

Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for March, 2005

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Mentors: MaLea Flynn; Leah Giese; 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 May.

Website: <http://www.pineneedlequilters.org>

Special Activities:

March 21 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Featured speaker is **Myra Ritz – Hand Quilting**
April 4 3:30 p.m. – Open sewing
April 22-24 **Spring Quilt Retreat**
May 15 (9am-4pm) - **Teddies and Blankies Party**

Block of the Month for March:

12-inch Mrs Keller's Choice

Theme Block Exchange for March:

12-inch Easter

Fat Quarter Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Julie Palmer batik
Rita Shores batiks

Fat Quarter Exchanges (regular fabrics):

Kathleen Tokarczyk anything
Terri Harris tan or brown

Block Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Rosemary Risen pink, light green

Birthday Squares (four 6½" squares):

Helen Kadlec purple & tans

March Birthday Greetings to:

03 Dena Moravec
12 Darlene Schmidt
14 Rita Shores
21 Sharon Soik
23 Helen Kadlec

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**At the February Meeting:** 36 members, one guest and one new member (Shirley Rohe) attended; we now have 73 members. Rita Shores, Judy Kadlec, and Joan Marquardt (guest) were winners in the raffle of Fat Quarters. There were nine February Theme Blocks (theme was Child's Play), and they were won by Judy Prilliman. Diana Napier shared tips and tricks to planning quilting designs for quilt tops. Diana brought three packages of quilt batting as door prizes; they were won by Judy Schustedt, Kathie Pelow and Donna Limberg.

Since the last meeting, another new member (#74) has joined; she is Betty Farrell.

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

The featured speaker will be Myra Ritz, who will demonstrate her technique of hand quilting a quilt.

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**Nominating Committee:** Dorothyann Nelson, Marge Kasten and Leah Giese will prepare a slate of officers; election of officers will take place at the April regular meeting.

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Teddies and Blankies Party: Sunday, May 15; 9am to 4pm; Riverview Town Hall; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Winter sure is hanging on for a long time but spring is near and it is time to come out of hibernation and join us at our spring sewing day.

We have a fun suggestion for our party. Purchase a teddy bear of your choice and coordinate a quilt to match his or her personality. Try to make your quilt a simple project that you might be able to complete in a day and have a nice gift for a charity of your choice. Remember, not all children are infants so you could make your "blankie" for an older child too.

By the end of our sewing session, we hope to have a wonderful and colorful display of bears and blankets. Anyone participating in this part of the sewing session will be eligible for special door prizes.

As usual, you can sew on another project if you choose; you don't have to do teddy blankies if you have something else you want to do.

This will be a potluck lunch with signup at our next two general meetings. There will be an update on our party in next month's newsletter.

Please join in for this fun time. There is no dress code but please don't show up in a teddy!

Color My World Quilt Challenge: If you missed our last meeting, there is still time to sign up and participate in our newest challenge. You may pick out your color crayon at the March meeting with the cost at \$2.00. Refer to the challenge rules in the February newsletter (which is on the website) that you already have!

Quilt Show Committees: There are still empty spaces on the committee sign up sheet for our show. Please take the time at our March meeting to look them over and pick a spot or two where your skills will shine!

UFO Club: There is still time to sign up for the UFO Club. Talk to Diana Napier at the meeting or get form off our website and return to her.



National Quilting Day: Events are scheduled throughout the country on Saturday, March 19th. Demonstrations and displays of quilts and wall hangings will be at local libraries.

Location	Chairman	Time
Wabeno	Terri Harris	9am to 11am
Lakewood	Rita Shores	10am to 12:30pm
Gillett	Marge Kasten	9:30am to 11:30am

A baby quilt will be given to the first baby born at each of the hospitals in Antigo, Oconto Falls and Shawano. Donors of baby quilts are Judy Schustedt, Deb Budd, Dorothyann Nelson, and Heidi Missall; three of these quilts will be given to the first babies.

PNQ Quilt Retreat: This will be held from 2pm Friday April 22 through 2pm Sunday April 24 at Camp Tekawitha, on Loon Lake, just north of Shawano Lake on hwy H. Chairmen for this event are Karan Verhagen and Rita Shores (who spent a

weekend there in February). Brochure (including signup instructions) and photographs of the Retreat Center are posted on the **Events** page of the PNQ website. Camp Tekawitha is located less than 35 miles from Mountain. The format is an Open Sew; bring your UFO's, or current projects. This event is open to members and non-members, if you choose to invite a friend. Signup early to avoid disappointment. Registration & check must be to Karan by April 6.

Chinese Auction: We will be having our Chinese auction in May so start sorting your quilting related items to be put in the auction. Clean out your stash and bring quilting items to the April meeting. For more details, come to the March meeting.

Block of the Month (BOM): The directions for March's 12-inch **Mrs Keller's Choice** block were on the website. Sew the block and bring it to the March meeting if you want to compare it with others. The BOM's are 12-inches finished. Instructions for the sashing, borders, and fabric requirements to complete the twelve block quilt are on the website. Some members sew a block for Charity Quilts.

We are using **Block Central's 2003 BOM**. If you missed a pattern, you can get it from the website on the Patterns page.

Exchange Mini-Clubs: These groups started in February and continue through June. 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.

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: This is a theme block drawing. 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. 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 August 2004 through July 2005. Any questions, call Laurie 276-6143 or Deanna 842-2057.

March	Easter
April	Flowers

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 Darlene Gavin: I came to Wisconsin from Indiana when I was 8. I was married in 1955. I have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter. My husband and I will mark 50 years of marriage this year.

