



Women Of the West QUILTERS

<http://www.wowquiltguild.com>

February 2014

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Monday, February 24, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Karla Overland - Cherrywood Fabrics — Details Below

President's Column

What a January we had! Hope all of you stayed healthy and warm! Did you get a lot of sewing done?

Thank you to Elaine Franks and everyone who got the word out to the members that the WOW meeting was cancelled in January due to extremely cold weather.

I want you to be aware that we will be voting to increase our annual dues at the February meeting. Our room rent at Medina went from \$75 to \$100 per month, and "Birthday Club" is not bringing in as much money as it did in the past. Unfortunately that means we will need to increase the dues. Remember our dues are to pay for our wonderful speakers. It would be great if we did not have to use all our dues for the room rent. Your team does a terrific job providing us with outstanding speakers. Please bring your checkbooks or cash to WOW in February to pay for your 2014 dues. Please also consider contributing to "Birthday Club" with your donations and bidding on the bags each month. Thank you!

February is Valentine's Day month. Even if you no longer have a valentine, do something special for someone this week. Take flowers, a card, or candy to a shut-in, pay for the coffee of the car behind you, compliment the store owner on how great the store looks, etc. I promise you will receive more than you give. I would love to hear your stories and how creative you were. Happy Valentine's Day to all of you.

I am sew blessed,

Shaun Taylor, President

February Speaker

Our speaker will be Karla Overland from Cherrywood Fabrics. You may remember that Cherrywood produces a beautiful hand-dyed quilting fabric that truly looks like suede. Their exclusive gradations are the inspiration for quilters, designers, and wearable artists around the world. Karla will be presenting an hour long lecture/trunk show covering the history of their business, show & tell, color theory principles and Q&A. She will have sample quilts and garments to display, as well as kits and fabric available for sale.

Here is a sneak peak at the great programs planned so far for 2014:

January: (Susan Cleveland rescheduled to October)

February: Karla Overland, Cherrywood Fabrics

March: Sue Heinz from Kismet Quilting, on binding techniques

April: Suzi Parron, BarnQuilts & the American Quilt Trail Movement

May: Jean Carlton, former quilt appraiser - Trunk Show: "Vintage Quilts; Inspiration from the Past"

June: Lynn Schmitt - A Different Box of Crayons

July: Erica Plank of Unseen Hands – mainly embroidery

August: Member Trunk Show and WOW Birthday Celebration

October: Susan Cleveland of Pieces Be With You. Former MN Quilter of the Year will speak and lead a workshop.

We always love to hear your ideas for speakers or workshop leaders. We would especially love suggestions for people in the metro area, as paying hotel/travel expenses for speakers adds substantially to our cost.

Elaine Franks & Renelle Kunau, Co-Vice Presidents

Block of the Month - February

For February our WOW journey takes us to Pennsylvania, the 2nd territory to become a state. It is the birthplace of James Buchanan, our 15th President. The major industries are steel and iron ore mining.

Other factoids include: the Great Dane is the state dog; the ladybug and firefly are the state insects; and the state bird is the ruffed grouse. One of the well-known events is in Punxsutawney where each February 2nd people from all over the USA watch Phil the Groundhog as he emerges from his burrow. Did he show his shadow this year?

For February we are using red and pink to celebrate the month of love. Philadelphia is known as the City of Brotherly Love. For quilters there are 2 other important things to celebrate in Pennsylvania -- Amish Quilts and Hersey's Chocolate!

- The block is available by the electronic link provided
- You need to print this out yourself - part of the copyright rules from the site. (Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page for a "Printer Friendly" button.)
- Each month is a "Battle of the Blocks" -- this means there will be 2 color ways for each month using the same block. You pick one or both of the choices for your blocks
- You may make a total of 1 to 3 blocks and add your name that many times to enter into the drawing
- There will be 2 winners

February Block – Pennsylvania Parade

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art10159.asp>

Size – 12" finished

Color Choices – you select:

- Hot Pink, Pink, & White **OR**
- Dark Red, Red, & White

BLOCK OF MONTH FOR JANUARY – Massachusetts Remember to bring your January block(s) to the February WOW meeting; we will have a separate drawing since we did not meet in January. The electronic link is in the January newsletter posted on the web site.

Mickey Ellis/Designing Women - Block of the Month

2013 Secret Sister Reveal

Since January was cancelled, the 2013 Secret Sisters will be revealed at the February meeting.

2014 Challenge Quilt

This will be a "Paint Chip Challenge."

Instructions:

- \$2.00 to participate
- Choose one paint chip folder that contains 9 color chips (sealed shut – you can't peek!)
- Use at least 3 colors from folder
- **Only** able to add white/cream or black
- Fabrics may be solid or print but must represent the chip color
- Must make table runner at least 14" wide and any length.
- Each individual must piece, quilt, and bind their own table runner.
- Any technique may be used; pieced, appliqué.
- Each individual will sign their paint chip folder when registering and it will also be signed by either Mary or Dean.
- Finished projects will be presented and displayed at the November WOW meeting.
- Top 3 "Viewer's Choice" table runner projects will receive Cash Prizes (\$100, \$50, \$25).

See you at the February WOW meeting!

Dean Davis and Mary Guinness - Challenge Quilt

Sunshine & Shadows

Unfortunately we do not have a Sunshine & Shadows volunteer this year. We will post information in the newsletter when possible, so members can followup on their own if they wish.

Dawn Bryant's mother passed away on January 8. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dawn & her family. Further information is available here: [Marilyn Welsh](#)

Former WOW member **Terri Cich** passed away on January 26, at the age of 56. More information available here: [Terri Cich](#)

Fall Quilt Retreat

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Quilt Retreat, which takes place September 25-28, at Green Lake Bible Camp.

WOW Board Meeting Minutes

The first meeting of the 2014 board members was held on February 6 but meeting minutes are not yet available. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website this year, instead of in the newsletter. Beginning next month, a link to the minutes will be provided in the newsletter. The tentative plan is for board meetings to occur on the first Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Plymouth Library. However location and time may vary depending on room availability. WOW members are welcome to attend the board meetings to provide input, but please confirm the date/place for that month with Shawn Taylor if you plan to attend. You are also welcome to contact WOW officers directly if you have suggestions. Their contact information is always listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Classified Ads

One of the many benefits included in your WOW Membership is one free Classified Ad in the newsletter. Here are the guidelines:

- One ad per member, per calendar year.
- Maximum of 35 words, including headline if applicable.
- May be used to sell something, promote an event, or business/service but content MUST be related to sewing or quilting.
- Be sure to include your contact information. You may also include a link to more information if desired.
- Ad must be submitted to Lisa Olson by the first of the month, in order to be included in that month's newsletter. Please email your ad to Lisa at lpolson53@gmail.com with "WOW Classified Ad" noted in the subject of the email.



✓ FEBRUARY CHECKLIST:

- Block of the month entries for January & February**
- Your Name tag**
- Check/cash to pay 2014 dues**
- Birthday Club Donations**
- Show and Share**
- Secret Sister 2013 reveal**
- Free books, magazines and fabric to share**

Women Of the West

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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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