



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for January, 2004

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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.

At the December Meeting: Andi Mett won 21 The Christmas Star BOM's. Carol Renteria won the raffle of Fat Quarters. 34 members attended the party. The Ways and Means Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the **Christmas Quilt Challenge**. It was a wonderful display of our group's creative talents. Congratulations to Dorothyann Nelson for receiving the Viewers' Choice Ribbon, and also to Judy Kadlec & Diana Napier for Honorable Mention ribbons. The decision on who to vote for was a difficult one, and we think everyone should be proud of their Christmas projects! We hope you all enjoyed the challenge.

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**January Meeting:** Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and birthday club exchanges. The featured speaker is Aletha Mittelstaedt who will do a demonstration on **Cathedral Windows**. We will also have a discussion & vote on the proposed bylaws for our guild; a copy was given to you at the December meeting.

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This is an original story and game by Diana Napier. How many block names can you find?

Pine Needle Quilters First Bus Tour (aka Trip Around the World)

Disclaimer: This is an imaginary tale about a real quilt group based on absolutely no fact. Any similarity to persons in this guild is purely coincidental and should not in any way be taken seriously.

After much discussion and many incidents of robbing Peter to pay Paul, the members of the **Pine Needle Quilters** finally decided to take a bus tour to Quilt City, USA.

Our trip began one midsummer night on a bus called the Wisconsin Star. With the moon over the mountain blazing down on our feisty group, the Crooked Lake contingency arrived after a ride down the drunkards path (also known as County Hwy. W), with Lois Nusberger at the wheel of her troupe. As Dottie Milbrath and Rita Shores bailed out of the car, I noticed the lovely Irish plaid jacket Rita wore and I swear that was Mr. Roosevelt's necktie around Dottie's collar. Joann Saffran arrived next and displayed a good deal of Yankee charm by helping

Block of the Month for January:
12-inch Ribbon Quilt

Birthday Squares for January:
MaLea Flynn: pink & purple
Dottie Milbrath: blue & green
Diana Napier: green & purple
Rosemary Risen: green & yellow
Patty Rogalski: assorted colors

Birthday Block (10-inch) for January:
Diana Napier: green & purple

Special Activities:

Jan 19 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Demonstration on **Cathedral Window**. Discussion on proposed guild bylaws.

Feb 2 3:30 p.m. – Work on **Beginner Sampler Quilt** with Diana Napier. Work on the **Shadow Chenille Jacket** with Aletha Mittelstaedt.

out Karan Verhagen who was jammed in the back of the car with Patty Rogalski, a card basket, old King Cole's crown and an antique tile of all things!

We soon had them packed into the bus and sped past Patience Corners and through a couple crossroads. From the back seat Marge Kasten yelled, "Is that an Amish man sitting next to that pine on the hill?" Rosemary Risen pulled her glasses out of her Amish basket and said, "No Marge, we're not even out of Oconto County yet! Don't be misled by that devil's puzzle and get a broken heart over him!" Charlotte McDonald told them not to get their wheels in a spin, we had a lot of trees of temptation before this trip was over. Peggy Piepkorn patiently got out her scrap squares and Helen Kadlec helped her untangle her twisted spool, all the time wishing we were at the crossed roads to Oklahoma where she planned to leave this ship of fools.

Deanna Tachick and Laurie Schoenebeck noticed the field of corn and beans and a couple of construction workers who appeared to be corn fed. About that time Judy Siegel and Judy Kadlec piped up and said, "Forget the bees in the field, I think we have a flat!" Our brave young bus driver rose and took his tight little gentlemen's fancy down the steps and outside. I had to restrain Laurene Peterson, Carol Renteria, Evie Knoll and MaLea Flynn from stampeding out and throwing a monkey wrench in the situation.

Donna Limberg noticed a small boy and a wild goose chase and then a toad in the puddle but the rest were distracted by a sign and Pat Schreck and Kathy Pelow cried, "It's a quilt shop, oh, girls joy!" The Pine Needle Quilters then overwhelmed and overjoyed the shop owner by filling their glory boxes and at one time there were eight hands round on a fat-quarter.

Betty Sellhausen offered her sunbonnet Sue fabric to Myra Ritz. Julie Palmer found a wonderful batik for a project in Aletha Mittelstaedt's vest class and declared she'd be dressed to the nines! Leah Giese noted that we all received a square deal and Gloria Fonder found the most lovely woven ribbons. After a while, the quilt shop owner's husband came in and shouted, "Contrary wife, where is my supper?" Deb Budd yelled, "Get him!" and the Pine Needle Quilters proceeded to pelt him with an Indian hatchet, a houndstooth and a Japanese lantern. He did a hasty retreat up his Jacob's ladder never to show his face again.

