



WOMEN OF THE WEST QUILTERS

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Susan Stein: Journal Quilts

Susan Stein has been quilting since 1977. She is an author, teacher, lecturer and former shop owner of Colorful Quilts and Textiles. She was the Minnesota Quilter of the Year in 2003. Susan is a contemporary quilter and fiber artist who will introduce us to journal quilting.

Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

August Program Highlights

By Lori Allison

Members of the small group, "The Quiltin' Babes" paid tribute to member, Jan Szulczewski, who



passed away in early May from a recurrence of



cancer. The many years of close friendship and fun was evident in the group's presentation of many of Jan's quilts. The unique block exchange style of this group was evident in their beautiful, rich quilts. Group members include Barb Billmier, Barb Hanson, Kitty Curran, Melva Lang, Lydia Donoho, Jean Carlton, Nancy Benolkin, Sharyn Resvick, Theresa Stang, Sharon Krause, Judy Odle, and Jan Szulczewski.



A second highlight of the August WOW Birthday Party – besides the cake – was the array of



generous donations to Bundles of Love charitable organization who gives a collection of newborn baby clothing, blankets and supplies to families in need.

Membership News

83 members and 10 guests attended the August program. Two renewals and one new member was welcomed.

Mona Harmann

Upcoming Program...

Susan Nelson: Fun & Done Quilting
Monday, October 26, 2009

Letter From Our President



WOW is the word for your many gifts to Bundles of Love! Thanks to all of you who sewed, knit, crocheted or purchased items for this worthy organization. If you missed the August meeting, your gifts will be happily received at the September meeting by an ambassador in our

guild.

August took me On The Road Again to Medora, North Dakota, 600 miles, just a long day's drive. The Doll House Museum (free) had a grand collection of antique dolls, doll furniture, and, of course, antique doll quilts. Miles City, Montana (an old railroad town) welcomes visitors with the Range Riders Museum, 11 buildings, housing every aspect of the developing West, including 20+ antique quilts. Our return through the rolling landscape of South Dakota brought me back to the task of completing my last quilt for the WOW show.

Hope you don't miss showcasing your quilts, a shift of volunteering, and contributing hand-made items to the boutique.

See you at the show!! Carole

The WOW Board will meet Monday, September 21, 7:00 P.M. at Lund's in Plymouth.

August Boutique News



Last Chance! Only one month left until our October 3, 2009 quilt show and boutique! We received some beautiful quilted items at the August meeting, as well as some fabulous block sets, an entire box of charm packs, a set of 100 hand-pieced

blocks, and much more! Here's a checklist for what to bring to the September WOW meeting for the boutique:

- 1) Quilted and quilt-related donations**
- 2) Maple Leaf Blocks**
- 3) Any neutral fabric we could add to our Maple Leaf Block kits**

Remember, fall themed items sold especially well in the 2007 boutique, so think about what would strike your fancy at an October gift boutique. We will be taking donations through the September 28th meeting, including any maple leaf blocks, to allow us a few days to prepare for the show. If you are unable to make the September meeting with your donation, please send it with a friend or contact either of us to make special arrangements.

Thank you for all of your generous and creative donations, and we look forward to seeing you all at the show!

Lisa Dietrich-Blocker & Barb Syverson, Co-Chairs

Bits & Pieces Exchange—September is leaves and fall prints. To participate, bring 10 – 6" square pieces of fabric in a zip lock bag with your name on. You may bring

more than one bag of 10, but they must be different in the 2nd bag. Leave on the table with the birthday club bags.

Quilt Retreat

We would like to remind everyone that there is still time to sign up for the WOW Fall Quilt Retreat. The dates are October 9, 10, and 11 at Long Lake Conservation Center near McGregor. It is a wonderful facility with plenty of individual sewing space for you to spread out and work on your next project. There will also be lots of visiting time and sharing of ideas. And if the weather cooperates there will also be time for hiking or relaxing outside.

You will be on your own for the Friday evening meal. The facility provides 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday brunch.

The cost for the weekend will be around \$125 - 150 depending on how many sign up. We have a sign-up sheet and additional information available by e-mail or "snail" mail as well as at the September meeting.



We encourage any new members to join us since retreats are a great way to meet members and make new friends. We also encourage you to sign-up even if you are coming by yourself. I attended my first retreat by myself and met Jen (and Barb) Cogelow there. We became fast friends and have enjoyed going on retreats together every since. - Doris

Please feel free to contact us at any time with your questions and/or concerns.

