



# Pine Needle Quilters

## Newsletter for June, 2005

**Officers:**

President: Deanna Tachick  
Vice-President: Terri Petasek  
Secretary: Terri Harris  
Treasurer: Laurie Schoenebeck  
Past President: Diana Napier

**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:**

June 20 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Featured speaker  
June 28 12:30 p.m. Quilt Show Committee meeting  
July – no Sewing Session

**Block of the Month for June:**

12-inch Sunrise Star

**Theme Block Exchange for June:**

12-inch Stars and Stripes Forever

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

Judy Kadlec batik  
Kathie Pelow light brown/dark yellow

**Fat Quarter Exchanges** (regular fabrics):

Dena Moravec seasonal

**Block Exchanges** (quilt shop fabrics):

Kathie Pelow light brown/dark yellow

**Birthday Squares:** none

**June Birthday Greetings to:**

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**At the May Meeting:**

Forty-eight guests attended, plus two guests; Pat Bath joined as a new member. Judy Kadlec and Judy Siegel won the raffle of Fat Quarters. The May Theme Blocks was Northwoods. There were 5 BOM's (BOM was Eccentric Star) and they were won by Kathy Turk.

**June Meeting:** Will have the raffle of fat quarters, BOM, and birthday club exchanges. There will be signup sheets if you want to participate in Birthday Squares, Fat Quarter Exchanges, and Block Exchanges. Also signup sheets to work on committees.

Do you like "crazy quilts"? Have you always wanted to make one but thought they looked like too much work? Let's go on a fast and fun quilting adventure!

Now there is a new method that brings this old-fashioned favorite into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! The Four S's: 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 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. They will demo "Stack the Deck" quilt blocks for us. Come out and join us for a fun demo!

**Color My World Challenge:** The deadline to finish the challenge quilts is July 18 (Monday), where they will be displayed at our regular meeting. This date is fast approaching! I have heard some people comment that they are already finished, and others (myself) just started yesterday!

If you want your quilt to be eligible to compete in our quilt show's challenge display next fall, it must meet the July 18 deadline.

**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for June's 12-inch **Sunrise Star** block are on the website. Sew the block and bring it to the June meeting if you want to compare it with others. The BOM's are 12-inches finished. Some members sew a block for Charity Quilts.

**Exchange Mini-Clubs:** These groups finish this month. Coordinators are Rita Shores and Joann Saffran. If you miss a meeting, you must bring your contribution the following month. Signup again for exchanges at the meeting.

**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 finishes this month. Those participating bring four 6½" squares of fabric in either (or both) of the colors requested by the member whose birthday is that month. Signup again for the next year at the meeting.

**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. Any questions, call Laurie 276-6143 or Deanna 842-2057.

June	Stars and Stripes Forever
July	Summer Fun

**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.

**President's Challenge:** Just a reminder to keep the baby quilts coming and thank you to those who have donated. I hope to meet 100% completion on this challenge. I thank you all for you time with this project.

Deanna

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**Introducing Shirley Bubolz:** My husband and I retired and moved to Lakewood two years this September. We both love the outdoors, hiking, XC skiing and canoeing. I have just started to quilt with my mentor Deanna at my side. I have sewn for

many years. I also enjoy counted cross-stitch and crocheting.

I have enjoyed being part of Pine Needle Quilters. Just by coming to two meetings I have seen many color combinations and ideas. I have started a quilt: trees and bears for the center. I have no idea when this will be completed, but with your encouragement it will push me along. Thanks for including me.

**Introducing Lorraine Wellens:** My maiden name was Lorraine Parker, and I grew up on a dairy farm on land that was cleared by my grandfather. My great-great uncle was Pat Kelly for whom Kelly Lake and Kelly Brook was named.

After my high school graduation from Oconto Falls High, I married Harvey Wellens. We moved to Milwaukee where we both worked for the Louis Allis Co. Neither one of us liked city life, so after five years we bought a farm ½ miles from my folks. I still live here. We had dairy cows, which made for me doing many milkings. Also raised chickens, geese, ducks turkeys and pigs. I drove all the tractors with doing field work. I enjoyed running the machinery.

I started sewing when I got an embroidery set from Santa when I was 5 years old. I sewed doll clothes by hand and by 7, I was sewing on the treadle machine. My mother was a very good seamstress and sewed all of our clothes. My first store-bought dress was when I was a freshman in high school. She also sewed clothing for some neighbors and relations. But never a quilt block!

I sewed for our family of 3 girls and 1 boy. I also sewed shirts for my two brothers and a few friends. Did not start quilting 'till I retired from farming and then the Town Clerk job. I was doing China painting, but have started quilting only a few years, and enjoying it. My husband passed away two years ago, so quilting can really fill in my time. Only wish I would of started when I was about 20 years old. There is so many patterns I'd like to make and not enough time.

I really enjoy the meetings, meeting other members, and specially the Show 'N Tell.

**Antique Quilts Needed:** Pine Needle Quilters has been asked to do a brief presentation for the Mountain Historical Society. I suggest we also do a bed turning of antique quilts at that time. We are asking if anyone has any old quilts they would be willing to let us use for the bed turning, it would be greatly appreciated.

