



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for September, 2003

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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 September:
12-inch Antique Tile

Birthday Squares for September:
Pat Schreck – assorted colors

Birthday Block (10-inch) for September:
Pat Schreck – assorted colors

Special Activities:

Sep 15 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting Antique Handkerchiefs**
Sep 22 3:30 p.m. – Finish up the Mystery Quilt – open sewing session for others.
Oct 6 3:30 p.m. open sewing session and maybe a surprise.

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 Peg Piepkorn - My husband, Dennis, three sons, Shane, Andy and Cory and I moved to Suring 18 years ago. We have one daughter-in-law Sally, Shane's wife. We use to camp in the area and liked the community and are glad we made the decision to move here.

My hobbies also include doing anything with my family and friends, motorcycle riding, walks with Dennis and the dogs, and being on the computer. My love for quilting began when I took a Log Cabin class from the quilt shop in Gillett in 1999. To say the least I was hooked. Now I try to go to every quilt show I can when I'm not working and my goal is to go to every quilt shop in Wisconsin (have a pretty good start.) Joined the *Moonlight Quilters* in Gillett and enjoy this group so much, because we all get so much out of our get togethers. Also enjoy belonging to the *Pine Needle Quilters*; the speakers and activities are very good. There are way too many patterns and fabrics out there to get everything done, but I'm trying.

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**At the August Meeting:**

Leah Giese won 22 Amish Diamond BOM's.  
Kathy Turk won the raffle of Fat Quarters.

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September Meeting: The featured speaker is Marty Mytiska, who will tell us about using Antique Handkerchiefs in our quilting

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**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for September's 12-inch **Antique Tile** block were given to you at the August meeting. All fabrics used must be pre-washed! Sew the block and bring it to the September 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](http://www.quilterscache.com); go to the **Patterns**, select the "Antique Tile" 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. 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 September we won't be raffling off fat quarters. Instead we have a kit for an Autumn colored bittersweet vines, berries and birds, on a black background. The lucky winner will surely love it!

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Wintery" Christmas Quilt Challenge:

The fabrics have been purchased for the quilt challenge. If you are one of the eighteen people who signed up to participate, please bring your \$8.00 fee to the Sept. meeting, as the fabric and rules will be available at that time. Hopefully, the fabrics will inspire your creativity!

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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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Letter from the President:

This wonderful fall weather has me in the mood for starting a quilt with all those luscious autumn colors. I'm a real sucker for fabric with leaves, can hardly pass one by. Just when I think about starting a new quilt, the old "quilty" quilt kicks in and tells me to finish up the projects that I started in the spring or summer. (I won't tell which spring or summer though...) I did dig into Christmas fabric that is starting to age and came up with quick and very simple quilts to give as throws for gifts this year. It made me feel good to see the Christmas fabric diminish by a small amount anyway.

I spent a very nice Sunday at the Rhinelander Northwoods Quilters show. What a great job this guild did with their show! Gives me much encouragement for our group to eventually do the same. They do limit their show to once every three years.

Please remember to sign up for a beginner's quilt session if you would like to make a smaller quilt together and learn some basics. I'm not a professional teacher but I'm willing to try and point you in a good direction. I'll have a sheet to sign up at our next meeting and we'll sew together at a future sewing meeting once I see how many are ready and willing.

I do have a nice piece of blue backing fabric which was donated by one of our generous members for use in a "Fire" quilt. If anyone is considering a quilt that this piece would complement, please tell me. It's yours! Get a small group together and plan a quilt. It would be real fun to put these quilts together at our sewing sessions and a great way to get to know each other better.

Does anyone have any neat ideas for some Christmas charities work for our group? Please think about it. All I came up with is maybe members who wish, make up a simple but cute quilted or (knitted) sock with a wrapped boy or girl present in it. I'm not sure of an appropriate charity but I know one of you do. Seems like we could do something like that for the season of giving. It would also be a good time to make the community aware of the fact that Pine Needle Quilters are alive and kickin'.

How many squares can you get from a fat quarter?

