

WOMEN OF THE WEST

QUILTERS

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Kate Eelkema “Here Comes The Judge”

Kate Eelkema, an elementary school media specialist, lives in St. Paul. She enjoys combining her background in education with her love of quilting to help others create their own works of art. A National Quilt Association Certified Judge, she judges quilt shows, teaches quilting workshops, and gives lectures about various aspects of quilting. Kate will share her knowledge about quilt judging with WOW members.

Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

June Program Highlights

By Lori Allison

Pamela Goecke Dinndorf, creator of Aardvark Quilt Patterns, is a classically trained artist – and that is evident in her approach to quilt pattern designs. She finds inspirations in interesting ceiling designs, window designs of restaurants, and movies such as *Memoirs Of A Geisha*.



Pam shows her “Baby Mod Squared” and “Baby Nine Patches” quilts.

Pam began her quilt pattern company after her work at Gruber’s Quilt Shop in St. Cloud, where she still works a few hours and helps to put together kits for her fast-selling quilt patterns.

Pam says she combines fabrics from many quilt lines to keep them contemporary. She likes to use Kaffe Fassett’s “Shot Cottons” distributed by Westminster Fibers for the quilt back as it is a woven fabric, made in India with differing warp and filament colored threads giving it an iridescent quality. Also, it is a loosely woven fabric that keeps the quilts soft and drapable. Shot cottons can be found locally at The Sampler in Chanhassen.

Pam quilts her own pieces and frequently uses a long hand stitch with #8 embroidery floss to outline and echo piecework.

Pam relaunched her popular patterns in a smaller size, called, “Baby Aardvark.” She originally debated calling her pattern line “Art Therapy” because she wanted it to begin with an “A” and reflect her interest in art, but decided on “Aardvark,” because it was different.



Pam Dinndorf shows her “Vintage Rug” quilt pattern featuring a clever and creative use of woven-striped fabrics.

Membership News

85 members and 3 guests attended the June program. Five new members were welcomed including Pat Thwaites, Jan Schulz, Barbara Yasger, & Cynthia Stenson.

Mona Harmann

Upcoming Program....

**Quiltin’ Babes Small Group
Bundles of Love Baby Shower
WOW’s Birthday**

Monday, August 24, 2009

Letter From Our President



Being president offers opportunity for a personal focus within WOW. Mine is friendliness and the opportunity to welcome new members into the fold – so to speak! It ticks me off that my memory for names has decreased with age. I'd like to know you better

Here's info on some recent new members:

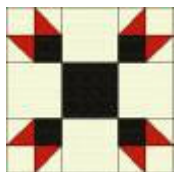
Angie Roberts has been quilting for 7 years, working part time in two quilt stores. She is excited to announce she is opening a quilt shop. Noble Quilter will hold its grand opening August 28-30 including a book signing by Linda Hohag and Sherri Falls. Noble Quilter will open at 19570 Holt St. NW in Elk River. 763-633-4669. The website gives details thenoblequilter.com.

Stephanie Sauer quilts early in the morning before her 2 small children rise. She's a 5 year quilter and already has 2 new machines & a quilt frame. She enjoys her focus on an internet international round robin. Stephanie learned of WOW when she happened upon our 2005 show.

On The Road Again: I attended the MQ show. Besides making the nightly news, my first experience riding a bus offered up some extraordinary positives that I hadn't anticipated. It gave me some quality time to visit with quilter friends about our quilting, the show, our "finds" and general sharing. If you are missing a gal pal to attend quilt events, the bus is a sure way to be part of the group. Quilters are very welcoming. See you at WOW. Your Pres Carole

The next WOW Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 7:00 PM, at Lunds in Plymouth.

Block of the Month July



Tulip Lady Fingers – 9½” unfin.
Correction: the #2 and #3 colors are switched in the diagram. The cutting instructions are correct.

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.

Quilt Show News

1. WOW's 2009 "Pieces of Our Lives" quilt show will take place Saturday, October 3, at Plymouth Creek Center. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm.

2. The best part of the show is undoubtedly the variety of quilts on display. We need yours! WOW members are encouraged to register their quilts on-line. Alternatively, a printed copy of the registration form can be requested from Dawn Bryant or Gigi Hickey. **Deadline for quilt registration will be September 1.** Details about drop-off locations and times will be provided later.
3. This year there will be two categories of quilts for Viewers Choice awards: Pieced and Appliqued. Two prizes will be given in each category (1st-place \$40 gift certificates and 2nd-place \$30 gift certificates).
4. Volunteers are needed for the show, on both October 2 (Friday) and October 3 (Saturday). Members can register on-line for their preferred assignment/time, or they can contact Donna Champion. Besides having fun, quilt show volunteers will be eligible for a drawing for five \$20 gift certificates.
5. Donations for the boutique will be very much appreciated! Share your handiwork and help the guild raise funds for our programs! (Ideas for boutique items may be found in an accompanying article.) Donations will be accepted until the September 28 WOW meeting.
6. Nationally-known quilter Celine Perkins will speak at 10:30 am and 2 pm. Demonstrations by WOW members, on a range of topics, have also been scheduled. Details about topics, times and presenters are listed below.
7. Raffle tickets on our prize-winning "Bear Shadow Blues" quilt should sell easily! With each 10 raffle tickets sold, members get a chance to win one of two \$25 gift certificates. Contact Ruth Ann Mohs if you need more tickets.
8. As part of our community outreach, we plan to distribute free quilt show tickets to selected deserving agencies or individuals. If you have ideas, please share them with Gigi Hickey.
9. Still needed: quilt show committee member to be responsible for signage, particularly signs within Plymouth Creek Center since we've expanded to both levels. Contact Gigi if you might be interested.

