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ART QUILTS



The March meeting of Pine Belt Quilters was an interesting and informative discussion of art quilts lead by Martha Ginn. Martha and several other member of PBQ had dozens of examples of art quilts executed in dozens of different methods. Members showed their quilts and explained how they were created.

Martha told us there are many names for what she does. She said that each piece is exciting, using new techniques, tools and materials. Moving from traditional quilting to art quilting, Martha showed samples of many different techniques and approaches. Jo-Ann Evans, Pat Faulkender, Gloria Green, Sylvia Blissett, Doris Dunn, Betty Allen and Betty Bingham shared some of their art quilts and spoke about

their different approaches. Most had started making traditional quilts and moved toward art quilts, usually going bolder with color, combining traditional techniques with new ones, layering, painting and adding unusual fibers.

We were entertained with examples of realistic art quilts based on photographs, art pieces loosely inspired by photos, abstracts, unusual cutting/ piecing techniques and the addition of other elements.

Martha gave us some ideas to unlock our creativity:

1. Keep a scrapbook of images, ideas, clippings, drawings and notes. These things will help to plant the seeds of innovation.

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2. Attend art shows and craft exhibits, not just quilt shows. Other creative fields can supply fresh inspiration.
3. Spend lots of time with books, especially art and nature books with their beautiful photographs.
4. Pay special attention to nature's diverse forms.
5. Recognize the design motifs around you—architecture, dishes, fruits, vegetables, bridges, trees. Keep your camera handy to capture ideas.
6. Attend workshops and classes to widen your knowledge base.



At the June meeting, there will be a judging and monetary prizes for sampler quilts made for the challenge led by Donna, Rhoda, and Kim. Only quilts made for that challenge qualify for prizes. Speaking of sampler quilts, have you seen the Best of Show winner from the Paducah AQS Quilt Show, *Fiesta Mexico* by Renae Haddadin and Karen Kay Buckley. It's striking and a very imaginative setting for sampler blocks.

Mary Nell Magee reminded us that the July meeting will include a parade of children's quilts and there will be prizes for the winners. Be sure to bring your entries/donations. We have heard that Mary Nell gives good prizes.

She also asked guild members for quilts to display at the Welcome Center at Lake Terrace Convention Center. Both visitors and workers at the center enjoy the display. Workers, in particular are always eager to see the new quilts which replace each seasonal display. Right now, she is looking for floral quilts to hang. If you have any that you would be willing to share, please contact Mary Nell or bring them to the Children's Quilts group meeting or the PBQ meeting. Children's Quilts meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Last month, Pine Belt Quilters delivered 21 quilts to the Veteran's home in Collins. We will be

delivering more the third Wednesday in July and will be giving more in the future. The goal is a quilt for each veteran. Please consider making a quilt for this worthy organization, and if you have fabric you would like to donate, contact Mary Nell.

Betty and Joe Bingham reported that 74 pillows were turned in the day of the meeting. Children especially love hugging the pillows to their chests. They thank you for your efforts and urge you to keep on making pillows to brighten the lives of recipients.

At the May boutique meeting (May 9) the group will be making hot pads and table pads with Linda Basden instructing.

Geraldine Simmons reported that 16 walker totes and 8 catheter covers were turned in.

Ann Fox has had a family emergency and will not be able to present the May program for PBQ. We hope she can give her lecture on miniatures sometime in the future. Ann Shows and friends have graciously offered to do a trunk show of scrap and string quilts. I'm sure we will all enjoy it. They will also be offering a workshop on the *Diamonds are Forever* quilt from *String Quilt Revival: A Fresh Approach for 13 Classic Designs* by Virginia Baker and Barbara Sanders. You may remember them from our last quilt show.

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MAY REMINDERS

May Birthdays:

Bonnie Bolt
Anne Esteve
Gloria Green
Betty Herring

Carolyn Daley
Kay Emerson
Sharon Harris
Jean Robertson

Millie DeMent
Mary Faires
Sally Henderson

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

The boutique item for May 9 is hot pads and table pads with Linda Basden.

May's fat quarter lottery fabric choice is children's fabrics

The May 22, workshop is Miniatures with Ann Fox.

The Friendship blocks are "Just Call Me Crazy".

Have you renewed your Pine Belt Quilters membership?

If not, this may be your last newsletter.

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