

# WOMEN OF THE WEST

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## QUILTERS

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### Heather Mulder-Peterson: Anka's Treasures

*"Where Trendy Meets Traditional"* is the tag line for Heather's patterns, books and fabric lines. Heather has been long arm quilting and writing patterns since her sophomore year of college. Little Charmers and Livin' Large are among her popular books.

**Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

### March Program: Victoria Miller

By Lori Allison



On a 1984 camping trip with her husband, Victoria met a friendly woman named Marge Hagen, who invited Victoria into her camper to see her hand appliqué project using a Pat Cox pattern. Marge also invited Victoria to a Minnesota Quilters meeting. At a subsequent meeting, when Victoria asked "Where's Marge?" the Minnesota quilters replied, "In jail." Sometime later, Victoria saw a television news program, where Marjorie Congdon Caldwell Hagen was being released from the Shakopee Women's prison. Victoria was more than a little startled at the 'friendly quilter' who had introduced her to appliqué quilting!

Victoria learned her art from some familiar masters, taking classes from Pat Cox and getting batting tips (Putnam) from Helen Kelley.

The "ooohhs" and "aaaahhs" were flowing as the holders and folders revealed each dramatic, show stopping, hand appliquéed, and hand quilted quilt. Among them was "Victorian Bouquet," "Patriotic Plumes," "Christmas Music" (that 'song and dance' quilt as her husband refers to it), four different Sunbonnet Sue's – all hand made with a \$3 hoop from Ben Franklin, "when it was in town." She uses a #12 needle for appliqué and for hand quilting. On her Best of Show

winner in Des Moines, Victoria ran out of red so she did a two color binding technique that she had learned from an issue of Quilter's Newsletter. She remarked, "I liked it so much, I might do it again, even if I don't run out of fabric."

Clever, creative labels often made from left-over blocks graced the backs of Victoria's quilts, sometimes in unusual places. She revealed those labels often would cover a fabric flaw or otherwise obscure something that a fussy judge may find.

Victoria delivered a few pearls in her hometown, homespun way:



About novice appliquers, she said, "the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

On a recent auto trip, Grandpa told his granddaughter that he was staying in the car because he had heard the F-word – fabric!

Victoria concluded her delightful program by inviting members to look and touch the quilts and by saying, "Oh, I think I've bragged enough."

*Upcoming Program...*

Tim Harding: Fiber Artist

Monday, May 18, 2009 **Note:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

## Letter From Our President

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:



BARBARA LARSON was prompted to join us at the March meeting for the pleasure of seeing Victoria Miller. Barbara has spent much of her 16 yrs quilting doing appliqué. She is a

member of the Chaska guild and involved in 4H in Carver County

TRUDY WASSON and daughter, Julie Baird set up Generations Quilt Patterns in 2006. Trudy has been doing rosemaking for many years and teaches free motion quilting. She is a past member of WOW and belongs to 2 more guilds and 3 groups.

KAREN VAN BEUSEKOM has been quilting for 30 years. Her St. Cloud sister encouraged her to join a guild, and she found WOW through a recommendation from Four Seasons Quilts. She likes to make really challenging quilts.

From the Minnesota Quilters Newsletter I learned our own Lori Allison will be sharing the MQ raffle quilt, which she created, and promoting the MQ 2009 quilt show on Showcase Minnesota, Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 AM on KARE 11.

On The Road Again: Did you save your "Minnesota Explorer" Spring/Summer in the Star Tribune Sunday, March 22? WOW Member Nancy Joens noted an article on page 15, "Quilting the Caledonia Countryside". Website [www.caledoniamn.gov](http://www.caledoniamn.gov) has the list of 2 dozen quilt painted barns in that area.

The article includes driving directions and a map. Speaking of the road, I will hit the road with three WOW friends for the Chicago International Quilt Festival, April 16 - 18. I attended the first Chicago show in 2005 and am anxious for my second round. If you're in town that weekend, there are two quilt shows to attend here, Maple Grove & Northfield. Also the Textile Center's annual garage sale. See you at the April meeting.

Your Pres Carole

## Board Meeting

The WOW board will meet April 20, 7:00 PM, at Lunds in Plymouth. WOW board meetings are open to any interested members.

## Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Carole Olson, Dean Davis, Mary Gunness, Sharon Dudziak, Chris Huesers, Sonja Folven and Olga Challman

Treasurer Chris H. reported that the budget needed to be distributed to members. The members will vote to approve the budget for next year. We also

need 2 people to audit the 2008 treasurer's report. We will ask for volunteers from the membership. Dean D. showed a copy of the welcome pack she received when she joined WOW. The folder contained information regarding the organization such as what happens at meetings, a copy of the bylaws and a recent newsletter. We discussed the various pages and the need to update some of the information, especially the bylaws. Dean will work on this and hopes to have an updated report in late summer or early fall.

She also has a notice about the group that was left at the local quilt shops. She will update this notice as some mentioned that was how they found out about WOW.

There was some interest from the Chaska Quilt group about working with us to co-sponsor a program once a year. Some discussion and will check further.

A representative from Bundles of Love could come to the June meeting to show what they make. It was suggested that we then have a "Baby Shower" for our August meeting.

