

# Pine Needle Quilters

## Newsletter for March, 2004

### Officers:

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**Mentors:** MaLea Flynn; Leah Giese; Aletha 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 March:

12-inch Beacon Lights Variation

### Birthday Squares for March:

none

### Birthday Block (10-inch) for March:

Rita Shores: burgundy, forest green

### Special Activities:

- March 15 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting**  
Demonstration on **Paper Piecing**.
- March 20 **National Quilting Day** (activities)
- March 21 9am-3:30pm – **Beach Party**
- March 22 Bus trip with Lou Ann's Coaches to Sun Prairie Quilt Show.
- April 5 3:30 p.m. – Continue work on **Beginner Sampler Quilt** with Diana Napier. Continue work on **Shadow Chenille Jacket** with Aletha Mittelstaedt. Or come to work on Charity Quilts.

**Introducing Marge Kasten:** Marge moved to Gillett from Alvin, WI in 1952 when she married Ernie. They have 8 children and 11 grandchildren. Ernie passed away 9½ years ago. Marge worked out of the home doing waitress work and Certified Nursing Assistant work for many years, retiring from the nursing home 3 years ago. Some of her interests are doing doings with family & friends, reading, crafts of all kinds, going to plays, and cooking weekly at Underhill. She has a true love for quilting, quilt shows, taking classes and quilt meetings. Marge is probably the master of UFO's; she has so many that she has lost count. Even with being retired, she finds there are still not enough hours in the day.

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**At the February Meeting:** Cordy Wescott of *My Favorite Quilt Shop* in Green Bay was the featured speaker. She gave a demo on **Kaffe Fasset Handerchief Quilts** and Kaffe Fasset fabrics.

We had 37 members attending the meeting. New members joining us were Dena Moravec and Ruth Kennedy; we also had two guests. Karan Verhagen won 23 Buckeye Beauty BOM's. Sheila Hixon won the regular raffle of Fat Quarters.

Cordy Wescott donated 10 fat quarters from her shop which were won by Dena Moravec, Karan Verhagen, Joyce Mahlik, Betty Sellhausen, Shirley Rohe, Dorothyann Nelson, Heidi Missall, Kathy Tokarczyk and Pat Schreck.

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**March Meeting:** Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and birthday club exchanges. The featured speakers are **Joan Hansen** and **Rita Shores** who will do an introductory demonstration of **Paper Piecing** (Foundation Piecing). Members are invited to bring in examples of paper-piecing to augment those that Joan and Rita will bring.

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**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for March's 12-inch **Beacon Lights Variation** block were given to you at the February meeting. All fabrics used must be pre-washed! Sew the block and bring it to the March 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, or to give for charity quilts.

[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 "Beacon Lights Variation" block and print out the instructions.] Or call me and I will email the directions to you as a PDF file.

**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!

**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.

**UFO Club:** The UFO Club is off to a great start with sixteen members committing themselves to finishing up an astonishing amount of work! At our last meeting, Aletha Mittelstaedt showed her *Cathedral Window placemat* and Helen Kadlec showed her *Home Is Where The Heart Is* quilt. So it should be interesting to see what lovely projects show up as a fulfillment of our club. Remember to bring in February's fat quarter if you haven't already. Then there is not another due until our April meeting. Good luck in your challenges.

**National Quilting Day Baby Quilts:** Pine Needle Quilters have committed to providing a baby quilt to the first baby born on National Quilting Day at hospitals in Antigo, Oconto Falls and Shawano. Peggy Piepkorn, Debbie Budd, Joannie Hansen, Laurie Schoenebeck and Diana Napier have been as busy as little bees preparing the quilts for the new arrivals. One of the hospitals said they would send

down their publicity department to take a photo of the baby with quilt if the parents are okay with that. Who knows, maybe some of these little ones will be future quilters!

**National Quilt Day:** Check out your local library on National Quilt Day, Saturday March 20th to see quilting in action. Members of the Pine Needle Quilter's Guild will be doing quilt demonstrations, showing quilts, and presenting slideshows of more beautiful quilts at the Gillett, Lakewood, and Wabeno libraries. Marge Kasten, Char McDonald and Rosemary Risen will be at the Gillett library from 9:30am till 11:30am. Rita Shores, Diana Napier, and Karen Verhagen will be at the Lakes Country Library in Lakewood from 10am till 12:30pm. Terri Harris, Norene Piontek, and Kathy Tokarczyk will be at the Wabeno Public Library from 9am till 11am. Stop in to see some beautiful quilts and meet others who love quilting.

