

Pine Needlers' Quilt Group - Business Meeting, May 1, 2023

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The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Clark, at 9:42am with 35 members in attendance.

A warm welcome was extended to our returning "summer" members and to our 2 new members Lydia Smith and Shelly Simpson.

Pastor Schmeltz offered up a prayer in response to prayer requests made from the group.

Minutes: A motion was made by Renie Arrigo and seconded by Karen Kramer to accept the minutes as corrected and was approved by the membership.

Correspondence: no correspondence to report.

Birthday Celebrants: Jenny Grotberg, Cyndy Kettner, Sharon Mominee, Denine Moriarty, Linda Pfeifer, Vikki Thurston and Diane Winslow were all acknowledged and wished Happy Birthday by all!

Treasurer's Report: The report was emailed to the group by Lesley Buechel and there were no questions. Our ending balance was \$6,723/67.

Standing Committees/Old Business

Military Quilts: There are 41 completed quilts. We will hold 25 for presentation to veterans, which is scheduled for Monday, June 26th at the American Legion. Doors will open at 9:15 for setup and the ceremony will begin at 10am. BOM pattern is available on the back counter and is due on or before next business meeting on June 12th.

Community Quilts: There are now 24 completed quilts in storage. Martha brought in some orphan tops and table runners that need quilting or tying if anyone is willing to take them on.

Project Linus: Kay Hunter is back for the summer and brought with her 5 pretty knitted blankets she has made for Project Linus over the winter months. Trudy Janes also contributed a baby quilt. Judy Inskeep shared that Project Linus collected and distributed 100 blankets and quilts last month.

Retreats: There are still openings for May through October. Karla reminded us that since there are now two retreats each month, we ask that you only sign up for one. If there is still room available at retreat time you could do two, but the headcount is finalized with Carol the Friday prior to the scheduled retreats, so plans must be finalized with Karla before that time. The BC Retreat fee of \$25.00 is due at the Business meeting of the month in which you are attending.

Education:

Show n' Tell from Lesley Buechel's Folded Potholder Class were held up for the group to see.

String Quilting in Red White and Blue by Marilyn Giblin, May 17 from 9am to 3:30pm. Bring a sack lunch.

Also, if you missed the **Collage Edging** class, Brenda will hold a brief refresher/overview this Wednesday, May 3rd at Open Sew. She will bring the Steam a Seam II and you need to bring your large print floral FQ's.

EPP by Naneen Boyce. Sign ups for June 5th and 7th are being taken by Karen Kramer - \$50 each.

Annual Get Together with Forest Lakes Piecemakers This year it's Pine Needlers turn to host this event. We have themed as an **English Tea with the Piecemakers** on June 6th at 10am with a trunk show by Naneen Boyce the English Paper Piecing Instructor from New Mexico. Judy will chair a committee to plan the event. Trudy Janes, Karla Desrosiers, Karen Schuller, Gail Brandon and Deb Bradford have volunteered to be on the committee, which will meet immediately following today's meeting.

Quilt Show:

- Karen Kramer reported that all the Chairperson positions have been filled. Marsha Berlo had volunteered to manage the Opportunity Quilt, but has not been feeling well lately, so we'll need someone else to step in as chairperson for our major fund raiser this summer. Lots of volunteers will be needed to sell tickets at the various locations
- Karen also reported that Marsha doesn't expect to be able to do the Admissions at the Quilt Show this summer and Charlotte Johansen indicated that she would be there to cover for Marsha B.
- Measurements have been taken at the gym to prepare for racks and drapes behind the Boutique area.
- Linda Pfeifer will coordinate a display of items produced in our many classes.
- The only change to our entry form will be an option to indicate your quilt is "For Display Only" and exempt from judging by the public.
- Brenda is in charge of vendors and has reached out to all. Charlie of Odegaard's Sewing Center in Flagstaff has already confirmed.
- Karen reported that in addition to lunch each day (salads, etc.) we will try to plan a thank you dinner to follow set-up. We also plan to offer coffee and water with seating available outside.

DJ brought a collection basket (available at all Open Sew dates) for the Raffle Basket, and she will be contacting some of the area quilt stores to see if they will contribute, as well. The plan is to have the basket completed before our June 6th Tea, and to have it travel along with the Opportunity Quilt for ticket sales, which will be \$1 each.

Opportunity Quilt is completed except for need of a hanging sleeve and Brenda will bring it to Open Sew this Wednesday, May 3rd so that the newly elected board members can be photographed with it for the local newspaper.

UFO/PHD Challenge: Eight members shared their 'show and tell' in progress or completion of their Wild # Project. DJ won the drawing for this month's prize of a beautiful quilt for her daughter, "In Memory of Puff". Next month's UFO/PHD number is 6 to complete and bring to next month's Business Meeting on June 12th.

Mystery Quilt Along Reveal Brenda and Bonnie Kouskouris (via Gail Brandon) shared their completed quilts.

