



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for August, 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

August 16 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting - Ugly Fabric Challenge**

Block of the Month for August:
12-inch Wagon Tracks

Theme Block Exchange for August:
12-inch Autumn Leaves

Fat Quarter Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):
Lorraine Wellens - mauve/country blue
Judy Schustedt - Moda fabrics

Fat Quarter Exchanges (regular fabrics):
Deb Budd - anything
Leah Giese - anything

Block Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):
Diana Napier - reds & tans

Block Exchanges (regular fabrics):
Norene Piontek - any color

Birthday Squares (four 6½" squares):
Joan Hansen - sage & yellow
Joann Saffran - 4 different colors

August Birthday Greetings to:

04 Joann Saffran
08 Joyce Mahlik
29 Dorothyann Nelson
31 Joan Hansen

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**At the July Meeting:** Karen Armstrong of the Lakewood quilt shop "Stitches" presented a program on making quilts with flannel fabrics. 46 members were present, and one guest. Welcome Diane McNeill as our 59<sup>th</sup> member. Winners in the monthly raffle were Pat Schreck, Julie Palmer, Norene Piontek, Judy Siegel, Dorothyann Nelson, Deb Budd and Betty Sellhausen.

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August Meeting: Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, birthday squares exchange, Fat Quarter Exchange, Block Exchange, and the Theme Block Exchange.

The featured activity for the August meeting will be the **Ugly Fabric Challenge**; the opportunity for us to view the blocks created by our members from those **UGLY** fabrics they took home in July.

Remember blocks must measure 12½" x 12½" unfinished. Bring them to the meeting concealed in a bag; if the fabric was **REALLY UGLY**, double bag them please (just kidding!) The anonymous blocks will be hung and labeled only for identification for the voting (the creator of the blocks will not be shown.)

Prizes will be awarded for Viewers Choice, and also for other various "light hearted" categories. All blocks will be donated for charity quilts. Last month it was mentioned to bring the remaining **UGLY** fabric to possibly be used for sashing on the Charity quilts.

Reminder - there will be no sewing session in September because of the Labor Day holiday.

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**Raffle Quilt:** The raffle quilt and table runner are now complete. The raffle tickets have been printed, and will be available for members to pick up at the August meeting. Thank you to all who gave so much of their time toward this project! Rita is emailing pictures of the quilt and table runner, to aid you in selling raffle tickets.

If you are interested in displaying the quilt at a community event or business in your area and selling raffle tickets for a couple hours, we will have a calendar available to sign up on at the August meeting.

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Christmas Quilt Challenge: Last year our challenge was a great success, and such a pleasure to view at our Christmas Party. If you are interested in participating in this year's Christmas Quilt Challenge, we will be signing up at the August meeting. If you can not make it to the meeting, but still want to participate, call Laurie at 276-6143 or Deanna at 842-2057 to sign up. We will only be signing up in AUGUST, as we will purchase the fabric, and make it available to participants at the September meeting.

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**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for August's 12-inch **Wagon Tracks** block were mailed with your newsletter or emailed to you. Sew the block and bring it to the August 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. A reminder to those who joined in July that you need to bring squares for Laurie Schoenebeck and Barb Vejvoda, plus the two August birthdays.

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Theme Block Exchange: This is the first month for this exchange; the theme for the month of August is **AUTUMN LEAVES**. A reminder that the theme for September is **HALLOWEEN**. Blocks must measure 12½" x 12½" unfinished. Your name will be in the drawing any month that you choose to participate, even if you have previously won.

Bring your block to our regular meeting, with your name attached. 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. Exchange runs through July 2005. Any questions, call Laurie 276-6143 or Deanna 842-2057.

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**Raffle:** Don't forget to bring your dollars for the fat quarter raffle. This raffle supports our use of the town hall building, and some expenses for charity quilt backs and batting. Thank you to all of you that have been donating little "extra prizes" for the raffle, it makes the raffles a lot more exciting! Tickets will be one dollar.

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Need More Fabric? Two months ago I decided that I wanted the Block of the Month quilt to fit a king size bed, not the twin size shown in the pattern (for which I bought the fabric in March). I selected patterns for another 24 blocks. I placed the pattern and the cut pieces for each block in sheet protectors. I used most of the fabric I had originally purchased and needed to purchase more for the sashing, cornerstone blocks, borders and binding for the larger quilt. When I went to fabric shops in July, the fabric was no longer on the shelf.

