

# Pine Needle Quilters

## Newsletter for December, 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.

**Website:** [www.pineneedlequilters.org](http://www.pineneedlequilters.org)

### Special Activities:

December 6 3:30 p.m. – Sew on Friendship quilts  
December 12 noon – **regular meeting** Christmas Party; Christmas Challenge  
January 3 3:30 p.m. – Sewing session

### Block of the Month for December:

12-inch Oh Susannah

### Theme Block Exchange for December:

12-inch Winter Fun

### Fat Quarter Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Angela VanHaren – country blue/green

### Fat Quarter Exchanges (regular fabrics):

Kathleen Tokarczyk – anything  
Joan Hansen – sage green / yellow  
Deanna Tachick – anything

### Block Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Judy Schustedt - burgundy/blue or forest green

**Block Exchanges** (regular fabrics): done

### Birthday Squares (four 6½" squares):

Arlene Benegas – purple & blue

### December Birthday Greetings to:

07 Arlene Benegas  
08 Julie Palmer  
14 Terri Harris  
16 Andi Mett  
17 Judy Prilliam  
21 Kathy Kamke

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**At the November Meeting:** Judy Kadlec, Betty Sellhausen, Judy Siegel, Lorraine Wellens, Kathy Turk and Judy Schustedt won the raffle of Fat Quarters. Marge Kasten won 16 of the Theme blocks (Christmas).

Marla Arndt of the *Cutting Edge* (Antigo & Wausau) was our guest speaker, telling us about many new things in the world of quilting. Marla enjoyed the Show 'N Tell, as she seldom gets to see the finished projects.

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**December Meeting:** We will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and the various exchanges. Will have our Christmas party (lots of good food to eat), followed by the **Christmas Quilt Challenge**.

For those you have taken the Challenge, remember your finished project is due on December 12<sup>th</sup>. When you bring your quilt to the Christmas Party, please remember to conceal it in some way (don't need to double-bag it, though.) Also, if you have a label on the back, please cover it somehow (baste some fabric over the label), as we want to keep the quilt maker's identity a secret.

I hope that all of you are finished, or making steady progress on the Challenge, as the time is drawing near!

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**Mountain Ambulance Quilt Raffle:** Thank you to everyone for your participation in the quilt raffle. The following is a brief financial report on the raffle:

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| \$ 2,411.00        | Total Ticket Sales |
| - 330.62           | Expenses           |
| <u>\$ 2,080.38</u> | Profit             |

A check for \$1,040 has been presented to the *Friends of the Mountain Ambulance*. I am told that they will be receiving matching funds from Thrivent Financial on fundraising for defibrillators.

Congratulations on a job well done by both groups.  
– Thank you

**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for December's 12-inch **Oh Susannah** block were mailed with your newsletter or emailed to you. Sew the block and bring it to the December 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 end in December. Coordinators are Rita Shores and Joann Saffran. Signup at the meeting or email your wish to participate. We start a new exchanges in January.

**Fat Quarter Exchange:** Members exchange Fat Quarters. You may choose to be on the list to exchange Quilt Shop fabrics, or regular 100% cotton fabrics.

**Block Exchange:** Members sew a 12½" square unfinished block in the colors/fabric types requested using any block pattern. You may choose to be on the list to exchange Quilt Shop fabrics, or regular 100% cotton fabrics. Fabrics must be washed before stitching.

**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.

**Theme Block Exchange:** The theme block for December is "Winter Fun." If you would like to participate in this exchange, simply bring a 12½" x 12½" unfinished "Winter Fun" block to the December meeting.

If you want to plan ahead, the theme for January is "Valentine's Day."

**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.

**Calendar for 2005:** These are the Sewing dates (3:30pm) and Regular Meeting dates (7:00pm) for the year 2005. The Christmas Party will be on a

Sunday from noon to 3:00pm. Please mark your calendars. These dates (plus any planned programs) are also listed on the website on the **Events** page.