#	Squares	#	Squares
99	2"	56	2½"
42	3"	30	3½"
20	4"	16	4½"
12	5"	12	5½"
9	6"	6	6½"

And who said you couldn't do much with a fat quarter! Makes you look at them a lot different.

Tips:

Have you tried straw needles for your hand sewing yet? They are marvelous for appliqué but also great for sewing up bindings or labels on. A straw needle is a long thin needle which makes needle turn appliqué much nicer. They just slide through your fabric.

If you're worried about making those blocks from exchanges and swaps fit together, don't. Just add a small border around each one and then trim to the exact size. We always called this a block "in a box". This technique could have been invented by my mother but it was surely perfected by her. She is very, very creative. What about an attic window sash around each block and then trim to size. Would look real sharp.

With the winter coming and our houses having no humidity, your skin isn't the only thing that gets dry. Your sewing thread can dry out and break when you sew on your machine. If you are getting constant breakage for no reason, it could be your thread. Try misting it a little and put in a plastic bag and let sit. Or this sounds weird but it works, put it in a plastic bag and put in the freezer. This just could solve your breakage problems.

Diana

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**Calendar:**

**Art Quilts Now** - thru Sept 15 - Oshkosh. Contemporary art quilts by leading artists on display; Paine Art Center and Gardens. (920) 235-6903

**Sheboygan County Quilters Guild;** Sat Sep 20 (9am - 4 pm); Christ Child Academy at Immaculate Conception Church; 2722 Henry St.; Sheboygan; I-43 to Exit 123, turn east on to Hwy 28 at the third stoplight, follow Hwy 28 as it turns north, or left onto Business Dr. Travel one block north, turn east or right at the first stoplight on to Wilson Avenue. Travel ten blocks east and turn north or left onto Henry Street. The quilt show is held in the south end of the building.

**Northeast Wisconsin Shop Hop - Thu Sep 25 thru Sun Sep 28** - Has grown to include 11 shops.

Will be having a \$550 shopping spree and a **Shop Hop Quilt**. Participating shops are *A Quilter's Dream, Friendship Quilts & Framing, Life's A Stitch, Main Street Cotton Works, My Favorite Quilt Shop, Quilter's Connection, Silver Thimble, Quilts 'n Silks (Manitowoc), Quilters Haven (Menominee), Pine Street Quilts (Marinette), and Quilters Quest (Ellison Bay).*

**Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show;** Sep 26 & 27; (10am to 5 pm); Fri and Sat; The DeKoven Center; 600 21st Street; Racine, WI

Take Hwy 11 all the way east almost to the lake and turn left onto Hwy 32, Racine St. Go north until 21st St. Turn right on 21st to the entrance which is a half a block from Lake Michigan. Over 200 quilts. for more info email Barbara Vallone at [QltingB@aol.com](mailto:QltingB@aol.com).

**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)

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt 'N Craft Arama,** Boscobel High School, 300 Brindley Street. Oct 11 & 12, (9 am to 4 pm) (608) 375-2672; [boscocc@mwt.net](mailto:boscocc@mwt.net); [www.boscobelwisconsin.com](http://www.boscobelwisconsin.com) Huge quilt exhibit, competition, sale and raffle. Wide variety of craft & antique show. Demonstrations and food.

**Treasures of Tomorrow Quilt Show & Competition;** Fri, Oct. 31 & Sat, Nov. 1 (9am - 5pm); Sun, Nov. 2 (9am - 4pm); (800) 422-4541; Marshfield Senior High Fieldhouse; 1401 Becker Rd.; Marshfield; Over \$5,000.00 in prizes. Several classes & Lectures. Sponsored by the Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Central Wisconsin. Looks like a nice one -- Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Registration due no later than 9/15/03. Anyone interested can go to [www.marshfieldchamber.com](http://www.marshfieldchamber.com) or [www.piecemakers.org](http://www.piecemakers.org)

**Quilting Through the Ages Quilt Show** with demonstrations, raffle, vendors, food and antique quilts. St. John's Piecemakers Quilt Club; St. John's School Gymnasium, 114 E Third St.; Waunakee. Fri Oct 31 and Sat, Nov 1; (9 am to 4pm); admission \$2.00