Knowing that others might find themselves in the same situation, I recorded the steps I took to find my coveted fabric.

You need to know that name of the fabric collection, the designer and the company which produced the fabric. You will find that information on the selvage of the fabric. Luckily I had recorded that information for my Quilt Journal. I am using a collection called "Backyard Vintage" by "Farmyard Creations", produced by "Clothworks".

I went to the Clothworks website and recorded the codes for each of the desired fabrics, learning that the collection was issued in two colorways. I went to Google.Com and searched for "Backyard Vintage". [You can use Yahoo, Dogpile, or any other Internet search engine.] Then I followed each URL listed, looking at the photos of the fabrics, recording which shops had my fabrics, and at what price.

I also sent an email to fabsearch@aol.com Be sure to list the name of the fabric collection, and the name of the company who manufactures the fabric. You may include a scan or digital photo of the fabric. You will be emailed information in the next 2 to 5 days by fabric shops who can sell you some of the fabric you desire. I was able to find the fabrics and purchased them from two shops; the fabrics were mailed to me within one week from when I sent the email.

One website told me that they were sorry they did not have my fabric, and proceeded to tell me about another search option. This site will post a scan and/or description and now also has a Search Function. The site is: <http://missingfabrics.com>

In the interest of maintaining a journal of your quilting projects, you may want to record the name of the fabric collection, the designer, and the fabric company. If you record such information when you purchased the fabric, and you should find yourself frantically searching for more fabric to complete (as I did), you will be able to intelligently communicate your request. If you ever need to do such a search, I would be happy to assist you. My current motto is now "Buy enough right away!"

Rita Shores

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Introducing Pat Schreck: I was born in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. When I was 12 we moved to Bloomington, Illinois then on to Chicago. I went to High School there and worked for Illinois Bell Telephone Company as a Service Rep. Don and I were married and moved to Powers Lake, WI. We raised 5 children, three of our own (2 girls, 1 boy). We also raised our grandchildren, identical twin boys. We also have a granddaughter, a great grandson and another baby expected next winter.

In 1982 we bought property in Mountain because our friends had a cottage up here. We loved to go fishing and come up North. When we both retired we came up all summer. Then four years ago we decided to move up here.

My Aunt Ann taught me how to hand quilt when I was 9 years old. I liked to quilt. I look forward to coming to the work shops and our monthly meetings. We have so many interesting

demonstrations and projects we can learn. I am so proud of myself now; I have learned much and am still learning. I am glad I have met so many new friends.

Introducing Donna Ver Voort: I am 50 years old and married for 22 years. We have no children, which allows us enough time to restore and run The Crystal Bell Inn B&B in Wabeno, which is something we truly love. I have recently started quilting and am really enjoying it as well.

Introducing Arlene Benegas: I was born in Wis. Rapids, but moved to Milwaukee, then to Illinois, after getting married. In 1982 we moved back to Townsend, where we live during the summer. We live to Mission, Texas, from October to May. When we are here, I work at Mike's Grocery in Townsend in the bakery. I enjoy quilting even though I have only been doing it for two years. I have learned a lot since then. I enjoy all the different programs that we have here. I also like to do cross stitching and traveling.

Nativity Table Runner: Terri Harris reports that the pattern for the project she displayed at the July meeting was in **Quilt It for Christmas, 2003**. It was printed by *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*. For additional copies of *Quilt It for Christmas*, call 1-800-590-3465 and ask for Newsstand Specials, or write to PO Box 4101, Golden, CO 80401-0101.

The *Pine Needle Quilters Guild* would like to extend their condolences to member Judy Siegel on the unexpected death of her husband, Dennis. Funeral services were held in Crivitz on July 31. Besides Judy, Dennis is survived by a daughter Terry, a son Scott, stepsons Michael and Joshua, his mother and two sisters.

From the President:

Happy Month of August Ladies,

Since our last meeting I have come to realize we are just not a wonderful group of ladies who gather to sew and create, but that new friendships are blooming. Small groups of women are shopping together, going out to lunch and simply just getting to know each other.

On a Sunday morning I learned of Judy Siegel's husband's unexpected passing and knew our guild needed to reach out to her. From there Diana and I purchased a Peace Lily & card, and proceeded over to Judy's house. We visited briefly, but just seeing the expression on her face, with her knowing the