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| Jan | 03  | 17   |
| Feb | 07  | 21   |
| Mar | 07  | 21   |
| Apr | 04  | 18   |
| May | 02  | 16   |
| Jun | 06  | 20   |
| Jul | n/a | 18   |
| Aug | 01  | 15   |
| Sep | n/a | 19   |
| Oct | 03  | 17   |
| Nov | 07  | 14** |
| Dec | 05  | 11   |

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday because of deer season

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**Sewing Day on December 6<sup>th</sup>:** If you plan on helping to tie a quilt on this day, please bring a large needle that is suitable for this purpose. We also have a twin size quilt that Deb Budd cut out and we will need piecers to help complete. Bring your machine if interested.

**Community Service News:** The Community Service quilts are coming along great. Dena Moravec kindly donated a complete set of blocks that she won at one of our meetings. Deb Budd completed a crib quilt and has more cut out. Barb Stroschine donated a completed full sized quilt that she claims is her "first" machine quilting attempt. It turned out wonderful.

Thank you to Noreen Piontek, Laurie Schoenebeck, Sheila Hixon, Joan Hansen and Joann Saffran for working on the "ugly quilt" blocks. Also, a great big thanks and hug to all those who donated blocks and anyone else who was missed in this list. We really appreciate all the time and talent that goes into these quilts.

**UFO Club:** The UFO Club is running out of time for this year! Please bring in final fat quarters and any that you might owe when you attend our December party. Also, bring in your finished UFO's. If you are

feeling really stressed out, just remember you can work on them yet until the January meeting. That meeting will be your last chance to show off those finished projects for this year's UFO Club. We will then pick the winners for all those fat quarters! It is truly an impressive pile of fabric. Does anyone still have UFO's left and want to have another UFO Club for 2005?

Diana Napier

**Donation of Tables:** *Pine Needle Quilters* has donated four new, long, light and much needed tables to the Riverview Town Hall. Thank you to the Riverview area for giving us use of the hall.

**Quilting Tip:** During the long winter evenings, I like to look at all the back copies of my many quilting magazines. I bookmarked those quilts that I felt I would someday attempt to sew and after I realized I had marked about four hundred quilts, I promptly put all the magazines back in their cupboard! What a daunting challenge that would be.

After attending quite a lot of quilting shows this spring and seeing all those lovely packaged kits for sale and then gasping at their price, I decided to use up some of my fabric collection instead and make up my own quilt "kits".

As a random act, I pull one of those bookmarked quilt magazines out and just opened it on a whim to one of the bookmarks and what a surprise to find that I still loved that quilt pattern. I then went through my fabric stash and pulled out fabric until I found what I liked and those that I had enough yardage. I then organized all the fabric and the magazine pattern and zipped them into a gallon size storage bag. I did this when I had time for about a week and ended up with about ten "kits" so far. It's amazing that I didn't make a noticeable dent in my stash.

Here's the best part though. Since this spring when I first started this stash busting project, I have actually completed 6 quilt tops, wall-hangings or tree skirts from this method! It is so simple to just grab one of the kits when you go to a sewing get together and pretty soon it's done. I do a lot of my piecing in ten minute intervals. I keep my machine and the project ready and when I have about ten minutes, I will piece as much as possible. Most of my quilts get done like this.

You might try this method as a New Year's resolution and it was really fun. I will be doing some more of my kits and it's amazing to find some wonderful fabrics that you just forgot about.

Diana Napier

**Introducing Sharon Eggert:** I was born in Nichols, went to high school in Seymour. Moved to the Fox Valley after graduation, worked several jobs before I got a job with Kimberly Clark. Worked there for 27 years; retired from there three years ago. While we lived in the Fox Valley, our home was in Greenville for 30 some years.

Jim and I were married in Oct. 1965. We built our home on Sunrise Lake 7 years ago, moved up here permanently 3 years ago. Started quilting about 4 months ago, made 2 table runners. I'm now making a large quilt, which will probably take me 5 years to finish.

**Introducing Terri Petasek:** I live in Oconto Falls with my husband Mark, son Matt (17), and daughter Leslie (15).

I learned how to quilt in 1999, the year I moved here from Green Bay. I had wanted to learn how to quilt for a long time before that, and decided that moving to a new community was the perfect opportunity to learn and meet new friends at the same time.

