



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for July, 2003

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Regular Meeting:

3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Riverview Town Hall

Dues: \$15/year

Block of the Month for July:
12-inch Tennessee

Birthday Squares for July:

Evie Knoll - forest green / cranberry
Lois Nusberger - red / blue
Myra Ritz - assorted colors
Laurie Schoenebeck - yellow / blue
Barb Vejvoda - blue / cranberry

Birthday Block (10-inch) for July:

Evie Knoll - off-white / forest green
Myra Ritz - burgundy / forest green

Special Activities:

July 21 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Featured speaker is Doris Deneys who will teach us the use of **Thangles**. Dontaion asked of at least \$1/person for the 1½ hour presentation. (*more inside*)
Aug 4 6:30 p.m. – Finish up the Mystery Quilt – open sewing session for others.

Dues: of \$15 per year are payable at this time. If you have not paid yet, please mail a check payable to "Pine Needle Quilters" care of Deanna Tachick, 10923 Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174.

Introducing Joann Saffran. I have been quilting for about 16 years. Started after I joined a group in East Troy, called the "Crazy Quilters". My husband Rich & I moved to Grindle Lake six years ago after we retired. We have four children and 10 grandchildren. At the present time I'm working on quilts for our grandchildren for wedding gifts. They range in age from 2 months through 22 years of age. God only knows if I get that many finished! I enjoy belonging to a group, it keeps me inspired.

Introducing MaLea Flynn. I was born and raised in Mountain, and have recently married (2001) my best friend, Tim Flynn. I now have four children, Keith & Jason Flynn and John & Jenna Process; don't forget the four-legged children Maggie and BeBe. I am a Certified Dental Assistant and work in Green Bay four days a week for Dr. David DeGrave as a Patient Care Facilitator and am currently training to become a Certified Software trainer for the Dentrix dental software. In addition, I am currently serving as the President of the Wisconsin Dental Assistants Association.

I having been sewing since 1969, and earned a blue ribbon at the Oconto County Fair in 1971 for my first quilt (I still have it)! My love is not only quilting but I enjoy all different kinds of sewing from home decorating to machine embroidery. I'm lucky enough not only to own two sewing machines, a serger and embroidery machine. I also dabble in knitting, crocheting, and counted cross-stitch. I hope as a Mentor I can bring my experience of sewing various projects for all these years to help others learn from my mistakes!

Introducing Rita Shores. I lived most of my early years in the Fox River Valley, then in the Chicago suburbs and in Lincoln, NE. Worked in Green Bay for many years programming large computers. Earned my Associate Degree at NWTC as a Microcomputer Specialist at age 50. I did PC support and taught PC classes until I retired last year to the Crooked Lake area. Soon I will be teaching one night a week at the local NWTC center. My husband Mike teaches Computer Networking at NWTC, on the Green Bay and Marinette campuses. We have been married 25 years. We like the "silent sports": bicycling, flat-water canoeing, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Mike just completed a week-long canoe trip in Quetico Provincial Park, and a 380-mile bicycle trip from Wautoma to Washburn.

I started sewing as a youngster, and have enjoyed knitting, crochet and counted cross-stitch. Quilting is a new passion, and I have so far done only small projects, trying to increase my stitching skills and learn to use my new sewing machine.

When I get time to learn the software, I will be creating a website for the *Pine Needle Quilters*. I plan to post pictures of the beautiful items members are bringing for "Show & Tell." I am always willing to help any of you with your PC skills.

Introducing Barbara Strohschine. I retired from State Financial Bank in 1996 after 27 years. Married to Elmer who retired the same year from Miller Brewing. We now split our time between our home on Reservoir Pond (Townsend) and one in Leesburg, FA. Have son who lives in West Bend; he has 2 sons. Also a daughter who lives in Burlington; has a young daughter and son. We all love to camp and spend a great deal of time outdoors. The little ones love to come to Grandma and Grandpa's house for a vacation by themselves.

I started quilting in 2000 with the *Holiday Quilters* in the park we winter in. We meet each Friday during the season and this year I am co-chairperson. We have about 70 plus ladies from all over the states and Canada, some just passing through and others who stay for the winter. They are all different levels of quilters and teachers, so we get our classes from within the club. Each teacher gets \$2 from the members and this seems to work for us. We have a quilting show in March and last year (our 3rd show) my queen-size pineapple pattern machine pieced and hand-quilted took second place.

