

Pine Needlers Quilt Group
Business Meeting July 10, 2023
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Prior to the meeting:

Upcycled Challenge Items were placed on a table and numbered for voting following the meeting.

Pine Needler T-Shirt Orders were taken by Andi Williams and this is the only day that orders will be taken in order to get the shirts back to us in time to wear during our Quilt Show in September.

SHOW N' TELL – Several members showed off their recent efforts, including Edna Kemp, Vikki Thurston, Pat Kaus and Gloria Skaggs. Barbara Birdsell showed the wonderful quilts that her friend from Goodyear donated to be sold at this year's Quilt Show (this is the 3rd or 4th year she has done this). Trudy Janes showed her completed EPP wall-hanging and said that she is already planning her next one. Andi Williams and Nikki Woley showed off their UFO projects from their trip to Panguitch, UT in June.

FREE PANELS/FABRICS AVAILABLE – Paula Salgado announced that there are numerous panels and fabrics for Boutique items available on the table in the vestibule. Please be sure to see what is available and what you may be able to make as donations to the Boutique. Their inventory is pretty low this year.

HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AVAILABLE – Karen Schuller stated that the Faith Lutheran Church has been left the contents of a house and that there are many items that we might be interested in. The items must be sold/removed before August 1, 2023. Karen will be able to give you directions to come and see what is available. She will be there today after 1pm. Contact her for additional opportunities to come and shop.

GRIDWORK SAMPLER CLASS by Cindy Seitz-Krug is being held on Friday, October 20th at Bear Cabin and you have a choice of one of two projects. The cost is \$50 and this covers class time, food and a nominal fee for Cindy's time. Please contact Cindy directly with any questions.

Also, Cindy is now a Certified Judge as she passed the self-training, rigorous questionnaire and the Panel Interview just this past month! Congratulations Cindy!

The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Inskeep at 9:49am.
45 members were present.

Welcome to our newest member, Gloria Skaggs. Her husband, Eddie Skaggs, received a Veteran's Quilt at the Presentation on Monday, June 26, 2023. She was very complimentary of our group's good deeds and said that her husband truly feels blessed to have received his quilt.

Welcome also to one of our Honorary Members, Joyce Day. Great to see you again, Joyce.

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

June 12th Business Meeting Minutes were distributed via email by Kathy Adair who is not present at today's meeting. Judy Inskeep indicated that she knew that there was some clarification needed from Jenny Grotberg, Featured Quilter information talk and that Jenny had written that information up and that it will be given to

Kathy to correct/amend the minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Brenda Clark and seconded by Karen Kramer and was approved by the membership.

Judy Inskeep indicated that there was a very nice thank you card from the ladies in Forest Lakes thanking us for the lovely tea and gifts. Karla Desrosiers sent 17 cards to Pine Needler members.

Brenda Clark reported that the group had received a card from Edna but that it didn't make it to today's meeting. She will be sure to bring it in to our August Business Meeting. Karla reported that there were 6 cards sent to Pine Needlers this month. She thanked Barbara Birdsell for the donation of her cards and postage as it has lightened this big expense for her.

Judy Inskeep praised Edna Kemp for the wonderful Veteran's Ceremony (this was Judy's 1st time to attend and she was so honored to be able to just be a spectator). Edna said that it takes many hands to make it a success and she can't take the credit for all the wonderful work and cooperation this group has for this project. Karen Kramer voiced that it made her proud to be an American and many echoed those same sentiments.

Judy also thanked Bonnie "K"ouskouris for the great rope bowl class.

Donations to the church: Judy asked that as our group continues to grow we are using more and more of the churches supplies. So, if you can, please bring in paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, antibacterial soap, large kitchen trash bags, etc.

Missing Members: Judy indicated that Candy Kelley had agreed to be our contact for members that haven't attended meetings, Open Sews, etc.

July birthdays are: Candy Kelley, Bonnie Kouskouris, Karen Schuller, Karen Shepard, Paula Zillmer and Yuriko Zoller.

