

# DISPATCHER

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS CANCELED WINTER STORMS PILE ON SNOW

Heavy snow, with more to come, made the Pine Needle Board decide to cancel February's meeting. Speaker **Jan Steffen** was happy to avoid a trip on the icy roads to Wrightwood, and agreed to come to speak at our July meeting. She will be conducting a workshop for us on Wed. July 15th with a Square in a Square technique. You will be hearing more about this later, with sign-ups, etc.

MARCH MEETING features Suzanne Rasmussen, who does landscape quilts. Won't it be nice to get back? Meanwhile, all you cabin bound quilters must be finishing up your Block of the Quarters, Friendship Blocks, and mini-quilts. We're looking forward to seeing what you've done.

Don't forget to bring your UFO LIST, all filled out with your projects for this year. Marlene called me from the New Orleans Mardi Gras to remind you to bring one UFO to the March meeting from your list, just to show what it looks like now. Anyone who brings an **unfinished but in progress UFO** on their list will be eligible for a special drawing. We will be cheering each other on, and someone will get a prize for participating in the UFO List in March.

GUILD RAFFLE chairperson Jackie Weddle is collecting items you don't need any more for our guild raffle. Odd rulers, patterns, books will all be raffled off. Bring your unneeded treasures to share.

COUNTY FAIR spokesperson Kathy Lee is still hoping for brown grocery bags and sheets for dust covers for the fair, to protect entries before they are hung. The Fair booklets are out—Here's hoping Kathy brings some to the March meeting. The theme is **Green Acres, the place to be**.



*The Board decided not to jeopardize anyone's life or limb on these icy steps.*

MEMBERSHIP DUES are way due, since we are in our 3rd month of the new year. Get your money in now to Kathy Mekemson or Carol Poisal at the door.

### MARCH HOSTESSES

- Carol Gaines
- Eileen Kelly
- Carole Sincok
- Jackie Weddle

### MARCH DOORPRIZE

- Beth Stanton

### CHAIRPEOPLE STILL NEEDED:

- Mini-Auction in July
- Home Tour in December
- Publicity Chair for both!

### Board Members

#### PRESIDENT

Marlene Bowman 249-5753

#### VP PROGRAMS

Darlene Packard 244-6242

Cristy Marxsen 244-8206

#### VP MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Mekemson 249-5684

Carol Poisal 868-5101

#### SECRETARY

Debbie Stefan 249-6015

#### TREASURER

Joy Agnew 249-6068

#### HISTORIAN

#### MINIAUCTION CHAIR

#### HOME TOUR CHAIR

#### PUBLICITY

Needed

WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

This question has been tickling my brain ever since Elise Gurley asked me this weeks ago. Since we have no Show and Tell this month, I thought I would tackle the tough question here. Two corners of a king-size quilt I planned to show last month are to the right. (The second photo is from the back side.) The quilted figures are 36 inch plus kite boarding guys which I drew from photographs in a Kite Boarding magazine swiped from my nephew. Then I traced my full sized drawings onto Press N Seal and stuck that onto the quilt sandwich. The traced Sharpie lines on the clear stickum were my quilting guide, but I wanted the lines to really show up, so I used perle cotton size 8—too big to go through a needle. Luckily, Mary Mashuda had mentioned bobbin quilting, in her workshop 2 or 3 years ago in her workshop here. That technique puts your top thread in the bobbin, and you do the free motion quilting with your quilt top upside down. Pretty nifty for wooly threads or perle cottons to get really strong quilting lines on top. Then you tear and pick the Press N Seal away from the back. The rest was just doing it. My nephew was blown away with his quilt. “Totally radical. How did you know?” It was worth every stitch.

So, one inspiration is **different techniques**. Learning from everyone. And for me, pressing the limits. I will always want to go further, try something harder, different. If it isn't challenging, it's not so fun. So there's an element of **playfulness in creativity**—what if I....? Oh, this silk roving I picked up in a grab bag is the exact color of my granddaughter's hair. Could I actually use it in this quilt? How to make the stiff baby hummingbird's bills? I couldn't turn fabric pointy enough for that, so I tried wire. Nope, too ugly. How about trimming these computer zip ties? What's the worst that can happen? Oh, perfect.

And **daring to try**. **Building on past experiences**—that worked. Could I do a bit more here? Daring to give myself **permission**. My inner voice is always coaching me onward, cheering, consciously choosing not to be bland or timid. HARD WORK, lots of photos to work from, cogitating, letting the ideas bubble up, thinking several projects ahead, with each idea developing from another. I guess the main thing is beating back the **fear** of trying, of being different, too different. Again, what's the worst that can happen? Learning what works?



