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## JANUARY PINE BELT QUILTERS MEETING

Mary Ann McLain opened Pine Belt Quilters meeting with a short devotional and some of her favorite quotes from Mark Twain.

Susie Jackson introduced Joan Alliston from the Brandon area. Susie assured us that Joan was “the” authority on sampler quilts. Joan’s program was great inspiration for our upcoming sampler quilt contest and for the next quilt show where samplers are the theme.

Joan told us that she became interested in quilting somewhere around 1992. Her sister who lived in Texas was a quilter and ignited Joan’s interest. After that, the driving time for trips back and forth between the sisters’ homes about doubled in time because of the number of quilt shops along the way.

Soon after Joan became interested in quilting, she discovered Ann Root’s quilt shop in Clinton where she was introduced to the quilts of Martha Skelton. She was immediately drawn to Martha’s sampler quilts.

Joan discovered that samplers suited her. She didn’t like making the same block over and over, but was fascinated by the challenges of setting different blocks together to make a cohesive design. She displayed many ways to set blocks into very different quilt designs. As she showed us her work, she discussed the different setting options and inspirations she used for each one. She talked about creative ways to overcome the challenges of different-sized blocks, such as making filler blocks.



Joan and her sister, Suzie worked on many quilt together using each other’s strengths to create beautiful works of art. They both enjoyed the challenge of blocks-of-the-month. Several of the quilts Joan brought to show us were made for their mother.

Joan showed examples of sampler blocks arranged around large center applique blocks, sampler blocks set in rows, sampler blocks set with filler blocks, and sampler blocks set in asymmetrical setting. One innovative setting technique Joan learned from Gail Grabber used freezer paper to mark the circular flying geese placement of her sampler blocks.

Joan demonstrated folding quilts on the bias, a technique she learned from Martha Skelton, who swore it lessened the fold lines on stored quilts. Joan always folds on the bias

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with the good side facing out to reduce visible creases on the front of her quilts.

Joan ended her program with a request for entries from PBQ members for the September 6-8 Jackson quilt show at the Mississippi Craft Center. The theme is Mississippi Flyway. She said that the groups putting on the show will be setting up pickup points in other areas of the state where the group will pick up entries before the show and return the quilts after the show.

Joan also mentioned that the Agricultural Museum in Jackson is asking for heritage quilts for an exhibit which will run from June to October. Quiltmakers who are 65 years of age or older are eligible. And Joan said you don't need a huge body of work. Contact her for more information or for an entry form. The museum is open Monday-Saturday except on major holidays.

Pat Faulkender is working on finding a judge for the next quilt show. It was decided to ask Lorraine Covington to judge our show again in 2014.

Gloria Green mentioned that Forrest General Hospital needs more isolette covers. She is changing the design and is asking for volunteers to help make the covers.

Mary Nell Magee needs flower quilts to display at the Hattiesburg Welcome Center.

Betty and Joe Bingham are requesting more pillows. Donations have been down due to the holidays. We hope that will change during the new year. Betty reported that we donated 235 pillows to Forrest General in 2009, 172 pillows in 2010, 546 pillows in 2011, and 574 pillows in 2012. Members turned in 67 pillows the day of the meeting.

Shirley Wiltshire has volunteered to be the facilitator for the boutique committee. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Due to low turn out, there will be a sign-up sheet at each PBQ meeting. If no one signs up there won't be a meeting. If you are in doubt, check with the scheduled instructor. Shirley is asking for ideas for new boutique items.

Pine Belt Quilters should consider membership in the Mississippi Quilt Association. Nancy Mahoney will be the traveling teacher this year. She will be teaching in Hattiesburg July 19 and 20. Only MQA members can participate in these traveling workshops.

At our meeting, a question was raised regarding the guild's Officers and Board of Directors. Martha Ginn sent this explanation: When we became a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, the lawyers who secured this IRS designation prepared the necessary documents, including Bylaws. We were required to have a Board of Directors and to keep minutes and records specified by Mississippi statutes governing corporations.

To be clear about what this means to PBQ, all matters of business and programming are decided by the officers of the guild, which is how we have always operated. The function of the Board of Directors is to meet at the end of each calendar year and approve the actions of the officers during the preceding calendar year. The actual language in the minutes of the annual Board meetings reads like this: "Motion was made by (xxx) and seconded by (zzz) that the Directors ratify, approve, and adopt all acts of the Officers as were performed on behalf of the Corporation since the last annual meeting of the Directors."

## AREA QUILT SHOWS

### PIECES AND STRINGS QUILT SHOW Mississippi Cultural Crossroads

This year's show will be kicked off on March 29 with an awards ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in our quilt gallery at 507 Market St. All quilts entered into the contest will hang in our gallery through April 26. The winning quilts will be on exhibit in the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson, May through August.

Entries accepted through Monday, March 25, 2013  
Email [mcc@msculturalcrossroads.org](mailto:mcc@msculturalcrossroads.org) to receive a registration packet with all the information.

### PRIDE OF THE GULF QUILT SHOW Bay Oaks Quilt Guild

St. Rose de Lima Holy Spirit Center  
301 S. Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
Saturday, April 13 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, April 14 Noon - 5 p.m.

Vendors will be on hand with lots of quilting supplies including fabrics, patterns, machines, kits, and notions • Handmade boutique items for sale, ongoing demonstrations, door prizes.







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## FEBRUARY REMINDERS

Betty Bingham  
 Ann Esteve  
 Peggy Gable  
 Barbara McGowen

### February Birthdays:

Ann Burkhalter  
 Linda Flanders  
 Vivian Kittrell  
 Nell Miller  
 Carmen White

Lois Dedeaux  
 Carol Flathers  
 Ollie Jean Lane  
 Vivian Plummer

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

The color for February's fat quarter lottery is red.

The February workshop is Cubes with Gloria Green.

The Friendship blocks are "How Green is Your Stash". Blocks are due back in March.

### Have you paid your Pine Belt Quilters 2013 dues?

Millie Dement lost the roof and back wall of her house in the tornado. Keep her in your prayers.

### FIBER ART EXHIBITION & LUNCHEON LECTURE

with artists Martha Ginn and Diane Williams

Tuesday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cultural Center in Downtown Hattiesburg

\$15 Luncheon followed by an informal lecture by the artists

Please RSVP by February 15

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*Exhibition will be on display through March 12.*