

# WOMEN OF THE WEST

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## QUILTERS

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### WOW Challenge: Circles

The conclusion of the 2008 circle challenge will be viewing and voting for 3 awards of a \$50 gift certificate to a quilt shop at the August meeting. 35 of our members, signed up earlier in the year, will be competing for 1) Best Use of Shape, 2) Most Creative, and 3) Overall Favorite. Punch & cookies will be served.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

### July Program: Jane Spolar “The First Pattern Took A Year”

Jane Spolar gave up retail managing to begin her pattern design company and “the best part of my life.” Her first pattern took nearly a year to produce: Floral Meditation (pictured). It was inspired by her Scandinavian heritage and the rosemaking designs she loved. She followed that pattern with Flight of the Phoenix and a series of three mask patterns that she says are not really Mardi Gras masks, but happier.



Jane does some designing for Janome sewing machine company and showed an adorable heart pattern that is free on the Janome website. Jane designs with Adobe Illustrator software that she taught herself. Jane’s patterns have been published in several venues including Quilter’s Home magazine in May 07 and look for her Eastern Breeze pattern on the cover of AQS in January 09.



She shared a number of secrets to the assembly of her fused appliqué patterns. She says that if you fuse light to dark, apply an additional layer of fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the light. Fuse your lightest color to the front of the flower – you’ll get the best

illusion of depth. Use gold metallic thread to stitch the edge of the fusible to give it pizzazz. Jane recommends the Superior brand of metallic thread for its strength. Jane says that the use of many different fabrics creates interest in your composition. Jane likes to topstitch with a triple straight stitch – also known as a stretch stitch – because it looks like a hand back-stitch. Jane showed members how the concept of contrast changes when working with extraordinarily small pieces as in her patterns.

Jane says her favorite fusible is Wonder Under, but buy only what you need at the time as it gets old and separates.

Jane loves cats and thinks many other people must love them as well because her top selling pattern is Porcelain Cat (pictured). Jane showed several patterns new in spring 08 including Butterfly Ballet (pictured left) and Daffodil Dance.

She offered her patterns for sale and appeared to be doing a brisk business. Attendees were three deep getting a closer look at Jane’s quilts.



*Upcoming Program....*

**Six Friends**

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

## Letter From Our President



Happy August!  
I have a tough time quilting in August. I focus more at my time by the pool and near friends' barbecues than anything else. But the circle challenge has gotten me back to my machine and working

hard at figuring out what a circle really does mean to me. I'm looking forward to seeing what a circle means to everyone else!

August is also the time I go on a mini-quilt retreat with my Mom, Sister and two friends. I always look forward to the opportunity to hang out and chat with everyone. And this year the added bonus of being able to get my Minnesota Shop Hop passport stamped at a bunch of shops!

August is also the time when we start looking for new committee members. We have several posts to fill and if you are interested in doing something like this, please let me know. I normally have the job descriptions with me during our meetings and you can take a look. Even the board positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Small Group Coordinator, and Newsletter Editor) do not take much time. I'm happy to talk with anyone who is interested in learning more about the available positions.

Stay cool this August and don't forget your sunscreen!

Happy Quilting! Jen

## Community Service Quilts

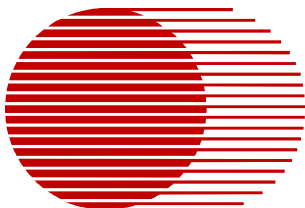
Community Service representatives displayed some beautiful quilts at the meeting.

There will be no cutting session in 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 Quilts .....64" to 70" by 84" to 90"

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



## 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 August meeting. 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-July 28, 2008

Meeting called to order by Jen Cogelow at 7pm.

Guests welcomed.

WOW Quilt Guild business cards available.

Announcements:

Carole Olson mentioned beginning the search for board members for 2009, explained the duties of the Vice President, including scheduling speakers for our quilt guild meetings. Carole also announced details of the December 15 guild meeting.

Members are asked to donate holiday/winter themed placemats for the Meals on Wheels program. Show & Share for December could be holiday projects/gifts, just put off wrapping them until you have showed them!

2009 Show Chair, Gigi Hickey, updated the membership on the committee progress. Their committee meeting was held July 17 at Lund's in Plymouth. The raffle quilt design was revealed to the membership – a pattern by Trudie Hughes called "Scrap Shadow of the Bear" It's a log cabin variation with bear-claw blocks, sized 85" X 104", with blue/green and cream colors. Mona Harmann and Dean Davis volunteered to do all the piecing. While this is unusual, this will allow the rest of the WOW members to devote more time/effort to projects for the boutique. Members were asked to

volunteer fat quarters or half-yard pieces of blue/green and cream fabrics, mostly blues. They will collect these at the August and September meetings. Potential quilt show themes were discussed, including ideas related to log cabins, bear claws, up-north, and woods. A request was made by the show chair for more people to join the next show meeting Thursday, September 11 at Lund's in Plymouth.

Community Service showed quilts they received. Received a letter from Visiting Nurses, 2nd batch of quilts very much appreciated.

Quilt Challenge: Mary Havisto and Carol Henderson reminder – "Circle" quilts will be shown at the August meeting.

Barb Carlson-Vergin discussed an all day class with Sharon Rotz, "Log Cabin Quilts with Attitude" August 8, at Kelly Inn, downtown St. Cloud, 9:00 to 4:00. Flyers available. Contact Jean Hoff to reserve a spot – 320-656-0219. The assistant editor is unable to complete this year's assignment. Barb will fulfill these tasks unless someone would like to volunteer, August – December.

Pam Johnson – Fall Retreat – Long Lake Conservation Center near Aitkin is October 3-5, \$25 deposit, final price depends on number of people participating.

Program: Jane Spolar: Quilt Poetry

--Break--

Birthday Club

Block of the Month

Show & Share

*Respectfully submitted, Joyce Johnson, Secretary*

## WOW BOARD MEETING

The WOW Board met at Byerly's in Plymouth on July 21.

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

President: Jen discussed board positions for 2009, Carole has volunteered for President, Chris will continue as Treasurer. If no members come forward to volunteer, think about candidates we could approach to consider Vice President, Activity Chair, Membership and Secretary positions. Suggestion was made to have WOW Quilt Guild business cards. Some quilt shops will provide a percentage discount to guild members, and a business card would provide proof of membership. Discussion, minimal cost (less than \$20 for 500), approved, Jen will have them printed and ready for the July 28 meeting.

Coffee, punch, cookies ordered for the August meeting.

December meeting discussed. Possible community service projects suggested, placemats for Meals on Wheels program, holiday/winter theme? Will suggest members bring holiday projects for Show & Share.

Vice President: Carole will miss the 9-22 meeting, Jen will introduce the speaker. November meeting speaker not scheduled yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Follow-up: Treasurer: On 7/28, Gigi sent a tentative quilt show budget to the board.

No board meeting scheduled for August, next board meeting is on September 15, 2008

*Respectfully submitted, Joyce Johnson, Secretary*

## Holiday Party – December 15

It's not too soon to be working on your holiday gifts.



For our December 15 program we ask each member to donate a winter or holiday placemat for Meals on Wheels. These placemats may be

purchased or homemade. We also ask members to show and share a holiday gift or project they have made.

## From the Editor

I purchased my fourth Quilt Poetry pattern at the July meeting. I think I just buy them because they are so beautiful. I did buy fabric for this one and a light box.



Hmmm, I wonder if I could make up a Quilt Poetry pattern and use it for my circle challenge....



Jane Spolar showing her series of three masks.

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### ✓ August Checklist

- Circle Challenge
- 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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