs quilts, was overheard to quip facetiously, "Hmmm, she doesn't like bright colors, does she?" The June program was an array of brightly colored quilts that seemed to fit the warm summer evening.

"If I knew the secret to a good selling pattern, I'd do it every time" was how Lori Allison explained pattern design. Her inspiration comes from books and magazines – old and new – from an encyclopedia of old blocks and especially from the fabric collections themselves – chiefly Kaffe Fassett from Westminster and many of the designers from Free Spirit Fabrics.



Bargello Placemats: a simple quilt design that, like the energizer bunny, just keeps running and running. It has been featured in Keepsake Quilting and will be on the cover of the next Clotilde catalog.

Lori showed more than 30 pattern quilts; some that have sold remarkably well and some "dogs that just didn't hunt," i.e. that did not sell well. Her niche is patterns for younger quilters or patterns and designs that appeal to a younger audience, and for novice or time-challenged



La Belle Epoque is a quilt pattern that was designed to use the big print designs of the Amy Butler "Belle" collection. It features a series of upsized Rose of Sharon Blocks. Sadly the original quilt was lost in mailing.

quilters. If it can't be strip pieced, subcut, chain pieced and nested with big pieces, then Lori isn't interested in making a pattern for it. Lori says she was lucky to find a niche that quilting distributors were interested in carrying. The powerful sales and marketing staff of the distribution

companies in the quilt industry has made Allison Quilt Designs patterns visible in many quilt shops and quilt supply catalogs.

Upcoming Program....

WOW 2008 Circles Challenge

Monday, August 25, 2008

Letter From Our President



I hope everyone had a wonderful (and more importantly safe) Fourth of July! Did the combination of Lori's quilts and patterns and the holiday fireworks inspire anyone to try

something new? I hope so! Remember that the WOW quilt show is coming up and we will need your most recent creations for that and for the boutique.

Speaking of quilt shows, I attended the MQ quilt show in Rochester and was thrilled to see so many names of our members on the gorgeous quilts being shown. Both the judged and non-judged were incredible and I always walk out of shows amazed at the talent of the quilters! It is truly an art form, and I dare anyone to walk out of a show thinking differently. I wonder how quilters from days past, when quilting was a more utilitarian activity, would react to the quilts that are being shown now. I also wonder how the art form will continue to evolve in the future. It will definitely be something to see.

I went to the show with Mom and Deb, and Dad drove down with us. While we shopped and admired the quilts he went antiquing in Rochester and nearby Oronoco where he got his ear talked off by one store owner who sent him away with enough for the 1200+ space antique show and flea market they are having, for everyone in the family. (If you are curious, it's August 15-17.) I feel for him...three women in the family and we all quilt. So while we are chatting about our last WOW speaker, our newest project, the next bus trip we are going on, or class we are taking he sits there and just listens. He ooh and aahs when we bring out our newest finished project. I don't think he is all that interested, but he is wonderful and listens to us chatter on...seemingly just enjoying having everyone in the same room, at the same table, or in the same car. So it is something that we can share with him. If nothing else he appears happy that the whole family is together, and it doesn't get much better than that.

Happy Quilting! Jen

Community Service Quilts

Community Service representatives displayed some beautiful quilts at the meeting. There will be no cutting sessions during July & August. Quilt kits are still available at the meetings.

If you would like to make community service quilts on your own, following are finished sizes that our local organizations have expressed a need for:

Stillborn Infant Memory Quilts.....20" x 24"
Veterans Wheelchair Lap Quilts.....34" x 43"
Lap Quilts & Baby/Crib....38" to 42" by 48" to 54"
Twin Size Quilts64" to 70" by 84" to 90"

Any community service questions, call Pat Cedar at 763-553-0851.

Board Meeting Minutes

The board did not meet in June. The next meeting of the WOW board will be July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maple Grove Byerly's

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Johnson, Secretary

2008 Quilt Challenge – Circles!



Bring your circle challenge project to the July meeting OR 1½ hrs early to the August meeting. 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 at 612-978-6178 or Mary Havisto at 763-516-2435 so they know how much pole & drape will be needed. Please also affix a label to the back of your quilt.

Viewers Choice Awards and a **\$50** certificate to the member quilt shop of your choice will go to

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

Fall Quilt Retreat



I would like to remind everyone of the WOW Fall Quilt Retreat. The dates are October 3, 4, and 5 at Long Lake Conservation Center near McGregor. It is a wonderful facility and

any past retreaters can attest to how much fun is had by all. We usually do a potluck on Friday evening and then the facility provides 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday brunch. There is plenty of space to spread out and accomplish a lot of sewing and always lots of visiting time and sharing of ideas. Northern Minnesota is beautiful in the fall so there will be time for hiking or relaxing outside if you finish all those projects you bring along.

The cost for the weekend will be around \$125 - 150 depending on how many sign up. I will have sign-up and additional information at the July and August meetings. I would especially like to extend an invite to any new members as this is a great way to meet members and make friendships. Do not be afraid to sign up by yourself. We will make sure you're included and can arrange for carpooling, etc.

Pam Johnson, Retreat Coordinator 763-478-0263

Wow Minutes-June 23, 2008

Meeting called to order by Jen Cogelow at 7 p.m. New members and guests welcomed. Announcements: Quilt chair Gigi Hickey talked about the 2009 quilt show. Still need more volunteers.

Sharon Peterson—Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis will be holding its first quilt auction on July 26th, at 11 a.m. Sharon has been working with teens within the church teaching them sewing/quilting.

Community service showed quilts they received. --Break--

Program: Lori Allison, WOW member talked about her pattern business and showed many wonderful quilts.

BDay Club, Block of the Month, Show and Share.

Nancy Benolkin, Secretary

Musings on Keeping a Resolution

Tip: Break your project into smaller sections and set a date to finish each section. That way, you will have all those resolutions finished by November. Keep on quilting!

Sharyn Resvick - Resolution Coordinator

Membership from Liz Kroger

We now have 171 members, with 92 in attendance at the June meeting. We had one new member: Leslie Daugherty and two renewals: Elaine Carney and Jean Dovenberg. We also had two guests.

From the Editor

Many thanks to the members of WOW for having me as your June speaker. I was terribly pleased that so many were interested and purchased patterns from me at the program. Thanks to each of you. I will look even more

forward to the show and tell portion of our future programs for quilts made from those patterns!

As I drove home, my mind was swimming with things that I omitted from the program. Chief among them is the invaluable mountain of information about quilting that I've garnered from attending WOW meetings these last 3-4 years. Each presenter, each show and tell, and our quilt show has taught me about the quilt business.

Thanks also to Carole and Jen for holding and folding for me – and all the work they do to put on the program for us each month.

Now, what to make for my circle challenge...

If you bought a Jeanna Kimball border applique book at Judy O's garage sale, you are missing all the inserts--please contact Nancy Benolkin--763-420-5066 or nancyb49@comcast.net

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✓ July 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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