



# Needle Notes

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## President's Notes:

Hi Everyone,

I can't believe that Marsha is getting ready to put out the April Newsletter! What a busy year we have had and time is flying by. We are on target for our Quilts of Valor and expect to have approximately 20 quilts for presentation in the fall. We have a workday scheduled for April immediately following our regular meeting and hope many of you can join us. Just bring a sandwich for your lunch and spend a few hours that afternoon working with your friends on a wonderful project. We are very close to having all the projects completed and hope you can be part of the final push. In the fall we will be working on some final details regarding the quilts and getting ready for our program in November.

The quilt retreat was wonderful and Rhodes Grove is such a nice facility. Many groups drive a distance to take advantage of it and we have it right at hand! The food is great and the company perfect. Think about coming to a retreat next year. You will just love it!

As most of you already know the Nominating Committee is at work. Our group will need a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for next year. Don't be afraid to ask some questions when you get a call. You may find the job you are called about to be more interesting and less time consuming than you feared. Feel free to call the person currently holding that position to get first hand information. I can guarantee that you will be working with a wonderful group of ladies. Keep on quilting,

*Doralice Barthel* (352-4298)

## *From the Vice President*

I can't believe April is almost here. Seems like we were waiting forever for Spring & now here it is!

Nancy Bills did a great job showing us all her wonderful quilts. Such imagination - I'd love to have some of that.

The retreat was fantastic as always & this one especially so since Pat McGraw and I got to hand it over to Linda Hoffman and Pat Dotson. I'm sure they will do a wonderful job with it for the next two years.

I've done a lot of quilting this week & feel very proud of myself. Three quilts off to the quilter & I did one baby quilt myself. Of course, not much housework has been done lately. Oh well, that will always be there.

*I keep my end tables full of needlework & quilting so I don't have to dust them!*

*Rosemary Tokar* (352-8000)

PROGRAMS

<b>April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>	Polly Mello - trunk show quilts early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>	Mimi Dietrich trunk show

2011 - 2012 OFFICERS

President:	Doralice Barthel
Vice President:	Rosemary Tokar
Secretary:	Ginger Bartin
Treasurer:	Norma Huss

Committee Chairmen

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Lotty Masters</b> Vicki McKee and Linda Brannon
<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Joan Patarini</b> & Eloise Lawrence
<b>Christmas Luncheon</b>	<b>Louise Johnston</b> & Ginny Seger and Pat Malone
<b>Facilities</b>	Sign up sheet at membership table (signup per month)
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Marian Foster</b> & Penny Goldstein
<b>Picnic</b>	<b>Audrey Kovalak</b> , Irene Gusty, Carol Lavery, Sandy Haney, Marcia Petrie
<b>Raffle Quilt (2013)</b>	<b>Nancy Bills co-chair</b> , Sally McEwen, Eloise Lawrence & Joan Patarini Nancy Strosnider, Carmen Richardson
<b>Raffle Quilt (2011)</b>	<b>Nancy Bills</b> , Nancy Strosnider, Carmen Richardson, Dorothy Lehr
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Marsha Williams and Audrey Kovalak (photos)</b>
<b>Fabric Seekers</b>	<b>Carmen Richardson</b> and Dorothy Bathory
<b>Mini Groups</b>	<b>Linda Bergeron</b> and Judi Eifert
<b>Retreat</b>	<b>Rosemary Tokar</b> - Pat McGraw, Linda Hoffman & Pat Dotson
<b>Library/Community Service</b>	<b>Alice Moyer</b> and Linda Hoffman
<b>Historian and Sunshine</b>	<b>Ginger Bartin</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Nan Carpenter</b>
<b>Audit</b>	TBA

FABRIC SEEKERS

It was a long ride but I think most will agree that our visit to Burkholders and Sauders was worth the trip. What a fabulous selection of fabrics and what wonderful bargains.

This month, Wednesday April 25, the Fabric Seekers will be going to Frederick, MD. Our first stop will be Needles & Pins, next we'll have lunch at Wegmans -- where there's something for everyone -- and end the day at Sistos. If you'd like to see what these shops have to offer check their websites.

<http://www.sistosquilting.com/aboutus.htm>.

The left column of this link shows the wide variety of fabrics offered by Needles & Pins to preview before you visit them on our trip.. <http://stores.ebay.com/Needles-n-Pins-Frederick>

**Carmen Richardson and Dorothy Bathory**

June is Picnic Time!