**Beach Party:** Join us Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 3:30pm at the Riverview Town Hall. Are you tired of cold winter days and envious of your friends who headed south? Never fear! We have a **HOT sewing session** planned for you! We have made available patterns which you may choose to work on that day or bring a project of your choice. Double Dutch 2-for-1 Quilt (sew once, making two quilts at the same time). Or you can paper-piece awesome little bikinis; so get out your scraps of cute prints.

Please come prepared to sew, with irons and ironing boards, cutting tools, etc. Perhaps you can share irons and boards with a couple of friends if you arrange it. Also, it wouldn't be a bad idea to put in an extension cord or power strip. Coffee is being provided by group but bring any other drinks you want.

Other events include:

- **Pot Luck Lunch** – bring a dish to pass. We will have coffee, but bring your own soda if you wish. There will be plates, napkins and silverware provided.
- **Beach Blanket Bingo** - we will take breaks and play Fat Quarter Bingo, so bring a few fat quarters. Each game will require a fee of a Fat Quarter to play.
- **Fat Quarter Raffle** - \$1.00 tickets for guild fundraiser.
- **Door Prizes** (they will be a surprise)
- Wear **beach attire** if you dare!

Make a reservation with Diana Napier or Laurie Schoenebeck so we have enough tables to work on.

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**Quilt Show Bus Trip:** Lou Ann's Coaches of Green Bay is offering a bus trip on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sun Prairie.

You will travel to Sun Prairie, visit a local quilt shop, have lunch in the area, go the **Prairie Heritage Quilt Show**, and depart for home at 4pm. Arrive back at your cars about 7:30pm. Admission to the show is \$4.

- Meet in Bonduel at the truck stop, the intersection of 29/47/117 at 7:00am.
- Or drive to Pulaski on hwy 32; turn right at the church (west). About one block, behind the liquor store is the Village Parking Lot. Bus will leave there about 7:30am.

Price is \$20 – send check to Lou Ann's Coaches Inc., 2571 Babcock Road, Green Bay WI 54313. Mention **Sun Prairie Bus Trip**.

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**From the President:**

Almost every aspect of quilting has been so enjoyable to me. I love to pick out the fabrics, can't wait for a new magazine or book to arrive, the way it feels to have wonderful little stacks of cut fabrics that are ready to piece and yes, even to bind a quilt. At least that means I've finished a project.

One of the best things about quilters and quilts are the stories behind them. Quite a while ago, I read a story about a lovely appliqué rose quilt that has really haunted me. A family was going through a chest and at the bottom was a wonderful rose quilt. Some of the members of the family knew the story of the quilt very well and were able to tell it to a young

woman relative who happened to bear the same name as the quiltmaker. The quilt was old at the time of the Civil War. One of the young sons of the family had fought for the Union side and the family didn't know what had happened to him until the war was actually over. They received word that the young man was badly wounded and in a hospital in another state.

The wounded man's sister determined that he would more than likely die all by himself and she took it upon herself to take a wagon and get him. Into the wagon, she packed the rose quilt and with a great deal of courage, set off to find her brother. I can't imagine what she went through as a young woman going across state lines in a wagon all by herself. The whole country was full of turmoil after the war and I'm sure that journey was worthy of a book. She did find her brother, wrapped him up in the rose quilt and brought him home. The family did nurse him back to health and he lived to be the man that the present family was descended from. The rose quilt was still in pretty good shape and eventually a copy was made to preserve it even further.

I have a story about my mother-in-law that I find pretty remarkable when I think about it. She was going through some pretty tough times in her personal and family life and ended up doing some different jobs, including driving semi-trucks. She was from Montana and that area was going through a great oil and gas boom at that time. There was a lot of theft at well sites when no one was on the job, so she took a job as a "baby-sitter" at the well site with the intention of scaring away thieves. Now my mother-in-law, Barb, wore a size 4 1/2 shoe so you can imagine she was no giant of a woman in physical size anyway. I don't know if she ever drove away thieves during her "sitter" days but she did a lot of appliqué and embroidered quilts during those times. She always carried her bag of sewing and thread and the tiniest thimble ever, and made some lovely quilts while sitting out in the middle of nowhere, waiting for the "bad" guys to arrive.

