



Needle Notes

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President's Notes:

Hi Ladies,

Wasn't Tuesday's program just wonderful? I know I learned so much. To see all those wonderful old quilts was just super. Many were in excellent condition. The old kit quilts are among my favorite because my very first quilt was one. I started it in 1973 and didn't complete it until about 1987! But that labor of love has given me a real fondness for those type of quilts and I loved seeing them and learning about the designers and patterns. On top of that our speaker was very informative and she made me want to start a collection of my own. (Unfortunately my husband suggested I rethink that idea!)

Now it is time for us all to renew our membership and I can hardly wait to sign up for another year. I've had a few conversations with the Programs Committee and I know that they are planning more programs as good as this weeks. They also have some new ideas that will bring us all together and help keep our personal costs down. Can't beat that.

Keep on quilting,

Doralice Barthel (352-4298)

From the Vice President

Hi Ladies,

Polly Mello sure had a lot to show us. She was very informative about the antique quilts and those who designed and made them. It's too bad some of them had stains, but I imagine they would be too expensive for collectors if they were still in pristine condition.

Next month is Mimi Dietrich. She also is an excellent speaker and will have lots to teach us about her quilts. She's been here before and is always a pleasure. **Would everyone who has a quilt made from one of Mimi's patterns - please bring it for Show 'n Tell during our May meeting. !!! have to check & see if I ever made anything.**

We've been working on next year's programs already and have a lot planned for you. There will be \$10 Tuesday workshops available, new and fun mini groups, as well as lots of new & exciting surprises. You'll get to sign up for them in September. Bellweather Dry Goods will be here in October with their 1930 quilts and "stuff" to buy. Plus George Siciliano in November and his prize-winning miniatures. See the September newsletter for a list of all the programs. We'll have a new charity workshop during the first Tuesday in January with Kids Quilts that are to be donated to local organizations.

Nan Carpenter will be very happy to accept your \$40 checks to sign up for next year at the May meeting. The membership form is in this newsletter.

Those ladies who brought in their completed President's block in April & the pen was dry ... please stop by again and sign the label for Doralice. Those of you who have not brought in your President's block for DoraliceI'm waiting!!!!

My husband lets me buy all the fabric I can hide!

Rosemary Tokar (352-8000)

2011 - 2012 OFFICERS

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

Committee Chairmen

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

FABRIC SEEKERS

Our last Fabric Seekers trip of the year will be to Chantilly, Virginia on June 1 for the **39th ANNUAL QUILTERS UNLIMITED QUILT SHOW at the Dulles Expo and Conference Center**: The cost of a 1 day pass is \$10.00 and the rider fee is also \$10.00. We hope you decide to attend this very popular show. Sign up sheet at the May meeting.

Carmen Richardson and Dorothy Bathory

Why do I quilt?

- I quilt because it makes me feel good
- I quilt because I feel I can be productive, often in a seemingly non-productive environment
- I quilt because it's something I can enjoy alone or with a hundred other quilters
- I quilt because I have a drive to create – even neat little stitches, all the same, all in a row
- I quilt because I go to another place in my head – and forget the troubles of the day
- I quilt because I want to make warm covers for my family to wrap around themselves
- I quilt because I can speak through my creating – say things that I might not otherwise say out loud
- I quilt because it allows me the time to mull over problems, not always solving, but making time to think
- I quilt because it's all about me, not family, career, or others expectations, just me
- I quilt because I love to play with color and I'm a hopeless painter
- I quilt because I can amaze myself with what I'm capable of creating
- I quilt because it absorbs and diminishes the various bumps and bruises of a busy day
- I quilt because it's my lifeline - without it I just might go insane
- I quilt because of the friendships I have made and continue to make each and every day
- I quilt because my knowledge grows and grows with each quilting experience, and that boosts my self esteem
- I quilt because I'm in control of the input and the output – no one else gets a say
- I quilt because I encounter the most interesting people, with the most interesting stories
- I quilt because it allows me to give and share in the generosity of spirit that is found amongst quilters.