Treasurer's Report: The June 2023 Treasurer's report was presented by Deb Bradford, reporting an ending balance of \$6,346.99. There were no questions and Deb indicated that if there are any questions by anyone at a later date, please don't hesitate to contact her for clarification. The emailed Treasurer's Report was accepted into the records for the group.

Judy Inskeep asked that if you do something i.e. chair a committee, incur a cost (back to Karen Kramer's request at our last meeting) that you write up a report and put it in the standing file bin so that it can be reviewed by the next person to take on the task or for the budget committee to be able to better judge what is a realistic budget year to year – even if you aren't looking for reimbursement. This bin will be housed in the locked file cabinet once it is repaired.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Military Quilts: Edna Kemp reports that there are currently 22 patriotic quilts on hand for the Quilt Show Boutique. She stated that she has binding for 3 more that she hopes to get from Carol this week. She stated that there would be NO BOM in August or September as everyone is busy making the Quilt Show Items for the Boutique and to hang in the Quilt Show.

Community Quilts: Lila Escalante reported that there are 43 completed community quilts (including those donated by Barbara Birdsell's friend) on hand, some of which will be for sale at the Quilt Show. If there are quilts left over at the end of the show, they will be in the Trash to Treasure sale before being distributed between Safe House and Project Linus.

Project Linus: Judy Inskeep reported that there continues to be high demand requests for baby/toddler blankets and for teenagers. She reported that Project Linus distributed 125 handmade blankets and quilts to various needy organizations already this month. There is a handout on the back counter for the requirements for Project Linus items.

Retreats: Karla Desrosiers reported that Julys retreat is full but there are openings for both retreats in August. Retreat fees are due at Open Sew prior to the Friday before August 10th and 11th IF the Business Meeting is in the same week as the retreats. Carol has to plan a menu, shop etc. There is no exception to this rule and Karla is not expected to have to stalk you for your \$\$\$\$\$. If you know you will be out of town, please mail your check to Karla directly. Karla will contact Karen Shepard about Anne McDonalds missing retreat fee as neither Deb Bradford nor Brenda Clark have found it in the mailbox.

UPCOMING CLASSES – Linda Pfeiffer reported:

July 19th Marilyn Giblin will teach a Freezer Paper Piecing class at Forest Lakes Community Center. Meet at the church to carpool at 8am and departing at 8:15am. Bring a sack lunch and only closed, lidded drinks.

August 16th Gail Brandon will teach the Attic Window class using a panel. There may still be 1 or 2 openings.

MEMBERSHIP – Brenda Clark reported that with Honorary members (11 at present date) we have a total of 70 members. We lost 7, but she will contact them 1 more time before the end of this month. If there are any errors in the Roster, please contact Brenda. She will put out a correction email for everyone to update their hard copies that they picked up today.

Silent Auction is set for Monday, August 21st. If you are planning on contributing, you need to have a minimum bid in mind in order to complete the paperwork before the Auction can begin.

Trash to Treasure will be after the Quilt Show this year, on Monday, September 18th. Left over quilts that have been quilted by Carol Webb will be donated to Safe Haven. Decisions regarding the remaining items will be discussed at the October Business Meeting.

2023 Quilt Show: Karen Kramer / Candy Murray / DJ Strauss are the Quilt Show Committee. Karen introduced that we are allowed to take our Opportunity/Raffle Quilt to several Quilt Shows without having to pay a "Vendor Fee" and we have received a likewise request from both (our) Faith Lutheran Church and Forest Lakes Piecemakers to have their fundraising quilts in our show this year. Discussion was held and Karen K made the motion to permit Faith Lutheran Church and Forest Lake Piecemakers Raffle Quilt to be in our show. Motion was seconded by Marsha Berlo. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

August 31st is set-up afternoon with a Chili Dinner for the set-up crew to thank the dedicated volunteer husbands that are essential to getting our show set up year after year. The quilt show will take place on September 1st and 2nd this year. Quilt show ribbons, which Mary Slogar and Karla Desrosiers have done a wonderful job on, will need to be on hand on August 31st.

