



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for October, 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

October 18 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Featured speaker Sheila Hixon on methods of Hand Appliqué.
November 1 3:30 p.m. – **Sewing Session**

Block of the Month for October:

12-inch Pinwheels and Squares

Theme Block Exchange for October:

12-inch Thanksgiving

Fat Quarter Exchange (quilt shop fabrics):

Diana Napier - batiks Rita Shores - batiks

Fat Quarter Exchange (regular fabrics):

Kathie Pelow - Christmas/seasonal Dena Moravec - seasonal

Block Exchange (quilt shop fabrics):

Judy Siegel - purples

Block Exchange (regular fabrics):

Joan Hansen - sage green/yellow

Birthday Squares (four 6½" squares):

Heidi Missall - assorted

October Birthday Greetings to:

06 Rhoda Ebersole
22 Judy Kadlec
23 Charlotte McDonald
26 Heidi Missall

At the September Meeting: The Raffle of Fat Quarters were won by Sheila Hixon, Dorothyann Nelson, Betty Sellhausen, Joyce Mahlik, Mary Ehlinger, Judy Kadlec, Deb Budd, Barb Vejvoda and one guest. We had 50 members present and five guests. New member Diane McNeill was introduced.

The September program was a demonstration of a Quilter's Tote Bag by Joan Hansen. Joan assisted at the October 4 Open Sewing Session for anyone who wanted to also make a tote bag. Joan gave away a tiny tote bag, which was won by Rita Shores.

Karan Verhagen reported that she donated a Sampler quilt to the Crooked Lake Fire Dept. They reported that they sold \$379 in raffle tickets on the quilt.

October Meeting: Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and birthday club exchanges.

There will be something for everyone in the October program. **Sheila Hixon** is going to teach different methods of **hand appliqué** including blind stitch, blanket stitch and needle turn using freezer paper or templates. She'll have some of her own work as examples of completed appliqué projects. This should be good information for all of us.

Possible Bylaw Change: We will be voting at the October meeting whether to raise the membership total or to keep the limit of 60 like we have now.

Sewing Session: Anyone wanting to help out with community service quilts, please come to our sewing session in November and help assemble quilts or blocks. We are going to try to have a couple assembled ahead of time for the winter. You may also work on any other project you want.

Raffle Quilt: We hope that the quilt raffle ticket sales are going well for everyone. If you need more tickets, we will have them available at the regular

meeting. If you have already sold some tickets, you can bring your stubs and money in as well.

The quilt is currently being displayed at *Hixon Creations* gift shop in Lakewood. If you want to display the quilt somewhere to sell tickets, call Laurie at 276-6143 or Deanna at 842-2057.

Block of the Month (BOM): The directions for October's 12-inch **Pinwheels and Squares** block were mailed with your newsletter or emailed to you. Sew the block and bring it to the October 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.

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.

In November, Rita and Joann will be organizing another round of these Exchange mini-groups to start in January.

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.

Virginia Nelson asked to be dropped from this mini-group. An updated list will be emailed to you.

Theme Block Exchange: October's theme is "Thanksgiving". Blocks must measure 12½" square unfinished. Remember, you can participate as often

as your time allows. You do not need to sign up. As a reminder, the theme for November will be "Christmas". Congratulations to Peg Piepkorn who won 15 "Halloween" blocks at the September meeting.

UFO Club: October is another month for fat quarters to be due. Please continue to finish up those UFO's and bring to our wonderful Show and Tell. Just remember how nice it will be to cross all those quilts off your "TO DO" list.

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.

Christmas Party: has been re-scheduled for Sunday, December 12th from noon to 3:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Everyone should bring their **Christmas Challenge** entry, with your name hidden. We will have a potluck lunch. The signup sheet will be at the November meeting.

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Introducing: My name is **Helen Kadlec** and I have lived in Oconto County all my life. I started sewing in high school and made most of my clothes. The first item that I bought after high school was a portable Singer Sewing Machine for around \$100. I had to make payments at the Singer Store.

I have made clothes for my kids over the years. Also, made quilt tops for comforters and tied them. I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. I started quilting because my friends were doing it and I wanted to stay in contact with them. It has worked out very well and we do many quilt shows and shop hops together. I always look forward to our June trip to the MN quilt show where we have to stop at all the shops along the way. It takes us a long time but

we share many laughs and always have a good time.