**Patchwork Harvest VI Quilt Show;** Sat Nov 1 and Sun Nov 2; Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carmichael Road, Hudson, 54016. Presented by the Hudson Heritage Quilters. For additional information, contact Tamra Soares at [tamrasds@aol.com](mailto:tamrasds@aol.com)

**Quilting Retreat;** Nov. 21-22; Sponsored by Nichols Creek Quilt Studio. A weekend of quilting at

Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca. Workshop instructor is Klaudeen Hansen who is competition chairman for AQS quilt show in Paducah KY. Contact Nichols Creek Quilt Studio at (715) 256-1024 or email at [ncreek@charter.net](mailto:ncreek@charter.net).

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Who Durnit?... Can you find the names of 81 traditional quilt terms in this story? (published in *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine* J/A 1995)

This bulletin just in from our homestead bureau. Early this morning, Overall Sam was found near his log cabin hanging in a pine tree with a bleeding heart. An imported Irish chain was tied around his neck in a lover's knot, where his bow tie should have been. Investigators first suspected an unknown from the infamous "Double XX Gang." Sam was deeply in debt. He was always borrowing from Peter to pay Paul to buy raffle tickets. But when double wedding rings were found next to the body, the prime suspect became Sunbonnet Sue.

Our reporters have uncovered this story. Neighbors tell us that Sue was a farmer's daughter from Little Rock and one of seven sisters. Sam was an odd fellow, but a ladies' delight. It was a bachelor's puzzle as to whom he would choose.

Recently Sam and Sue were snowbound after a barn raising near the schoolhouse. Sam promised her the sun, moon, and stars; a trip around the world; diamonds; and Grandma's engagement ring. They seemed to be in the garden of Eden.

Then yesterday as Sam was watching wild geese fly over Grandmother's flower garden, he noticed that the hen and chicks had gotten out through the hole in the barn door and into the nine patch of corn and beans. Sam borrowed Jacob's ladder and began to fix the hole with a wrench and circular saw, when through the windowpane in an open box he saw Joseph's coat and Joseph's necktie. Then he knew! Well, that started him down a drunkard's path.

According to the next door neighbor, Sue was cleaning spider webs from Grandmother's fan when she saw him through the attic window. He was drinking Old Crow. Like a whirlwind she threw a Dresden plate across the melon patch at him. Later, the police found coffee cups and broken dishes everywhere.

After following Sue's pet turkey's tracks, they found her and an Arkansas traveler in Des Moines, headed out on the road to California. They claimed to be following the Ohio star, but authorities knew it was a wild goose chase because they were using a mariner's compass.

When Sue was apprehended, she was carrying a flower basket with an Indian hatchet, double ax head, and a rolling pin hidden inside. As she was lead past the barrister's block up the courthouse steps, her defense attorney was quoted as saying, "This case was a real lawyer's puzzle until I discovered she had escaped from a crazy house and is as loony as crazy Ann." Sue seemed to have no remorse, because she stood there listening to the Rolling Stones and playing with her yo-yo.

According to the Sew & Sews, funeral services will be held for Sam on Tuesday morning at the church of Cathedral Windows, with Reverend Jack in the pulpit. The body will lie in state in the vestibule at the top of the church steps behind the stained glass. Please make memorial donations to the Red Cross. The final resting place will be at the Lucky Star Cemetery. Carolina lilies will be placed on a bed of roses as a final tribute to Sam. Mourners are asked to bring a scrap basket to help work on a friendship quilt following the service.

...**Sue Durnit!**

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**From the Editor:** If you have not been to a Shop Hop, try to attend. Last spring they sponsored a Mystery Quilt; at least one quilt was hanging in each shop, each with different fabrics. You were given a page with one step of the Mystery Quilt in each shop you visited. Almost every shop offered a kit of the Mystery Quilt in the fabrics shown in their shop. Special sales are offered in every shop, so be prepared with fabric requirements for projects on your wish list.

I'll send a list of addresses and directions of each shop the weekend before the shop hop via email and snail mail. I'll try to take pictures of the hanging quilts, and will collect all steps of the mystery in case you miss a few.

Rita

**Pickles** by Brian Crane

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