

Pine Needles Quilt Guild

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Next Meeting - December 11th at 6:00.

Remember to bring:

- Favorite Potluck Dish
 - Ornament for Exchange
 - 3 Fat Quarters
- Cash for Christmas Quilt Raffle Tickets
 - Name Badge

Quilt Grab is Highlight of Home Tour Prep

Houses are lined up, the quilts are bagged and ready to be deployed to the houses, workers have their assignments, cookies are being baked, homeowners are finishing their holiday decorating, and final touches are being made to boutique wares. In just a few more days the 2012 Holiday Home Tour will be happy memory and Home Tour Chair, Debbie Stefan, will have another successful fundraiser on her list of accomplishments.

The November quilt grab is one of the most anticipated meetings of



Carol Poisal claims this wintery version of the 2011 mystery quilt with upraised arms as Kathy Mekemson prepares for the next quilt to be presented by Marlene Bowman and Debbie Stefan.

the year. Guild members brought the quilts they wanted to be included in

the tour and house leaders vied against each other

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Potluck and Surprises Planned for December Meeting

December's general meeting on Tuesday the 11th will be an action-packed evening. It begins a little earlier than usual, at 6:00pm, in order to fit

in all of the activities.

First, bring in your favorite potluck to share at the dinner. There's always a good variety of offerings in all categories,

so be prepared to enjoy a wonderful meal.

Next, the winning ticket for the guild's Christmas quilt will be

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President's Message

I'm submitting a recommendation to Congress that Thanksgiving should be November 22 every year no matter what day of the week on which it lands! I am so enjoying this extra week before the first of December. My shopping is done, my outside lights are up. Morgan came over today and helped me place my 90 plus Santas on the mantel and Mia helped me decorate my tree with a little help from Mitchell. Now I just have to bake cookies for the home tour and then relax. The eating has already begun and from the looks of my calendar I know what I will be doing

in January---dieting!

I'm amazed that my year as president of the guild is drawing to an end. I've been looking back and I think we have had a good year. The opportunity quilt was completed and we have been selling tickets already. With a full year ahead of us, we should be able to cover our costs and have plenty of cash to support local charities. We have had interesting speakers and great workshops. Some of us have even finished the projects started in class. Our annual auction was a great success, earning more than the previ-

ous year with fewer quilts. Several members finished lots of UFOs spurred on by the President's Challenge. Lynn guided us through another wonderful mystery quilt and Christy M. is waiting in the wings to take over for next year. Soon our home tour will be history, another success spearheaded by Debbie S.

A big thank you to all the board members and multiple others who volunteered to chair committees, pitch in and help as assigned and just gave great support throughout the year. The guild is only as good as the members and together we have had a great year.

Next year will bring

new challenges, both in the operation of the guild and in our individual quests to improve our quilting skills and finish that pile of UFOs that never seems to go down!

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve on next year's board, especially to Kim Ogilvie who never entertained the idea of being president. I hope we will all pitch in to make her year an enjoyable one.

I hope you all have a blessed Christmas with family and friends. Thank you for everything, especially your friendship. See you December 11.

--Marlene



December Meeting...

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drawn. Each member who helped make the blocks or otherwise worked on it has been entered into the drawing and each member attending the December meeting will be given a ticket to enter. Furthermore, members may purchase additional tickets to increase their chances of winning: Beth Stanton

will have the tickets available for sale: \$1/each or six (6) for \$5.00.

Please bring small

bills or a check to make your ticket purchase as change will be limited. This year's Christmas quilt project was organized by the CutUps friendship group. The raffle for the quilt is open to guild



Carol Poisal and Nancy Fogo showed the Christmas quilt at the September meeting before it was bound. Made by various members, the quilt will be raffled off at the December meeting.

members only (so the odds of winning are pretty good) and any profits earned go back into the guild's treasury.

For those who collect Christmas tree ornaments, everyone who

brings an unwrapped handmade ornament to hang on the tree will participate in the annual exchange and go home with a new and different trimming for their own tree.

Be sure to bring three (3) fat quarters (each approximately 18" x 22"): Program chairs, Nancy Fogo and Carol Poisal have a surprise in store after dinner for everyone who does.



Quilt Grab



Clockwise from above: Stacks of quilts are ready for the grab; Marlene Bowman and Debbie Stefan pass this Halloween quilt to Tina Stuart and Carol Poisal; Kathy Mekemson consults with her team before placing a claim on the quilt held by Debbie; House teams crowd the stage to vie for quilts; Marlene offers this "Joy" quilt (note the hand coming in from the side...); Lorrie Havens lays claim to this pieced beauty.



Highlight...

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er to get the ones that would complement each of their homes best. Most of the time the leaders were gracious and quilts went to each house without controversy. On occasion, however, two or more house leaders coveted the same quilt

and a spirited and friendly exchange erupted.

Many lovely quilts were offered by PNQG members and, for the first time, members of the Desert Winds guild were invited to share their quilts as Desert Winds does not have its own show.

One of the challenges in hosting the tour during the Christmas season is that quilts with other holi-

day themes are sometimes difficult to integrate into the home decorations. This year, "un-Christmas" holiday quilts were solicited and have been collected to be showcased en masse in one of the homes. This was a welcome opportunity for members to show quilts that they may have previously believed

not to have been appropriate to the season.

Quilts will be returned to members at the December 11 meeting.

Happy Birthday!

Nancy Fogo
 Jeanne Hunziker
 Kim Ogilvie
 Joanne Tschantré
 Carolyn Villars



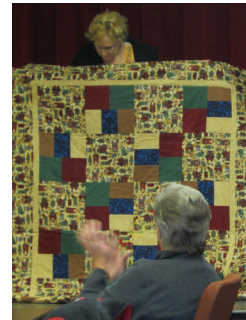
Show & Tell



Clockwise from above: Debbie McAfee showed this stripped wallhanging; These snowmen were designed by Linda Rhoades; Teresa Fletcher made this log cabin; Linda Barrett showed this log cabin-like quilt ; Nancy Walczynski must have a ginormous tree to fit this skirt.



Clockwise from top: Trenna Anderson made this cute appliqued Halloween wallhanging; Susan Butler's quilt sports a Christmas themed focus fabric; Diane Armstrong completed her 2012 mystery quilt.



Trenna Anderson made this opulent tree skirt..

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Calendar

- ◆ December 7 - Home Tour Preview Night
- ◆ December 8 - Holiday Home Tour
- ◆ December 11 - General Meeting & Holiday Potluck Dinner
- ◆ January 8 - Quilto!
- ◆ February - No Meeting
- ◆ March 12– Demos