



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for December, 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 December:
12-inch The Christmas Star

Birthday Squares for December:
Arlene Benegas: blue & burgundy
Terri Harris: assorted colors
Andi Mett: navy blue & forest green

Birthday Block (10-inch) for December:
(none)

Special Activities:

Dec 15 6:00 p.m. – **regular meeting which is our Christmas Party.**
Jan 5 3:30 p.m. – Continue on **Sampler Quilt.** Will be an organizational meeting for those planning to learn to make a **Shadow Chenille Jacket** under the direction of Aletha Mittlestaedt. 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.

At the November Meeting:

Kathy Turk won 22 Jacob's Ladder BOM's. Heidi Missall won the raffle of an assortment of Christmas prints. 41 members attended the meeting. Quick gift items were presented w/patterns:

Gift Item	Presenter
Aletha Mittelstaedt	Mystery Squares
Karan Verhagen	Table Runners
Rita Shores	Jingle Bell Santas
Joan Hansen	Polar Fleece Hats
Diana Napier	Chenille Pillow

Many of you called or emailed to give thanks to the above presenters.

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**December Meeting:** Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and birthday club exchanges. This will be our Christmas Party, beginning with a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. Rita will bring her laptop computer on which you can view the pictures from each of our meetings, going back to May. Exchange of handmade Christmas Ornaments. Conclusion of the Christmas Quilt Challenge with voting for a Viewer's Choice winner.

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Handmade Christmas Ornament Exchange: This is an optional activity. No rules; just bring a wrapped ornament which you have made, and you will go home with a handmade ornament.

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**Wintery Christmas Quilt Challenge:** We hope that all the participants in the quilt challenge are nearing completion of their projects, or maybe some of you have finished already!?

Please bring your finished project to the Christmas party, where they will be voted on for the Viewers' Choice award, which is a \$25.00 gift certificate to Fleet Farm errr ahhh The Cutting Edge!!!

We ask that you cover your name label on your projects before you bring them in, and also conceal your project somehow so that we can keep the quilter's identities as secret as possible. We look

forward to oohing and aahing over all of your great projects on Dec. 15.

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Block of the Month (BOM): The directions for December's 12-inch **The Christmas Star** block were given to you at the November meeting. All fabrics used must be pre-washed! Sew the block and bring it to the December 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 "The Christmas Star" 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 December the fabrics are a lovely selection of coordinating maroons, greens, creams and tans..

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**Shadow Chenille Jacket:** I have spoken to Karen from "Stitches" and she will be able to order the books for the Shadow Chenille class. They will cost around \$18 and she does say that if you order the book she will expect you to purchase it. I will have a copy of the appliqués that can be traced in class if you don't wish to buy a book. I will get a count at the December Christmas Party of the number of books to order. If you can't be at the Christmas party and

wish to order a book please let me know either by e-mail or by phone.

At our January Sewing meeting we can get organized, (the books will probably be in by that time) and be all set to start some big time sewing at the February meeting. You'll be wearing a new jacket or vest come spring!!!

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**From the President:**

As we approach another Christmas, I ponder the nice little pile of blocks I pieced last year from my Christmas fabric scraps. They are quite delightful but also unfinished. Just like more than a few of my projects lately. In the heat of the Christmas challenge frenzy, I signed up and purchased my challenge packet. In September, I had a lot of ideas for those fat quarters but they are still in the assembly process on my sewing table. Would the Ways and Means committee consider a prize for the loveliest unfinished project? Anyway, I hope your sewing projects are being completed and isn't it nice to get the "oohs and aahhs" on Christmas day when they receive your gift!

Our Sampler Quilt is proceeding well; the nicest part is getting to know some of the ladies a bit more. The blocks are turning out very nicely and I hope everyone is learning a little, I sure am!