I have always sewed. I made a lot of our children's clothes when they were growing up. I didn't start quilting until last February. I found that I really like quilting and have made quite a few things including three quilts. I still haven't made anything for myself but that is going to change, I hope. I also work part time at *Sweet Memories* in Lakewood.

From the President:

Dear Ladies,

I was very happy to see the response to the signup sheets for the Quilt Show. If everyone helps when they can, a little with this committee and a little with that committee, all will go well. The signup sheets will be put out again, so if you weren't at the last meeting or are still pondering where you want to help out, there will be another chance.

This will surely be a big year for our guild. To be able to show off our treasures to so many people will be quite the exciting venture for us all as a guild.

I could see the "Color My World" Challenge was a big hit. One again, it will be interesting to see all the finished products. Remember to follow all the challenge rules. Those of you who were not at the February meeting may still pick a crayon yet. The more the merrier. To have everyone in the guild participate would be wonderful.

Our winter weather doesn't seem to want to leave us yet, which leaves time for more quilting before it warms up and we can work outside a little more. With the Retreat in April we'll be able to burrow in for a wonderful weekend of quilting.

So many things to look forward to. I'll leave you with everything reeling in your heads.

Until next month,

Deanna

Quilt Shows:

Women's History Month: The Fox Cities area is celebrating with several events this month; among them is a Quilt Exhibit at Outagamie County Museum, Appleton, starting Tuesday, March 15.

"Quilts Ahoy" Apr 2-3, 2005 Manitowoc Expo Center, 5201 Vista Road, Manitowoc; Exit I43 at #149. Turn east to Rapids Rd. Follow north to Expo Drive, turn west. Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-4pm; Admission \$4. Downtown Manitowoc and Two Rivers share in the quilt show by displaying quilts in storefront windows. Colorful quilted flags will line the main streets in downtown Manitowoc. Manitowoc Historical Society will show antique quilts at their building 1701 Michigan Ave, Sat & Sun Mar 26-27 and Apr 2-3. Elaine Nelsen, a local artist and quiltmaker will show woodcarvings and her outstanding quilts.

<http://www.geocities.com/patchoflakeshorequilters>

A Walk Among Quilts – Pulaski Sat Apr 16 fact sheet on website

27th Annual Minnesota Quilters Show & Conference – June 9-11, Duluth, MN - Fact sheet on PNQ website.

A Walk in the Garden – Antigo – Sat July 9 Fact sheet and entry form on website.

Communications Committee Members: Rhoda Ebersole and Donna Limberg are serving as "reporters"; they are helping to compile information for the PNQ newsletter and website. If you would also like to help, call Rita at 276-7709.

Vintage fabric for sale: Feedsack fabric, fabric from the 40's and 50's, about 100 pieces some with substantial yardage. She will sell for \$6.00 a piece. If you are interested in seeing it, call Edith Huettl at (715) 473-5623. She also has lace pillow cases and dresser scarves, and she weaves rugs that she sells.

Terri Harris

Quilters Access: On March 1st I sent you information about a new website. www.quiltersaccess.com Register and get a temporary password. Go back and log in, and change temporary password. Check out each of the manufacturers that is a sponsor of the website. Learn about their new products. Then take the quiz, and get a chance to win products.

Terri Petasek registered in January and won a pattern from C&T Publishing. She says it was nice to win a prize but the pattern was only one of a 12 month Baltimore Album type block-of-the-month series.

Dear Quilting Guild: On Saturday, March 19th, 2005, **Quilter's Rule** is having a Spring Warehouse Sale in Waterford, Wisconsin. From 9 am to 1 pm quilters will be snatching products out of our warehouse for amazing prices! For more information about attending our Warehouse Sale (in person or online) in Waterford, check our website:

<http://www.quiltersrule.com/warehousesale>

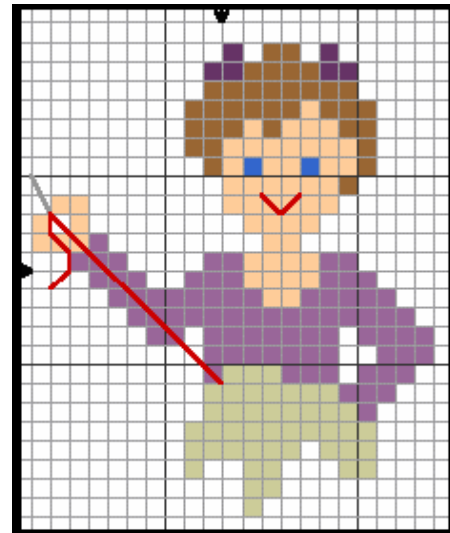
Register online before that date to be able to participate online for sale prices (15% off any product on our site!) Snatch up one of the 25 Grab Bags containing 5 fat quarters, 3 patterns, and more! Watch for "Deal of the Moment" ... a ridiculously priced combo special that is only available for a matter of minutes! Here's how it works:

On March 19th at 9 am CST, a special Spring Warehouse Sale version of our website will be launched with discounts on everything! You must push the button found on the front page of our website starting at 9am before beginning your shopping or you will not receive your 10% discount! **If you are a member of our email list**, you will receive a 15% discount button via email on March 19th! From 9 am to 1 pm CST you can come online and rack up the savings while quilters are sweeping the warehouse! Discount applies to online orders for items in stock. No backorders. If an item runs out, we will contact you with the option to cancel it and ship the other items on your order or backorder out of stock items at full price.

So mark the calendar, tell your guild & friends, and prepare for the quilter's online shopping event of the season!

Do You Also Cross Stitch? Is this what you look like when you're truly happy? Height= 25 stitches;

Width= 21 stitches. (Chart by Offe's Cross Stitch.)



Feel free to substitute colors for your hair, eyes, and shirt. Here is the symbol chart (black & white):