The annual Penn Needles Picnic will be held on June 19th, following the business meeting and installation of officers. The cost will be \$7.00 a person. Members of the picnic committee will be taking reservations at the April & May meetings. Cash is preferred, or you can pay by check, payable to Penn Needles Quilters. If you wish to sign up by mail, send your payment to Audrey Kovalak, 6313 Medina Ridge Drive, Fayetteville, PA 17222. The committee is planning a lovely picnic lunch. Don't forget that the 2012 Challenge will also take place at that time. We hope to have a good turnout, as we say farewell to our fellow quilters for the summer.

*Audrey Kovalak*

PROGRAMS

Polly will show us her wonderful trunk show - quilts from middle America at our April meeting  
Lotty Masters, chairman

PRAIRIE WINDS GROUP

If anyone needs any more help with our project, please see me at the next BOM meeting on Tues April 3 after our BOM instruction. I will be happy to stay and help. Let's try and finish our blocks and show them at the May mtg. whether they are quilted or not.

Dorothy Bathory

MACAROON BROWNIES

- 1 C soft butter
- 2 C sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 t vanilla extract
- 2 C flour
- 1 / 2 C baking cocoa
- 1 / 2 t cream of tartar
- 1 C chopped walnuts
- Macaroon Filling:**
- 1 package (14 ounces) flaked coconut
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 t vanilla
- Frosting:**
- 3 / 4 C sugar
- 1 / 4 C milk
- 2 T butter
- 1 C miniature marshmallows
- 1 C (6 ounces) choc chips
- 1 t vanilla extract

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Combine the flour, cocoa and cream of tartar; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in nuts. Spread half of batter into a greased 13 X 9 baking pan. For filling, combine the coconut, condensed milk and vanilla; carefully spread over batter in pan. Top with the remaining batter. Bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes or until done. Cool completely. For frosting, combine the sugar, milk and butter in a saucepan; cook and stir until sugar is dissolved. Add the marshmallows and choc chips; cook and stir until melted. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla. Cook until frosting reaches spreading consistency, about 25 minutes. Spread over the cooled brownies. Cut into bars. Yield: 4 dozen  
ENJOY!!

*Linda Brannon*

BLOCK OF THE MONTH CORRECTIONS

**Page 8:** "Dark Setting Squares and Triangles" should be 2 ¼ yd not 2 yds

**Page 42:** Under 'cutting recipe' subheading A and AR (**reverse**) cut 1 strip of medium Fabric to 1 1/2 x 45 not 1 ¼ x 45

Under subheading AI & AIR (**reverse**) for B, 4 1/4" not 4 ½"

**Page 72:** Under Setting Triangles for E corrected to 15 3/8" not 11 ¼"

Questions? contact Georgia at [goodmangeorgia@gmail.com](mailto:goodmangeorgia@gmail.com)

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Community Service

Betty Dizzia and I made 30 clothing protectors for Falling Spring Nursing Home at the Retreat and Irene Gusty recently made 6.

Deb, the liaison at Falling Spring, was most appreciative and told me that during the last cold snap, the women were all lined up in their wheel chairs, each with one of the red plaid muffs we had made, and it was a very colorful sight.

**Library:** Some quilt related novels have been donated as well as a number of How-To books, including "9-Patch Pizzazz" and "Two-for-One Foundation Piecing."

Alice Moyer 352-2068



*Happy Birthday*

Joanie Purgason	4/7
Pat McGraw	4/16
Dorothy Lehr	4/18
Judi Eifert	4/27
Norma Huss	4/30

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES 2012-2013**

It's Springtime and that means that it's time to think about renewing your membership in the Penn Needles Quilters. The annual dues have been raised to \$40.00 for the 2012-2013 quilt season.

A Membership Form will appear in the May Newsletter and Nan Carpenter will be accepting your renewal forms at the May and June meetings.

*Nan Carpenter*



*Next Meeting  
April 17th 2012  
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.  
Norlo Community Center  
Chambersburg, Pa*

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## MINI GROUPS

Tuesdays at 9:30 am Norlo Park Community Building

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pineapple Welcome Wall Hanging BOM	Jean Patten Linda Hoffman, Pat Dotson

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## FACILITIES

For April clean up we have.

Nancy Strosnider  
Libby Byam  
Nan Carpenter  
Irene Gusty  
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## SPECIAL K BARS

Bring to boil in lg saucepan  
3 / 4 c Light Karo Syrup  
3 / 4 c sugar  
Remove from heat and add  
1 1 / 2 c peanut butter  
6 c Special K  
Mix well and spread in 13x9 pan-Frost with 12oz  
pkg choc. bits melted-Let sit approx. 1 hr  
before cutting in squares. Ginny Seger

## RELIEF QUILT SALE

April 13 (4-9PM) Friday  
14 (6:30am-3pm) Sat  
Farm Show Complex  
Harrisburg Pa

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Both of our members for this month's featured article, Audrey Clancy and Irene Gusty, have been long-time, loyal members of Penn Needles Quilters. Now let's hear their stories.

