



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for February, 2007

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:

February 19 7:00 p.m. – **regular meeting** Featured speaker

March 5 3:30 p.m. –

April 21 9:30 am-3:30 pm – President's Challenge Party & Potluck

February Birthday Greetings to:

- 02 Mary Grusznski
- 06 Diane McNeill
- 10 Carol Renteria
- 10 Deanna Tachick
- 11 Sheila Hixon
- 11 Judy Schustedt
- 16 Deb Markusen
- 18 Ruth Kennedy

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**The January Meeting** was cancelled.

**February Meeting:** Will have the raffle of fat quarters and the regular display (Show 'n Tell) of recently completed projects.

Norene Piontek will be our presenter. She will do a Wedding Ring quilt demo with a technique that makes the rings assembled and quilted at the same time. As you add each block it is complete. The technique is called "**Not Your Average Wedding Ring**" and it based on a Simply Quilts show. Go to <http://www.hgtv.com> Search for Simply Quilts Episode QLT-1033.

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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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**March Sewing Session:** Come to sew on your President's Challenge quilt at our next sewing session on first Monday in March, at 3:30 p.m. There are big tables available if you need to spread out quilts to tie and help to get that tying done. Support our challenge and get your quilt started or completed!

Thank you to Betty Sellhausen for donating much yardage of patriotic fabric for the President's Challenge. It is greatly appreciated and will show up in some nice projects.

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Chinese Auction: Back by popular demand, we will be again having the Chinese Auction at our regular April meeting. So while you are looking through all of your stuff, start putting some things aside for the auction. **Do not bring your items in early, as storage is a problem.** We will be asking you to bring items in to the regular March meeting (March 19). Please keep donations to quilting, sewing, knitting type items.

From the President:

Dear Quilting Friends,

Brrrr..... I hope you are all finding ways to keep warm during this cold snap! Perhaps you are binding a flannel quilt, snuggled under with a cup of hot tea? If you are a snow bird....please don't rub it in to much!

I was thinking about the President's Challenge (40 quilts to send to Ft. Hood, Texas, for wounded soldiers). As you finish your challenge quilts please bring them in for Show and Tell. We will count up the quilts as you bring them in. I will ask you to bring them back in to our regular May meeting, where I thought it would be nice to take a group photo of all the quilts and quilters. It would be nice to get this photo into the paper, so the community can see what PNQ is up to.

The May deadline is sneaking up fast, so we are planning a President's Challenge Sewing Party in April to help us meet the challenge. Details about the party in this newsletter.

Happy quilting,
Laurie

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**PNQ Quilt Show:** Do you have any ideas for the theme of our next quilt show? If you do, bring them to the February meeting. The board will be excited to hear any suggestions from the group.

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President's Challenge Party: Come spend the day with your friends, and work on your President's Challenge quilt. If you have already finished your quilt, feel free to work on a project of your choice, or lend a hand on winding up someone else's quilt.

- Riverview Town Hall
- Sat. April 21, 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- Pot Luck Lunch
- Prizes and Fun!

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**Quilt Shows**

**6th Annual 2006 Sewing and Quilting Expo - Friday and Saturday March 16 & 17** - Fox Valley Technical College Riverside Campus in Oshkosh – This is a spectacular sewing and quilting event. Info at the February meeting.

**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.)

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National Quilting Day: National Quilting Day is March 17 this year. The National Quilting Association invites you to celebrate by participating in the "Happy Birth Day, Baby" project to donate a baby quilt for the first baby born on National Quilting Day in your local hospital. March 17 — there's plenty of time to whip up a cute little Irish Chain baby quilt and celebrate two holidays at once!

<http://www.ngaquilts.org/NatQuiltDay.html>

BOMs on Website: I recently did a major update on the projects listed on the Free Block of the Month page, since many websites begin a new project at the beginning of the year. Other projects may begin during the year, or may have more or less than 12 parts.

Some of the changes I made:

- The "Description" column contains the name of the project, digits to denote the month the project ends, and often a link to a picture of the project.
- The "Designer or Sponsor" column contains a link to the website, most often the page containing the project.
- New projects are added to the bottom of the list.
- I add the word "done" when the project has been completed. Sometimes all parts of the project are available on the website until a new project begins. Some websites list only the most recent pattern.
- I delete the project when it has been removed from the website, when a new project is listed, or when a website disappears from the internet.

I appreciate the emails that members send alerting me to new projects, and other such changes. And I especially appreciate if you alert me that a link does not work; let's get that fixed so that others do not have to encounter a mistake!

As the year progresses, if a website is displaying a cumulative view of a project (where I had only the January block when I posted the picture), please send me a note, so that I can capture a current photo of the project.

Rita Shores

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**Jamieson House Bed & Breakfast:** We are owners of Jamieson House Bed & Breakfast in Poynette (WI). We're contacting groups to see if you would be interested in a quilting retreat at our spacious B&B.

If so, I'd love to send an e-flyer describing a Quilting overnight here. We're pampering experts and great cooks, plus we've got more common space than most retreats and luxurious bedrooms - all for a competitive price. And we're very flexible about arrangements.

We're aware that nothing can substitute for the camaraderie of a group unified by the pursuit of artistic craft and that sometimes getting away from the everyday is exactly what's needed to bring that artistry to a new and rewarding level.

We've got a lot of available weekends in the coming months, and would be pleased if you'd consider Jamieson House for a getaway. Feel free to browse our website or give me a call with your questions.

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For Sale: Our church has a very old treadle sewing machine we would like to get rid of. It is a 'Domesticate' brand and I can find nothing on the web about it. It is a 'coffin' wooden top meaning the top is a coffin shape. The bobbin is spindle shaped. Don't know if it works much. Probably from the 1920's, 1930's or earlier.

Would anyone in the guild be interested in it? I could keep it here at my house for them. Donation of \$20 perhaps?

Rhoda Ebersole

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**New Online Quilt Show** with Ricky Timms and Alex Anderson: Have you heard the news yet? Yes, it's true, Alex Anderson is back in business and has teamed up with the best of the best (IMO) Ricky Timms! They have so many things to offer the world of quilters that it is just too much for me to list. Please check it out and see for yourselves. I have no doubt that it will be entertaining and educational but the cool thing is, we can ALL participate 24/7! Tell your friends, guild members and anyone else that you can think of, this IS the place to be in 2007!!! <http://www.thequiltshow.com>

Terri Petasek

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Work on Website & Newsletter: I had some suggestions from the board about new features for the newsletter and website. We would like to resurrect the "Introducing" articles that we used to put in the newsletter. And I would like to invite a few members to help me with this project. Would need persons to:

- Contact several members each month to write an article introducing themselves to the guild. We will provide a questionnaire to prompt you.
- Collect the articles and ready them for the newsletter.
- One person (with a digital camera) to take flattering head-shot photos of each member. This could be done ahead so we would have the photos stockpiled.

Several articles can be published in the newsletter every month. I will prepare a webpage with names of each member and a link to their article and photo.

We could use this as a means to more easily associate names with faces. I do not believe any of us could match names with faces for all members (let's make this a goal.)

Please let me know if you have any more ideas for the newsletter and website, and especially if you can help with it!

Our website provider (EasyCGI) has recently installed traffic reports which are very interesting. Which pages get how many visits, etc. I would like someone to sit down with me and determine which reports (some of them graphs) would be interesting to capture and place on the website for members to view. Don't be hesitant; I can make it fun for you!

I have a few more ideas if you are interested!

Rita Shores