

Pine Needlers Quilt Group
Business Meeting September 11, 2023
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The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Inskeep at 9: 28am. There were 38 members present.

Show and Tell was held from 9:20am to 9:28am with some lovely examples of the Greetings From AZ Challenge Postcards, as well as quilts to be donated to Project Linus.

Guest introduced: Patricia. She is a full-time resident and a friend of Barb Birdsell. She is looking for a new/used straight sewing machine as hers quit on her.

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

The minutes as emailed were found to have no corrections needed. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Marilyn Giblin and seconded by Karen Kramer. Minutes were approved by the membership.

There were two pieces of correspondence received: One was a postcard from Yuriko Zoller's recent trip to Europe. The second was a note from Dave Kettner thanking the Pine Needlers for asking him to participate in our Quilt Show. He described it as a great experience.

September birthdays are: Renie Arrigo, Donna Ayers, Karla Desrosiers, Janet Gibson, Nancy Hirst, Judy Inskeep, DeAna McCloyd, Linda Scoles, Joyce Day and Nikki Woley

The Treasurer's report was emailed to the group by Deb Bradford and there were no questions concerning this report. Our ending balance was \$8,825.41.

New Business: Judy Inskeep indicated that we are so rushed through the New Business tasks that she wanted to change it up this month.

Martha Castillo motioned that Pine Needlers make a one-time donation of \$200.00 to the Mogollon H.S. Athletic Department to be used at the coach's discretion to help defray any costs the school may have due to the school bus fire. Karla Desrosiers seconded the motion. The membership agreed.

Distribution of Proceeds to our Charitable Organizations: It was suggested that someone from an organization receiving money from the Pine Needlers should be present at the monthly business meeting or an open sew to pick up their check. If this isn't possible due to staffing or whatever, then the check will be mailed.

As we all know, DJ is from Hawaii. She still has many friends and acquaintances there. She relayed a heart-felt plea from a quilt business in Maui to please donate quilts to families who have lost everything due to the tragedy taking place there. Brenda Clark made a motion for the Pine Needlers to send 10 of the community quilts to Maui. It was seconded by Kay Hunter. Karla Desrosiers motioned for the Pine Needlers to pay the postage and Judy Inskeep seconded the motion.

The remainder of the community quilts will be distributed to Safe House and Project Linus after Trash to Treasure on Monday, September 18th (there is no open sew that day).

Brenda Clark has an updated list of the New Membership/Correction page, and it has been emailed to the group. Please contact her if you need one printed out for you.

Judy Inskeep met with the new owner of The Red Barn, who offered a room for the long arm machine. The fee to use the room will be \$150.00 per month (\$1,800.00 per year), which is discounted from what all the other vendors pay due to us doing so much for the community. We would have year-round access and heat would be available. It would be secure and bathroom facilities would be available. People will need to be trained in the use of the long arm before they can use it. It can be moved for classes, if wanted. However, tables and chairs would need to be purchased. A committee, suggested by Martha Castillo and seconded by DJ, was formed. Kay Hunter, Judy Inskeep, Pat Kaus, Carol Smith and Karen Kramer all volunteered to be on the committee and to report back to the group at October's meeting.

Christmas Party Cookie Exchange/Potluck: Trudy Janes and Marilyn Giblin both offered to host it at their homes this year. It was also discussed that the new owners of the Ponderosa Café are willing to host us on a Tuesday when they are normally closed to the public. The consensus was that the Potluck and Cookie Exchange was the favorite menu vs. cost of a public location. Date and place will be determined at the October business meeting.

Member Interviewee: Mary Slogar was born in Compton, CA. In the 70's she became a professional seamstress, which she did for many years, as well as creating window displays for retail shops. She loves to read, bead, do needlework and embellish/embellish/embellish! She drafts out all her patterns, as well as all her free motion quilting on her domestic sewing machine. She attended ASU in 1988, pursuing a career in Business and Intercultural Communication. She taught English as a second language to Japanese students. Mary describes herself as a cat lover who loves purple.

Next month's Member Interviewees are Candy Kelley & Linda Pfeifer.

Additional New Business from the floor:

For November's Challenge it was suggested that those who want to participate make a homemade Christmas ornament, as was done last year. Everyone seemed to be in favor of this idea.

Standing Committee/Old Business:

Military Quilts: Edna Kemp said that a lady from Kansas, who usually comes to our show and buys a red, white and blue quilt couldn't make it this year due to illness. However, she bought a quilt anyway, choosing from pictures Edna sent her. There were 17 quilts left after the show.

Edna indicated that the current BOM patterns, from October 2023 to March 2024, are available. The patterns will also be sent out via email by our email pro, Brenda Clark. Edna also suggested a challenge for members to make a red, white and blue top with the March block in whatever configuration you choose just to see how many different designs we come up with. It will need to be expanded to meet the requirements for a military quilt and that information will be added to the pattern prior to being emailed to the membership.

