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JANUARY MEETING-TRUNK SHOW

Susie Jackson, our new president took over the reins from Betty Allen who has

held the position for the past two years. In appreciation, Donna Crager presented Betty with a beautiful blue quilt constructed from blocks made by many of our members. Donna set the blocks into a strippy quilt. We truly thank Betty for all she has done for the PBQ during her term as president.

Debbie Davis has volunteered to take

over the position of courtesy chairman. If you have information about deaths or illnesses in members' families, please contact Debbie.

Dianne McClendon spoke to us about the round robin challenge that will kick off at the February meeting. If you are not familiar with the concept, go to Google and type in "round robin quilts" you will find hundreds of examples of round robin quilts. Anyone interested in participating was asked to sign up and give Dianne a check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of fabrics to be used in the

challenge. Next month, we will be given the first set of instructions, size requirements, and challenge fabric to get us started on the first round. It should be lots of fun. Round robins typically produce a medallion quilt.





Example of a round robin quilt

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Friendship blocks this year will be divided between two winners each time the blocks are distributed. This is being done because we aren't seeing many "quilts" resulting from the block exchanges. Divided between two winners, each quilter will have plenty of blocks to make a table runner, small quilt or some other small project. These may be more attainable projects considering the fact that our lives are so busy these days.



"Confetti Stars" 2014 raffle quilt

Susie Jackson presented the finished raffle quilt to the group. Reactions were very favorable. A great many members contributed to the creation of this quilt. Many quilters constructed halfsquare triangle blocks, others constructed four-patch blocks. A few members trimmed these components and others sewed them into finished star blocks. Still other quilters set the blocks. Donna Burgess, Ella Lucas, Kim Overstreet, and Vivian Plummer, appliquéd the quilts borders. Anne Hindmarch attached the borders. Susie Jackson quilted and bound the quilt. Betty Moore embroidered the label. New member, Juliann Smith took beautiful professional photos of the quilt to be used in advertising and promotion. All who participated deserve a great deal of thanks for their efforts. A vote was taken and the quilt was named "Confetti Stars."

If you did not participate in construction of the quilt, you can still do your part. Get out there and sell tickets. Tickets will be available at the February meeting. If you have an event where you could display the quilt and sell tickets, contact Barbara Peters. She is the keeper of the quilt. The raffle quilt is one of our biggest money makers, and the proceeds go to supporting Pine Belt Quilters guild.

The program for the January meeting was a trunk show of quilts made by Anne Hindmarch (originally from Denmark) and Bridgette Haas (originally from West Germany) both currently living on the Gulf Coast. Photos on page 3 are some of the quilts these two ladies brought for us to enjoy. Anne's quilts are on the left and Bridgette's are on the right.

Do you have quilts you would like to exhibit at the Lake Terrace Visitors Center? If so, please contact Mary Nell Magee. Any quilts longer than 5^{1/2} feet will have to be folded and pinned for display. It is preferred that quilts have hanging sleeves, but if they don't, they can be

pinned to the display rods. Workers at the center say the quilts are always very popular with visitors.

Betty Moore will take over as chairman of the children's quilts group. She asked members to contact her if they have any suggestions or would like to help. Five completed quilts were turned in at the meeting and there are several kits ready to be taken home and quilted.

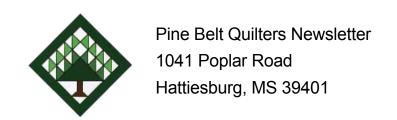
Carol Flathers, boutique group chairman reported that the group made placemats and coasters at their last meeting. She still has patterns if you are interested in making some for the quilt show boutique. At their next meeting, they will be making double potholders. Carol had several samples of the potholders in Christmas fabrics. She would welcome ideas for additional projects for the upcoming months.

Betty and Joe Bingham were not at the meeting, but 44 pillows were turned in. And Geraldine took in four walker totes and nine catheter bag covers.

The program for our February 19 meeting will be "Celebrating Black History" brought to us by Minnie Parker and Jean Martin.

Snippet from Missy Lee: Make your quilt's label large and stitch around three sides. Then insert a few pieces of leftover fabric behind the label before stitching down the fourth side. These scraps can be used for small repairs if required in the future.





Last chance to buy a ticket on the Wounded Warrior Quilt, Mary Nell will have tickets at the meeting!

FEBRUARY REMINDERS

February Birthdays:

Betty Bingham	Ann Burkhalter	Lois Dedeaux
Ann Esteve	Linda Flanders	Carol Flathers
Peggy Gable	Vivian Kittrell	Ollie Jean Lane
Barbara McGowen	Nell Miller	Vivian Plummer
Morgan Radavich	Martha Slaid	Carmen White
	Dorothy Williamson	

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.

Group 2, Donna Crager's group is in charge of refreshments for the February 19 meeting.

The February 13 boutique meeting is double potholders with Kathy Houseal.

The February 26 workshop is bargello bags part II with Dianne McLendon.

The February fat quarter lottery is reds.

The program for the March 19 meeting is Quick Quilts, Marietta Johnson.

Southern Hospitality - George County Style

Melon Patch Quilt Guild, 2014 Quilt Show

April 12, 2014 9:00 am - 4:00 pm George County Middle School, 330 Church St., Lucedale, MS