Some of my other interests are tennis doubles, country painting, reading, needlework and travel. We have a motor home and take several trips each year. This fall we are going to view polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba on Hudson Bay in Canada.

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**At the June Meeting:**

Mary Ehlinger won 22 *Churn Dash* BOMs.

Pat Schreck won the raffle of Patriotic Fat Quarters.

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July Meeting: We will vote on which design to use for our Guild logo. Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and birthday club exchanges. Also, bring items for the August Chinese Auction.

The featured speaker for Monday July 21, 2003 at 7:00p.m. is a dear friend of MaLea Flynn. She is Doris Deneys from Green Bay and is employed at *Life's a Stitch* Quilt Shop in DePere. She is an

expert in Bernina sewing machines and a certified trainer for the Artista software for home embroidery. While not working at the shop she keeps her self busy teaching and sewing various types of sewing projects. Being diagnosed last year with Parkinson's Disease hasn't slowed her down much.

Doris will be demonstrating the quilting technique of sewing with "**Thangles**". This is a copyrighted method out of Fond du Lac (local!) Half square triangle (HST) construction is difficult because of the diagonal seam which is sewn where the fabric has the most stretch, on the bias. This seam can stretch out of shape during the sewing and pressing process. One method of stabilizing this seam is to support the two fabrics with paper. **THANGLES** are papers which do this AND have the additional benefit of showing you where to sew and cut.

The **Thangles** demonstration will be 1½ hours long and we are asking a donation of at least \$1.00 each to defray the cost of bringing in the speaker.

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**Chinese Auction:** We will be having a "Chinese Auction" fundraiser at our August 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Everyone please bring your contributions to the July 21 meeting, to allow us time to organize all the 'goodies'. What is the "Chinese Auction" you ask? Everyone brings in a few quilting items from home, perhaps you have an extra quilt block or piece of fabric, a quilting pattern you've used, a card of buttons, magazines or something you have in your stash that you just don't want anymore but that may be a "treasure" to someone else. The contributions will be put on tables with a bag next to each item. Tickets will be bought 10 for a \$1.00 then everyone can go around and put tickets into whatever bag they choose. Later a winner is drawn out of each bag and with some luck most everyone will go home with a "treasure". Hopefully it will be a fun way to raise some funds for our group.

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE:** If you have some extra address labels you may want to bring them to the auction - that way you can avoid having to write your name over and over and over!

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Block of the Month (BOM): The directions for July's 12-inch **Tennessee** block were given to you at the June meeting. All fabrics used must be pre-washed! Sew the block and bring it to the July meeting. The name of each person who stitches and brings the BOM will be placed in a hat; the name drawn receives all blocks stitched that month. (Remember, the finished 12-inch block will measure 12½ inches unfinished.) The BOM's will all be 12-

inches finished, in case you would like to make a second BOM to keep for your self.

[If you missed the meeting you may log on to the Internet at www.quilterscache.com; go to the **Patterns**, select the "Tennessee" block and print out the instructions.] Or email me and I will email the directions to you as a PDF file.

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**Birthday Mini-Clubs:** These groups started in June and run through May, 2004. Coordinator is Rita Shores. If you miss a meeting, you may mail your block or squares to Rita or to the person celebrating a birthday that month. (If you will be out of town for the winter, make arrangements with Rita so that each person receives what is due.) You were given a list for the full year so that you may plan ahead. A reminder of birthdays for that month will be listed in the newsletter. Remember, all fabrics used must be pre-washed! If you missed a month, you must bring it the next month.

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Ode to My Wife the Quilter
Author Unknown

She learned to quilt on Monday.
Her stitches all were very fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner
so we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures on Tuesday
she says they are a must.
They really were quite lovely.
But she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday it was a sampler.
She says stipling's fun.
What highlights! What Shadows!
But the laundry wasn't done.

Her patches were on Thursday -
Green, yellow, blue and red.
I guess she was really engrossed;
She never made the bed.

It was wall hangings on Friday,
In colors she adores.
It never bothered her at all,
The crumbs on the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday.
My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away;
The house will still be neat.

Well, it's already Sunday.
I think I'm about to wilt.
I cursed, I raved, I ranted!
The MAID has learned to QUILT!

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**Raffle:** At each of our regular meetings we will be having a fat quarter raffle. Proceeds from this will go to the Town of Riverview, for allowing us to use the building. They are not charging us, but we thought it would be a good gesture of our appreciation to offer them a donation. Tickets will be one dollar. For July the fabrics are a **summery collection of florals and coordinating plaids**. Very lovely!!