- Judy Bellingham, Bella Online's Quilting Editor

BULLETIN BOARD

FACILITIES

For May clean up we have .

Madelyn Rugar
 Marcia Petrie
 Rosemary Griesbaum
 Joanne Purgason



Happy
 Birthday

Kathleen Szczepanski 5/8

NOVEMBER RETREAT 2012

Sign up for the November retreat will be at May's meeting with your deposit.
 Questions? Ask Linda Hoffman



Next Meeting
May 15th 2012
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Norlo Community Center
Chambersburg, Pa

PROGRAM FOR MAY

Welcomes Mimi Dietrich with a lecture/trunk show entitled "Happy Endings". We are looking forward to having Mimi with us again.

In June we will have our challenge and picnic - a fun time for all.

Lotty Masters, Chairman

June is Picnic Time!

Did you sign up for the Penn Needles Picnic yet? Our annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 19th, after the business meeting and installation of officers. We will also be holding the 2012 Challenge at that time, and a special "clothesline display" for Show 'N Tell.

For the low cost of only \$7.00 per person, you will get to enjoy an excellent lunch and a fabulous dessert. You may sign up and pay your \$7.00 at the meeting on May 15th. Cash is preferred, but if you pay by check, make it payable to Penn Needles. Or you can send your payment to Audrey Kovalak, 6313 Medina Ridge Drive, Fayetteville, PA 17222.

Any questions? Call Audrey at 352-3437.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month two more members of our quilting group have agreed to share their stories: Alice Moyer, a PNQ past president, and Jean Strobel. *submitted by Nan Carpenter*



Alice Moyer

. My grandmother Moyer made most of my clothes on a Singer treadle machine when I was a young girl. Unfortunately, I never asked her to teach me how to sew. I remember pulling out basting threads and playing with the buttons in her button drawer. After she died, a well-used scrappy quilt was found at the bottom of a closet. I think it was probably made by her mother who lived with the Moyer family for many years, using the leftover materials from the clothes of the 9 children in the family.

My interest in quilting was awakened in the mid 70's, but I did not take lessons until I retired in 1986. In the San Diego adult education classes lead by Sharon Craig, we made 3 tops in the Spring and 3 each Fall, each session we learned a different skill or pattern. So I have many unfinished quilts on hand. Sharon's favorite saying was "What if?" She published a series of articles with that title in "Traditional Quiltworks". Her article on Roman Stripe pattern included a picture of my quilt that now hangs in my dining room. Another that is finished is one from her class on Signatures. I got over 100 signatures of the Moyer family members, even those who had passed away, and I placed the names of my great grandparents in the 4 corners which sparked an interest in genealogy.

I was born and raised in Jamestown, NY. My mother made all my clothing until I was about 10 and then it was my turn to do it! As soon as I married and began my teaching career (\$) I BOUGHT my clothes. I did make children's clothes for my two daughters when they were little, but then it was over. I still liked sewing, so I ventured into home products and then to quilting. I still thoroughly enjoy that, with the inspiration of all the Penn Needles quilters.

In 1961 I graduated from Penn State, married my husband, Jack, and began my adventurous life with the Air Force. My first teaching job was in Selma, Alabama....now *there* was culture shock for someone who had never been south of Harrisburg! After 2 years there we were, then 2 years in Manitoba, Canada (-50 degrees in the winter), 3 years in Savannakhet, Laos, and 4 years in Paris, France. Returning to the USA, we lived in Annandale, VA for 27 years so that I could retire from the Fairfax County school system.

As we looked to move out of the DC area, we found Penn National -- what a blessing! We are enjoying everything about this beautiful area...including the wonderful. creative quilters.



Jean Strobel

Penn Needles Quilters Meeting Minutes April 17, 2012

Doralice opened the meeting at 9:30 on April 17th and welcomed everyone. There were 42 members in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Norma Huss submitted the following balances: March 1 was \$9239.88. There was no income, expenses \$635, leaving a balance March 31 of \$8604.88.

