

## JOIN THE FUN

- The Friends and Needles Quilt Guild has been in existence for over 25 years. The past few years our guild has seen tremendous growth in membership, activities, and contributions to the community.
- Meetings are held monthly from September through June and each meeting involves door prizes, fat quarter raffles, bag buddy swaps and sometimes - food.
- The past couple of years we have taken a "Mystery Bus Tour" to quilt shops around the state. This year we went to the Maine Quilt Show by bus. We have an annual retreat weekend in the winter.
- Several Saturday workshops are planned this year, and in February we will all join together to support the Project Linus effort on Make a Blanket Day.
- We have a new website where we share information and offer links to other quilting websites.
- Members contribute time and talent to create a raffle quilt, sell tickets, and raise money for our scholarship to a deserving high school senior each of the past 15 years and for other community needs.
- We formed the Southern Aroostook Project Linus Chapter distributing over 600 quilts/blankets to date to children living in the County and to Hurricane Katrina children.

### SIGN ME UP!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### I AM INTERESTED IN:

- Membership
- Notice of Future Events
- Volunteering - Project Linus
- Teaching a Class or Workshop
- Being a Meeting Speaker or Demonstrator

Turn this form in at the show or send to:

Jean Kervin  
Membership Co-Chair  
976 Calais Road  
Hodgdon, ME 04730

## WIN THIS BEAUTIFUL QUILT!!

# Silver Anniversary Sampler



**Tickets - \$1 or 6 for \$5**

**Drawing - 4:00 PM**

**Nov 28, 2009**

**Houlton Recreational Center  
Arts and Crafts Fair**

Thank you for coming. We hope you have enjoyed your quilt show experience.

Don't forget to VOTE for your favorites.

Did you get your very own  
25th Anniversary Quilt Show lapel pin?

## THE FRIENDS & NEEDLES QUILT GUILD OF HOULTON

Presents its

# Silver Anniversary Quilt Show

## Stitching Through Time: 25 Years of Quilting in "The County"

August 21, 22, 23, 2009

Friday & Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12 - 4pm

Admission: \$5.00

Special Exhibit showcasing the Guild's Raffle Quilts from the past 25 years!  
Vendors – offering fabrics, notions and lots more!

Mini-Quilt Silent Auction featuring quilted wall hangings, bags, table runners and much, much more!

Display of Guild members "first quilts" along with recent creations...see how far we've come!

Commemorative 25th Anniversary Quilt Show lapel pins on sale!

Visit our website at:  
[www.friendsandneedles.org](http://www.friendsandneedles.org)

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF.....

## Quilting in "The County"

Welcome to our Silver Anniversary Quilt Show. This year our featured quilters are ALL of our many members who have been so creative and productive over the past 25 years. And now a little history.....

### Friends and Needles Quilters 1983-2009

The Who, What, Where, When and Why - - -

In the late summer of 1983, Friends and Needles Quilters Group held an organizational meeting in Watson Hall of the Episcopal Church, Houlton, Maine. The co-organizers were Karen Gallop and Debbie Nesbitt. Early meetings that year were held in the basement room of Watson Hall and later at members' homes. The first raffle quilt was made that year and was a sampler of individual blocks pieced by members and hand quilted by the group in Debbie Nesbitt's home. The group eventually joined and became a supportive part of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild of the State of Maine.

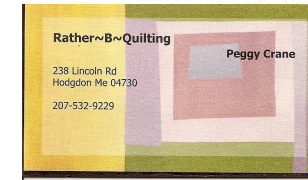
Friends and Needles Quilt Guild has evolved over the past 25 years into a group of 80 plus members who have varied quilting interests and talents. The basic foundation of the group was the sharing of information, resources, ideas and the appreciation of the fabric art of quilted projects. Today the group has expanded in many areas, but the core interest of the group has stayed the same and offers the opportunity for individual interests to be enhanced.

The annual quilt shows for the past 25 years have taken place at Watson Hall of the Episcopal Church, at the Miller Arena and the Houlton Elks Club.

Group projects over the years have included: a yearly raffle quilt, New Year's Day Baby Quilt for Houlton Regional Hospital, scholarships each of the past 15 years, contributions to the Cary Library (quilt books, tapes, book shelf, wall hanging, and a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary raffle wall hanging), many Project Linus blankets, a wall hanging for Sisters of St. Mary and raffle quilt for that church, 25 quilt shows that have featured special attractions i.e. silent auctions, displays for honored members - Hope York, Karen Gallop, Arline Dickison and Aileen Smith, Ground Zero Quilt in 2005 to co-ordinate with state Fire Fighters Convention in Houlton, The Quiltmaker's Gift book show theme and members' related quilt projects, and the 2008 presence and exhibit of author/illustrator/quilter Sieglinde Schoen-Smith with her quilt and book titled Mother Earth And Her Children, and in 2007 a Bicentennial quilt for the town and the Aroostook Historical and Art Museum.

Guild activities have included: exchange meetings with other groups, bus and car trips to vendors and quilt shows, etc, winter sewing retreats at First Settlers Lodge, a Project Linus Day, workshops available to members and others, scholarship quilt voting, holiday and spring special dinner meetings, bag buddy swaps, silent auctions, support of the state Pine Tree Quilters Guild with dues, door prizes, volunteers and entries for their show, charity quilt group, Howell Wildlife Refuge support projects, instructional and educational topics and techniques to address members' interests, a group newsletter and this year a Friends and Needles web site to keep members and others informed and up to date. All the projects and activities have been possible because of the very generous participation and giving of time, effort and materials by the supportive membership and their families.

## Thank you to our vendors



Rather B Quilting  
238 Lincoln Rd, Houlton  
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Tue & Thu 5:30-8:00 pm  
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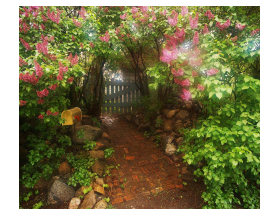


"Lenni" is coming to  
Houlton

Marcia O'Donnell of Heart 'N' Home will be bringing the Lenni Complete Quilting System to the show. (Lenni is a smaller, more convenient version of the legendary Millennium long-arm system)



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