*I loved the curving shadow of this Joshua from the instant I first saw it. I went back to it again and again.*

Above and below are the images which inspired the two wall hangings to the right. These two pieces, and the Grand Canyon Rafting I entered in President Beth's Challenge last year, kept me busy all last summer. Which is another source of inspiration—**people who challenge** you! And a **deadline**. A **place to show**. **Appreciation**. And **competition**. Our guild is a very vital part of the process. So thank you one and all for being part of the circle, the dance of creativity.

*Carelyn Villars*

## WORKSHOP SEWING ESSENTIALS by Mark Lipinski

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Machine Manual</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra sewing machine needles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hand Needles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-filled bobbins and a few empty bobbins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Neutral 100% cotton thread for piecing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 spool neutral YLI silk thread for hand appliqué</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Needle Threader</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small thread snipper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fabric scissors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hemostat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stiletto</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Measuring Tape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Glass</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seam Ripper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ball head pins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flower head pins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 inch pins for appliqué</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Magnetic pin holder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Glue baste</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Thimble</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 6-inch x 24-inch acrylic ruler</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 6-inch x 14 inch acrylic ruler</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 8 1/2-inch x 24-inch ruler</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2-inch and/or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 12 1/2-inch and/or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 16 1/2-inch square ruler</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Add-a-Quarter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Various Ziploc plastic bags</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rotary cutter with extra blades</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small paintbrush or basting</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>brush for cleaning bobbin area</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Machine Oil</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medium-sized self-healing mat (18-inch or 24-inch)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small ironing board or pressing mat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hera marker</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wooden iron</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small iron</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spritz bottle filled w/ water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Starch or sizing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Micron pen (black is the most versatile color)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Papermate Sharpwriter Pencil (it's disposable and can be used to mark quilting lines and it washes out)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> White fabric marker</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> That Purple Thang</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Template plastic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Graph paper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1/2-inch roll of masking tape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Painter's blue tape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A plastic, flannel-backed tablecloth to use as a portable design wall</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Power strip w/ several outlets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small Ott light for the table</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A Dollar-Store pair of high magnification glasses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extension cord</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Screwdriver (find a small Phillips and flat head combo)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A small notebook</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Band-Aids</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small bottle of Tylenol</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Glue stick</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wet Ones</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Highlighter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tide to Go stick</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pink pearl eraser</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Quilter's Pocket Reference Guide</i> by Peg Scholley</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Quilter's Fabric Calc</li> </ul> <p>To this list I would add:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Table lifters, i.e. bed lifters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 prong adapter</li> </ul> <p>The outstanding list Laurie Lyle made for us, which is on our web page also includes as helpful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Class paperwork</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Name tag holder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fabric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Brown paper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Light box</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chair cushion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scrap caddy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Folding table</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Snacks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tissues</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hand Lotion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Mug</li> </ul> |
|---|---|--|

**Quilting Instructor**

Lynn Crawford

PO Box 3258, Wrightwood, CA 92397

760-249-8869 [lynn.crawford@verizon.net](mailto:lynn.crawford@verizon.net)

Now teaching at Andrea's Quiltin' Quarters in Victorville.

Call or email for schedule and prices.



**Moore's**  
Sewing Machines Ceiling Fans Vacuums  
SPECIALISTS IN SALES & SERVICE  
A THIRD GENERATION FAMILY BUSINESS  
**Judy Fredenburgh**  
Company Event Coordinator / Store Manager  
[judy.fredenburgh@moores-sew.com](mailto:judy.fredenburgh@moores-sew.com)  
19083-B, Bear Valley Rd. • Apple Valley, CA 92308  
(949) 829-0003 ext. 62 • Fax: (760) 240-5287  
[www.moores-sew.com](http://www.moores-sew.com)

**Next Meeting:**  
March 10, 2009 6:30

**Board Meeting:**  
March 17, 2009, 6:30  
Wrightwood Library

**PINE NEEDLES QUILT GUILD**  
P.O. BOX 2800  
Wrightwood, CA 92397

**We're on the web!**  
[www.pnqg.org](http://www.pnqg.org)

**Dispatch Editor:**  
Carolyn Villars  
946-0371  
desertrose\_4@msn.com

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

## Pine Needles Quilt Guild Membership Form

Please complete this form and bring it to the next meeting with \$20 (\$10 July-December) Membership dues. Dues must be paid by February to ensure uninterrupted newsletter delivery.

*Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Receive Newsletter by E-mail? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you need a name badge kit? (It's free.) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I give permission for a photo of me to be published in a member directory. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

# 2009 UFO Challenge

Name of Quilt	Size	Date started	Need to do for completion
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			