



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for December, 2006

Officers:

President: Laurie Schoenebeck
Vice-President: Terri Petasek
Secretary: Angela Van Haren
Treasurer: Deanna Tachick
Past President: Deanna Tachick

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 4:30 p.m. – Annual Christmas Party
(potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.)

January 8 3:30 p.m. – Demonstration of “Hexagon Star” by Rita Shores

December Birthday Greetings to:

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

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**At the November Meeting:** There were six winners in the raffle of Fat Quarters. There were 36 members attending, and no guests. Angela Van Haren had to work late so Terri Petasek filled in with a program displaying old quilt tops she has purchased on Ebay. She also showed us a special top given to her by a thrift store; she is researching the origin of the quilt and its maker.  
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December Meeting: Remember that our December meeting is a week earlier than usual, as it is getting close to Christmas! We will have the raffle of fat quarters.

You can start to arrive at 4:30 p.m.; we will serve supper at 6:00p.m. As members arrive, we will hang the entries for the **2006 Christmas Challenge**. When you bring your entry to the Christmas Party, please remember to conceal it in some way. If you had put a label on your entry, please cover it (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 Christmas Ornament Exchange**. We are always anxious to see the beautiful ornaments, and such a variety of techniques that are used! Bring your wrapped ornament and place it under the Christmas tree; later you will be able to choose from one of the other wrapped ornaments.

If you participated in the **Secret Sister** program this year, you must reveal yourself at this time. Bring any additional gifts. This will be fun for everyone to see who was gifting whom. This is the official end of this year's Secret Sister program.

The **Christmas Show 'N Tell** session is always great, as members display items that will be soon given as gifts. Don't be embarrassed to bring an almost completed item, because you will have given it away before your next opportunity to show it to us. Besides, you may inspire someone!

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**UFO Club:** We skipped a year for the UFO Club so its probably time to sign up again and get those UFO's under control. The rules will be the same as in previous years. Fill out the form with your UFOs that you wish to finish in one year. You can commit to totally finished or just to get the top done. Once you put the quilts on your list and give it to me, you can't change your list.

When you get one of your UFOs done, you should bring it to Show 'N Tell and show off your successful completion of that UFO! The "dues" for the club is 6 fat quarters which will be held till the end of the year when those members who have completed **All** of their UFO's will be put in a drawing for the fat quarters. This is quite a pile of fat quarters so its worth completing your UFOs and this is a fun way to have a lovely Show and Tell each month. So take the time to fill out the forms and participate.

Diana Napier

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Secret Sister Revealed: A really really good reason to attend our Christmas Party is that we will reveal our Secret Sisters at this meeting! Bring in any last minutes gifts for your "sister" and exchange for the last time. I will bring forms to sign up for next year's Secret Sister for those who are interested.

Diana Napier

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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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January Sewing Session: When Rita Shores showed her "Hexagon Star" during the November Show 'N Tell session, several members asked her to lead them in making one at the next sewing session. Rita will post a list of required fabrics on the website so that you can make one for yourself on that Monday.
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Art Quilt Mini Group: If you are intersted in this group, contact Diana Napier.
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**Mini Quilts Mini Group:** If you are interested in working with others on mini quilts (small quilts, not trully miniatures, contact Rita Shores. A strict definition of Miniature Quilts is one inch to one foot; I can't work on any that small!  
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President's Challenge Announced

From the President:

Dear Quilting Friends,

I recently had a visit from a childhood friend. She normally calls White Lake home, but has been called to serve at Ft. Hood, Texas, in a medical part of the military. Sally, who is Major, (aka Major Mom) was home on leave, so I was very happy that she made the time to visit me. We, of course, had to discuss the old days and the fun we had.

Once, my family was about to move to Wyoming...this was very traumatic for best friends...so we decided we would become "Blood Sisters". We would always be together, no matter

how far the miles. Do you remember how you were when you were thirteen? Well, we went out into the woods and had this big "Blood Sister Ceremony" of sorts. We cut our fingers and put blood and locks of our hair into an old jar lid. The idea was to burn the hair and blood together...all going up in a cloud of smoke..Blood Sisters forever. I am not sure where we came up with this ritual, but it worked. Sally then went home on her pony Pepper...a couple of hours later my brothers ran into the house yelling "The woods is on fire!" Naturally, I was in big trouble because my brothers had also seen Sally and me over there earlier, and squealed on me...and so the story goes...

