



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for August, 2003

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Mittelstaedt; Diana Napier; Karan Verhagen

Regular Meeting:

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

Dues: \$15/year, payable in June.

Block of the Month for August:

12-inch Amish Diamond

Birthday Squares for August:

Joan Hansen – yellow / blue
Dorothyann Nelson – red / blue
Joann Saffran – assorted prints / any colors

Birthday Block (10-inch) for August:

Joan Hansen – lavender / sage green

Special Activities:

Aug 18 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting**
Sep 15 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting**
Sep 22 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm Sewing night (alternate
date because of Labor Day)

Introducing Aletha Mittelstaedt: I have been sewing almost as long as I can remember. I learned to sew with the help of my mother, and after graduating from High School I went to UW-Stout (back then it was know as Stout Institute) and earned a bachelors degree in Home Economics Education. I taught High School Home Ec. for 2 years followed by about 25 years of teaching sewing to the adults at the Fox Valley Vocational School (presently the Fox Valley Technical College.)

I took a class in quilting in the late 1970's hoping to use up my scraps of fabrics (mostly knits) which I had acquired from many years of teaching and sewing. Little did I know that I'd have to buy new fabrics and they needed to be woven cottons. After learning to quilt I started teaching quilting, first at the Vocational School and then for Northwest Fabrics and Crafts in Appleton.

My husband and I raised 3 boys while we lived in Kaukauna. In 1990 we retired to our lake property on the Reservoir Flowage in the Townsend area. In 1997 my husband passed away and since that time I have been devoting much of my time to quilting.

I have always wanted to get a group of quilters together for a quilt guild in this area but never did anything about it. I thank Diana for doing what I didn't have the fortitude to do. I belong to a very small quilt guild in the Appleton area (just 5 of us). We really enjoy the closeness of friends working together on a love of quilting. This also keeps me close to my ties in the Fox Valley area.

Introducing Terri Harris: I have loved sewing since about 10 years of age. I made clothing for myself as a teen and for my children as they grew up. Now I make cute little baby things for my granddaughter. I started quilting years ago when my mom bought a log cabin quilt-in-a-day book which I used over and over for my children. I wanted to challenge myself with a new pattern, so I made an Ohio Star quilt for my youngest daughter. I have machine quilted around only one of the 92 stars and am concerned that I took on more work than I can handle. I want to work on some smaller projects for my home, like table runners for holidays and wall hangings.

I am an assistant teacher in a Head Start program and recently received my associate degree in Early Childhood after many years of study. I love children and my job. My husband and I have been married 27 years and are blessed with five children, a beautiful daughter-in-law and a son-in-law who is a wonderful father to our new granddaughter. Our sixteen year old

daughter lives at home but the others are close and brighten my world when they come to visit. My other passions are cross country skiing, canoeing, and cooking. I am excited about being a member of *Pine Needle Quilters* because I can learn from others, make new friends, and get motivated to work on the sewing that I love.

Introducing Joan Hansen: My husband and I moved to Mountain in 1974. We bought and ran the Halfway Bar for 12 years. After we retired from the bar I found I had some time to do some of the things I love to do again.

I have been sewing since I was 18 and I have done so many things it is hard to remember it all. It ranges from upholstering to bridal gowns and everything in-between. I started to help my sister out with her shop in Lakewood and made many articles to sell in the shop.

Quilting is something I started recently. I like to paper piece because my points always match up. Making squares from blocks always cause me problems. I hope joining this group will teach me the tricks I need to know to make the job easier.

I am the mother of 4 children and the grandma of 5 ranging in the age of 24 to 2. I like making things for them and they enjoy my efforts.

Introducing Kathleen Tokarczyk: I've lived in Wbeno for about 50 years. Also lived in Wyoming for about ten years, moving back to Wisconsin two years ago. I have five children. I've been widowed for 23 years.

I like to quilt, hand work and all kinds of quilts. So I am happy to be with all you Ladies to quilt!

Introducing Laurie Shoenebeck: I have lived in the Mountain area, with my husband Kim, for almost 25 years. We have one son, Ryan who is 20 years old.

Along with quilting, I enjoy weaving rag rugs. I think one of the reasons I like weaving is that I like the idea of making something out of nothing. I like giving a "new life" to something that would normally be discarded. I also enjoy camping, and going to our cabin on the lake, to spend time with family.

When I'm not quilting or weaving, I can probably be found in the garden. We have a fairly large one, and I do a lot of canning and freezing. We also raise chickens for eggs and meat, so we have a bit of a "self-sufficient" thing going.

I have really been enjoying our quilting guild. It is fun to see everyone's creative ideas – I certainly have been inspired!

Introducing Karan Verhagen: My husband and I moved here from Gillett three years ago after both

retiring. We spent the first summer building our new home on Flower Lake, which is just east of the Crooked Lake community in the Nicolet National Forest. We love it up here!