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Retreat Coordinators



Kathleen Crabtree and Fawn Wright of the St. Cloud Heritage Quilters were present at the August WOW meeting to sell raffle tickets for their quilt, "A Winner's Bouquet," and to publicize their upcoming quilt show, "Cotton Candy: A Treat For The Eyes" to be held at the Haehn Campus Center, College of St. Benedict on Friday and Saturday, October 3 & 4, 2009.

Minutes for Aug 24 WOW Meeting

Vice President Sharon Dudziak opened the meeting by welcoming the guests.

Members of the St Cloud Heritage Quilters displayed the raffle quilt for their quilt show on October 3 & 4 at the College of St. Benedicts.

It is time to determine the 2010 board. We need members to volunteer for the positions. If we do not have volunteers for the positions then we will need volunteers for a nominating committee. We will vote for the board at the November meeting. If interested please contact one of the current board members.

Jen Cogelow and Doris Hareland are the retreat coordinators. Contact them if interested in attending the retreat which will be held October 9-11.

Gigi Hickey provided an update on the quilt show.

Register your quilt for the show on line. Please see the web site for details on quilt drop-off and pick-up times. Raffle tickets are to be turned in by next month even if not sold. We still need volunteers to help with the quilt show. Boutique items were shown. Items for the boutique need to be turned in by the next meeting.

Jane Larson showed community service quilts.

Many items were donated to Bundles of Love for the baby shower. The Bundles of Love organization was presented with a \$500 donation from our guild.

During break we had birthday cake to celebrate WOW's birthday.

Next month's 6 inch fabric square exchange is leaves and fall fabrics. If you want to participate bring ten 6 inch squares of the same fabric in a zip lock bag.

Block of the month winner was Carol Henderson. Carol also won the fat quarter for making more than one block.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Block of the Month



Block of the month for August were these 28 delightful Vase of Flowers blocks which went to Carol Henderson – who made six of them. Block of the Month for



September is called darting birds pictured.

Quiltin' Babes 2nd Annual Garage Sale
Saturday, September 19, 2009 9:00 a– 4:00p
16130 21st Ave N., Plymouth, MN 55447
Fabric, Books, Notions, Kits & Much More
For More Information & Directions
Call Judy @ 763-476-0561



Quilt Show Reminders

- 1) Still looking for volunteers (to set up on Friday, Oct 1 or work the show on Saturday, Oct 2). Check out the WOW website for times or contact Donna Champion.
- 2) Drop-off sites for registered quilts:
 - a. The Sampler - Thursday, Oct 1, 2-6 pm
 - b. Four Seasons - Thursday, Oct 1, 3:30-8:30 pm
 - c. Plymouth Creek Center – Fri., Oct 2, 9 - 12
- 3) Quilts can be picked up:
 - a. Plymouth Creek Center, Sat, Oct 3, 6-7 pm only
 - b. If you're unable to pick up the quilt(s) yourself, please arrange for a friend to get it for you
 - c. Must have receipt to pick up quilt(s) – no exceptions!
- 4) Bring all raffle tickets – sold or unsold – to the September 28 WOW meeting (or make other arrangements with Ruth Ann Mohs)
- 5) Bring final boutique donations to the September 28 WOW meeting (or contact Lisa Dietrich-Blocker or Barb Syverson for other options)

July 20, 2009 Board Meeting:

Members present: Carole Olsen, Sharon Dudziak, Mary Gunness, Chris Huesers, Dean Davis, Mary Hess, and Sonja Folven

We discussed a suggestion to introduce board members at quilt meeting. This would allow new members to meet the current board members. Carole calls all new members to welcome them.

Sharon discussed the upcoming programs. Members are to bring baby shower items for Bundle of Love to the August meeting. The members of the small group "Quilting Babes" will have a program remembering Jan Szulczewski, who passed away in May.

Chris reviewed the financial records. The board will recommend donating \$500 to Bundles of Love. This will be voted on at the guild meeting.

We discussed board members for 2010. The bylaws state the secretary and three guild members, who are not on the board, will become the nominating committee.

Carol will seek volunteers at the July meeting.

We will not have a board meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

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.

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✓ September 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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