



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for July, 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 May.

Special Activities:

July 19 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Featured speaker is Karen Armstrong on Flannels.
Aug July 2 3:30 p.m. – work on unfinished projects and charity quilts.

Block of the Month for July:

12-inch Beauty Patch

Fat Quarter Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Judy Siegel - batiks

Fat Quarter Exchanges (regular fabrics):

Kathy Turk – anything
Sheila Hixon - anything

Block Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Rita Shores – forest green

Block Exchanges (regular fabrics):

Kathleen Tokarczyk – burgundy/pink or any

Birthday Squares (four 6½" squares):

Laurie Schoenebeck - assorted colors
Barb Vejvoda - cream and blue

July Birthday Greetings to:

02 Evie Knoll
06 Susan Berres
07 Barb Vejvoda
19 Lois Nusberger
19 Myra Ritz
22 Laurie Schoenebeck

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**At the June Meeting:** Patricia Frei, from the Cutting Edge in Antigo, spoke of textiles in relation to Quilting and demonstrated making of fabric bowls. There were a few Independence Day holiday related projects shown by members. Several ladies were winners in the raffle of Fat Quarters.

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July Meeting: We will be having our fat quarter raffle as usual. But as was discussed at the June meeting, we will give a portion of the proceeds to the Riverview Fire Department, for use of the building, and a portion will be used to purchase batts or batting for some of our charity quilts. Thank you for your support. Also will have BOM, Fat Quarter Exchanges, Block Exchanges, and Birthday Club exchanges.

The featured speaker for the July meeting is Karen Armstrong of the Lakewood quilt shop, **Stitches**. The topic will be "Flannel Tips and Tricks or Flannel Is Your Friend." Now is the time to start thinking about your winter projects. Karen will bring her "flannels" to inspire and tell of the wonderful advantages to working this soft and warm material.

This is the night to bring in **UGLY fabric** (concealed in brown paper bags) for the **Ugly Fabric Exchange**. Refer below for rules and the related activities which will follow.

New in August will be a **Themed Block Exchange**. Refer below for details and a list of blocks for the next year.

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**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for July's 12-inch **Beauty Patch** block were mailed with your June newsletter or emailed to you. Sew the block and bring it to the July meeting if you want to compare it with others. The BOM's are 12-inches finished. You were given instructions for the sashing and borders, and fabric requirements to complete the twelve block quilt. Some members sew a block for Charity Quilts. We are using **Block Central's**

**2003 BOM.** If you missed a pattern, you may call Rita to email the directions to you as a PDF file.

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Exchange Mini-Clubs: These groups started in June and continue through December. Coordinators are Rita Shores and Joann Saffran. If you miss a meeting, you must bring your contribution the following month. You were given a list for the full term of the exchange so that you may plan ahead. A reminder of exchanges for that month is listed in the newsletter.

Fat Quarter Exchange: Members exchange Fat Quarters. You were given a sheet with labels to attach to your FatQ showing Recipient, Month Due, and Request.

Block Exchange: Members sew a 12½" unfinished block in the colors/fabric types requested using any block pattern. You were given a sheet with labels to attach to your sewn block showing Recipient, Month Due, and Request.

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**Birthday Squares:** This mini-group is hosted by Peg Piepkorn, and runs July 2004 through June 2005. Those participating bring four 6½" squares of fabric in either (or both) of the colors requested by the member whose birthday is that month. Anyone else wishing to join this group (last chance) may at the July meeting (bring requested squares for the July persons).

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Ugly Fabric Challenge: To participate in the Ugly Fabric Challenge, bring ¼ to ½ yard of "UGLY" fabric to the July meeting. Have your fabric concealed in a brown paper bag. The brown bags will be put in a pile and participants will randomly draw out an "UGLY" fabric. You must then sew this "UGLY" fabric into a beautiful 12½" x 12½" unfinished block. The "UGLY" fabric must be used for at least one-fourth of the block. Bring the completed blocks (and remaining ugly fabric) to the September meeting. (Please keep the blocks concealed in the brown bag.) Blocks will be given a number, and then displayed at the September meeting. Members will vote on the blocks (which will be anonymous) in different categories. Prizes will be awarded. All blocks will then be donated for charity quilts.

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**Theme Block Exchange:** We are beginning a theme block drawing. Below you will find a listing of themes for each month. You may participate as often, or as little as you wish. Because the theme

block drawing will operate on a month by month basis, your name will be in the drawing any month that you choose to participate, even if you have previously won. So, there is no need for you to sign up, or enter every month, just do so when your time allows, or the creativity strikes!

Blocks must measure 12½" x 12½" unfinished. Bring your block to our regular meeting, with your name attached. We will begin the exchange at our August meeting. Those are the only rules. So, if you enjoy paper piecing, appliqué, piecing blocks, the sky is the limit. Use your creativity to express yourself.

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| August    | Autumn Leaves             |
| September | Halloween                 |
| October   | Thanksgiving              |
| November  | Christmas                 |
| December  | Winter Fun                |
| January   | Valentine's Day           |
| February  | Child's Play              |
| March     | Easter                    |
| April     | Flowers                   |
| May       | Northwoods                |
| June      | Stars and Stripes Forever |
| July      | Summer Fun                |

We have listed the themes for the entire year, so that you may plan ahead. We are looking forward to seeing your creations at the August meeting. Any questions, call Laurie 276-6143 or Deanna 842-2057.