Demonstration & Speaker Schedule for WOW Show

By Committee Member, Bev Romfro

Time	Teacher	Demonstration
9:30	Barb Hanson	Applique Methods
10:00	Mary Havisto	English Paper Piecing
10:30 – 11:30	Speaker: Celine Perkins	
12:00	Pat Cedar	2 sided binding & closing
12:30	Marilyn Kelzer	Flying Geese
1:00	Mary Gunness	Template Free appliqué
1:30	Nancy Miller	Machine Finishing a Binding
2:00 – 3:00	Speaker: Celine Perkins	

Minutes for June 22, 2009

President Carole Olson opened the meeting. Three guests, four new members and one returning member were introduced.

Updates from the WOW quilt show committee were given. The WOW raffle quilt was entered in the Minnesota Quilt Show and won a 3rd place ribbon in the group quilt category. See the web site to register your quilt. If you do not have computer access there will be paper registration forms at next month's meeting. The committee needs a volunteer for signage at the quilt show. You would determine signage needed and make the signs. We continue to need items for the boutique and volunteers to work at quilt show.

The WOW retreat will be October 9-11 at Long Lake Conservation Camp. Contact Jen Cogelow or Doris Hareland for more information.

Next month 6 inch fabric square exchange is civil war fabric. If you want to participate bring ten 6 inches squares of the same fabric in a zip lock bag.

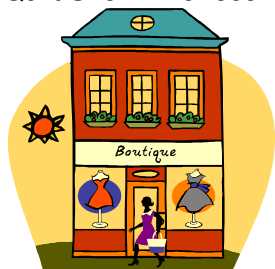
A new small group has been formed. See Sharon Peterson if interested in joining.

Sharon Dudziak introduced our speaker Pam Dinndorf. Block of the month was won by Connie O'Dell and fat quarters for extra block was also won by Connie O'Dell. Birthday club earned \$32.50.

Respectfully Submitted, Sonja Folven

May Boutique News

Only three more months left until our October 3rd WOW Quilt Show! We received more donations for the fall



boutique at the June 22nd WOW meeting – a big thank you to all who have donated! Also, all available Maple Leaf block kits were taken home by members – we will continue to take in completed blocks at July-Sept WOW meetings, to assemble into block sets for

sale in the boutique (Maple Leaf block pattern and material style information also available on WOW website).

Other ideas for July donations include: 4th of July inspired quilts/table runners/wall hangings, red-white-blue quilted items, kids crayon bags, credit card/quilt shop card holders, picnic quilts with bug-themed fabric or denim, summery pastel baby quilts with minkee backings, aprons, quilting notions: needle packs, thread, rotary cutters, templates/tools, rulers, etc., and cutting mats. We could also use more children's items for the boutique. Thank you for your imaginative donations – keep them coming!

Lisa Dietrich-Blocker & Barb Syverson, Co-Chairs

From the Editor

I'm still having fun in the blogs written by quilters, found at <http://blog.fabshophop.com/blog/>. My latest favorite is BrendaLous Blog. Does your local shop have a

blog? Have you guest-blogged for them with your latest project? Oh, the possibilities.

Raffle Tickets

It's only 3 months until the Quilt Show, have you sold your Raffle Tickets? Remember, for every 10 tickets a member sells, they get another chance to win one of 2 \$25.00 Quilt Shop gift certificates. There are still some members that haven't picked up their tickets. Please do so at the next meeting. When returning money and ticket stubs, please return in envelope with your name on the outside of the envelope, there will be a basket and envelopes at the across from sign in. If you need more raffle tickets, they will be available at the WOW meetings or contact Ruth Ann Mohs 763-475-1292 or ram1292@aol.com

Thanks.... Ruth Ann

Loose Bobbins, a new small group has formed in Minneapolis! It meets on the 3rd Thursday, next is July 16 at 5p to 7p at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 Glenwood Av. Come in the front doors of the church. Parking is available on the street right outside the door. We have a potluck supper during the meeting. This month is a summer picnic theme. Please bring a dish to share! Everyone is welcome!

Baby Shower – August Meeting

Deb Persing from Bundles of Love visited us at our April meeting. Their organization, www.bundlesoflove.org, puts together bundles of things for newborn babies that go to needy families. These bundles go to over 40 hospitals and organization in Minnesota. I know that the members of WOW are both creative and generous, so we can be a big help to Bundles of Love. See their website for ideas. Patterns for small groups to share should be available at our next meeting. Feel free to use your own patterns. Let's get busy and give them the best "baby shower" they've ever received at our August meeting!

Sharon Dudziak



WOW Member, Linda Wines, shows the 2010 Raffle Quilt for the Minnesota Quilt Show, "Rolling Rocks & Rings," designed, pieced and hand quilted by our June speaker, Pam Dinndorf

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✓ May 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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