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Future Activities:

We are planning a workshop on **Paper Piecing** in the near future. We will choose a block with which you can be successful (no tiny pieces)! We will also provide blocks for those who already "PP" and want to increase their skill. You may also have heard of **Foundation Piecing**; it is similar and we'll explain the differences.

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**Suggestions:** Please forward suggestions to the officers or newsletter for:

- **Future Activities** you would like to see.
- **Definitions**
- **Quilt-related Humor**
- **Quilting Events**, such as quilt shows, quilt hops, workshops, etc.
- **Reports on events you attended.**

In the newsletter, we need any and all ideas for programs. We encourage everyone to submit ideas as well as a list of projects they would like to do. Also anything they need to learn. Maybe we can pair up several people with someone who can teach them a new technique they would be interested in.

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Dues: Annual dues of \$15 per year were agreed upon at our May meeting, and are payable now. Please be prompt with your payment, as we have only a small treasury.

Letter from the President:

I just had to tell everyone what a great time I had at our June meeting. The togetherness and interest expressed in our projects and ideas is just a taste of what we will become and accomplish as a group. I know that I will use all the helpful tips from Sheryl Kasten, the massage therapist, and perhaps get a few more years of sewing out of my body if I take better care of it! We may not all know each other well yet but we are definitely "kindred spirits".

Speaking of "kindred spirits", my mini-group which is called the "Moonlight Quilters", just completed our annual pilgrimage to the *Minnesota Quilters Show*. This year the show was held in St. Paul at the River Center and they alternate the show between four sites every year. Duluth, St. Cloud and Rochester are the other cities for their show.

The Minnesota show is the eighth largest quilt show in the country so you get a very nice, well-rounded showing of quilts.

Our group left Gillett for the Twin Cities and arrived twelve hours later; I am informed that this is normally a four and a half hour drive...obviously that person did not have a carload of avid quilters with them! We hit our share of shops along the way and I was totally amazed at where some of them were located. One of my favorites was a shop run by Mennonites which has to be driven to on a gravel road. You are greeted by buggies and about five farm dogs of various strange breeds but the building is filled with all kinds of goodies. Between the suspenders and black hats and polyester fabrics are hidden all kinds of lovely Northcott, Modas and top brand fabrics, most of them at \$3.25 a yard! Needless to say, we had a fine time there.

The show was great, not as nice as the ones in Duluth or St. Cloud, but I'm not a city girl and the city driving took a little of my enthusiasm away. After a lot of walking and some sore feet, we visited and soaked our feet and had a great dinner.

Just when you can't believe life can get any better, how about a fifteen hour trip home?!! And we did not repeat a quilt shop, we found all new ones on our return trip. Our heads are spinning and our pockets are empty but we are a happy bunch.

Rochester is the site of next years show and it is always held in June. If you haven't considered the show before, it's definitely worth it. And best spent with a group of friends.

Happy quilting,
Diana Napier

Letter from Rita Shores:

Karan Verhagen, Lois Nusberger and I went to the *A Walk in the Northwoods Quilt Show* on July 12 in Eagle River. The quilts were displayed along a woodland trail at Trees for Tomorrow. I took pictures of all 59 quilts that were entered and displayed. If anyone wants a CD, I could copy the set of pictures for you. I have a copy of the entry form for next year's show. Karan entered quilts in the show the previous two years, and could answer questions for you.

Plan to go next year; it is less than a two-hour drive and it is a beautiful setting for a show! You will enjoy it!

Calendar:

Quilt Show Saturday Aug 10 (10am – 4pm) & **Sunday Aug 11** (11am – 4pm) *The Menominee Falls Quilters* – at Old Falls Village corner of Hwy Q & Pilgrim Road (262-532-4775) A Special Quilt Turning at 1pm each day.

Quilting Weekend at Trees for Tomorrow – August 15-17 – Make a *Tree Samplings* wall-hanging – call 800-838-9472.

Quilt Show Saturday & Sunday, Aug 23-24 10am-4pm; James Williams Junior High; Rhinelander

Quilt Show Saturday Oct. 4 (10am – 4pm) by the *Cranberry Country Quilters* at First Congregational United Church of Christ, First & Division Streets, Eagle River. Lunch available. Shuttle bus (715-479-7032)

???? Any interest in decorating denim shirts and sweatshirts next fall? We want to hear your ideas.