Sign-up sheets for both days are on the long back counter. With our membership, if everyone signs up for 1 shift there shouldn't be a shift uncovered.

Karen encouraged our newest members to start out slow, enter a quilt, or make something for the Boutique as your contribution this year. Sign up for an easy shift but don't overdo it. We want you to enjoy the show.

Karen took a rough count of tables for the various committees. Tables are not a shortage issue as Donna Ayers has a source for any additional need we may have. Chairs are not an issue as we have all we need at the school already.

Vendors – Brenda Clark reports that she has confirmation from 8 vendors but only payment from 5 or 6, counting the credit from last years show for Quills & Quilts due to illness. She will finish making phone calls this week to remind those to get their information in for the best possible floor location.

DJ Strauss asks that everyone share in the coverage of selling tickets for the Quilters Baskets as she'll have Quilt Show Committee duties. DJ will also be in charge of getting the storage unit items organized and will be there while the men load up the trailers with all the Quilt Show paraphernalia.

Judy Inskeep is our Bake Sale chairperson, and she has found that anything over an 8"x8" sized cake does not sell. Pies and brownies are the 1st to go. Small jars of jams and jellies do well, too. Cupcakes, if packaged 4-6 together, will sell instead of a dozen. They even sell well as individuals. Cookies packaged 2-4 per baggie are the best as well. Cindy Seiz-Krug has donated white chocolate chips in 24 oz bags as her contribution to the Bake Sale, as she will be judging and teaching out of state at the time of our show. She also indicated that she brought the chocolate fudge cookies with white chocolate chips and is willing to share the recipe. Contact her by email.

Candy Murray gave out information regarding quilt entries and explained about the designation difference between Viewer's Choice (cream tags) or Display Only. Forms will be available after the meeting. She asks that you print legibly and that you keep your quilt information to a maximum of 55 words so that the size of the font will allow anyone to read it easily. You can enter as many quilts as you wish, but you must fill out a separate form for each quilt and number them 1-? (#1 being the first quilt to be included in the show, etc.). All entries must be handed in on or before Monday, August 14, 2023 (the sooner the better, to accommodate Candys workload).

Judy Inskeep introduced the hanging mechanism for our Quilt Show Challenge Postcards. She showed several examples that are almost completed. Every pictorial front must include as much of the 6" square of copper fabric and whatever your postcard depicts. There should be a description of it on the back, just like a real postcard. You do not have to fill out an entry form for the Challenge. These entries will be turned in to Mary Slogar on Thursday afternoon when the other quilts are being turned in (after 4:40pm). Brenda Clark suggested that earplugs be added to the tips of the umbrella frame to avoid any injuries.

Renie Arrigo and Lesley Buechel are Co-Chairs of the Boutique. Donations are way down, so everyone needs to help out so we may continue being "The Best Source of Quality Handmade Gifts". Please bring your donations in weekly so they can be priced. This year the split is 80/20 and since our group is classed as 501C4 with the IRS, we need to remind the Boutique 80/20 participants that there is a solid monetary limit of \$599.00. Hold on to your 80/20 projects at your homes until Thursday, August 31, 2023. You are responsible for pricing your items with a colored tag. There are instructions and a 10-pack of tags here on the back counter. If you need more tags, contact either Renie, Leslie or Karla Desrosiers for them. You need to attach them with safety pins that you are to provide. Also, on Thursday, you will need to arrange your items on the appropriate tables and not just add them to the white tagged item bins. If your items hanging in the show are for sale, they must be listed on the 80/20 sheet and counted towards the \$599 maximum amount.