I think the main point of my message is that everyone must have a story and be sure to tell someone and write them down. A really nice place to start would be to submit a story about a quilter to our newsletter. I can't imagine a better way to share a bit of yourself.

Diana Napier

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**Only a Quilter:** We've all heard the classic line that only a quilter would take yards and yards of material, cut it into little pieces and then sew them back together again. While this statement is true and a little funny to think about, it doesn't even scratch the surface of the things that only a quilter would do.

- Only a Quilter would spend more hours sewing several hundreds of buttons on a quilt to embellish it, but wouldn't take five minutes to replace a button on a pair of pants.
- Only a Quilter would give the gift of a wedding quilt two months after the birth of the couple's second child.
- Only a Quilter would put hundreds of dollars worth of fabric into her fabric stash because she might find a use for it sometime, but wouldn't replace a 50-cent needle on her sewing machine.
- Only a Quilter would let three later-arriving patients go ahead of her at the doctor's office because she is on the verge of completing a block.
- Only a Quilter would rush to finish a gift quilt. Not so it's done in time for the recipient's birthday, but so it's done in time for Show and Tell.
- Only a Quilter would make a special quilt to give to her son, who would then have to attend quilt shows just to see it.
- Only a Quilter would use freezer paper in the production of something to keep someone warm.
- Only a Quilter has a welcome mat at the door to her home and an "Enter at Your Own Risk" sign on the door of her sewing room.
- Only a Quilter invites everyone to see her sewing room, then says, "Don't look at the mess."
- Only a Quilter says, "I really don't need another project," then offers to make a quilt for a friend.
- Only a Quilter will buy more than she'll ever need of one fabric for her stash, but slightly less than is needed of another fabric to complete a project.
- Only a quilter's family would put up with, understand and love a quilter.

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**Quilt Shows:**

**Kenosha** ~ Anderson Art Center, 121 66th St, will be hosting "The Art and Sound of Quilting," through March 28. For more info contact Kay Sorensen at: kaysorensen@kempercenter.com

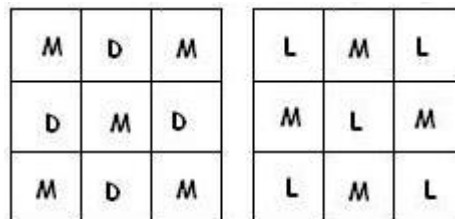
**Sun Prairie** ~ 30th Annual Prairie Heritage Quilt Show, March 21, 22, 23 in Sun Prairie at St. Alberts

Center, 2420 St. Albert the Great Drive. 200 competition quilts plus challenge wall quilts. Sunday 12->4pm; Monday 9am->8pm; Tuesday 9am->4pm. Admission \$4.

**Green Bay** ~ Evergreen Quilt Guild will hold its 11th Biennial Quilt Festival, "Timeless Endeavors," April 17 & 18, 2004 at Ashwaubenon High School, 2391 Ridge Road, Green Bay. Admission \$4. Saturday lectures: 1pm- Linda Halpin "Tools of the Trade"; 2:30pm Kay Sorensen" Queen of the Rainbow". [www.geocities.com/evergreenguild](http://www.geocities.com/evergreenguild)

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**Riverview Raffle Quilt:** The committee is asking for your help in making a quilt for this project. They ask that each member make 3 or 4 squares and bring to the March meeting (or April at the latest). Create the 9-patches from 1½-inch squares of your scraps in country colors. Some squares should have dark and medium squares, and others should have medium and light squares. Please put the lightest fabrics in the corner squares (refer to diagram). The squares should measure 3½ inches unfinished.

Thank you



**L = light, M = medium, D = dark**  
**Make two 9-patch squares of each.**

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**Editor's Note:** Please supply me with information about any of the charity quilts so we can record them in our newsletter:

- Who worked on them
- Who given to (circumstances)

Rita Shores