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## CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER



Donna Burges – Poinsettia Appliqué

After Susie Jackson opened the meeting, Jo Ann Kenney gave us the thought for the day. Then Paula Jones led us in a prayer for Mary Henderson who was undergoing surgery. And we welcomed back Otha Mae Edwards.

We were treated to an inspiring display of Christmas quilts borrowed from many Pine Belt Quilters. There was an extremely wide assortment of quilts, ranging from traditional to modern. There were appliqué quilts, pieced quilts, table runners and a tree skirt. Colors ranged from traditional red and green to less traditional combinations.

This month's snippet from Ellen Cox was to use parchment paper in place of release paper or a Teflon sheet when fusing. Ollie Jean Lane explained her method of storing quilts. To avoid the wrinkles that come with folding, she covers a long cardboard tube with muslin and wraps her quilts around that. (Others do the same thing using a swimming pool noodle.) Ollie Jean then

wraps the whole package in a sheet and stores the bundle under a bed.

Many members brought items to sell at our Treasure Hunt. There were fabrics, books, threads and many other quilt related items. We all went home happy. Some of us were happy because we bought new supplies. Others were happy because we went home with a little extra money.

Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for all the hard work they had put into the 2014 quilt show. She reminded us to be pleasant to everyone attending the show and those with whom we are working. It doesn't cost anything to be polite. Elvia reminded us that we will all be tired, but we don't have to pass that information on to the people who come to see our show. Keep that information to ourselves.

As a bit of a side note, Dianne McLendon and Ellen Cox told us that the reason they joined Pine Belt Quilters was the way Elvia treated them at our previous show. Like many others, they drive a good distance to attend the meetings and work on outside events, like the show. That's the kind of impression we want to make on others.

Barb Peters handed out assignments for duties during the show. She said she had a few positions left to fill. I hope that by the end of the meeting, she had filled those positions.

Mary Nell Magee reminded members to get their items to her for the showcase of other talents of PBQ members.

A good portion of the meeting was devoted to quilt show preparations. By the time you read this, the show will be over, and we will be recovering from our efforts. Many of us will be relishing newly awarded ribbons. Others will be working on new designs spurred by the



Martha Ginn – Friendship quilt with blocks made by some of Mississippi's best appliqué artists. (See label below.)



inspiration of all the beautiful quilts we have seen. No doubt, many entries for the 2016 quilt show will just be getting started.

Gretchen Hurt announced that they had sold 120 tickets on the raffle quilt at Belks. Paula Jones has personally sold 453 tickets. The total number of tickets sold now tops 4,700.

There were enough friendship blocks for six drawings. Dianne McLendon drew the winners. Jean Martin and her two sisters, Jerlene Cornwall, and Mildred Jenkins each won, as did Jean Robertson, Tina Dickens, and Elsie Harris. Dianne also handed out the latest fabric for the Round Robin Challenge, a black and white polka dot. Many of us will be happy to get back to that project when the quilt show is over.

Speaking of quilt shows, I got a letter from Judy A. Weldon of the Picayune Piecemaker Quilt Guild. They will be holding their show at the Moses Cook Masonic Hall, 303 Main Street, Picayune, MS on November 1st and 2nd. It will be in



Gloria Green – Bon Joyeux Noel

conjunction with the Picayune Mainstreet Fall Festival. For more information, you can contact Judy at Picayune Piecemakers Guild, 15 Luther Walker Road, Picayune, MS 39466.

Josette Bonfanti and Betty Moore, a military veteran herself, made a trip to the Collins Veterans' Home to bring them a load of quilts. She wanted everyone to know how deserving the recipients were, and how happy our gifts made them.

Betty and Joe Bingham were not in attendance, but they sent word that they had delivered 54 pillows and 4 preemie blankets to Forrest General Hospital on the previous Tuesday. Betty Herring, acting for Betty and Joe, announced that she had taken in 73 pillows and 8 blankets at the meeting. These new items will be distributed to Wesley Medical Center and Marion General Hospital. Betty Allen and Aquilla King will be delivering those.

Betty Herring also announced that she and Geraldine Simmons had taken in 18 walker totes and 12 catheter covers at



Finished pieces from the August workshop, Modern Quilt with Ellen Cox.

the meeting. Pine Belt Quilters has grown to 156 members. The Children's Quilt group will not be meeting in October.

You may notice that this month's newsletter has captions by the photos. You can thank Debbie Davis for that. She took notes while I snapped pictures.

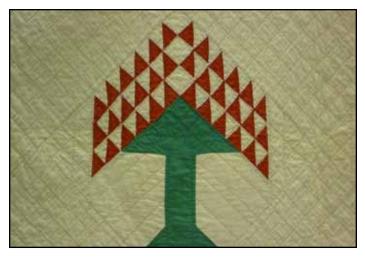
Congratulations to Dianne McLendon who won the raffle quilt, "Confetti Stars" at the Pine Belt Quilters Fiber Art & Quilt Show. It's nice to have it stay in our PBQ family.



Betty Allen – From Adoration Quilts by Rachel W. Brown It's hard to find Christmas quilts with a religious theme.



Carol Neel – Large Star Medallion



Linda Basden – Detail of an antique Tree of Paradise quilt, hand quilted (1933)





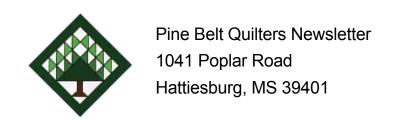
Left: Debbie Davis – Snowman Right: Jo-Ann Evans – Wise Men



Ollie Jean Lane – Irish Chain



Vivian Plummer – Appliquéd Trees



### October Reminders

#### October Birthdays:

Paula Mathews	Dianne McLendon	Bobbie McWilliams
Susan Ellis	Susie Jackson	Patricia Snead
Jo Ann Kenney	Doris Aultman	Missy Lee

People with birthdays in October please remember to bring a small gift (quilt related) to be used as a door prize. It should be wrapped or bagged.

The October 15 meeting is "Presentation of Quilt Show Winners."

The October 22 workshop is "New York Beauty" with Debbie Davis and Anne Esteve.

The October fat quarter lottery is predominantly brown or black.

The Children's Quilts meeting for October 7 is cancelled.

The Boutique meeting for October 9 is cancelled.