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# WOMEN OF THE WEST

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## QUILTERS

December, 2008

### Holiday Celebration By Members

Bring a holiday placemat to donate, a holiday-themed quilt or quilt gift to show, and an (optional) ornament to exchange. Members will celebrate the holiday season one week early, sans dinner, with a show and sharing of holiday-themed quilts and quilt gifts. Cake & refreshments will be served.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

### November Program: Linda Yager

Linda Yager made her first quilt – a bed sized top – in 1989, but it is still not finished. She has finished 145 miniature quilts; has 45 ready to quilt and another 40-some in progress. She says her love of miniature quilts came from a chance reading of *Miniature Quilt* magazine in 1999. She refers to it as ‘the magazine that got me in trouble.’ The magazine began publishing in 1992 and abruptly ended a few years ago. Linda says her best Christmas ever was the year she ordered and received 25 back-issues. She is still looking for some early issues.



Linda showed several miniature quilts made from Yo-yo's – the original fabric circle in one Yo-yo quilt was the size of a nickel and the finished Yo-yo about the

size of a fingertip. She also likes English paper piecing where you baste the fabric around the freezer paper template, leave the paper template inside, while whip stitching the pieces together. This is especially useful for the grandmother's flower garden quilts that Linda showed; they were hexagons with quarter-inch sides! Linda quipped,

“It’s easy, only a couple stitches, and you’re done!” Wow members nodded in affirmation, but appeared skeptical that anything about making miniatures would be easy.

Linda also likes needleturn appliqué to make miniatures. She showed a very tiny Hawaiian-style appliqué quilt made with the needleturn method. She remarked that smooth edges are hard to achieve with needleturn, but has searched and found that top-stitching over the edge gives her the results she desires.

Linda has become a student of techniques to construct her miniature quilts and often researches methods and stitches that she might use. As a young girl, she learned to make her own buttonholes and often uses a tiny buttonhole stitch, as in the 2” high Sunbonnet Sue’s in one particular miniature quilt.

Linda hand pieces many of her quilts and also hand quilts all of her quilts. She showed some whole cloth examples in miniature and some Amish-style quilts in miniature. She mentioned that it was difficult to find a black batting and that she found one – in queen size – she said that it would probably last her a lifetime! She uses a “Press & Seal” product, available from the grocery store, and a fine black ink pen to apply quilting designs to the quilt and borders.

Linda says that every time she sees a pattern, she has it miniaturized in her mind. She sews almost exclusively with her featherweight machine. Before she discovered miniature quilting, she “crocheted like crazy!”

*Upcoming Program....*

TBD

*Monday, January 26, 2008*

## Letter From Our President



Happy December! I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

My time as your president has come to an end. I want to thank you all for a wonderful year. I know that Carole Olson will be an excellent president of

WOW. She has some exciting ideas for the year ahead, and I know everyone will be as supportive of her as you were of me.

With December comes the holidays. I have almost all of my holiday shopping done. I was downtown to meet a girlfriend for drinks and I saw a man on the street asking for change. Nothing surprising there. But the farther down Nicollet Mall I walked the more and more people I saw asking for spare change. It made me feel very grateful and blessed for all of the good things I have in my life. Not only do I have a job, a roof over my head, clothes on my back, and food in my stomach, but I also have family and friends who love me. I am lucky that I have the money to shop for family and friends.

The holidays will be sparse this year, with friends opting to have dinner or drinks rather than buy gifts. But in contemplating all of this, I realized that time is one of the biggest gifts of all. I certainly hope that when I die, my friends are not standing around saying "Well, she got me X one year and it was wonderful." I hope instead that they will be talking about trips we took, retreats we went on, dinners we laughed over, book club meetings that were more chit-chat sessions that about the books, or volunteer events we participated in.

So thank you for giving WOW 2-3 hours of your time...your very precious time...every month. And please have a very safe and happy holiday season, so that we can spend more time together next year.

Happy Quilting!

Jen

## WOW Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2008 @ Byerly's

Members present:

Jen Cogelow, President

Carole Olson, Vice President

Chris Huesers, Treasurer

Barb Carlson-Vergin, Activity Chair

Liz Kroger, Membership

Joyce Johnson, Membership, Secretary

Mary Gunness, Vice President 2009

Sharon Dudziak, Vice President 2009

Olga Challman, Secretary 2009

Sonja Folven, Secretary 2009

Elaine Miller, Block of the Month 2009

Becky Miller, Block of the Month 2009

Beth Miller, Block of the Month 2009

President, Jen discussed

- Block of the Month group for next year already have block ideas. Discussion regarding the possibility of having the block patterns online. Also discussed the idea to offer the chance to purchase single blocks, suggested price \$.25. Suggestion discussed: all the 12 blocks could be the same size, then a sampler of the year of blocks would be possible.
- Has games for the December meeting, also mentioned the ornament exchange for those who want to participate

