



# Pine Needle Quilters

## Newsletter for December, 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:

December 11 12:30p.m. – **regular meeting**  
Christmas Party and Christmas Challenge.  
January 2 3:30p.m. – Sewing Session

### Block of the Month for December:

12-inch Miniature Log Cabin

### Theme Block Exchange for December:

12-inch Angels

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

Terri Harris Christmas

### Fat Quarter Exchanges:

Start new groups in January

### December Birthday Greetings to:

08 Julie Palmer  
14 Terri Harris  
15 Nancy Hager  
16 Andi Mett  
17 Judy Prilliman  
21 Kathy Kamke  
25 Lisa Hoffman

### At the November Meeting:

There were seven November Theme Blocks (theme was Leaves), and they were won by Joan Hansen. There were ten November BOM blocks (Courthouse Steps) and they were won by Deb Budd. There were 43 members attending, and 1 guest. One new member joined; she is Sue Geneske.

The program was demonstrations of easy gifts to make for Christmas by members of the Moonlight Quilters who are also members of PNQ.

**December Meeting:** You can start to arrive at 12:30 and we will eat at 1:00 p.m. We will have a potluck dinner followed by the display of the entries for the **Christmas Quilt Challenge**. For those who have taken the Challenge, remember your finished project is due on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the meeting. 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.

We will vote for **Viewer's Choice** awards. There is an optional hand-made ornament exchange; bring your ornament wrapped and you will get to choose one of the other wrapped ornaments.

We will have the usual raffle of fat quarters, BOM, Theme Block and birthday club exchanges.

The Show 'N Tell session is always great, as members display items that will be soon given as gifts.

**Block of the Month (BOM):** The directions for December's 12-inch **Miniature Log Cabin** block are on the website. Sew the block and bring it to the December meeting. If you want to bring a block to the December meeting and participate in the exchange, please finish the block by putting on a back in a coordinating fabric. We will draw a winner for the 3½-inch blocks, and another winner for those who contribute a 1¾-inch block. They make really nice ornaments or pins! If you missed a pattern, you can get it from the website on the **Patterns** page.

We will start a new Block of the Month series for 2006 in January. It will use scraps from your stash.

**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.

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.

December	Angels
January	Snowflakes

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**Birthday Squares:** This mini-group is hosted by Peg Piepkorn, and runs July 2005 through June 2006. Those participating bring four 6½" squares of fabric in either (or both) of the colors requested by the member whose birthday is that month.  
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**Fat Quarter Exchanges:** Members exchange Fat Quarters; these groups finished the series in November. You may sign up for a new series of exchanges at the December meeting (to begin in January) or by email; contact Rita Shores or Joann Saffran.  
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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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**Round Robin:** How about a challenge for the New Year? A round robin will start in January. You supply the center block and idea and your friends will add on their creative borders and ideas to your quilt. Please sign up for this new group; we need a couple more participants! For more information and to sign up, call Diana Napier at 276-6871 or email at [dnapier@ez-net.com](mailto:dnapier@ez-net.com).  
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**Secret Sisters:** Think you'd like to have a Secret Sister or be a Secret Sister? Our program will start in January and if you participate you can expect to receive and give a secretly wonderful gift at least four times a year. For more information and to sign up, call Diana Napier at 276-6871 or email at [dnapier@ez-net.com](mailto:dnapier@ez-net.com). Form is also on the Members page on the PNQ website.  
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**January Sewing Session:** Start out the year with a "good deed". We will be gathering to sewing Wheelchair or Walker Tote bags for donation to our local nursing homes or wherever needed. A lot of nice decorator fabric was donated by Andi Mett and we would like to use some of this to make our totes, so all you need is your basic sewing supplies and machines. Instructions and fabric is supplied on afternoon of sewing session.  
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Bring thread to match our fabrics if possible; the majority is light blue, gray blue and rust. Also if you have some sewing supplies like twill tape, cording or non-slippery ribbon for the ties on these totes. They are easy to make and we should be able to assembly line them quickly. Hope to see you there.  
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| Rita    | 715-850-5161 | ritashores@hotmail.com  |

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**Paducah Update:** April 25-30 will be here before you know it. I contacted Lou Ann's Coaches with a few questions and got many answers. We will arrive at our motel around 7:00pm or so on the first night. Hancock Fabric will be on Wed. AM for about 2 hours and then go on to the convention center. You can go to Hancock, convention center, etc at your convenience. Transit buses go on a continuous basis throughout the day so you can come and go as you please for the days we are down there.  
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All those going to Paducah, please come at 6:00pm Jan. 16 (before the January regular meeting) so we can get a list of all who are going, to make sure we all get on the same bus as there are two buses going, and if there's any questions that anyone has. If you cannot be there be sure to contact me ASAP so I have your name.  
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Deanna