No one warned me. I was addicted after my first class. Since then, I have made four bed size quilts, along with several wall hangings, lap quilts and table runners. I have collected more books and patterns than I will be able to use in my lifetime. And I have become a fat quarter and block-of-the-month junky. Oh, and don't forget the kits. And the threads. Please don't make me count my UFO's.

I love 1930's reproduction fabrics, civil war reproductions, and patriotic fabrics, and batiks. Well, I love fabric – period!

Up until recently, I had to fit quilting in with a full time paper mill job and busy family life. In February of this year, my husband and I bought a long-arm quilting machine. I began quilting for customers part-time in April. On October 29th, I achieved my wildest dream: I became self-employed and now own a home-based business doing what I love. Quilting. The name of my business is **Piecin' Love** and you can find more information at my website: [www.piecinlove.com](http://www.piecinlove.com)

Thank you for allowing me to join your guild. I had lots of fun and laughs at the November meeting, and was very impressed with everything you are doing. I am looking forward to future meetings and getting to know everyone.

**Introducing Kathy Kamke:** I was born and raised in Oconto Falls, the middle child of three sisters. Our son set up my email address as Kate, so I will answer to either Kathy or Kate.

When I married my husband, Bill, a dairy farmer, I did not know that the hay went into the cow and the straw went under her. By the time he sold that herd of black and white, Nazis, fourteen years ago, I had

figured that out, along with lots of other things. Bill and I have been married thirty seven years. Since Bill is very active in the community, I give him credit for eighteen and a half years; he was only around half the time.

We have two children, Jennifer and Michael. Yes, I do know that these are the two most popular names given to babies in late sixties and early seventies. They have presented us with five grandchildren, ages four years to twenty months.

In addition to raising the kids, and farm work; plowing, disking, chopping, baling, you name t, I have held part time jobs the majority of my married life. I have been working at the Oconto Falls Library for almost 24 years now. Since money can be tight on a farm, I pretty much taught myself to sew clothes. About seven years ago, I bought a Debbie Mumm Santa wall hanging for our daughter at a craft fair. I said to myself, "I should be able to make this. I've sewed a lot of clothes over the years." Not long after, I found the pattern at half price. I was sure this was a sign from above. Later, I stood, pattern in hand, and asked, "Fat quarter, what the h-- is a fat quarter?" As I'm sure you all understand, that was only the beginning.

Has anyone else noticed that so many of us quilters are also avid flower gardeners? Since we no longer have cows, I spend most nice days outside in the warmer months. I have, over the years, done counted cross-stitch, and craft painting, but that seems to have fallen by the wayside in favor of quilting.

As a new member, I have only been to one meeting of the *Pine Needle Quilters*, but so far, the Show 'N Tell is my favorite part. Of, course there will be food at the Christmas party, so time will tell.

**Introducing Judy Prilliman:** My grandmother began to teach me how to sew when I was about five years old or so, in Oklahoma, thus beginning a life-long love. By the time I was in high school, I was making my own clothes.

My husband and I moved to Milwaukee in the fall of 1963, where we remained until we retired. We moved to Townsend in April 1995. In the next year or two I took a quilting class through NWTC, and became hooked! I also enjoy machine embroidery, gardening, oil painting, and pastels. I have met many wonderful friends through quilting and am pleased to be a part of the Pine Needle Quilters!

**Introducing Ruth Benoit:** I have lived in Townsend for the past 9½ years, but have been coming here since 1976. I belong to the Townsend Fire Dept. (Auxiliary,) the Townsend Flowage Association and I did work for the Chamber of Commerce for 5 years. I also belong to the Townsend Festival committee and for that reason I feel that I know many of you. However, I also belong to the Red Hat Society and

for that reason I have an excuse for not remembering everyone's name.

I love crafts (she is into basket weaving), any kind and am very interested in Quilting, even though I have not done very much of it.

**Introducing Judy Kadlec:** Several years ago I started thinking about retirement; "Now Judy, what will you do!" not knowing how to sew a straight line. Also, having an uneventful and unpleasant high school experience of sewing, I was leaning toward down hill skiing, but unfortunately I am uncomfortable with heights and do not care for staying in the cold for a long length of time.

