

WOMEN OF THE WEST

QUILTERS

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Shirley Krantz

"Grandma" Shirley Krantz, has been quilting since the 1960's. She will tell us about her life as a quilter, how she started, and her progression through some "ugly" quilts (her words) to where she is today. She does miniatures with primarily civil war and 30's fabrics.

Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

October Program Highlights

By Lori Allison

When Susan Nelson was 10, her friend got on the schoolbus wearing a new bolero and matching pants. Her friend said her mom taught her to sew and she made it. Susan promptly went home and told her mother that she needed to teach her to sew because she (Susan) wanted to make a bolero vest. Susan's mother suggested starting with a simple skirt with an elastic waist, but Susan stood firm, "No, a bolero vest – AND matching bell bottoms with a side zipper." It was a cute story that resonated with many WOW quilters who chuckled at several intervals of Susan's rendition of her first foray into sewing.

Along with a career as a buyer for Target and three children (now in high school), Susan did a little quilting here and there. Once her children were in school, she had an opportunity to take a medallion design class from Gwen Lundgren and after her year-long class, Gwen persuaded Susan to change the décor in her house to match the quilt AND to enter the quilt into competition. Susan has won a ribbon for her show quilts each year since 2004 at major shows including Paducah, Houston, MQ and Wisconsin. Her artistic show quilts have been featured in multiple AQS quilt calendars.



Members hold "Swish & Swirl" which won several ribbons including a Best of Show Wall category at Minn Quilt Show 2007. Susan stands in front of another winning show quilt, "Crystal Revelations."

Looking for other opportunities to challenge quilters, she created the TripleExpressO line of quilting patterns. These patterns use three fabrics, three block layouts and offer at least three quilt layouts. She says the quilter doesn't have to spend all day choosing fabric and can take time to choose a layout design that pleases them.



Volunteers hold up a quilt from the Triple ExpressO line called "Here, There & Everywhere." Using a felt board, Susan demonstrated the sew and flip techniques, and the block variations for her quilt patterns.

Susan's patterns are carried by the major quilt industry distributors and can be found in shops across the U.S. Susan appeared to do a brisk pattern business with WOW members during the break so we'll expect to see some Fun&Done! and TripleExpressO quilts at future WOW show and tells.

Block of the Month

Block of the month for the November 23rd meeting is 9" finished "Flower Bud."



Upcoming Program....

Holiday Program & Cake

A fabric drive for Redeemer Church, Secret Sisters Revealed & Meals On Wheels Placemats & Holiday Show & Tell

Monday, December 14, 2009

Letter From Our President



October was a roller coaster month for me, starting with the excitement of our quilt show. Then, On the Road Again to San Francisco with my sister and daughter to clean out the personal possessions of our brother, who passed away September 12. I was there during the Pacific International Quilt Show. It's wonderful how a quilt show or a visit to a special quilt shop can put balance into a trip that would otherwise be very sad. I am so glad to have found this time-honored craft. Two quilts which I consider to be highlights are pictured on the next page: the multi colored swirl, which was a dazzler to all who walked past it, and the ostrich, for which the realism was unimaginable! (Pictures are compliments of Barb Vergin.) Remember the maple leaf block we all sewed for the quilt show boutique? I shared the pattern with my church quilt group, having each person make a block or two. I sewed the blocks together into a quilt, which will be a silent auction item at our fall sale. I'm marketing it as a lasting Thanksgiving tablecloth. This made me realize how belonging to a guild can build the skills and ideas available to us quilters. It really makes a difference. Have a safe drive "over the river and through the woods" to your Thanksgiving destination.

Your Pres, Carole

WOW Board Meeting

The last official board meeting of 2009 will be held Monday, November 16, 7:00 P.M. at Lund's in Plymouth. 2010 board members are requested to attend. This board meeting will include adoption of the 2010 budget.

WOW Board meeting Oct. 26, 2009

Members present: Carole Olson, Mary Gunness, Dean Davis, Chris Huesers, Sharon Dudziak, Mary Hess, Karen Peterson, Mona Harmann, and Sonja Folven
We will vote at the guild meeting to determine the date of the December meeting either December 14 or 28. We discussed the plans for the December meeting. The quilt show committee will have final meeting next week and will have the financial report on the quilt show at the November meeting. Chris reviewed and we discussed the 2010 budget. We will review the proposed 2010 budget at November board meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Folven

Minutes for Oct. 26 WOW Meeting

Carole Olson called the meeting to order. She reminded all members to wear their nametags. We welcomed the one new member and there were no visitors.

Gigi Hickey recognized the 2009 quilt show winners of ribbons and thanked the committee members. The drawing for two gift certificate to two members who sold raffle tickets and the winners are Janna Laumann and Florine Koning. The committee meets on November 2 and the quilt show financial report will be completed after the meeting and reported at the November WOW meeting.

The 2010 executive committee positions were introduced. A motion was made and seconded to accept the executive committee. A vote was taken and passed for the 2010 executive committee. The members of committee volunteers for 2010 were recognized.