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**From the President:**

Happy Holidays Guild Members,

As of this writing (Nov. 29.) my Christmas cards are done, my tree is up, my village is beginning to come together and I just have to focus on finishing up presents! One thing big in my focus is my Christmas Challenge; I hope to make big strides in the next few days. I hope everyone is getting a handle on their challenge also. The Christmas party is always so nice with them displayed. I hope every one of you and your family members get what they asked Santa for. I can hear my sewing machine calling so until the Christmas party I better get busy.  
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Happiest of Holidays,

Deanna

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**Hats:** I thought this site was really neat and worthy of our group. Check out this link <http://www.heavenlyhats.com/> With the resurgence of knitting and such, some of our members might donate some new hats? And it is for a good cause.  
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**Thank You:** Thank you for the cards, gifts, and especially prayers for my dad, Willard Ehlinger (husband of Mary Ehlinger and father-in-law of Tammy Ehlinger). He is recovering at home now after the fall from the scaffolding. Some have said  
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"What is a 73 year old man doing on scaffolding?" They don't know my dad. If he sees work that needs doing, he is there. (Remember, a few months ago he made the quilt racks for our quilt shows).

We thank God for the successful surgery. He has a back brace that he wears to get up and about in the house and we know that it will take some time, but we hope he will be back doing all that he wants to (as long as he stays on the ground)!

Terri Harris

**Quilter's Winter Break Retreat:** This is sponsored by the Pine Needle Quilters, and will be held at Camp Tekawitha on Loon Lake just outside of Shawano. The dates are Friday, February 3 from 2pm through Sunday, February 5 at 2pm. It is a perfect setting to relax and sew with other quilters for a weekend.

The retreat is designed as an open sew. Bring any UFOs or current projects. Bring another project in case you burn out. You may elect to work on some of our charity projects as a break. We will post some easy projects on the website in mid-January, for which you would have to print the pattern and bring the required fabrics.

We will offer a workshop to decorate a sweatshirt with chenille. Another guided workshop will be the "Snowman Patches" mini-wall hanging that is on the cover of the Nov/Dec issue of Fons & Porter Love of quilting magazine. And we will have paper foundations if you want to try making miniature quilt blocks in addition to the Log Cabin blocks.



The large hall where we spend our stitching hours has windows on 3 sides and a view of Loon Lake. We sleep in the bunk house (lower level only).

You must register by December 11<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party), including the fee. You may bring guests who are not guild members.

Information including a brochure and registration form is on the Events page for February on the PNQ website. Chairmen for this event are Karan

Verhagen (276-1111) and Rita Shores (850-12561). Cost is just \$70 for members/\$75 for non-members which includes 5 gourmet meals, housing for two nights, and generous work space.

**Jennifer Chiaverini:** Her latest quilting-related novel is "The Christmas Quilt". Wisconsin Public Radio will read this book on the "Chapter a Day" program Mon, Dec 12 through Fri, Dec 30. This is broadcast every day (M-F) on WPNE 89.3 FM at 12:30pm and rebroadcast at 11:00pm. If you miss an episode, the last 5 episodes are archived on <http://www.wpr.org> Click on "Listen online" and then on "Archives". Besides, it is soothing to have someone read to you.



**Website:** Our Pine Needle Quilters' website is officially one year old. I published the site on December 2<sup>nd</sup> last year. With this anniversary in mind, I noticed how often I write "and it is posted on the PNQ website on the xx page" or during a meeting when Deanna says, "we'll have Rita put the form on the website." It is much easier to send you information when I don't have to attach files to an email.

Rita Shores

**Nestled in Quilts:**

Put a quilt in an eighty-year-old woman's lap and you'll unlock a treasure chest of memories: of collecting feedsacks, tracing around a teacup to mark a quilt top, and feeding fried apple pies to children on the porch while their mothers quilted away around a frame hung from pulleys in the ceiling.

Only if that quilt could talk.  
Oh, the words that would be conveyed,  
Of the gossip at the quilting bee,  
In the quilt that grandma made.

Quilting is not my WHOLE life. There are other things that I enjoy doing, it's just that I can't think of what they are right now.

*from Midwest Living/Dec 2005*