



# WOMEN OF THE WEST

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## QUILTERS

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### March Program

#### Doug Leko "Using Precuts"

Doug Leko began quilting in his mother's Quilt Shop, testing other pattern designer's projects. In 2008 he established his own pattern company, Antler Quilt Design. He is unique in the industry as he works his quilt designing and lecturing around his high school class schedule. <http://www.antlerquilt.com>

Monday, March 28, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Message from our President

Thank you to our members who provided the February program. Not only are they our leaders; they are talented and creative. What inspired you about the quilts that were shown? What made your heart "sing"?

The art of quilting is a personal experience and one where we find our true self and "hear" our voice. What differences can you see in your first and most recent quilt? Maybe you have changed your color palette, added new techniques, or learned about the historical aspects of quilting. No matter the style, color palette, or choice of techniques, the threads of life connect each of us through quilting.

Did you read the March 1, 2011, Lakeshore Weekly front-page article about WOW? How often do you see an article about quilting on the front page of a newspaper? Casey Merkwon wrote a great article highlighting the WOW Guild, our quilt show, and the relationships we build through quilting.

How are you doing with your UFO list? I am proud to announce that the project I mentioned last month is well on its way to completion. I have been diligent in spending some time daily on the appliqué and now the project is ready for some free-motion quilting. And, only after 10 years in the plastic bag!

Happy Quilting!  
Mickey Ellis



WOW Board members shared their first quilts and their favorite quilts at a trunk show during our February meeting

### UPCOMING WOW WORKSHOP

#### Vivacious Curvy Quilts

Toss aside your rotary cutter rulers and embrace the world of free form curved piecing. This easy, no-stress, method of cutting and piecing curves will have you creating your one-of-a-kind hanging in no time. Hosted at *Make It Sew* in Chanhassen.

- Saturday, May 7
- 12:00 – 4:00 pm
- \$40
- Register through *Make It Sew* at [952-767-0701](tel:952-767-0701) or in person



**PIECES OF OUR LIVES**  
The WOW Quilt Show

In which category will *your* quilt be entered?? If you have never shown your quilts in a show, there is no time like now . . . this year . . . this show!!! Even if you have shown your quilt to us at a WOW meeting, there is nothing like walking into a quilt show and seeing your own creation hanging there for all to appreciate.

Dean Davis, Quilt Show Chair

The boutique items are coming in fast now. Thank you, members, for your wonderful donations. Your squares made from the Blank fabric are terrific. We love to see the creativity. Remember to make your squares 9 1/2" unfinished. There is a lot more fabric if you want to make more. The box is there at each meeting. We are looking for holiday themes, serving, household, gift, baby, quilts and clothing items. We would love to see other crafts as well as quilting. Keep up the great work!

Sue Haug & Shawn Taylor, Boutique Committee

**March Block of the Month**



Block of the Month for March is **Block #1123a**, shown upper left. It is a 6" finished block in Civil War-style fabrics. A wall hanging made from block 1123a might look like the one shown here, lower left.



The 22 Hovering Hawks February blocks were won by Mary Havisto.

*Lori Allison*

**February 28, 2011 – WOW Meeting Minutes**

Vice-President Julie Harstad opened the meeting. A motion was made and accepted by the quilt guild to accept the proposed 2011 budget.

Membership update was given by Lola Hanson. Quilt Show update was presented by Dean Davis, Chairman. The raffle quilt "Fanfare for our Friends," is completed and was shown at the meeting. The quilt is available to take to other guild meetings to generate ticket sales. The colors in the quilt represent various types of cancer. Next committee meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Lund's in Plymouth. Boutique is in need of more holiday items for selling. Looking for members to bring quilts to the show. The \$5,000 check was received from the Metropolitan Regional Art Council.

We had a Guild trunk show by many of the officers and committee members.

