

Pine Needlers Quilt Group
Business Meeting, January 10, 2024
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The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Inskeep, at 9:45 am.
21 members were in attendance.

There were no guests, but a new member was introduced. Her name is Deborah, and she is a friend of Carol Smith. She is an ASU grad and lives in Show Low. Welcome Deborah.

Brenda Clark discussed information on upcoming quilt shows, one being in Havasu City. Cindy Seitz-Krug said there is also a show in Sun City West on February 24th and 25th.

Show and Tell: Showing their beautiful projects were Lesley Buechel, Karen Kramer, Linda Pfeifer, Trudy Janes, Karen Schuller and Judy Inskeep.

Prayer requests were made, followed by a moment of silence.

The minutes as emailed were found to have no corrections needed. The motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Karen Kramer and seconded by Brenda Clark. They were approved by the majority.

Correspondence: There were Christmas and Thank You cards from the recipients of Pine Needlers donations who spoke at our November 2023, meeting. There was also a Certificate of Appreciation from the local Salvation Army. In addition, we had a very nice Thank You note from Dianne Winslow. So good to hear from her.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Judy Inskeep in Deb Bradfords absence. There were no questions, but Deb had expressed to Judy some concerns about expenditures. It was decided that the Executive Board would meet to look over the budget to see if any changes need to be made. Our ending balance was \$10,010.48.

January birthdays are Pam Dunkelberger, Lila Escalante and Mary Slogar. Happy Birthday ladies.

Renie Arrigo suggested having, as a fund raiser, an Opportunity Table at the business meetings. The table would have items you no longer use or care to keep, notions, fabrics, etc. Everything is to be new or like-new condition and clean. Anything that doesn't sell will go to Sunshine Acres. Karen Kramer moved to accept the table with the intent that all proceeds go to the Pine Needlers. Linda Pfeifer seconded the motion.

As another fund raiser, Judy Inskeep suggested selling Block of the Month patterns for \$1.00. You can make 2 blocks out of each pattern: one in colors of your choice that you can either keep for yourself or use for a Community Quilt, and one in red, white and blue for our Military Quilts. Brenda Clark made a motion to accept and Renie Arrigo seconded. It was approved by the majority. It will begin at the February 2024 business meeting.

Judy Inskeep also suggested having Fat Quarter Birthdays. If you sign up to participate, you will designate what color you prefer, then at the business meeting of the month of your birthday all other participants would present you with a fat quarter in that color. If you live out of town, an email will be sent to you and the fat quarters will be saved until you return. After much discussion, it was decided to table the idea for now.

Judy Inskeep told the group that Kaiser Hospital in San Diego, CA, her former hometown, needs tote bags. She said that if anyone is interested in making one, or more, to make them 15" X 18" in any color you choose. They would be greatly appreciated. Contact Judy with any questions.

Longarm Update: Brenda Clark reported that the longarm machine is set up at the Red Barn and ready to start orientation. Scheduled classes for January 2024 are on the 18th and 25th at 10am both days. Classes will be limited to 4 to 5 people only. Due to space constrictions, you must be signed up to attend a class, you cannot attend as just an observer. Brenda Clark, Denine Moriarty or Sharon Mominee will be on hand to assist those who need help. From February on, there will be a sign-up sheet.

Standing Committees/Old Business:

Military Quilts: Edna Kemp reports that there are 21 quilts completed and some that need to go to Carol Webb for quilting for the upcoming presentation. She said there are about 60 names on the list of potential recipients. Not all on the list will be presented this year, but Edna would be very appreciative of any patriotic quilts she can get.

Community Quilts: There was no report on Community Quilts.

Project Linus: Judy Inskeep reported that over 100 quilts have been donated to Project Linus just since the beginning of the year.

Retreats: The upcoming retreat date for January is the 24th and, as of today, 14 are signed up. In order for Carol to not hold a retreat, we must have no less than 6 and no more than 16 members attending. Only if there are no members willing to take one or the other Retreats, then Lesley has a list of those who don't mind attending 2 sessions. Please contact Lesley Buechel promptly either after today's meeting or via phone call. 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: Lesley Buechel supplied a list of classes for 2024.

Quilt Show: DJ Strauss and Marilyn Giblin will be overseeing the Quilt Show in September. Karen Kramer will be standing by in case they need help with the transition. Any help you can give these ladies will be greatly appreciated.

We need an Opportunity Quilt chairman to find businesses who will allow us to display our quilt. Marilyn Giblin agree to co-chair. Karen Schuller and Carol Smith agreed to assist her.

Mary Slogar needs to know what the focus fabric for the Challenge Quilt will be. She needs at least 2 yards of the fabric for the ribbons, which she starts making around March.

UFO/PHD/ or New Project List: Brenda Clark reported that there are a couple of changes in the UFO/PHD challenge. You will make up your own project list, in any order you choose. It can be a new project, an old one, a technique you just learned.... anything goes. Brenda will 'roll the dice' to determine which project on the list is next. Next month's # is 5.

February's challenge is to make a placemat, at least 10" X 14", that can be handed out to Meals on Wheels recipients. Most of these people are homebound and it would surely lift their spirits to know someone was thinking of them. Since February is the month of Valentine's Day, the placemat could be made in Valentine colors, or, if you'd rather, make them with a Springtime theme. Bring them to the February business meeting.

New Business

Member's Interviewee #1 Karen Kramer has been married to her husband, Don, a retired policeman, for 46 years. They have 2 sons, Scott, who is an RN, and Steve, who is a fireman at Timber Mesa FD. Karen is a retired LPN. She worked in the Maternity department at the hospital and was a school nurse in Bullhead City. Karen became interested in quilting after she retired 20 years ago. Her interest stems from watching Alex Anderson on HGTV. When her family moved to Knabe, AZ, her interest came with her. She attended many classes and retreats and learned all she could about quilting.

Member's Interviewee #2 Karen Schuller entered this world on July 24, 1948. She lived in a tiny town 6 miles south of Lake Erie. Her first memories are of attending Sunday School. At 10 years old, Karen's great-uncle gave her \$5.00. She used that money to purchase a membership at the local YMCA. Her wish was to become a swimming and diving teacher. She went to Ohio University with this goal in mind, however, all the other requirements made this goal prohibitive for her. She met her husband, Gordon, who joined the Army. Needless to say she traveled around a lot. Her daughter was born at Andrews AFB and when Gordon got home from Viet Nam they moved to Novelty, Ohio. In September of 1990 they moved to Arizona where Karen joined her first quilt club.

Next month's Member Interviewees are Karla Desrosiers & Pat Kraus

Door prizes were awarded.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2024. Snacks at 9:00am and the meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09am following a motion by Brenda Clark and seconded by Trudy Janes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Adair
Secretary