Community Quilts: Martha Castillo reported that 43 community quilts were sold at the show for a total of \$2,020.00. There were only 21 quilts left unsold. That averages out to less than \$100.00 per quilt and all that money is distributed as designated by the purchaser to our community charities.

Project Linus: Judy Inskeep reported that there is a shortage of quilts for teenagers. The kits by Brenda Clark are a good source and stitch up quite quickly.

Retreats: The upcoming retreat dates for this month were September 12th and September 13th. There are 2 openings for the October 10th retreat. For Carol to not hold a retreat, we must have no less than 10 members

attending. Only if there are no members willing to take one or the other Retreats, then Karla has a list of those who don't mind attending 2 sessions. Same goes, if you find you are unable to attend any upcoming Retreat spot. REMINDER: Retreat fee is due no later than the Business meeting in which the Retreat date is being attended by you.

Education: Linda Pfeifer reports upcoming classes are October 18th - Fabric Strips by Judy Inskeep and November 8th – Landscape by Karen Kramer. Linda will be stepping down as Education Class coordinator and Lesley Buechel and Bonnie Kouskouris will be taking her place. Lesley passed out a class interest questionnaire to the membership present and will be emailing it to everyone as well.

Linda Pfeifer noted that the “Quilt Room Tour III” will be held on Wednesday, September 27th. Paula Zillmer, Cyndy Kettner, Carol Smith and DJ Strauss will be opening their rooms to all interested in viewing them. Carpooling will be available so please be at the church prior to 8:45am. Where to have lunch is yet to be determined. Linda will be sending an email and tallying all the votes.

Quilt Show: Karen Kramer / Candy Murray / DJ Strauss report: Karen Kramer thanked everyone for all their hard work making the show the overwhelming success that it was. There were 97 or 98 quilts hung this year.

The “Boutique looked fabulous” and Tony Arrigo was praised for his suggestion on hanging the drapes next year.

The 2024 show will be Karens last as coordinator. DJ Strauss will continue to help Karen. Candy Murray will not continue next year, but she thanked everyone for all the help and kind comments. She also thanked the Pine Needlers for allowing the Faith Lutheran Church to sell tickets for their quilt at our show.

Jenny Grotberg thanked the membership for the honor of selecting her as the Featured Quilter for 2023.

DJ thanked everyone who helped her with the basket. There were over \$1,440.00 worth of products and DJ sold \$2,210.00 worth of tickets.

The Opportunity Quilt sold \$3,800.00 in tickets.

Many thanks to all the vendors who helped make the show a success. They appreciated all we did for them and told Brenda Clark to have us let them know what we would like to see in their booths in future shows. Brenda also reported that she has sent out Thank You notes to every vendor, and all reported very good sales at our show. Some even mentioned that they made more at our show than at Eager or Pinetop/Lakeside shows this year.

Barb Bayer reported that she had 3 kids in her booth on Friday and 26 on Saturday!

Thank you, Mary Slogar, for the beautiful job you did on the ribbons. Even the ‘naked umbrella’ was a hit!

Paula Salgado said she would take over the duties of the Boutique for the Renie Arrigo/Lesley Buechel team. She did say she will need someone to assist in the “computer tasks associated with the Boutique” as she doesn't do computer!

Thanks go out to Martha and Fernando Castillo for making the delicious meat for the meals during the show. Everyone requested recipes for all dishes made. They should be submitted to Marilyn Giblin to post on the website.

Trash to Treasure will be held Monday, September 18th. Please bring things not used anymore. Price your items yourself prior to displaying them on the tables at the church. The set-up will be at 9am and the sale will begin at 9:30am. Remember to use Garage Sale pricing guidelines and that the remaining items not claimed by their donating owners will be given to Addie's Attic at the Rim Country Senior Center.

UFO/PHD/ or New Project List: Those participating in this month's UFO Challenge Item #10 are DJ Strauss, Bonnie Kouskouris, Marilyn Giblin, Linda Pfeifer and Judy Inskeep. The winner of the monthly prize is Linda Pfeifer. Next month's # is 2.

Brenda Clark apologized to Karen Schuller for forgetting to acknowledge her winning the Puns from Pennsylvania – July 4th Challenge. Karen Kramer asked what the answers were, and Brenda indicated that she would email the list of "Puns" and their answers to the group. Karen Schuller won a 2" x 30 yd roll of batting seaming tape from Marti Michell.

The Group Challenge for October, as explained by Judy Inskeep, is a Paint Chip Challenge. ACE or Home Depot both have the monochromatic color strips. The Challenge Project should contain 3 to 5 colors from the same strip plus, if necessary, one other color: black, gray, white or beige. Be creative and bring your color strip with your challenge piece to the October business meeting.

Door prizes were awarded.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2023. Snacks at 9:00am and the meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm following a motion by DJ Strauss and seconded by Karen Kramer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Adair
Secretary