Monthly Challenge: A good collection of Potholders with Tea Pot/Cup themes were collected, which will serve as favors on June 6th. There is no challenge for next month.

Nominating Committee Brenda announced the slate of candidates which are Judy Inskeep for President, Renie Arrigo for Vice President, Deb Bradford and Martha Castillo for Treasurer (they will share and assist each other) and Kathy Adair for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to accept the slate as a whole was made by Karen Kramer and seconded by Karen Schuller and passed unanimously.

New Business

Audit/Budget Committee Lesley asked for volunteers. Lesley, Deb Bradford, Kay Hunter, Brenda Clark and Martha Castillo have stepped up. Lesley proposed that we distribute extra funds as follows: \$400 to the Community Center for Meals on Wheels, \$500 for the Food Bank and \$600 to Faith Lutheran Church. A motion was made by Judy Inskeep and seconded by DJ Strauss. All were in favor.

The Copper Needle will be hosting a lunch and talk/demo/trunk show with our own Cindy Seitz-Krug on Saturday, May 6th 10:30am to noon. You need to contact Copper Needle at 928-363-4036 to reserve and pay \$20 for your spot. If you are going and have space to carpool with someone, please contact Brenda (602-882-6267 (text preferred) and she'll collect your info (the sooner you call the better).

Card Tricks Quilt Show - August 10-11, 2023, from 9am to 3pm. This is a judged show and entry forms, and info will be announced when available.

Other dates to note:

Silent Auction will be August 21st – Set Up begins at 9:00 AM and Bidding will at 10:00 AM

Faith Lutheran Rummage Sale – June 2nd & 3rd – NO OPEN SEWS on May 29th & 31st.

Trash to Treasure will be September 18th – Set Up begins at 9:00 AM and Sale Opens at 10 AM.

Sewing Room Tours (Part III) will be September 27th, we will meet at the Church to carpool, and we'll be visiting Cheney Ranch group of members and DJ Strauss off E. Old Linden Road and others possibly in the Lakeside/Pinetop area, followed by lunch somewhere in the Show Low, area TBD. There will be a sign-up list to make carpooling easier in early August.

Gracious Gift(s) to the Pine Needlers Quilt Group - Sharon Mominee has donated her retired HQ Sixteen with frame and a Yamata (like a Juki) industrial sewing machine to the group. Yuriko Zoller will be taking the HQ into her new sewing room upon its' completion, with the understanding that it will return to the group when she no longer wants or is using it. Same goes for the Yamata and Brenda will be (trying) the Yamata out first. Brenda Clark's Mid Arm Frame by Grace and her numerous pantographs will be available for Yuriko's use with the HQ16.

Member Interviews:

Renie Arrigo was born and raised in western Kentucky. Her parents moved to Arizona when she was 18. Renie took EMT classes in college so that she was able to help take care of her dad when she followed them to Arizona. Her quilting journey began with a Quilt in A Day by Eleanor Burns class in 1991. She finished her first quilt which was a gift to her sister the following year, with a label that read, "Life gives you wrinkles and so does this quilt." She has made many quilts, table runners, tree skirt, etc., as well as, taking many classes at the Quilter's Ranch in Tempe. Through those classes she discovered that she really does NOT like free motion quilting and did a lot of quilting by hand until arthritis stopped that. She now quilts by check. Renie also makes Angel

Gowns from wedding/prom dresses for babies that don't make it home. Renie started a King size quilt when she was married to her first husband and it is still a work in progress now that she is married to the love of her life, Tony (a keeper). She has many sewing machines and is particularly fond of old Singers of almost any variety (including Featherweights), which she restores. Renie has one son and two grandchildren, Tony has four kids and one grandchild with another one on the way.

Trudy Janes was born in Southern Utah and comes from a very large family. Her mother and father were each one of nine children. One grandmother had 38 grandkids and 10 great-greats. Her grandmother was always quilting and made one for every grandkid. She always had a quilt on a frame, which Trudy would play under and even had bad dreams about (knocking it over). Trudy was always fascinated by quilts and also had an aunt who quilted. When names were drawn for Christmas one year, Trudy asked for a "Quilt Dress". Trudy began quilting herself when grandchildren of her own came along. She shared a story about attempting to take a class at Joann's that didn't go so well, but in spite of that, she is still at it!

We look forward to learning more about other members, next month interviewees are Karen Kramer and Candy Kelly.

Show n Tell was quite a mess this month, in the future, the meeting will not be adjourned until after all have shown their gorgeous quilts, table runners, etc. Please be respectful of each other; the members have worked hard, and these pieces are completed after many hours of work. There were over 12 quilts (many of which were donated to PN Charity projects), and a couple of Table runners shared this month.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, June 12th, 2023. Snacks at :00am and the meeting will begin at 9:30am. The meeting is scheduled one week later than normal due to the Church's Spring Rummage Sale and our EPP classes and English Tea with the Forest Lakes Piecemakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am pm following a motion by Renie Arrigo and seconded by Trudy Janes.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Giblin, Secretary