During Sally's recent visit, I talked about quilting, and she talked about being away from her husband and children. She told me about how she liked to watch the "homecomings" at Ft. Hood...it was nice to watch the new dads seeing their babies for the first time. Unfortunately, most of the injured soldiers also come home through Ft. Hood.

That got me to thinking about my **President's Challenge**, and I asked her if they could use quilts for the wounded. Sally checked with the hospital chaplin and a lady who works in the medivac dept. They would be happy to have quilts, and I quote: "They give the quilts to patients. Patriotic prints are nice, but patients are thrilled with anything. They really think it's cool that people made them to donate."

I would like to challenge the Pine Needle Quilters to make forty (40) lap quilts, preferably with a patriotic theme. My goal would be to have them finished by Memorial Day.

As you are surrounded by family and friends this holiday season, I ask you to remember those families who have someone serving in the military. Please honor the sacrifices made by many, and get to planning your patriotic quilt! I plan to do mine to honor my "Blood Sister", in appreciation for the time she must be away from her family.

Have a Blessed Christmas,

Your President,

Laurie

Quilt Shows

Art to Heart Trunk Show – at Piece by Piece on College Avenue in Appleton - It's here! For all of you Art to Heart enthusiasts, the "Angels Among Us" trunk show has arrived. We will have the trunk show on display **now until December 15**, so make sure you stop in and check it out. We also have the entire line of "Angels Among Us" fabric from Benartex and books to let you make any of the samples you see on display. Hurry in before it is gone!

Wisconsin Quilt History Project - December 2 in Cedarbug – Lou Ann's Coaches is offering a bus trip to the event, leaving from Green Bay. Cost \$27 for the bus. (Fact sheet and registration form on PNQ website.)

Day of Discovery – Dec 5 or Dec 12 at the Rahr West Museum in Manitowoc. This is a program offered by **Elderhostel** for \$65; must be pre-registered. Go to <http://www.elderhostel.org/programs/programdetail.asp?RowId=1-3K2QWO> for information and registration form.

Quilters Alley Mar 24-25, 2007 - Sponsor: A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters, Manitowoc Expo Center, 5201 Vista Rd, Manitowoc – Admission is \$5. 10am-4pm. One of the largest quilt shows in Wisconsin. Hundreds of quilts on display. Vendors, Viewers Choice, Sale items, Silent Auction, Quilt Raffle, Youth Gallery, Appraiser and Juried section. Food and refreshments will be served. <http://www.geocities.com/patchoflakeshorequilters>

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

Jingle Quilts (tune: Jingle Bells)

Dashing through the store
With five days left to go.
I must get home real soon,
There's 10 things left to sew.
The line is much too long,
But I guess I shouldn't groan;
At least this gives my credit cards
Some time for cooling down.

Chorus:

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Quilting all the way,
Oh, what fun it is to stitch
A project every day.
Oh.... Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Quilting all the way,
Oh, what fun it is to stitch
A project every day.

The Christmas tree's not trimmed,
It must go up today.
But the quilting is not done
And the frames are in the way.
The time is getting short.
The dolly needs a dress.
With fabric, lace and pins and stuff,
Everything's a mess.

(repeat chorus)

The newsletter came today.
There's a quilt I want to try.
I've got so much to do,
I think I'm going to cry.
But Suzie needs a quilt
For her new trundle bed.
I think I'll make it blue and white
With just a little red.

(repeat chorus)

But the pillows are not stuffed.
The place mats need a hem.
I've made myself a pledge,
I'll not do this again.
There's fabric right and left.
I can't resist these two.
Oh well, I think I'll take some time
And just pick up a few.

(repeat chorus)

*Marilyn McQueen
Quilters of Contra Costa County
Concord, CA (1990)*

Merry Christmas to each and every one of
you, and may we all have a prosperous
New Year of 2007!