I took one class on quilting in Gillett and have been hooked ever since. Jack and I have seven children and ten grandchildren, so someone always wants a quilt.

We enjoy hiking, camping, cross-country skiing and fishing, if we ever get the time to go. I also enjoy gardening. My husband built a greenhouse so that I can grow my flowers from seed. I am enjoying all the new-found quilters and friends I have up here in the north woods.

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**At the July Meeting:**

Joann Saffran won 21 Tennessee BOM's.

Betty Sellhausen won the raffle of summery collection of florals and coordinating plaids Fat Quarters.

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Block of the Month (BOM): The directions for August's 12-inch **Amish Diamond** block were given to you at the July meeting. All fabrics used must be pre-washed! Sew the block and bring it to the August 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. 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 "Amish Diamond" block and print out the instructions.] Or call 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. 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!

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Raffle: At each of our regular meetings we will be having a fat quarter raffle. Tickets will be one dollar.

As late summer approaches, the flowers and fields take on a rust and golden hue, and so does our collection of fat quarters this month! Thank you for supporting the use of the Town Hall building.

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**Chinese Auction:** Just a reminder that the Chinese Auction will be taking place at our **August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting**. If you have any last-minute items to donate, you may bring them that day. So far, we have collected a lot of really nice items, ranging from books, magazines, patterns, fabrics, embroidery items, and several UFO's. It should be an enjoyable fundraiser for our guild. Cost of tickets will be \$1 for ten tickets. You may want to bring address stickers to easily put your name on tickets. Thank you to everyone who donated items.

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Pine Needle Quilters Logo:
Our new logo was voted on at last meeting and a lovely design that was developed by Sheila Hixon and local artist, Pam Warden, was chosen as our logo. We will be using the logo in the newsletter, and on membership cards.
Pam Warden has offered to do hand water-colored designs for any member who wishes to sign up. The price is \$10.00 unframed, and \$14.00 framed. The framed original and information regarding this deal will be at our next meeting. As a charter member of our guild, you might want to hang one of these on your sewing room wall. It is truly lovely.

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**Christmas Quilt Challenge:** If anyone is still interested in signing up for the *Christmas Quilt Challenge*, you may do so at the August 18 meeting. All participants will receive two fat quarters of fabric along with the rules. This project will be wall hanging size. Quilts will be displayed at our Christmas Party, and a prize will be awarded for Viewer's Choice. Cost will be \$8 to participate. It will be fun to see how creative everyone can get!

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Letter from the President:
I was inspired by our July Thangle presentation so of course I'm doing an experiment to use only one shape, a triangle, and two colors. The two colors can be in all values and scales of prints. It's kinda fun to let loose with a simple shape and see what happens. I'll show it off once I get it rolling and just hope it doesn't become a UFO!

The Chinese auction scheduled for our August meeting is shaping up to be very wonderful! A lot of great items were donated so be prepared to shop and make this a great fundraiser for our group. Thank you for all the varied and interesting donations.

Our sewing sessions are going well and now some of the "Mystery" quilts are showing up as tops or even completed. What a fantastic variety of color choices and sets for our blocks. I think we should plan on a "Show and Tell" during one of our regular meetings. Those members who consider themselves "beginners" should be very proud. I've seen some beautiful tops coming out of those "newbies". I've also heard some members say that their blocks aren't good enough. You'll probably find that you will learn something new, allow yourself to get good at it and then want to move onto the next level. Also, most quilters find a place in their quilting where they're comfortable with the margin of error in their sewing and then can really enjoy making quilts and not worry about what other people think.

Some fire quilts have been started at our sewing sessions and are greatly appreciated and encouraged. Our goal is to have one emergency quilt ready for each township of our members. They don't have to be fancy, just comforting.

I've been hearing good feedback about our group. *Quilters Haven* in Menominee heard of us and is offering a 10% discount if you mention our group. Our membership card is coming soon and that should be very helpful.

Keep quilting,
Diana Napier

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

- Future Activities you would like to see.
- 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, anything they need to learn.

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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

Autumn Quilt Show Saturday & Sunday, September 6 & 7 - by Northwoods Quilters Guild Trinity Lutheran School Gym, corner Carney & Colfax; Sat. 9 – 5; Sun 10 – 4; breakfast and lunch available; admission \$3.00; featuring handcrafted quilts, demonstrations, quilt challenge, vendors, and raffle.

Quilt Show and Fabric Sale – Saturday August 23 thru Sunday September 1 – Jeri's Quilt Patch – 703 Brown St, Norway Michigan; (90-6) 563-9620; map & other information on her website www.geocities.com/jerisquiltpatch; normally open Mon – Sat, 10 – 5; Check website for their quilt retreat on the first weekend in October.

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)

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