



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for May, 2005

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

Special Activities:

May 15 (9am-4pm) **Teddies & Blankies Party**
May 16 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Chinese Auction
May 24 12:30p.m. – **Quilt Show** meeting for committee chairladies
June 4 3:30 p.m. – Sewing Session – Easy 9-Patch block

Theme Block Exchange for May:

12-inch Northwoods

Fat Quarter Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Judy Siegel batiks
Rosemary Risen anything

Fat Quarter Exchanges (regular fabrics):

Norene Piontek anything

Block Exchanges (quilt shop fabrics):

Judy Kadlec dark green

Birthday Squares (four 6½" squares):

Darlene Gavin assorted
Leah Giese assorted
Lorraine Wellens blue & green

Block of the Month for May:

12-inch "Eccentric Star"

May Birthday Greetings to:

05 Betty Farrell
08 Fran Killian
17 Patty Earnest & Leah Giese
22 Karan Verhagen
25 Deb Budd & Lorraine Wellens
28 Darlene Gavin

At the April Meeting: Forty-four members attended; Katie Coppersmith joined (since then, Shirley Bubolz has joined). The raffle of Fat Quarters was won by Deanna Tachick, Helen Kadlec, Joann Saffran, Diana Napier, and Dolly Ohlfs. There were nine April Theme Blocks (theme was "Flowers"), and they were won by Peg Piepkorn.

The program was "Not Your Grandmothers Quilt" featuring Marla Arndt from *The Cutting Edge* in Antigo. Marla demonstrated the use of machine embroideries in quilts. She is an expert quilter and machine embroiderer with many wonderful samples of her work. Tips, techniques and inspiration for member's future quilts were shown.

Teddies and Blankies Party: Sunday, May 15; 9am to 4pm; Riverview Town Hall. Winter sure hung on for a long time but spring is here 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.

The Raffle at the Teddies and Blankies Party will be a 50/25/25 Raffle. 50% of the raffle sales go to the guild; 25% of the raffle sales go to each of two lucky winners. Terri Petasek has been experimenting with hand-dyeing fabric; she will offer some Fat Quarters of her hand-dyed fabric as part of the raffle.

This will be a potluck lunch about noon. Hope you remember what you promised to bring!

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

May Meeting: Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and birthday club exchanges. Our new slate of officers will take office.

This is the month that your **membership renewal** is due. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may mail your check to Laurie Schoenebeck. When you pay your membership, you will be given a new membership card (good thru May 2006). On the back will be printed the username/password. The password will be changed on Tuesday, May 17th and the updated membership lists (etc.) will be posted on the website.

The program for May is the **Chinese Auction:** Our scheduled program for the May 16th meeting is the Chinese Auction fundraiser. This is a fun way for us to raise some money for the guild. You know the old saying: "One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure"? No? Ok, so maybe I stole someone else's line and changed it a little, but it sounds good, doesn't it?

For the past couple of months we have been asking members to bring in quilting items such as orphan blocks, fabric, used patterns, books, or magazines, or whatever else you might have laying around your quilt room; stuff that you don't want or need anymore.

The deadline for bringing in these items has passed and we would like to thank everyone who found the inner strength to part with their beloved quilting "trash". Your donation benefits our guild and your generosity is very much appreciated.

The "treasures" will be displayed on tables with a bag next to each item. To bid on these items, you buy tickets (10 tickets for \$1.00). Put your name on each ticket, and when you see something you want, drop a ticket (or two or more) into the bag. Bid on whatever you want, however many tickets you want. A ticket will be drawn out of each bag to determine the winner of that item. Hopefully, we'll all go home with a "treasure".

TIP: Bring some address labels with you. Stick them on the tickets and you won't get writer's cramp from writing your name over and over again. You need the use of your hand to drop those tickets in the bags!

Coming in June: Love the look of Crazy quilts? Now there is a new way that transforms this old-fashioned favorite into a fast and fun quilting adventure! Four easy steps: Stack, slice, shuffle, and sew your way to gorgeous Crazy quilts!