I then decided to explore the county fair back in the mid 90's. I noticed this nice lady that could push a button and make this beautiful embroidery on fabric. "Oh," I thought "this could be my destiny." Saving up my back pay at work I had just enough money to start the most fascinating endeavor I have ever experienced. Again, the enthusiasm stretched to the quilting line, and I made my mind up to explore a long-arm quilter. "Oh, this is fun." I have been quilting ever since.

I live in Lakewood with my husband Dennis, who, I might add, supports, understands and encourages my fabric stash. Our children are all grown and have families, but we do have two additional mouths to feed: Katie our Labrador, and DoBop our kitty.

Retirement is wonderful and very busy.

**Introducing Mary Gruszinski:** I grew up on a farm in southeastern Brown County. Moved to the Sheboygan area in 1954 where we raised our family of two sons and three daughters. I worked in a furniture factory in Sheboygan Falls for 30 years (Richardson Bros.). My husband worked at Kohler. I made my girls a lot of their clothing when they were small and always thought of quilting, but was too busy then. So I took my first class in quilting after I retired and moved up north in 1995. Didn't like the teacher but was hooked anyway. I have made 8 or 9 big quilts and several baby quilts since then.

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**Dust if you must; but quilt 'til you wilt.**  
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**From the President:**

Happy Holidays to one and all,

Hopefully everyone is working on their Christmas lists, either shopping for or finishing up their handmade projects. Plus for those of you in the Christmas Challenge, I can't wait to see all the finished projects.

It was really nice to see all the new faces at the November meeting. I look forward to meeting all of you. I can see that our ladies will always have new

ideas to share with the group. I have surely learned that the gears are always turning.

I want to thank everyone for selling tickets for our raffle which was a great success. Everyone working together in one way or another really helped to show many communities what the *Pine Needle quilters* do with all their talent.

There have been 30 members who have signed up for or renewed the Fons & Porter magazine *Love of Quilting*. A few of you have not paid me yet (\$20) and can do so at the Christmas Party. That will be the last day to subscribe at this special rate. Remember that half of the money goes to the guild, so it is a great way for us to add to the treasury and receive a fine magazine.

I would like to wish all of you a very blessed holiday season. I wish health and happiness to you and all your family.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
Deanna

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### November Cryptogram Solution:

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**The solution phrase is:**

**Old quilters never die, they just go cotton batty.**

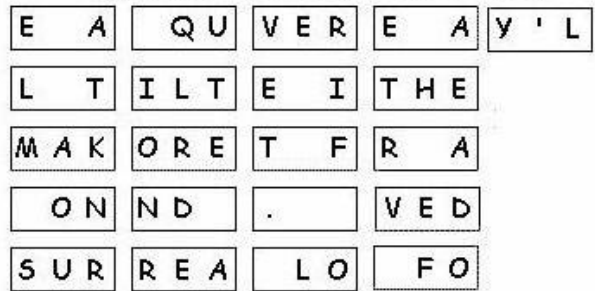
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**Quilting on TV:** I have been emailing the schedule for *Simply Quilts* (sometimes). Now we learn that *Love of Quilting* is shown on RFD TV (Dish TV #9409; Direct TV #379). It is repeated all week.

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| 5:30 pm  | Wed | new episode |
| 11:30 pm | Wed |             |
| 5:30 am  | Thu |             |
| 11:30 am | Thu |             |
| 12:00 pm | Sun |             |

**Hint for the December Puzzle:** Cut out the tiles (4 letters or spaces each), then move them around to discover the phrase.

## Quilt Tiles Puzzle



Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

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### Heirloom Poem (by Åsa Tolke)

With skill and endurance I stitched this heirloom  
to take its pride of place in your living room.  
It took me at least fifty hours to make  
Every stitch meant labour just for your sake.  
Don't let my work and indisputable taste  
be hid in the attic and go to waste.  
Treasure this gift from your favourite aunt  
who if you don't hang it will come back to haunt.  
When I am dead and you wake in your bed  
holding this picture I will stand by your head.  
But if you display it and play grateful and cool  
in return I will keep what you made in pre-school.

(from Offe's Cross Stitch website)

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