Also, if you have any knowledge of Wisconsin quilt history, let us know.

The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 1:00 p.m., with bed turnings to follow until 4:00 p.m. The location is the Log House Museum at the Fireman's Park in Mountain.

Please call Laurie 276-6143 or Deanna 842-2057, if you have any quilts to share.

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**From the President:**

Hello ladies,

I want to thank everyone who has given me a baby quilt (some of you more than 1) for the President's Challenge. I hope everyone will follow through so we can meet the goal of 75. After Oconto Falls, Antigo and Shawano hospitals receive theirs, we will move on to anyone else's suggestions. Everyone's hard work will be greatly appreciated by many little one's and their families.

The Chinese Auction was once again a great success. It was like Christmas with everything being won. I hope everyone is enjoy their "new" goodies.

The committee sheets will be put out again at the next meeting. We really need ladies to sign up and help here and there where they can. We want everything to keep running smoothly. Any help will be looked on favorable. Please sign up.

How's is everyone's Color Crayon Challenge coming? Remember those need to be done in July. I guess I better step it up. As per the usual, I'll be excited to see all the wonderful finished projects.

Keep those machines humming.

Until next time,

Deanna

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**Chinese Auction:** The Chinese Auction was again a fun and successful fundraiser for our group. Through your generosity we raised \$272. Thank you to everyone who donated items and bought tickets. Special thank you to those of you who stayed after the Teddies & Blankies Party to help with the set up.  
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**From the Treasurer:**

**Fiscal 2004 Financial Report  
Pine Needle Quilters**

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>  | \$ 929.08          |
| <b>Receipts:</b>          |                    |
| Membership Dues           | 1,777.00           |
| Fundraising               | <u>4,544.91</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 7,250.99</b> |
| <b>Debits (expenses):</b> |                    |
| Fundraising               | \$ 1,073.04        |
| Parties                   | 176.98             |
| Charitable Donations      | 1,757.08           |
| Presentations             | 250.00             |
| Miscellaneous             | 171.07             |
| Website                   | <u>105.78</u>      |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 3,533.95</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>     | <b>\$ 3,717.04</b> |

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**Quilt Shows:**

**Reading Between the Stitches** – Outagamie Museum, Appleton, now thru March 5, 2006

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

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

**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** – Florence, Sep 22-25

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

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

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**American Quilter:** On my DirecTV service I now get LRW channel which is "Lifetime Real Women" and they have a quilt program called **American Quilter** on Saturdays at 10:30am and Sundays at 10:00am. I believe I read before that this is sponsored by American Quilters Society that puts on the Paducah show.

Diana Napier

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**Fabric Equivalency:** Has someone ever commented on the amount of fabric you have? Here's a comparison chart that might be of interest to you:

- riding lawn mower = 163 yds fabric = 652 FQ
- cordless drill = 25 yds fabric = 100 FQ
- drill press = 13 yds fabric = 52 FQ

- miter saw = 23 yds fabric = 92 FQ
- hunting rifle = 15 yds fabric = 60 FQ
- fish finder = 50 yds fabric = 200 FQ
- compound bow = 44 yds fabric = 176 FQ
- fishing/duck boat = 100 yds fabric = 400 FQ
- 4 hp motor = 88 yds fabric = 352 FQ
- four wheeler = 500 yds fabric = 2000 FQ

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**If I Don't Buy That Fabric I'll Surely Faint!** Few true sewers, quilters or fabric crafters need an excuse to buy more fabric. We are hooked on cotton. We obsess over silk. We daydream about calicos and gingham and plaids. But just in case you need to explain to others why you have a million yards of fabric at home, but still need a few more fat quarters and just have to buy yardage of the newest prints, here's a handy list of reasons you need more fabric! Copy this list and tuck it in your purse for quick reference!

- It is a patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and fabric shops.
- Oh, it's not for me! I'm buying for a friend!
- It's on sale.
- I need extra weight in the trunk of my car for traction on snowy, icy roads. This is important, even in Florida and Southern California, as you never know when the weather will change.
- It's non-fattening.
- Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house.
- Because it's there.
- It's much cheaper to cover the floor with fabric than new carpeting.
- The devil made you do it.
- It's the only remotely artistic thing I have ever done.
- I can't live without it.
- I have new shelves for fabric storage.
- It will go with some I bought last year.
- It's so pretty, and I'll use it some day.
- I want my daughter to have a proper inheritance.
- Without fabric, I would have nothing to do with my rotary cutter and my mat and my sewing machine.
- It does not promote tooth decay.
- It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes one feel good.
- If I don't buy it now, I may never see it again.
- A large fabric stash is the sign of a creative mind.
- I owe myself a reward for that half-pound I lost last month.

*(from House of White Birches)*

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**Tip when using long rulers:** Spray the back of your long rulers (or any ruler) with basting spray. Let it dry well, the go ahead and cut with no worries about slipping. Only drawback is that after lots of use the ruler might get foggy because you've picked up lint off the fabric. It's easily washed under running water, then ready to go again.

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