Arlene Stucker and Agnes Christianson from the *Town 'N Country Quilt Guild* in Pulaski will be joining us at the June 20th regular meeting. They will demo "Stack the Deck" quilt blocks for us. Come out and join us for a fun demo!

June Sewing Session: Bring your machine and some fabric and we will sew the ever popular and easy 9-Patch Block in a super fast and clever way. All it takes is two squares of fabric and you can make two blocks from them with some simple sewing and cutting. (Details posted later on the website.)

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 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, enter when your time allows, or the creativity strikes!

Blocks must measure 12½" square unfinished. Bring your block to our regular meeting, with your name attached. Those are the only rules. Use your creativity to express yourself. Exchange will continue indefinitely. Any questions, call Laurie 276-6143 or Deanna 842-2057.

May	Northwoods
June	Stars and Stripes Forever

2005 Block of the Month (BOM): This is the beginning of a new BOM series which was introduced at the April meeting. The object of this series is to help the quilter view a block in its component parts. The first blocks we are highlighting are called “**9-Blocks**”, as they have nine distinct sections. There is a file (on the website) which is a narrative of the BOM series, and will be added to each month.

The directions for May’s 12-inch “**Eccentric Star**” block are on the Patterns page accessible only from the Members page on the PNQ website. Sew the block and bring it to the May meeting; put your name on it if you want a chance to win the blocks. Some members may choose to sew a block for Charity Quilts; some members may choose to make the blocks for their own use.

BOM Committee members include Joann Saffran, Dorothyann Nelson and Rita Shores.

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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 Dolly Ohlfs:** I am a retired mail carrier from the Mountain route. I have been married to my husband Henry for 55 years. We have six children (one is MaLea Flynn). We have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

We have lived in Mountain, and in Lakewood Colorado, and are now planning to move back to Mountain.

I have liked to quilt for many years. I have many UFO’s, and since joining the PNQ have been inspired to try to get them finished. I am really impressed by all the beautiful quilts that members are making.

**Introducing Shirley Rohe:** I grew up on a farm in the central part of the state, near Coloma (WI), attended the 2 year Waushara County Teacher’s College at Wautoma, and got my degree in Elementary Education from UW Stevens Point. I taught school 10½ years before meeting and marrying my husband Bob, who has lived in this area since he was 7 years old. We have 3 children.

Our son, Ron, was recently married in California to a lovely girl with 4 children, so we have finally become proud grandparents.

Our oldest daughter, Shari works at QuadGraphics in Hartford, and lives in Fond du Lac. The youngest, Cindy, is married to Bob Rohloff, owner and operator of Nicolet Electric in this area. Cindy works in Green Bay at Fox Converting. She and Bob recently bought a home between Suring and Gillett in the Maple Valley area.

While raising our family I chose to do substitute teaching instead of full time employment. Most of my work was with the Mountain School. My husband retired from the Oconto Highway Department in January of 1991. I also gave up substitute work at that time so we were free to come and go as we chose. We put a lot of miles on our vehicles.

I like to sew and at one time made most of my clothes as well as clothes for the children when they were small and still liked to wear anything you made them. As they got more fussy and the cost of patterns and material got so high I preferred buying ready made clothes that you could try on before buying.

I have made a number of quilt tops for the church raffles, which the ladies from church helped tie. I really thought they were rather nice until I see the work which this group does and then it pales in comparison. I have never hand quilted, which I would like to try some time before my hands get more arthritic than they already are.

To become more familiar with different quilt patterns I joined the Block of the Month Club with *The Cutting Edge* in Antigo several years ago and have completed a quilt using those blocks. I did a quilt top for Shari with materials and pattern which she picked out. She had hers machine quilted and uses hers as a bedspread. I was quite proud of that one. Cindy is patiently waiting for hers, which will be my next project.

I enjoy being part of this group and look forward to all the new knowledge and inspiration that I will gain from being a member.

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From the President:

Happy May ladies,

Well, spring has sprung as we as a group are springing into our third year as the *Pine Needle Quilters* guild. How fast time goes, but so much we have accomplished. It has been so much fun from sewing sessions, bus trips, quilt shows, and just getting to know everyone and learning so much. I can’t wait to see what the future years will bring. Keep up all the good work, ladies!