My hobbies are quilting, scrapbooking, flowers and family history. I have met many wonderful people through quilting, and I am so glad that I started to do it.

Introducing: Ron and **Kathleen Turk** bought land on Mary Lake Lane in 1990 and her husband started building their home shortly after. Ron started working at the hardware store in Townsend, and I came up on almost every weekend weather permitting. In 1996 I retired from Washington County Nursing Service. There had been several coworkers that were doing quilting and I took several classes before I left West Bend. Most of the quilting I do is for my family and friends. My mother came to live with us 6 years ago, and I keep her busy doing embroidery.

That way most of the quilts are done in blocks that she has finished. It's great that there are so many women that have such wonderful ideas to share in our quilting guild.

Introducing: My name is **Dorothyann Nelson** and my life is in "Chapter 3." I was born and raised in Chicago, north side, next to Evanston. "Chapter 1" was spent as an amateur and professional athlete (*she skated with the Ice Follies*). My Mom was a wonderful seamstress who taught me the love of fabric, gardening and perseverance – "Finish that UFO!"

"Chapter 2" took me to a life in Southern California; married, raising a son and daughter plus learning to quilt with a passion for painting in Oils and Watercolors.

"Chapter 3" has brought me to the magical woods of Wisconsin! I feel blessed to have the opportunity to explore the tranquility and beauty of this area. The *Pine Needle Quilters* is such an inspiration – you all are so talented and I am grateful to be a part of this terrific group.

Introducing: My name is **Andi Mett**. What can I say? I have the best: living up north and I quilt!

We started to build our log cabin in the White Lake area in 1984. My husband quit his job and moved up north to finish the cabin in 1987. I was to move the following year, as I had to catch up on some bills. But I did not move until later; I had such a good job, I could not quit. I worked only 6-7 months out of the year and was up north all summer long. But in 1994 my job was moved to Mexico so I had to quit and move here.

I started quilting in 1987 when my husband moved and I was still in Milwaukee area. With no dinner to

make, I had a lot of free time, so I took quilting classes through the college. One class and I was hooked! And history is still being made!

Marshfield Quilt Show Oct 29-31: I am looking for a ride, or I will drive if whoever rides with me knows how to get the quilt show. Thanks, Carol Renteria 276-7661

From the President:

Happy Autumn Ladies,

Just when I thought that summer's busy schedule was over, Autumn is upon us and many outside tasks need to be tended to.

I hope all who signed up for the Christmas Challenge were excited about the beautiful fabrics: Holly/Ivy and stripes. What a way to stretch one's thoughts! I will surely be excited to see everyone's finished projects. I keep looking for an idea for myself, but nothing yet.

It is also exciting to see everyone's Theme Block ideas. It is wonderful to have so many participating. Remember, you can contribute any month you want to when your time allows. No need to sign up ahead.

Well, I'll stay with keeping my letter short and sweet as to save room for anyone else's articles. See you all at the October meeting.

Your President,

Deanna Tachick

Quilt Shows:

Stitches in Time Quilt & Doll Show Oct 16 (10am-4pm) Sauk Prairie Middle School, Sauk Prairie. Admission \$4. Email contact: mkilen@chorus.net

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

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

My team and I wrote the first web pages this last month and actually loaded them on the NWTC server last Wednesday. I can now access the pages from home. They are password protected, but I may show them to some of you when I get a chance. I took photos of the Riverview Town Hall this week to post on one of the pages.

My team members are striving to learn how to do special features (so they can earn extra points toward a good grade.)

Your Webmistress,
Rita Shores

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**Internet Tip:** (This came from Diana Napier) Sign up for the newsletter at [www.BlockCentral.com](http://www.BlockCentral.com) They send a newsletter every Wednesday with quilting tips from readers. Then on Sunday a newsletter comes with URLs for new blocks and projects. It saves you the time of regularly searching websites to see when the next installment is posted for a freebie. Try it!

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Quilters are Good Cooks: Ask anyone who attended the Fall Fest today (October 9th). The food was great! I am asking those who attended to email me the recipe for the item you shared with us today. Then I'll send the recipes to everyone.

Thanks to the able guidance of Leah Giese, several members left this afternoon with their tablecloth ready for binding. Others were getting close to finished. They looked great!

Rita Shores

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