

## Pine Needles Quilt Guild Glossary

So you've taken the plunge and joined the guild and now you're wondering, "What are these people talking about?!" This glossary can be your guide to what's going on at the guild meetings. Just keep it with you and look up things as they come up in the meeting for a full explanation.

**Baby or Charity Quilts** – Usually at one guild meeting a year we either make small quilts to give to charities or arrange a program around preparation for making the quilts. Frequently the quilts cannot be completed during the meeting and members are asked to take materials for one quilt home to finish by a specified due date.

**Block of the Quarter** - Every three months, the BOQ chairperson presents a pattern for making a block and gives out copies of the directions to any member who wants to participate. Sometimes one of the fabrics is included. Other times a certain color of fabric is specified. You make the block at home and bring it back on the due date. If you made a block, your name is put into a drawing (if you make two blocks, your name will go in two times etc.) One or more names are drawn depending on how many total blocks are made. If your name is drawn, you win the blocks. You can only win once a year. But after you've won, you're still obligated to continue making blocks each quarter.

**Christmas Party** - The December meeting is a Christmas party. It's a potluck where everyone brings any dish they want. There is no sign-up sheet. We reveal Secret Pals at the Christmas party (usually a somewhat bigger gift is given at this meeting). There is also an ornament exchange (see below).

**Door Prize** - There is a door prize at each monthly meeting. Tickets are on sale at the door (three for \$1) and if you wear your name badge, you *get* an extra ticket. At the first meetings of the year a sign-up sheet is sent around to volunteer to bring a door prize. The door prize can be a quilting book, pattern, sewing supplies, fabric or any other quilting related item. The price range is \$7- \$10. When you bring the door prize, you are also required to help sell tickets at the door before the meeting.

**Home Tour & Boutique** - Every Christmas season the guild joins with the Friends of the Library to host a holiday home tour and boutique. The Library finds the homes for the tours and we decorate them with quilts. There are usually four houses plus a refreshment house where cider and cookies are served. The home tour is one of our major fundraisers. Everyone is encouraged to help in some way: planning, decorating, manning the houses etc. A pre-view tour is given the night before for those who help. In conjunction with the tour, there is a craft boutique in the WW community center. Table space is rented to guild members and others to sell their items.

**Information Table** - Next to the sign-in table, at the door, there is a table with filled with information. There you can pick up flyers on up-coming quilt shows and events, get past copies of the newsletter or a copy of the guild roster with everyone's address, phone number and email addresses.

**Library** - The guild has a library of quilt books and other items available to be checked out by members. It's located in a Rubbermaid type cabinet near the stage in the community center. Just sign out a book by filling in the book's card in the file box. To return the book, put the return date on the card, re-file it in the box, and return the book to the library cupboard.

**Mini Quilt Auction** - This event is held every year on Mountaineer Days on the Saturday close to July 4<sup>th</sup>. It takes place in a parking lot at the top of Park Ave. We have a live auctioneer and quilts donated by guild members are auctioned to the highest bidder. Quilts can be any size, but generally are small because of the time involved. Experience has shown that pre-printed panels often do better than "real" quilts. The money made is used for the guild and for charities. Quilters have the option of designating the proceeds from their quilt to a specific charity.

**Mystery Quilt** - Directions for making a mystery quilt are printed in the newsletter. It's called a mystery because you don't know ahead of time what the finished quilt will look like. Each month you are given part of the directions. You complete the part each month and see what you end up with. If you don't like suspense, you can wait until all the parts are published and see what the quilt will look like before starting. If you missed some of the newsletters, extra copies are available on the information table at meetings.

**Name Tag Kit** - A name tag kit is provided for each new member. They will be on the sign-in table a month or so after you become a member. The kit consists of a small piece of fabric, your embroidered name, jewelry pin, etc. It's up to you to design and make your own badge. (Look around and see what other people have done to get ideas.) If you wear your badge to meetings, you will receive an extra door prize ticket.

**Opportunity Quilt** - Every two years the guild works together to make a quilt which is raffled off. You may be asked to make a block for the quilt and everyone is expected to help sell tickets. During the year, the quilt is displayed at various businesses in Wrightwood and taken to quilting events to sell tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing is held at the December general meeting; you do not need to be present to win. The money goes to charity.

**Ornament Exchange** - At the Christmas party each year there is an ornament exchange. To participate, you bring a homemade (or looks home-made) ornament. Every one who brings an ornament gets to choose a different ornament to take home.

**Quilto** - At the January meeting we usually play Quilto. It's just like Bingo only the cards have quilting terms on them. You bring one fat quarter for each Quilto card that you want to play. If you only want to play one card each game, you only bring one fat quarter: bring two fat quarters for two cards etc. Prizes for getting a bingo (quilto) are provided by the guild. For the last game, the entire card must be covered and that person wins all the fat quarters.

**Refreshments** - Sign-ups for refreshments are coordinated by the Hospitality chairperson during the first couple meetings each year. There are three people signed up for each month. They coordinate with each other what to bring (desserts and drinks). Cups, plates, etc are provided by the guild. Bring your refreshments at 6:15 PM to set up before the meeting. You are also responsible to clean up the refreshment table after the meeting is over.

**Secret Pals** - Secret Pal names are drawn at the January meeting each year. Participation is completely voluntary and lasts for one year. You should bring your Secret Pal a quilt related, wrapped gift each month (\$ 8 - \$20.) Secret Pal gifts are snuck in a placed on a table on the left side of the community center where they are picked up at the end of each meeting. If your Secret Pal doesn't show up to the meeting, the gift you brought will be taken by the SP chairperson and returned the next month. We reveal Secret Pals at the Christmas party with an extra special gift. Please don't sign up to

participate if you know you won't be attending meetings regularly throughout the year. The Secret Pal chairperson will be glad to deliver your gift to the meeting if you can't attend.

**Shirts** - We sometimes have guild shirts available with our guild logo on an embroidered patch. They come in blue and cream and in a long or short sleeve cotton work shirt style and a 3-button T-shirt style. Orders are taken periodically throughout the year. The cost is approximated \$15-20.

**Swap a Block** - This happens once a year. As many people as sign up to participate, you make that many blocks in the same pattern (colors can vary.) If 10 people sign up you make 10 blocks etc. Everyone brings their blocks in on the due date and receives a block from each participant in return. There is a theme each year for the blocks and often a background fabric or color requirement. Possible patterns are available or you can find your own. You have several months to complete your blocks. Past themes have included: summer, houses, cats in gardens, and tea party.

**Summer Potluck Picnic** - Every July we have an outdoor picnic potluck at Grassy Hollow (above Wrightwood.) There is no sign-up sheet, everyone brings whatever they want and it seems to work out fine. Drinks and place settings are provided by the guild. We eat outside then go inside to have our regular meeting. Besides food to share, bring a lawn chair, jacket and flashlight. Even though it's summer, the higher elevation gets chilly.

**Workshops** - Workshops are held periodically throughout the year. A guild member may teach the class or the guild hires a guest teacher. Classes are usually held at either the Methodist Church or the community center in Wrightwood. Class supply lists are provided and are published in the newsletter. You will also need to bring a sewing machine and general sewing supplies. Class fees must be paid before the class. Non-members are welcome but their fees are slightly higher. You can bring a lunch or some people get take-out food.