*Nan Carpenter*



*Marian Foster*

My parents were Dutch, and my dad, who was an engineer working for Shell Oil, was transferred a lot. I was born on the Caribbean island of Curacao. We also lived in Aruba, Venezuela, New York City (during WWII), Holland, and Venezuela again. In 1952 my dad left Shell and we came to Florida as immigrants. Five years later we all became United State citizens.

Roland and I met in high school, and were married in 1961. In our 50 years of marriage we have raised two great kids, Charles and Emily, and now are blessed also with two wonderful granddaughters. Roland retired from IBM at the end of 1996, but still works for them part time from home.

My mom was a marvelous seamstress who made most of our family's clothing while I was growing up, and she taught me basic sewing skills. When we came to Penn National in 2002 I wanted to take part in some of the available activities, one of which was quilting. I knew nothing about it, but my mother-in-law had made many beautiful quilts that I admired a lot. In Penn Needles I learned the basics from a great teacher, and with the help of many other fine quilters I have learned a good bit and made a few pieces that turned out pretty well. I enjoy our retreats, with the opportunity to learn new techniques and try new challenging patterns. I thank my fellow quilters for all the help and encouragement. Keep up the good work!

I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, and I was interested in sewing as far back as I can remember. My mother did not share my interest, but she owned a sewing machine, and taught me how to use it when I was about 10 years old. I took sewing lessons at a downtown Pittsburgh department store when I was about 12, and began making clothes for myself, as well as some for my sister and my mother.



*Audrey Kovalak*

In 1971, I graduated from IUP, married Frank, and moved to the Washington DC area. We lived there for 32 years, mostly in Springfield, Virginia, and that is where we raised our 2 children, Laura and Steve. Frank was employed by the federal government, and I enjoyed my career as a high school mathematics teacher. Laura and Steve still live in Virginia with their spouses and children. We have been blessed with 3 dear grandchildren. Through the years, I continued to enjoy sewing, especially making little dresses for Laura when she was young.

We retired and moved to Penn National in 2003. Frank and I both absolutely loved it here from day one, and we still do. My friend Louise Lerario took me to my first Penn Needles meeting shortly after we moved in, and I joined the beginners group, which was under the direction of Dolores Pilla at the time. I learned so much from Dolores, and over the years I have learned from the other talented members of our group who have shared ideas and techniques in mini-groups and workshops. I love being a member of Penn Needles, and especially enjoy seeing all the beautiful projects made by our members.

## Penn Needles Quilters Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012

Doralice opened the meeting at 9:30 on March 20th and welcomed everyone.

There were 41 members in attendance. Doralice reported she had attended her first retreat and encouraged all members too at some point attend a retreat.

**Minutes:** The February minutes were approved as printed in the March Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Norma Huss reported the opening balance January 1 was \$9514.88. Income was \$175, expenses \$450, leaving a balance February 29 of \$9239.88.

### Old Business:

Doralice reported that Options 2 and 4 regarding dues and the money making projects were voted upon last meeting. Option 2 had the most votes raising the dues to \$40, having 4 speakers per year, and a raffle quilt every 2 years. Therefore the dues in the future will be \$40 and in the year when a raffle quilt is done, members will be required to take \$20 in tickets and either sell them or buy them.

#### Option 2

Four speakers per year, one raffle quilt every two years and an increase to \$40 dues.

#### Option 4

Four speakers per year, no raffle quilt, one fund raiser every two years, and increase dues to \$50.

**Picnic:** Audrey Kovalak reported that the picnic will be generally the same as last year and would cost \$7. The committee will be meeting to work on the menu.

**Quilts of Valor:** Nancy Bills reported that most Quilts of Valor were in process and asked all who were working on them to bring them to the May meeting for show and tell. The next work session would be following the April meeting.

**BOM:** Linda Hoffman reported that the block that was current was number 5. Cindy Paskanik reported there were mistakes in the book regarding #6 and possibly #12. Georgia Goodman has the new book from the author and she will get changes to the Newsletter.

**New Business:** Doralice announced that Nan Carpenter and Judi Eifert have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. She then asked for a volunteer to be nominated. Marian Foster volunteered and she was nominated to serve on the committee.

**Programs:** Lottie Masters reported next month we will have Polly Mello with her trunk show "Quilts of the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century."

We were once again amazed at our member's talented display of the work. After a short break Lottie introduced our own Nancy Bills who "wowed" us with her beautiful trunk show.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Bartin, Secretary

# MARCH SHOW & TELL



# A small sampling of the many beautiful quilts shown at the Nancy Bills Trunk Show