We finally got into the city, past Union Square and to the courthouse steps. The quilt show was a glorious success. Kathy Tokarczyk declared it a grandmother's dream and it was a starry path that Heidi Missall, Andi Mett and Deb Markusen followed through all kinds of stars of Bethlehem and sunlight and shadow. Donna Ver Voort declared she'd start

a memory chain in honor of our trip and Norene Piontek said she'd pitch in if it was not too fussy.

Carol Bodart and Barb Vejvoda filled their shopping bags with odds 'n ends and many triangles. Carol asked Barb if she was the miller's daughter and Barb claimed she was only known as Kansas trouble.

Kathy Turk found a lovely lucky clover pin which she proudly displayed with her fat quarter collection.

A tired group reunited at our bus and headed for home. Barb Strohschine declared she was hoping to get home sooner and should have taken the lone eagle airplane. About that time, Arlene Benegas noticed the lovely quilts hanging on a split rail fence in front of a log cabin. "Oh my, you might have missed these quilts," she declared as our bus stopped once again. A small old woman was sitting in her rocking chair on the porch. She raised her hand in greetings to us as we approached to examine the double wedding ring on her lap. She showed Carol Bodar and Mary Ehlinger how she carefully pieced the curves by hand and told Terri Harris that this was her favorite block. She was a treasure chest of information and told Rhoda Ebersol and Judy Scheustedt about her scraps and how they were bits of clothing worn by her children and grandchildren and even a few pieces left from her husband who passed away while crossing the delectable mountain. It was with blurred vision and great humility that we boarded our bus and came home.

Joannie Hansen turned to her sister Sheila Hixon and declared it a wonderful day but wouldn't it be nice to end it with a jitterbug with their husbands. She knew just where those guys would hang out, a new club called the Buzzard's Roost and they set off in search of that action.

Joyce Mahlik, Dorothyann Nelson and Evelyn Kowalkowski were left standing on the shaded trail. Dorothyann said, "You know, that old quilting granny was a mighty fine quiltmaker but she also slipped me a bottle of West Virginy moonshine." "Now don't be a prickly pear," Joyce said. "You really must share with us." As they walked away, Evelyn was heard to say, "There really is no place like home."

How many block names did you find?
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**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for January's 12-inch **Ribbon Quilt** block were given to you at the December meeting. All fabrics used must be pre-washed! Sew the block and bring it to the January meeting. The name of each person who brings a BOM will be placed in a hat; the name drawn receives all blocks stitched that month. If you

missed the meeting 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, bring your contribution to the next meeting. A reminder of birthdays is listed in the newsletter. Remember, all fabrics used must be pre-washed!

Note: Be sure to put the **recipient's name** and **your name** on the blocks/squares. Some members have been complaining that they did not receive from everyone in their group. This spoils the fun.

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**Raffle:** Don't forget your dollars for the fat quarter raffle. We thank you for your continued support for the use of the Riverview Town Hall building. All profit from this raffle will be donated to the town at the end of our year.

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**From the President:**

I have to start the New Year by thanking everyone in Pine Needle Quilters for making last year so much fun! Also, a great big thank you to everyone who put all that effort into our Christmas party. The food, door prizes, decoration, everything was just so great and I am so proud just to hang around with this group. I see a very fun year coming up for Pine Needle Quilters.

Speaking of the New Year, why not start a new Block of the Month. There are always one or two started in a magazine or go online; many sites start new and free BOM every year. And don't forget the ones in the quilt shops. Just a nice way to make a

quilt, one block at a time and almost painless. If your resolution for the year involves "controlling" your quilting, then be aware that scientists have recently demonstrated that quiltmaking has six important health benefits. First, it reduces your blood pressure (they must not have seen me ripping out many many stitches), reduces heart rate (I don't know about you but my heart can pound in a really nice quilt shop!), sends a wave of relaxation throughout your whole body, improves the quality of sleep (does anyone else lay in bed and plan their next three quilting projects all night?), improves your body's ability to heal injuries quickly and helps protect you from cold and flu germs.(quilts are the perfect thing to wrap up with when you feel bad).

I belong to an online list of very reliable quilters and received this information through this group. This is the story passed on by a quilter on this list.

