

# **Pine Needlers' Quilt Group - Business Meeting, Mar 6, 2023**

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The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Clark, at 10:00 am with 24 members including a full board in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Renie Arrigo and seconded by Karla Desrosiers to accept the minutes as emailed and was approved by the membership.

There was no correspondence to share.

Birthday celebrants are Marian Bridlack, Brenda Clark (aka Brenda Hunts w/ Truck), Joyce Davis, Sherry Grant,, Connie Miller, Cindy Seitz-Krug (aka Cindy Bow n' Arrow) and Valice Warner (turned 92 on March 4<sup>th</sup>!!!)

The Treasurer's report was emailed to the group by Lesley Buechel and there were no questions concerning this report. Our ending balance was \$7,715.69.

Reminder that our annual dues are coming due in May, if your information is correct on the MASTER Membership Roster, please initial it by your name. If the information is incorrect or has recently changed then please complete an NEW Membership Information sheet and give it to Lesley Beuchel along with your check for \$25.00. If, Karla Desrosiers has made you a name tag recently, please be sure to give \$5 to the Treasurer, if you have not done so. If you've requested a replacment from one that you had in the past, then the \$5 goes to Karla D. or whomever you've asked to make it for you.

## **Standing Committees/Old Business**

**Military Quilts:** There are 30 completed quilts. The April our block of the month is to complete a crumb block with Red, White and Blue fabrics. These are sewn on 9 1/2" WHITE muslin squares which Brenda passed around to those present. Edna also shared that she feels we need better labels as the old ones fade away. If anyone has an acceptable solution, please let us know asap.

Also, there will be a label workshop in May in order to have the quilts ready for the PN Annual Dedication Ceremony in June, 2023.

Brenda also shared a pattern called All-Stars and we will make up kits for different componets and will come together as a group to sew these components together sometime in late June or in July.

**Community Quilts:** There are now 24 completed quilts and three that require quilting, which will be completed by Denine Moriarty and Dianne Winslow. Martha expressed an ongoing need for homemade infant and teen sized quilts, afgans or fleece blanket are needed most.

**Project Linus:** July Inskeep reported that there were 4 quilts donated from the group and that a total of 80 quilts and blankets have been collected by Project Linus recently. Judy has been invited to join HOCRN on April 12th to talk about Project Linus and the Pine Needlers. Again, same message about greatest needs are for

infants and teenagers. Brenda's Twin Quilt Kits are ideal for the teenager sized quilts. Partial proceeds still go to the PNQG's coffers.

**Retreats:** March 14th is full, but there are openings for April through September. A reminder that your payment is due at the business meeting of the month you are scheduled to attend any of our Bear Cabin Day Retreats.

### **Education:**

**Professional Binding** by Sandy Wagner on Monday, March 20th is full. The class is 10am to 4pm - bring a sack lunch.

**Folded Star Pot Holder** by Lesley Beuchel on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> This class is 9 am to 12:30 pm – Check with Linda Pfeifer for availability either by email @ [linda@the-pfeifers.com](mailto:linda@the-pfeifers.com) or via ph either call or text @ 602-318-5139.

**English Paper Piecing** classes with Naneen Boyce will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Check with Karen Kramer for class details and availability as they are filling fast. You must pay at the time of signing up or your spot will not be held.

This the Pine Needlers turn to host our annual get together with the Forest Lakes Piecemakers and we will be hosting an “**English Tea**” on June 6th with a Trunk Show by Naneen Boyce as the “entertainment” There will also be a group show n' tell of any quilts either group wants to share. Those with EPP items (not necessarily made by the member sharing) are encouraged to participate in this Show n' Tell.

**Quilt Show:** Karen announced that the contract with the school has been dropped off. Brenda has sent out ‘save the date’ cards to 20 or so vendors. If you have a new vendor you'd like to see invited, please contact Brenda with their name, mailing information & what they sell asap as contracts are being mailed out in early April.

DJ Strauss shared an idea that she saw at another quilt show, which is to put together a basket of quilting tools, etc., which could be raffled off at the show. The idea was enthusiastically accepted by the group and DJ will take charge of collecting and putting it together. If you have a NEW tool with instructions and in original packaging, or any other quilt related items that you would like to contribute, please bring them to an Open Sew/Business Meeting.

We are looking for donations that are NEW, such as: Large Basket to hold all the items, Best Press w/ Nozzle, Binding Tool, Quilting Book(s), Day Planner 2024, Quilting Journal, Chalk Pencils, Wonder Clips, Quilters Curved Safety Pins & Kwik Klip tool, Empty Misting Water bottle, Fabrics: such as Hand-Dyed ½ yds or FQ, FQ Collection, Neutral or “Low Volume” Themed Background Yardage, Hardwood Ironing Clapper, EPP Papers & Pattern, Free Motion Gloves, Frixion Pens, Graph Paper/Book, Newsprint Printer Paper for Paper Piecing, Guides (1/4” stitching), Hand Lotion, Kits, Pre-Printed Quilt Labels, LED Light, LRC Game, Machine Repair items/kit, Magnetic Pin Holder or Extended Magnetic Wand for picking up spilled pins, Sakura Pigma Micron PN Permanent Pens or Sets for Labels, Needle case/holder/pillow, Panels, Patterns, Pens (water soluble for marking quilt tops quilting designs), Pin Cushion, Pins, Row Marker Pins, Purple Thang, Puzzles, Quilting/Sewing themed, Rotary Cutters, 60mm or 45mm Refill 5 pack, Rulers, Quilters Select, Bloc Loc Trimmers, Deb Tucker (aka Studio 180 Design) Specialty Templates, Scissors, Seam Rippers, Spray Basting, 505 Temporary Adhesive, Quilt Designs Stencils with Pouce Pad and Refill Chalk Powder, Thimbles, Thread Cutter, Sets of Neutral Thread from Aurifil or Superior Threads, other items are gladly accepted, as well.