Email notices will not go out after March when the monthly newsletter is available. The newsletter is usually available by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month on the website. [www.wowquiltguild.com](http://www.wowquiltguild.com)

Upcoming meeting schedule may include in May, having a membership drive. Bring 1 person to the meeting. June – have a studio/garden tour on June 25<sup>th</sup> where members would visit 3-4 houses and end at Julie Harstad's. Looking for other homes to include in this tour.

Julie Harstad went over the responses from the questionnaire that was completed by 59 members. Block of the Month winner was Mary Havisto Birthday Club made \$17.25.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnn Sing

**April Program:**  
Nancy Raschka-Reeves  
& Susan Dyer  
of  
Glad Creations

## **WOW Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2011**

Julie Harstad, WOW Vice President, facilitated the February board meeting. A quorum was not present due to the weather conditions. The president and treasurer report was presented via printed agenda. We have one new WOW Business Member, Make It Sew.

Julie H. went over the proposed WOW meeting schedule for the year. Memberships for the year are being completed. A discussion about reminding members about renewal of membership via email was held. Also the pro-rating of membership dues during the year was discussed. Volunteers, Elaine Franks and Beth Miller, completed the 2010 WOW financial review. The WOW 2011 budget is to be reviewed and approved at the February WOW meeting.

One of our goals for 2011 is to expand and enhance our public relations and membership for the guild. Julie H. has prepared a sample card and flyer to be placed in quilt shops to provide basic information about the WOW Guild. She also discussed WOW sponsoring a "school house" event with 6-7 spots to learn a new technique or skill. A membership challenge, with members inviting a guest for no charge from May-Sept was also discussed. There was discussion about making some changes to the WOW website. Dawn B. is our loyal web mistress and provides ongoing support for this important communication tool. She discussed how the website was created, her role, and how communication to members occurs. As plans for website changes occur, the board members will make the final decisions and communicate this to the membership via the newsletter and website. Website changes are part of the plan to expand and enhance our public relations for the guild.

Next WOW Board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2011, 6:30-8PM @ Wayzata Library, 620 Rice St., Wayzata, MN 55391

*Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Dietrich-Blocker, Co-Secretary*

### **Diversity**

Diversity is defined as the quality or state of having many different forms, types, and ideas. One of the required elements for the grant application for the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council was to address diversity for our guild. In our application we addressed the diverse membership we have including our ages,

### **Diversity (continued)**

occupational and cultural backgrounds. We also discussed special exhibits for the WOW quilt show to highlight the diversity of the art of quilting.

The WOW Quilt Show committee is planning an "All Hands Around" theme for special exhibits for October. There will be two separate exhibits to showcase this diversity:

- Display of quilts and other textiles showcasing the styles, colors, and ideas from around the world. The Quilt Show committee has located quilts representing the Amish, Gee's Bend, Africa, and Japan. Textile examples include examples from the Hmong culture, Russia, Israel, Korea, Mexico, and Africa.
- A "Where In the World" game activity will have quilt blocks of symbols representing different parts of the world. Quilt show attendees will have a chance to win the quilt blocks and book about the symbols after seeing each display and turning in a game card.

**How can you help?** Do you have a quilt or textile from another part of the world? Maybe you have taken a trip and purchased fabric from Spain, or have an embroidered piece from China, or have made a quilt representing a specific culture. Please contact Dean Davis or Mickey Ellis; we are anxious to make our "All Hands Around" exhibit as comprehensive as possible.

### **Resolution Quilts**

Participation is great! I have over 30 entries beside my own dozen. Here's another motivation tool: Anyone who completes a quilt started more than ten years ago will receive a small blue sweepstakes ribbon to pin to their nametag (if they wish!) More than 25 years in completion merits a purple ribbon. If you think it's too ugly to finish, remember our June meeting is "Ugly Quilt Contest" and "Take an Ugly and Make it New." Let's get those UFO's finished so we can guiltlessly buy more fabric!

Elaine Miller

# Women Of the West

## Q U I L T E R S

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### ✓ March Checklist

- Boutique Donations
- Secret Sister Surprises
- Block of the Month
- Your Nametag
- Birthday Club Donation
- Show & Share
- Community Service Donations

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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