Here is a fun project to keep in mind for February. Every year Janome and Project Linus sponsor a Make a Blanket Day. Last year they really collected a lot of blankets and this year will certainly be even better. Anyway, the dealer in Green Bay is called *Sewing Concepts* at 622 Forest Street. [Sewingconcepts01@aol.com](mailto:Sewingconcepts01@aol.com) They sponsor the

project and when you make a blanket, they put your name in a drawing for a 6124QC Janome sewing machine, one of which is given away by each dealer. The chances of winning are nice and you do get to make some quilts for Project Linus! February 21, 2004 is the day and they will be giving more info about the projects in January and we will keep you informed. So maybe go through your stash and pick out some nice bright colors with Make a Blanket Day in mind. It would be fun to get together in small groups too and then assemble some.

Laurie Schoenebeck and I were speaking about the possibility of some of our Challenge quilts going on a tour of some of our libraries and/or businesses in our areas. This could be a fantastic way to display some of our talents and the fact that Pine Needles Quilters are out and about. We are in the process of designing a folding display unit which would be light and fit in a vehicle quite easily. I see more than one use for this, if we ever decide to have a quilt show, it could also be part of a display. If some of the ladies in the challenge would consider putting your talents "on the road" for a display, please speak with Laurie or myself. This is just a thought so far but a good one I think.

As a member of the Education committee, I would like to start up our library. I haven't figured out where to keep it yet but would certainly transport it to our monthly meetings at this point. So if anyone has quilt books they are tired of or just plain sewed everything in them, please consider donating to our guild. Also, I'd be willing to assemble any patterns that are in packets as long as all instructions are intact. The books or patterns would be available for a month due at the next monthly meeting and what about a fat quarter for a fine if you forgot? Any fat quarter "fines" could be assembled for a raffle as a fundraiser for our little library. I'll be asking for input at January meeting too. So go through your books, free up a little space in your sewing room and consider our library.

As a final thought, I have to tell a story about a quilt that I quilted a couple weeks ago. It was for a baby and was bright and cheery and full of cute fish, which the sea was the theme of the baby's room. Well, a nice meander of fish seemed just the thing for this quilt and I finally worked out how to sew them. But try as I might, I just couldn't seem to quilt these fish and make them look like they were smiling. I had pouting fish, grimacing fish and just plain old dumb looking fish until I actually smiled when I quilted their faces! So here I am quilting

along and smiling everytime I quilted the fish face and it worked. The owner of the quilt had a good chuckle when I told her about my smiles, especially the forced ones. But I guess it does prove that our attitude can and does affect the outcome of our actions. With the New Year just around the corner, I think that this could be one resolution that I might be more successful at.

Have a warm and wonderful Holiday,  
Diana Napier

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Project Linus Free patterns: *Project Linus* accepts baby blankets made by several methods (not just quilting). Some of you may enjoy knitting or crocheting as a pastime. This URL <http://www.projectlinus.org> has about a dozen links to free patterns on other websites that can be used to make blankets for babies. Take a look at it.

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**Calendar:**

**Plum Lake Challenge:** "Let's Celebrate" is our theme for the Challenge Contest and Tuesday, July 13, 2004 is the date for the Plum Lake Woman's Club 20th Annual Quilt Show.

We would like to invite you to enter our Wallhanging Challenge Contest. The kit includes quality material, instructions and entry form. Your design can be original, traditional or a combination of any quilted pattern. It can be made in any shape you desire with a finished size between 60 and 80 inches (total of all sides- roughly a 20" by 20" piece). The piece can be done by hand or machine.

Entries must be received by July 6, 2004. All hangings will be displayed at our show on July 13, 2004 and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, with a special People's Choice award. A limited number of kits will be available. Your kit can be obtained by sending a check for \$15.00, which includes postage and handling, made out to PLWC, 8008 Found Lake Rd, St. Germain, WI 54558.

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BASTE	FABRIC	PATTERNS	SLEEVE
BATTING	FRAME	PINS	STASH
BEE	GRAIN	POPPED KNOTS	THREADS
BETWEENS	HEM	QUILT SHOP	TIED
BIAS	HOOP	RIP	TOEHOOKERS
BIND	MYSTERY	SCRAPS	UFOS
BLOCKS	NEEDLETURN	SEAMS	WAX
CHATELAINE	ON POINT	SETTING	WORKSHOP
CHEATER	PAPER	SEW	
COTTON	PIECING	SHOW AND TELL	

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all members and their families**