Lunches on Friday and Saturday will be various salads and since we have no refrigeration options and don't want to have to worry about leaking ice chests, we are asking that anyone who has freezer packs to please sign up on luncheon sheets to bring them in frozen on your day. The club is purchasing water and we are asking for 4-6 salads each day, bread and desserts. The club is purchasing foil trays as they sit better in the ice

chests and are disposable. If you sign up to make a salad, you will be given a foil tray to transport it in. Same goes for rolls, cookies or other suitable desserts, etc. We will be using mixed cutlery, napkins, plates, etc. to keep the costs down.

Brenda Clark reported that the Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales signup sheets are over on the cutting table. There are several slots that still need to be filled. Please help out with this very real need for our funding donations to many programs. It was reported that \$27 in tickets were sold at the 6/26 Veterans Quilt Presentation, \$118 in sales at ACE on 7/1 (even though the parade took up most of the morning), \$28 worth sold at Mountain Stitches Sell, Swap or Trade and Fabric Sale on 7/3, and on 7/8 (our first night at Red Onion) we had \$149 in ticket sales. Mary, the owner, and the waitresses were very kind to our members and posted pictures of us on several different Facebook pages including the Heber-Overgaard Community Page. Brenda stated that she will have all the Opportunity Quilt display and tickets at the Quilt Show set-up. She further mentioned that none of the items used for the various ticket sales locations are group owned. Deb Bradford provided her own hanging frame, awning, indoor/outdoor rug, tables and chairs, just as Brenda is doing now. This is something that needs to be remedied.

UFO/PHD Challenge –

DJ Strauss showed a quilt before she had to leave, Linda Pfeiffer showed her completed Christmas Quilt, Renie Arrigo showed her granddaughters quilt that she had started before breaking her leg. To add to the challenge, she no longer had the sewing machine she started the quilt with. Marilyn showed a log cabin quilt that she started and completed this year but had been meaning to make for almost 13 years for her aunt who has been dropping very obvious hints for all those 13 years. Jenny Grotberg showed a wool project that was supposed to be a pin cushion but is WAY too big. Bonnie K showed her Big Easy Basket that she finally finished after many years of it laying incomplete. These 6 participants were entered into the monthly drawing and Bonnie K was the lucky winner for the second time since we began this challenge. Next month's # is 7.

New Business

Member's Interviewee:

This month's interviewee is Carol Smith, and she told us that she grew up in Connecticut and her father died when she was in grad school. Her mom owned the only beauty salon in town, and everyone knew who she and her sister were and would report EVERYTHING to her mom, so she remembers that they were always in trouble. Her mom remarried and they moved to Apache Junction her senior year in high school, and she really hated that she knew no one and had no friends. She eventually met people in her neighborhood and was introduced to her husband, Randy. This is where Carol warned us that she would have difficulty getting through her story, and she had many of us choked up too. Randy and she worked in the valley and took many travel trailer trips with their two boys, and when they weren't traveling Carol worked at various banking establishments in the east valley until her final job where she first met Lesley Buechel who trained her in accounts receivable. Eventually Carol became the Administrator Assistant to the Director of Leisure World in Mesa, AZ. Randy tired of their travel lifestyle so they bought a fixer upper here in the White Mountains and Carol would stay in an RV in the valley during the week, working until she finally retired after 20+ years working at Leisure World. After she and Randy raised their sons, they finally both agreed to permanently settle in the White Mountains. In 2022, Carol and Randy both got COVID-19 and, unfortunately, Randy passed away and it took Carol many months to regain her health. She stated that she was always in awe of the wonderful quilts Leslie was making. Eventually, Leslie convinced her to join our group and the rest is history. To this day she is still in awe of all we do. Carol said there were always two things she had as goals upon her retirement. One was to see the Rose

Bowl Parade live, which she completed in 2022, and the second was to travel to see Alaska. She just returned from a cruise there. So, her next move is to find new goals!

Next month's Member Interviewee will be Mary Slogar who will share some things we don't know about her.

Candy Murray wanted to add two people as Honorary Members. Since the meeting had already taken so long, this was tabled to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2023. Snacks at 9:00am and the meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 pm following a motion by Judy Inskeep and second by Mary Slogar.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Adair, in absentia
Secretary