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PINE BELT QUILTERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



The hall was beautifully decorated for the Christmas meeting thanks to Betty Allen and all the group heads who decorated the tables with greens, Christmas balls and angels.

After Betty opened the meeting Connie Hitt entertained members and guests with a rendition of the song "My Favorite Things" adapted to a quilt theme. It was as enjoyable as it was unexpected.

This was one of the meetings during the year when we share quilts with community organizations. Representatives from the Hattiesburg Fire Department, South Mississippi Children Services, the Shafer Center,

the Domestic Abuse Family Center, Forrest General Hospital, Wesley Medical Center, and the Veterans Home in Collins joined us for lunch and went away with donations of quilts for their patients and residents. In addition, donations for stocking stuffers for the Domestic Abuse Center filled two big tables.

Mary Nell Magee told us that 152 quilts went to these groups on that day. Thirty two of the larger quilts went to the Veterans Home. It is our goal to put a quilt on each bed at the home.

Mary Nell has been active in the Children's Quilt group since 2000 and chaired it for the last two years, but this

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will be her last year as chairman. She will still be active in the group, but Betty Moore has volunteered to be chairman in 2014. Thanks Mary Nell, for all you have done.

Don't forget to let Mary Nell know if you have quilts you are willing to hang at the Hattiesburg Visitors' Center. We change the display each month, much to the enjoyment of the staff and visitors.

Shirley Glaab won the prize for perfect attendance for 2013. The friendship blocks were won by Helen Thornton.

There was a show and tell of the mystery quilts created through the year. It was fun to see the differences in the quilts each made by a different quilter. *Be sure to see the photo on page one.* Thank you Donna Crager for all your efforts with the mystery quilts group.

Dianne McLendon is heading up the 2014 quilt challenge. She will have details for challenge at the January meeting. The plan is a round robin, except that each member will complete each round on her own quilt, and will be keeping it in the end. Each month fabric, instructions, and sizes for the addition will be given to participants. The charge will be \$10.00 for each participant to cover the cost of fabrics. It sounds like fun! Sign up at the January meeting!

Dianne will also be in charge of the January workshop - a bargello bag. She will have samples and materials lists at the meeting.

Martha Ginn asked for a committee to be appointed to study possible revisions to our bylaws. Original bylaws were written in 1984; when we qualified for 501c3 non-profit status in 2009, the bylaws were revised. It is time to see if changes are needed to reflect our current needs. Betty Allen asked for volunteers and agreed to appoint this committee.

Wanda Wallace announced changes to the quilt show. Entries must be in by August 5, 2014. Entry fees are \$8 for members and youth, and \$10 for non-members. Embroidery will be included in the Whole Cloth/Other category. The Pieced Team category

has been divided into three size-groups (Small: 69" or smaller, Medium 70" - 89", Large 90" and over.) The positioning of the sleeve has been changed. The top of the sleeve will need to be 90" from the bottom of the quilt. We have added a Non-Judged category which will be for PBQ members only. If you enter this category, you cannot enter any other category. The category is limited to the first 15 entries. The entries are not eligible for awards. And the pieces will be hung throughout the building (used for decoration).

Betty and Joe announced that they received 70 pillows and nine blankets at the meeting.

Geraldine reported that they received three walker totes and four catheter bag covers. I hope the group will step up its efforts in 2014. The need for these items always exceeds the supply.

Some good news was announced at the meeting. Mary Nell Cranford is home from the hospital. But through the month of December, I also received bad news. Both Anne Esteve and Betty Herring lost their husbands. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next month's meeting will be a trunk show presented by Anne Hindemarch and Bridgette Haas.

At the close of the Christmas meeting, Betty Allen turned over the gavel to Susie Jackson. I'm sure we all want to thank Betty for serving as president for the past two years. She has done an excellent job, but I know she is ready to sit back and enjoy the group from a different perspective. I am also sure that we all wish Susie the best as she takes over the presidency. It's a difficult job. If Susie asks you to contribute in a more active way, please do so.







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JANUARY REMINDERS

January Birthdays:

Judy Byrd

Emily Herrin

Florence Peyrefitte

Jean Simmons

Elaine Welch

Thelda Fortenberry

Linda Ladner

Karen G. Posey

Elizabeth Smith

Peggy Haston

Pat Page

Beth Shiyou

Sherry Tate

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

The January 15 program is a trunk show presented by Anne Hindemarch and Bridgette Haas.

The January 9 boutique meeting is placemats and mug rugs with Carol Flathers.

The January 22 workshop is bargello bags with Dianne McLendon.

The January fat quarter lottery is neutrals (white to beige).