**Quilt Show Challenge:** Judy shared information on our group challenge, which will be quilted post cards with the theme “Greetings from Arizona”. Fabric, card stock, and informational handouts are now available at Business Meetings.

**UFO/PHD:** Eleven members shared their ‘show and tell’ in progress or completion of their UFO challenge. Bonnie Kouskouris won the drawing for this month’s prize, it was a Quilting Themed Jigsaw puzzle. For March, if you are participating, item #4 on your list is the next one to work on and bring to the April meeting.

**Orphan Block Challenge:** Judy shared some of the blocks that need table runners constructed & that 7 table runners have been put together for the Community Center. Door prizes were awarded to Sharon Mominee, Brenda Clark and Marilyn Giblin for their contributions.

The challenge for the April meeting will be to make and bring two wristband pin cushions to look like caterpillars, beetles or slugs. Directions, elastic and decorative pins for antenna(s) are available. Each person who participates should make 2 as one will be exchanged with other participants and one will go to the Quilt Show Boutique.

Judy also shared the idea for the May challenge which will be Pot Holders with Tea Pots/Cups. These will then serve as door prizes/favors for our Forest Lakes Piecemakers guests in June and any left overs will go towards the boutique. Judy has patterns for an appliqué design available and Marilyn will bring a paper piecing pattern for distribution to the April Business meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Quilt Shows:**

**March 23-24 - AQG Quilt show** at the Mesa Convention center, 263 N Center St. Mesa. Go to AQG.org website for additional information.

**March 25 - Havasu Stitchers “National Quilt Day”** at Havasu Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave, Lake Havasu. 9 to 5 admission is 2 donated canned food per person.

**Nominating Committee** - Rather than electing a nominating committee, the current board will serve as the committee. Each board member spoke briefly about their position and what minimum duties are expected.

**President** - runs the monthly meetings, serves as liaison to the community and works with all chairpersons. The president also holds a key to the church and is responsible (primarily) for opening for Business Meetings, Classes held at the church and Open Sews. She also updates the Membership Roster and reviews the minutes before distributing them to the Membership.

**Vice President** - serves as backup to the president, has been doing the monthly challenges and door prizes, but this is negotiable, as anyone can take this on. Is also a back up for opening the church.

**Treasurer** - responsible for collecting funds, the bank account and monthly statements. This is not a difficult position but gets really busy at Quilt Show time.

**Secretary** - responsible for taking and distributing the monthly minutes. Work with other board members as back up if/when necessary. Marilyn has also been keeping the website up to date and will continue to do that herself.

The board works very well together and shares many of the responsibilities as time and talents dictate. Please consider serving on the board and let us know if you are interested. The board members will be reaching out to potential candidates and will report at the May Meeting.

**Membership Interviews:** Marsha Berlo & Deb Bradford were drawn at February's meeting, as Marsha is out of town helping Vikki Thruston recover from her 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement surgery, these two interviewees will be rescheduled to the April Business Meeting.

**Show and Tell** followed the presentation of Door Prizes, with many thanks to those generous ladies who contributed: Karen K. showed off her Orphan Block Table Runner & a Patriotic Quilt that she bound for the PN's Quilt Show in September; Renie A. showed off her current "rabbit hole" project – Needle Book with accent beading using Vintage Handwork Fabrics; Gail B. showed her Military Quilt for this year's Veteran's Presentation; Edna K. showed off several Patriotic Quilts just back from Carol W's; Sharon M. showed a baby quilt she made as a donation to Linus Project; DJ S. showed her Gradient Quilt that will go on their guest room bed once it is quilted.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, April 3rd, 2023. Snacks at 9:30am and the meeting will begin at 10am.

It was brought to the group's attention that a new rotating cutting mat, as well as, an iron have gone missing. If you borrowed either, please return, no questions asked.

If you are wanting to borrow any of the templates, tools and other items belonging to the club or a specific member, please sign the item out on the sign out sheet on the inside of the locked cabinet & please let one of the board members know that is what you want to do. The board member should then check the sign out/in sheet & initial it next to the date taken and/or returned.

Judy shared that she has a celery color Featherweight for sale, please contact her if interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am pm following a motion by Karen Kramer and seconded by Karla Desrosiers, motion passed unanimously.

Following adjournment we played two rounds of Left, Right Center (aka LRC) with 13 participants & several spectators. Winners (aka Losers by some participant's definition) of the 2 games were Judy Inskeep for the R/W/B JR Strips & Martha Castillo for the Floral JR Strips. We will do another LRC game in May, so that the valley membership will be able to participate!

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Giblin, Secretary