Carole took a vote on the date for the December meeting and it will be December 14. At the December program, we are having a fabric drive for Redeemer Church. Please bring fabric, thread, and batting or other quilt supplies. Bring one Christmas item you made for show and share. Secret sisters will be revealed at the December meeting.

Doris Hareland reported on the 2009 quilt retreat. 27 members attended. Next year it will be returning to the first weekend of October.

Block of the month was won by Connie O'Dell and the fat quarter for additional blocks was won by Suzanne Nelson.

Birthday club earned \$45.50.

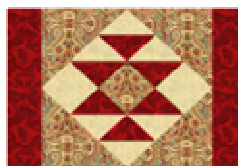
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President's Block

As a "Thank You!" to our president for her years of service to WOW, it is customary to make a block to give to the president. Instead of a specific block, President Carole Olson has chosen the fabrics from a Moda line called "Northern Solitude" by Holly Taylor with the burgundy colorway as the main print. She has



provided other companions and suggested that block-makers can use their own neutral greens, dull golds and dusty rose fabrics to coordinate with the Burgundy Wildflowers. She has left the choice of block up to you, the maker. You may make any block, using Carole's palette and fabrics, that measures 9 1/2" unfinished.



Meals On Wheels Placemats

Don't forget your holiday placemats for Community Service donations.

Tip: Piece the placemat top. Machine baste top to a layer of flannel. With right sides together, stitch the backing all around except 4". Turn, and top stitch 1/4" around the edge and in the ditch of the piecwork. It makes a nice smooth placemat with no binding.

[Designs by Ursula Reigel]

“Thanks! To All Who Helped Make the Quilt Show A Success”

What a magnificent show! WOW's 2009 "Pieces of Our Lives" quilt show drew an audience of 514 to see the nearly 190 gorgeous quilts on display. Large crowds enjoyed the speaker, Celine Perkins, as well as the engaging demonstrations presented by our members.

Admission income was \$2570, sales at the boutique totaled \$3676, and raffle quilt tickets raised \$2533. The nine vendors paid fees of \$1075. Our gross income from the show was down about 7% as compared to 2007, likely a reflection of current economic conditions. We deeply appreciate the \$3000 community arts grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) which helped defray expenses.

The raffle quilt was won by WOW member Sheri Andrews. We're glad the beautiful "Bear Shadow Blues" has gone to someone who fully appreciates it! Viewer's Choice awards - gift certificates to their favorite quilt shop plus lovely award ribbons made by Mary Havisto - went to Renelle Kunau and Liz Kroger (first and second place, respectively, in the Pieced category) and Mary Gunness and Linda Bloudek (first and second place, respectively, in the Appliquéd Category).

Thanks to the quilt show committee members, who've been working hard on show plans for over a year. They include: Dawn Bryant, Ruth Ann Mohs, Dean Davis, Mona Harmann, Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Barb Syverson, Barb Endres, Sandy Johnson, Donna Champion and Bev Romfo.

And hats off to the many volunteers – those who contributed generously to the boutique, sold raffle tickets, sewed aprons, helped with set-up or take-down, and staffed a variety of posts on show day. Because of your efforts, we hosted an entertaining and educational show that was enjoyed by all who attended.

We'd also like to acknowledge the businesses who donated door prizes: Four Seasons, The Noble

Quilter, Blue Bamboo, Quilting by KC, Heavenly Patchwork, Gruber's, Quilted Treasures, Mill End (Crystal), Firefly, ABCs of Quilting, Fabric Town, Sweetwater, Bear Patch, The Sampler, and Glad Creations. Thank them for their support when you visit their shops!

Names were drawn and gift certificates presented to: Raffle ticket sellers (2) – Janna Laumann & Florine Koning

Volunteers (5) – Nancy Benolkin, Linda Baule, Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Pam Johnson, & Janet Anderson. A sixth volunteer name was drawn for a remaining door prize – Karen Peterson

Thanks again! Gigi Hickey, 09 Show

Membership News

89 members attended the September program. One new member, Ann Schaetzel, was welcomed to WOW

Mona Harmann

Bits & Pieces Exchange—November is Christmas themed prints and colors. To participate, bring 10 – 6" square pieces of fabric in a zip lock bag. 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.

Community Service

Many thanks for the quilts you have given to use in our Community Service projects.....*Jane Larson*

New project for the upcoming Holiday Season place-mates which will be given to Meals on Wheels for distribution. Size 18" x 12". These should to be collected by the Nov. 23 or the Dec 14 meeting. If you need batting call me, Jane Larson @ 952-938-9297

STANDARD SIZES for charity quilts:

Meals On Wheels Placemats.....12" x 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"

Inclement Weather Policy

We base our decision to cancel a monthly guild meeting on whether or not the Wayzata School District has cancelled classes. The way to find out is to watch WCCO (channel 4), tune in on the radio, or visit the WCCO School Alert page.

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 21, 9:00 to 5:00 , Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Northwest Blvd., Plymouth. Crafts, Quilts, Bags. Bake sale including pies, lefse, creme puffs, candy. Lunch: sloppy joes, homemade soups, apple crisp.



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✓ November Checklist

- Block of the Month
- Meals On Wheels Holiday Placemats
- 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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