Vicki Miller, the speaker for March asked to be first on the program. Carole was OK with that.

The MQ raffle quilt will be at the March meeting. President Carole suggested that we use \$3,000 to \$5,000 from our treasury. She would like the members to make suggestions on how to use this money. Her suggestion was that members prepare a written proposal on a sewing related use and submit it by September 15th.

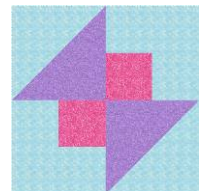
No other business and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is April 20 at Lund's' in Plymouth  
*Olga Challman, Secretary*

## Block of the Month for March

Butterfly – 9½" unfin.

Booklets are available for \$2 with cutting and piecing instructions for the 2009 blocks. Contact Elaine, Beth or Becky Miller.



## Community Service

Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Maple Grove Community Center. Some cutting and piecing equipment is available at the Community Center and WOW members are urged to come and donate as much time and skill as they can.

Give Jane a call at 952-938-9297 if you're able to volunteer for Community Service.



## Minutes for March Program

President Carole Olson opened the meeting by introducing 7 guests and 3 new members. Vice President Sharon Dudziak introduced the speaker Vickie Miller.

Ruth Ann Mohs explained the raffle ticket sales. Each member is to sell 10 raffle tickets. For each 10 tickets you sell your name will be entered into a drawing for two \$25 gift certificates to a quilt shop. Additional tickets can be obtained at each meeting or by calling Ruth Ann. Return ticket stubs with the money in the envelope to Ruth Ann. The raffle quilt was on display.

Gigi Hickey provided updates on quilt show preparations. The grant money was received and deposited. Guild members may register on line to enter your quilt in the quilt show and to volunteer at the show. Dawn will have the details on the website by early April. Donna will coordinate show volunteers. Attendees to the quilt show will vote on their favorite pieced and appliqué quilts. Bookmark flyers will be sent to shops to advertise. Boutique item turned in at the meeting were shown. There is a block pattern available on the website to be made. The blocks will be sold at the boutique. Bev Romfro is in charge of demonstrations during the quilt show and needs one additional person to provide a demo.

Lori Allison showed the raffle quilt for the MQ show in Duluth on June 11-13. Raffle tickets were sold.

Joann Atkins from Four Season's Quilt shop has bus available to the MQ show on June 12 leaving at 7 AM and returning at 6:30 PM for \$38 including entrance to the show. Contact Four Seasons if interested in riding the bus.

The drawing for door prizes was done.

Carole recognized Dawn Bryant for her work maintaining the guild's website.

Carole requested two members to audit the treasurer's books for 2008. Lyla West and Faith Hoch volunteered. Voting was conducted to approve the 2009 budget. Bev Romfro made a motion to approve the budget and it was seconded. Vote taken and motion passed.

Block of the month: won by Connie O'Dell and Nancy Joens won the fat quarter.

Community projects were shown. There is the greatest need for lap wheelchair quilts and baby quilts. We are scheduled to join Maple Grove quilters on the first and third Wednesdays in April from 9:30-4 to cut quilts.

Activity chair remains open. This is the contact person for all the smaller committees of the guild and it is a board voting position. Contact Carole if interested.

The board has discussed funding a scholarship for a person or group from the Twin Cities area. Please submit your ideas to Carole by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Birthday Club drawing was done.

The meeting concluded with show and share.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

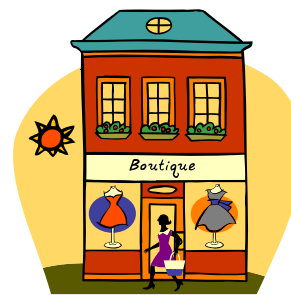
**Note:** The batting that Victoria Miller mentioned is Putnam Soft Shapes and is from a company in Wisconsin. Their website is putnamcoinc.com.

## Birthday Club

Carol Henderson & Mary Havisto raised more than \$62 with birthday club at the March meeting. You may bring any donation that you wish and commemorate any event that you would like to share.

## March Boutique News

A total of 54 boutique donations were collected between January and March, including a variety of placemats, quilted bags, table runners and small quilts – yeah! In March, we introduced a Maple Leaf block pattern in hopes that guild members



would each piece a block (or more) to make into block sets for the boutique. Of the thirteen pre-cut block kits available at the March meeting, only four remain! Please check out the website to view/print the pattern, and choose one of two color ways

(batik and traditional) to complete your blocks. Some copies will be available at the April meeting. For other April donation suggestions, think bunnies and chickens and ducks, oh my! Felted wool candle mats, table runners with spring themes, brightly colored baby quilts, portable sewing kits complete with notions, quilted purses, orphan blocks, etc. would all be welcome boutique donations. All items can be dropped off at any WOW meeting in the Boutique Donations tote – thanks again for your generous support!

Lisa Dietrich-Blocker & Barb Syverson, Co-Chairs

## From the Editor

Another top notch show and tell by WOW members will be available on the guild website. Check it out. Below pictured: another show-stopping applique quilt by March speaker, Victorial Miller.



# Women Of the West

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### ✓ April Checklist

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