"I have recently made a lap quilt for a soldier who is in Walter Reed Hospital related to an injury from Iraq. He had an amputation and is presently learning how to use his prosthesis. The Chaplain said that much of the media attention is focused on the amputees because of the nature of their injury. The Chaplain went on to say the Walter Reed Hospital has soldier from all over the world who are in need. The Chaplain said that his wife is a quilter too and that a homemade lap quilt would be perfect for a soldier who has lost a limb especially given the winter and the phantom pain. Shortly thereafter, I sent the quilt to Chaplain K and he gave it to Spec. Brandon Olson from the 101st Airborne. When I saw the pix of him with the quilt wrapped around his shoulders I cried. His smile just broke my heart. I then asked the Chaplain what else I could do. Without missing a beat, he said, "Ma'am, I'm just waiting for your next quilt."

The chaplain then said the need is great and that Walter Reed Hospital gets 40-50 injured people in per week. If anyone is interested in making lap quilts for the hospital, here is the address and phone number of the chaplain:

Walter Reed Medical Center  
Attn: Chaplain Major J. Kallerson  
Bldg 2 Rm 3C16  
Washington DC 20307-5001  
202-782-6305

I would call before sending just to make sure of the correct shipping address.

Any donations of books and patterns will be accepted at next meeting. I would organize this ASAP and make all this available to our members. I will also be speaking to our officers about a budget for the library if that is acceptable to our group.

We will also be voting on the nonprofit status of our group and on our proposed bylaws. So our next meeting will be an important one with everyone's input welcome. This is the time to present your

opinions and vote. In February I will appoint a nominating committee so really think about being an officer of our group. Remember, we will vote in new officers in April and need our members to participate. It's a lot of fun too!

Before our Christmas party was ended by the weather, I wanted to present a story I had written for our members. But then again, I think that making my story into a game is a lot more fun. So in our newsletter is a special story for us which I hope you enjoy and don't take seriously at all!

Happy quilting,  
Diana Napier

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Answers to the Game: Diana put 71 block names in her story/game. You should have found: All Kinds, Amish Basket, Antique Tile, Bees in the Field, Blurred Vision, Broken Heart, Buzzard's Roost, Card Basket, Contrary Wife, Corn and Beans, Corn Fed, Courthouse Steps, Crossed Roads to Oklahoma, Crossroads, Delectable Mountains, Devil's Puzzle, Double Wedding Ring, Dressed to the Nines, Drunkards Path, Eight Hands Round, Favorite Block, Gentlemen's Fancy, Girls Joy, Glory Boxes, Grandmother's Dream, Houndstooth, Indian Hatchet, Irish Plaid, Jacob's Ladder, Japanese Lantern, Jitterbug, Kansas Trouble, Log Cabin, Lone Eagle Airplane, Lucky Clover, Many Triangles, Memory Chain, Midsummer Night, Miller's Daughter, Monkey Wrench, Moon Over the Mountain, Mr. Roosevelt's Necktie, No Place Like Home, Not Too Fussy, Odds n Ends, Old King Cole's Crown, Patience Corners, Pine on the Hill, Prickly Pear, Robbing Peter to Pay Paul, Scrap Squares, Shaded Trail, Ship of Fools, Split Rail Fence, Square Deal, Starry Path, Stars of Bethlehem, Sunbonnet Sue, Sunlight and Shadow, Toad in the Puddle, Treasure Chest, Trees of Temptation, Trip Around the World, Twisted Spool, Union Square, West Virginny Moonshine, Wheels in a Spin, Wild Goose Chase, Wisconsin Star, Woven Ribbons, and Yankee Charm.

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**Acronymns:**

- UFO** UnFinished Object
- PIGS** Project in Grocery Sacks
- WIP** Works In Progress
- SEX** Stash Enhancement eXperience
- WHIMMs** Works Hidden In My Mind
- HSY** Haven't Started Yets  
(pronounced "Hussies")

If you have fabric and pattern for 2 years or more, then they are known as "**Brazen Hussies**".

**Quilt Plums** Quilt planned in your head but have not started yet! (Similar to Sugar Plums)

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Update from our Sewing night: In addition to learning new techniques, sometimes we also learn what not to do. Notice that there are two holes in the rotary cutting blade (and we tripped a breaker at the Town Hall). Maybe we should bring a replacement blade with our supplies. See the photos below, with the suggested captions:



"I was 2 blocks ahead of her; I think she is trying to curtail my progress."



This was supposed to be part of a Flying Geese block. Now it believe it is a "cooked goose."

Lesson: It could have happened to any of us. It would be a good idea to carry along some masking tape so we could tape our power cords to the table (and out of the way.) What will we learn next?

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