



Pine Needle Quilters

Newsletter for December, 2007

Officers:

President: Laurie Schoenebeck
Vice-President: Deb Budd
Secretary: Angela Van Haren
Treasurer: Deanna Tachick
Past President: Deanna Tachick

Regular Meeting:

3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Temporarily, all events will be held at the Breed Community Center.

Dues: \$15/year, payable in May.

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

Special Activities:

December 9 4:30 p.m. – **Christmas Party**

January 7 3:30pm **Sewing Session**

December Birthday Greetings to:

14	Terri Harris
16	Andi Mett
17	Judy Prilliman
21	Kathy Kamke

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**At the November Meeting:** Our guest speakers, Lori Lutzow and Jackie Reynolds (from the Cutups in Elcho) demonstrated an Easy Striped Table Runner (pattern was posted to the PATTERNS page on the website), made from border fabrics. There were 42 members attending.  
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December Meeting - Christmas Party:

- Breed Community Center
- Sunday, December 9
- 4:30pm Social time
- Games and Prizes!

This will be a potluck supper (serving at 6:00pm); be sure to sign up at the November meeting, and write down what you will bring to the supper. If you did not sign up at the November meeting, please let Sue Geneske know as soon as possible. 920-842-1169. During the Christmas Party we will play a few games

This is also the culmination of the **Christmas Angel Challenge**. Remember to bring your finished project in to be voted on for Viewer's Choice ribbons and prizes. Because all entries will be anonymously

hung, we remind you to bring them carefully concealed in a plain brown paper bag. Viewer's Choice voting will take place. Time is speeding by, and I hope that all participants at least have a plan! Good luck.

This is the last chance to treat your Secret Sister as all will be revealed for the **2007 Secret Sisters Exchange** at the Christmas Party. So don't forget and please be there if at all possible for this fun time. Also think about if we want to do this again next year.

As is our custom, we will have a **hand-made Christmas ornament exchange**. No need to sign up; just bring your ornament wrapped to place under the tree. If you don't finish making it, no one has to know you were working on it.

As usual, we will have our monthly **Show 'N Tell session** to display all the beautiful items we have finished recently (many of them to be given as gifts at Christmas time).

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**Committee Service Quilts:** We will have a mystery bag to purchase if you wish to participate; the bags will be \$1.00 each. We will also have a drawing for any completed mystery block that you bring in. Although we are always looking for orphan blocks the drawing is only for those who purchased a mystery block.  
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UFO Club: January is the last month to show all your UFO projects for 2007. Please bring them in for Show 'N Tell and we'll mark them off on the "Completed List"! Also, the drawing for the fat quarters will be done for those who completed their list of UFO's. The bag of fatties is huge and luscious.
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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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Sewing Session: Monday, January 7, 2008 at 3:30pm. Bring in a project you want to finish and we can work together. Start with a clean (or cleaner) slate for a new year of creating. Hope to see you there!
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**Donations Needed Please:** We are looking for donations of smaller quilted items, such as table runners, wall hangings, pillows, etc, that can be used for door prizes for the Riverview Fire Dept. Auxiliary's Appreciation Dinner. The auxiliary normally buys dinner for the workers of their Corn Roast Fund Raiser, but this year because of the tornado they will not be doing that.

We thought it might be a nice gesture for our group to be able to donate some door prizes for the dinner to help them out a bit. (They are allowing us to use their raffle permit number for our quilt raffle for our 2008 quilt show.) If you have a donation, please bring it to the Christmas Party, or let me know and we can make other arrangements. I believe their party is sometime the third week of January.

Laurie

**PNQ Quilt Show Update:** Many times quilting is an art that is passed down to our children and grandchildren. (Just look at how many mother daughter, and even grandmother daughter granddaughter groups we have in our guild!)

We thought it would be neat to have a section at our quilt show where children and grandchildren of our members (18 or younger), could display a quilted item that they have made. So, if your child or grandchild is quilting, please inform them of this opportunity to display their work....and if they are not yet quilting, maybe this will inspire them to do so.

**From the President:**

Dear Quilting Friends,

I would like to take this time to wish all of you and your families a very Happy Holiday Season, and Best Wishes for a Healthy 2008.

May you all finish your projects on time! If you're like me you have several things started, but not yet

completed. I am hoping to finish them up soon, so that as Christmas nears even closer, I will have some time to be relaxed and enjoy the magic of the Christmas season!

May you be surrounded by laughter, love, family and friends this Holiday Season!

Thank you!

Laurie

**President's Challenge Announcement:** It seems like there are always so many things going on in the group, so I never know when to introduce more....however....here's MORE!

I would like to challenge you to again make patriot quilts that can be sent to wounded soldiers. I thought that we had such a nice response last year, and a really beautiful display at Tabor Lutheran Church following the Memorial Day Cemetery Service. And, certainly there is still a need for these quilts.

Therefore, I challenge the group to make 50 patriotic throw size quilts to be finished by our regular meeting on May 19th, 2008.

I'm sure that we can again rise to the challenge!

**Dates for 2008:** The following dates have been reserved by Laurie at the Breed Community Center for our activities in the new year of 2008. Please mark your calendars. Dates are also posted on the EVENTS page on the PNQ website.

| 2008 | Sewing | Meeting |
|------|--------|---------|
| Jan  | 7      | 21      |
| Feb  | 4      | 18      |
| Mar  | 3      | 17      |
| Apr  | 7      | 21      |
| May  | 5      | 19      |
| Jun  | 2      | 16      |
| Jul  | 7      | 21      |
| Aug  | 4      | 18      |
| Sep  | none   | 15      |
| Oct  | 6      | 20      |
| Nov  | 3      | 17      |
| Dec  | none   | tba     |

**Tangled Threads Art Group:** A reminder that we will be meeting at Kathy Tokarczyk's house on Jan. 10th, at 9:00a.m. We will be working on Bendi Dolls again, so bring your supplies, sack lunch, and lots of great ideas! It will be fun, I'm sure.

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New Activity Suggestion for 2008: A calendar quilt is made one strip at a time, one strip per every day of the year. So how easy is that? You can add one strip a day and make a quilt. The quilt I am suggesting is a Chinese coin style quilt with your strips organized in four rows of 91 with one strip to put on your label (or you can do 92 in your rows so you'd have a couple extra).

The idea of the calendar quilt is to organize your idea or theme for that month. You might pick a holiday fabric for holidays, colors for a time of the year, etc.

You cut your daily strip 1.5" by 10.5". Each day sew your strip to the one before. After sewing 91 strips, start a new row. After the year is done and you have four strips completed, you cut fabric for sashing and borders, then assemble your quilt. It will be a fun way to watch the year go by and to "visit" all of your fabrics during that year. Maybe each month we could bring in our strips to show the progress of the calendar quilts.

This project was started by Pat Sloan so it is not my original idea.

Diana Napier

P.S. Maybe you could have friends contribute strips of fabric from their current or past projects.

[Diana's instructions are posted on the PATTERNS page on our website.]

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**Quilt Shows:** None to list at this time.

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Quote: "Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort."

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