May has, and will be, a busy month. For those of you who did not come to the Sewing Session, you missed a wonderful demonstration on Binding (thank you to Diana and Laurie). There is always something to be learned.

On the 15th there is the party for Teddies and Blankies, with no doubt that good food and much fun will be had.

On the 16th will be our monthly meeting with the Chinese Auction. Between Laurie and me, we had two vehicles full of what everyone had contributed for the auction.

With all this going on, I had better start getting organized. Until later...

Your President,
Deanna

Update on the Quilt Show: We had a meeting on April 28th to continue our planning. With the next meeting on May 24th at 12:30pm at the Riverview Town Hall, we hope to have all the charladies for the committees attending so that we can keep everything rolling along. We have many things to finalize and begin. See you there!

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**President's Challenge:** For the next twelve months, I am challenging each and every lady in this guild to produce at least one baby quilt to be donated to area hospitals via the Pine Needle Quilters. As you finish a baby quilt, give them to me. I will present a donation of a dozen at a time. To begin, I will make the round of our area hospitals, Oconto Falls, Shawano and Antigo. If you want some of the baby quilts to go to another worthy organization, give me the name and location.

I have been told the baby crib mattresses at Oconto Falls Hospital measure 17" x 27". These quilts will be used with the baby at the hospital and will be sent home with the baby. They can be used as car seat quilts. Sizes can be as small as 36" square (buggy blanket or receiving blanket) to 45" by 54" for a crib quilt (or whatever your baby quilt pattern specifies).

I have already asked Rita to put a page on our website to record the progress of this challenge. For this year I am setting a goal of 50 quilts. Rita will put a thermometer on the webpage with a top measurement of 50, and regularly I will tell her who prepared the newest baby quilts, and she will color in our thermometer. She will also prepare a slideshow of all the quilts we donate over the next year. It will be impressive!

Deanna

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WANTED: Does anyone have any 3/4"plywood (no pressed board) scraps that you would be willing to donate for stands for our quilt show? Scraps must be at least 1 x 2 feet. If so contact Laurie at 276-6143 or talk to me at our May meeting. Thanks!

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**Calendar / Quilt Shows:**

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Quilters Show & Conference** – June 9-11, Duluth, MN

**Northwoods Shop Hop** - Jul 7-10 Antigo, Rhinelander, Tomahawk, Hazelhurst & Eagle River

**Fabric of the Land** - Jul 7 & 8; Sturgeon Bay

**A Walk in the Garden** – Antigo – Sat July 9

**Moonlight Quilters** – Suring - Sat. Sept. 3

**Northwoods Quilters** – Marinette - Sep 10 & 11

**Quilt Expo** – Madison - Sep 15-17

**Quilters Pantry Retreat** - Sep 22-25 Florence

**Big Bee & Show 2005** – Oshkosh - Oct 13-15

(Fact sheets for most of these are on the website.)

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John Warden Benefit: Betty Sellhausen reported that the quilt made by Myra Ritz for the benefit of John Warden raised \$1,000.43; it was won by Claire Baeb. Thanks to those who bought raffle tickets.

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**Hem a Few Bars:** Which of the following are real songs recorded over the years and played for the enjoyment of all -- not just the sewing enthusiast?

- A White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation
- Blue Suede Shoes
- Blue Velvet (She Wore)
- Buttons and Bows
- Cotton Fields of Home
- Devil With a Blue Dress On
- Handbags and Gladrags
- How Do You Mend a Broken Heart
- Lady in Red
- One Size Fits All
- Rag Doll
- Scarlet Ribbons
- Seamless
- Silver Thread and Golden Needles
- Sister Suzie Sewing Shirts for Soldiers
- Woolly Bully
- Venus in Blue Jeans

**Answers:** Did you guess each one of the above was an honest-to-goodness certified hit on the radio and just perfect for cutting the rug on the dance floor? You're "sew" clever and you are "sew" right!

(from the House of White Birches)

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