Old Business:

Alice Moyer exhibited the new style of fabric protectors that the Falling Springs Nursing Home has requested. She has 24 of these that they purchased and the binding did not hold up. Anyone who would like to rebind these can get them from her.

Picnic: Audrey Kovalak reported she was collecting money for the picnic.

Fabric Seekers: Carmen Richardson reported that Sistos Quilt Shop has closed and therefore, the next fabric seekers trip is cancelled. The next trip will be Friday, June 1 to the Chantilly Show. At the end of the meeting, Nancy Bills reported she had called Claudia Chapman and she will now meet you at Wegman's if you have quilts for her.

Quilts of Valor: Nancy Bills reported that most Quilts of Valor were in process and asked all involved to stick around for a few minutes after the meeting.

BOM: Linda Hoffman reported that there were no more meetings scheduled and we would start on the center panel in September

Challenge: Doralice asked for those who were participating in the Challenge to raise their hands. As of now she knows of 3 people participating. If anyone else wishes to participate, let the committee know. It was asked what the challenge was and it was explained that it could center on any holiday/Pennsylvania and could be any size. It must also be completed.

Nominating Committee: Marian Foster presented the following slate of officers to be voted on at the next meeting along with any nominations from the floor:

Treasurer: Dorothy Lehr

Secretary: Jean Patten

Vice President: Johanna Purgason

Doralice thanked Judi Eifert, Nan Carpenter, and Marian Foster for serving on this committee.

Programs: Lotty Masters reported next month we will have Mimi Deitrich with a program called "Happy Endings."

Retreat: Linda Hoffman reported the deposit for the fall retreat will be collected next month. She will have a picture of the project we will do. Normally there is not a project at the November retreat, however, last year Norma Huss's daughter Robin was working on a quilt that everyone expressed an interest in making. Robin and her sister Jenn have agreed to teach this to those interested.

Show and Tell: Our members then displayed what they have made recently. After a short break, Lotty Masters introduced Polly Mello who presented a very interesting display of Quilts of the early 20th Century.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Bartin, Secretary

PENN NEEDLES QUILTERS

Membership Form for 2012-2013

(Please print neatly & fill out the form completely.)

First and Last Name: _____ Phone # _____

Street Address: _____

Birthday Month & Day _____ E-mail: _____

Membership Dues can be paid at the **May 15th** meeting or no later than the **June 19th picnic**. Anyone who has not paid their dues by the **Sept.** meeting will have their name removed from the 2012-2013 membership list and directory.

Membership badges will be given out only once. These badges should be worn to each monthly meeting. If you do not have your badge, you will be fined \$.25. If you lose your badge & need a replacement, you will be charged \$1.00.

Checks for membership dues of **\$40.00** should be made payable to:

PENN NEEDLES QUILTERS

Checks and forms may also be mailed to my home:

Nan Carpenter, 6545 Bent Oak Drive, Fayetteville, PA 17222

Please complete the Quilt Guild Survey and return it along with your membership form and payment. Thank You.

Penn Needles Quilters – Guild Survey – June 2012

Name: _____ Phone # _____

What interests you most?

Traditional Quilting _____

Piecing _____

Machine Quilting _____

Contemporary Quilting- _____

Civil War Quilts _____

Hand Quilting _____

Appliqué _____ machine _____

needle turn _____ freezer paper _____

Art & Design _____

Miniatures _____

Quilting Crafts _____

Wearable Items _____

Other Ideas _____

Is there any guest speaker whom we have had who you would like to have again?

Name: _____

Is there a guest speaker who you would like to recommend for our group?

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Specialty: _____

Thank you for your cooperation in completing this survey. It will be helpful in planning programs in the future.

APRIL SHOW 'N TELL



POLLY MELLO TRUNK SHOW