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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.

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Introducing Rhoda Ebersole: I'm originally from Suring but haven't lived there for almost 40 years. We have been in Minneapolis for 15 years and before that Iowa and Missouri. I have a grown daughter and son, and 2 grandchildren. My husband, Ron, has supported me in my quilting

because he likes to garden. Five years ago we found a nice house in Lakewood with McCaslin Brook in the backyard. We are here in the summer and back to Plymouth, MN, in the fall.

When I learned about Diana Napier's machine quilting business from my niece (married to her son), I suggested starting a quilt guild, and now you have one of the most active guilds I know about. I have belonged to the MN Quilt Guild for years and the North Iowa Quilt Guild before that. I attended the Quilt Show in Houston, TX several years ago. Over the 20 years I have been involved with quilting it is amazing to see how the hobby has grown. I have several antique quilts from Ron's grandmothers in my collection. I like to read, travel, do photography and check email. Quilters are just the nicest people to know.

I started our quilting group at church 14 years ago making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Over the years quilts have gone all over the world. We have done 30-50 quilts per year, large and small.

I also wanted to say how the advent of the internet has changed the entire quilting industry as everyone knows in all kinds of ways. I plan to finish everything I have started in the next ten years and then retire from quilting.

Introducing Barbara Vejvoda: I was born and raised in Lake County, Illinois. My husband is from Chicago, Illinois. We were married in 1960 and raised two boys and one girl. They are all married and recently presented us with grandchild #7 on July 1st. I worked as a nurse in obstetrics dept. at Lake Forest hospital until last May when we retired UP NORTH. We are in the process of remodeling our cabin on Waubee Lake. I am presently working at Langlade hospital in the obstetrics dept. My hobbies include basket weaving, primitive stitching, and now quilting since 2001. I am very happy being a *Pine Needle Quilter*. I have learned so much from all of you. Thanks.

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**Good day to our Guild members,**

I was extremely excited to see the look on everyone's face with the explanation of the Ugly Fabric Exchange and onward to the Ugly Block Challenge. There is lots of fun to be had with this challenge, all the way through to the completion of a charity quilt! I hope all of you will bring in your ¼ to ½ yard of ugly fabric so that we can see how creative we can get.

I would like to thank everyone who signed up for any of the committees. Most of them are full, which makes many things easier to handle or accomplish with many helping hands (and minds). Once again I

think all who signed on. Without you ladies, so much could not be done.

With all the finished projects coming into Show 'N Tell and UFOs being completed, we surely would be able to put a beautiful quilt show together as many have expressed they would like to do. With that being a possibility for next year, keep those projects coming.

Don't forget if any member wishes to write an article for the newsletter, have at 'er! We would like to read any of your stories.

Until next month,  
Deanna Tachick, President

P.S. to Rhoda: The firemen said they would love us to have a Chinese Fire Drill. They'll even let you ring the siren!

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Entering Quilt Shows: At the June meeting, Joann Saffran told us of entering quilts and a jacket in the *Crazy Quilters Guild* show in Elkhorn, and showed us the awards she won and comments from the judges.

Rhoda Ebersole says that Diana Napier entered a quilt in the Minnesota show; here is Diana's reply to Rhoda:

"I did enter the challenge quilt category at MN and won an honorable mention. I thought that was pretty nice because there were 84 entries with first, second and two honorable mentions. Got a really neat ribbon too! Most of all, I really enjoyed the challenge of using the fabric and sewing something that I never would have tried before."

I hope that others will tell us of their experiences entering quilt shows (and you don't have to win.) The quality of the work we see displayed each month at Show 'N Tell is great! Your experiences can teach something to the rest of us, too.

Rita Shores

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**Quilt Shows:**

**Ladies of the Lakes Quilt Show**, Saturday and Sunday, August 7-8, Lakeland Union High School, Minocqua. Demonstrations, Vendors, Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, other quilts displayed. Admission \$3.

**Rainbow Quilters Oct 8 (10am-6pm) & Oct 9 (10am-4pm)** Lutheran Church of Resurrection, 322 Ohio St, Racine. Quilts draped over pews in church or hung in Fellowship hall. Donation \$2.

**Stitches in Time Quilt & Doll Show Oct 16 (10am-4pm)** Sauk Prairie Middle School, Sauk Prairie. Admission \$4.

**Quiltfest on the Mississippi Oct 23 (9am-5pm) & Oct 24 (10am-3pm)** LaCrosse Civic Center, LaCrosse. Admission \$4.50

**Treasures of Tomorrow Quilt Show & Competition:** Oct 29-31; Marshfield Senior High School Fieldhouse, 1401 Becker Road, Marshfield For more info [www.Piecemaker.Org](http://www.Piecemaker.Org)

**Quilting Through the Ages Oct 29, 30, 31 (9am-4pm);** St Johns Gymnasium, Waunakee. Admission is \$2.

**Word of Caution:** Pam Warden designed the *Pine Needle Quilters* logo as requested by her friend, Sheila Hixon. The logo is only to be used for guild purposes. We are using it for guild stationery, membership cards, fabric name tags, and embroidered shirts (available for purchase from Top Notch Promotions). The beautiful cards were created by Dorothyann Nelson for the guild Secretary to use for guild purposes; the cards are not available for personal use.

**Pickles** by Brian Crane

July 23, 2003