Vice President, Carole discussed

- Costs of the presenters each month. Mentioned possible bookings through April.
- She will ask for a show-of-hands at the November Guild meeting to determine number of people who plan to attend the December meeting, to determine quantity of treats (cookies or cake)

Treasurer, Chris discussed financials. Changes to note are:

- Door prize committee +150
- membership down, \$400 less than last year
- rent increasing next year from \$600 to \$1200
- newsletter reduced from \$900 to \$600 each, printing and postage
- retreat committee had requested \$300 for door prizes; discussion followed; possibly suggest increasing the retreat cost by \$5, or contributing door prize items. \$100—suggested/voted/passed.
- Board voted and passed the budget. It will be in the newsletter in December, presented for vote by the members in February, 2009.

Board & Committee Chairs for 2009 are:

President - Carole Olson

Vice Presidents - Sharon Dudziak & Mary Gunness

Secretaries - Olga Challman & Sonja Folven

Treasurer - Chris Huesers

Activity - TBD

Birthday Club - Carol Henderson & Mary Havisto

Block of the Month - Elaine, Beth & Becky Miller

Community Service - Jane Larson

Door Prizes - Barb Cogelow & Linda Munn

Historian - Gigi Hickey

Quilt Show - Gigi Hickey

Membership - Dean Davis & Mona Harmann

Newsletter Editor - Lori Allison

Newsletter Assistant - Florine Koning

Secret Sisters - Barb Carlson-Vergin

Resolution Quilts - Sharyn Resvick

Sunshine & Shadows - Dawn Thrift

Web Mistress - Dawn Bryant

Retreat Coord,rs - Doris Hareland & Jen Cogelow

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Joyce Johnson, Secretary

**NOTE:** Corrections to the 2009 Block of the Month booklet.  
 July: color 3 should be red.  
 December: green should be color 1.  
 Also, we will have corrected pages at following meetings, these include pressing directions for July.  
 Elaine Miller

## Community Service News – Volunteers Needed

Jane Larson displayed some beautiful quilts made by WOW members for Community Service at the November meeting. Jane will continue in 2009 to chair the Community Service committee. She will need one or more people to co-chair or assist in this important charitable work of the WOW guild. Quilt kits are available at the meetings. There will not be a cutting session in December. 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:

Placemats.....12" to 14" by 15" to 18"  
 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 or Jane Larson at 952-938-9297.

## Wow Minutes – Nov. 24, 2008

Meeting called to order by Carole Olson, VP--New members welcomed  
 Still need Activity Chairperson for 2009  
 The Block of the Month pattern booklets are available for 2009. They are \$2.00--all blocks will finish at 9 inches so an extra block each month will make into a sampler quilt.  
 Secret Sisters are to be revealed at the Jan 2009 meeting.  
 Community Service-Jane Larson asked for a volunteer to help her with community service next year. She also showed the quilts that were turned in that night.  
 2009 Quilt Show  
 Gigi Hickey reported on show progress. They are still looking for a few more volunteers for smaller roles.  
 Program--Linda Yaeger--miniature quilts  
 Break  
 Rose Keller won the fat quarters for completing her resolution quilts  
 Door Prizes  
 BOM Bear Paw won by Nancy Joens--Nancy also won the FQ's for making more than one block.  
 BD Club, Door Prizes & Show and Share

Nancy Benolkin, Secretary

## Boutique



committee chairs passed out a list of types of quilted or crafted items that are welcome donations to the boutique. The boutique at the bi-annual quilt show is a major contributor to the quilt show and to WOW. Keep the boutique in mind to donate those items that you think will benefit the boutique and WOW.

Lisa Dietrich-Blocker & Barb Syverson, Co-Chairs

## Bids for Long Arm Quilting



The quilt show committee is soliciting bids from WOW machine quilters for finishing the 2009 raffle quilt. The quilt top, approximately 85" by 104", will be ready in early January. The pattern, "Scrap Shadow of the Bear" by Trudie Hughes, consists of log cabin and bear paw blocks -with plenty of room for a quilter to show off her art. Quilting should be completed no later than the end of January. If you're interested, contact Gigi Hickey at hickeyonlake@mchsi.com or 952-471-0352 no later than Sunday, December 14. Additionally, the show committee is seeking individuals/small groups willing to coordinate the quilting bee and/or bed-turning at the show.

## Membership News

We have 175 current members, 95 of which were in attendance at the November meeting. We had 3 guests in attendance. Renewal envelopes are ready.

At the Nov meeting, Doris Hareland show & telled a quilt she made and will teach in an upcoming class.



# Women Of the West

## Q U I L T E R S

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### ✓ Dec Checklist

- Block of the Month
- Placemat for Meals/Wheels
- Community Service Donations
- Your Nametag
- Secret Sister surprises
- Birthday Club
- Show & Share – Holiday!

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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