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PINE BELT QUILTERS JULY MEETING

Donna Crager opened the July Luncheon and Children's Quilt Presentation meeting with a devotional. And we were soon into the business and the, always inspiring, donation of quilts to the Hattiesburg community.

Linda Basden and Bonnie Bolt showed us table toppers made by the five members who had attended the most recent boutique meeting. They agreed that everyone "had a blast!"

Geraldine Simmons announced that 15 walker totes and 23 catheter bags had been turned in at this meeting. She and Betty Herring have written up instructions for catheter bags. *You will find these on page 2.* More bags are always needed, and they are a quick and easy project.

Betty Bingham announced that 63 pillows had been turned in at the meeting.

Anne Esteve, Margie Hancock, and Donna Burges have been working diligently on nominations for the upcoming change of officers. The



nominating committee has a difficult job, but Anne assured us that there will be a new slate of officers presented at the September meeting when nominations will be accepted from the floor. Voting will occur at the October meeting.

Last month Joann Kenny won the raffle quilt which was made to raise money for a young cancer patient on the coast. The raffle raised \$875.00, and Joann donated the quilt to the young man.

As you all know, quilters are also great cooks. So as you can imagine, the food on the luncheon tables was delicious and abundant. Members and guests alike enjoyed the meal and the fellowship.

I hope this newsletter gets to everyone in time to take note that the August and September meetings and workshops are

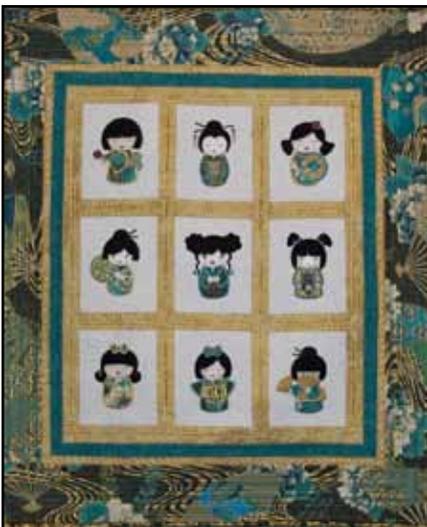
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switching dates. **The program for August** will be “Sit and Sew Fellowship” (bring something to work on) and the “Treasure Hunt” (bring anything you would like to sell and be ready to shop). **The workshop for August** will be “Mystery Block” with Donna Crager and Susan Ellis. Donna and Susan will have a supply and material list available at the August meeting. **The program for September** will be “Using Your Embroidery Machine to Quilt” with Betty Moore. **The workshop for September** will also be “Using Your Embroidery Machine to Quilt” with Betty Moore.

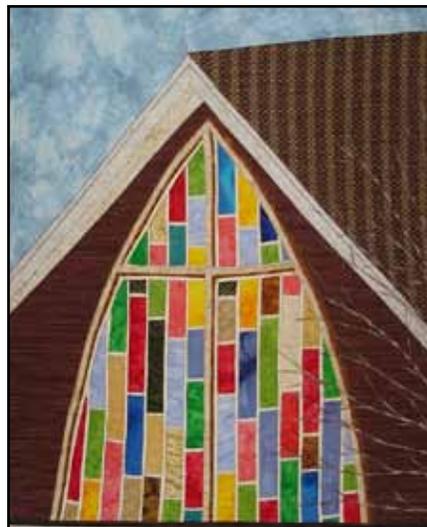
One more reminder: Many members picked up half-square triangles and four-patches that will be used for the 2014 Pine Belt Quilters Show raffle quilt. Please remember to bring the finished units back to Susie Jackson at the August meeting.



Two of our members have had quilts accepted into the Hoffmann Challenge. Congratulations to Jo-Ann Evans and to Joe Bingham. Their quilts were selected to travel in the Hoffman Trunk Shows. Congratulations Jo and Jo-Ann. *See photos below.*



Kokeshi Dolls by Jo-Ann



EvanSanctuary by Joe Bingham



Corner of Judge's Background Window by Joe Bingham

CATHETER BAG COVERS

Cut fabric 11" x 26". Fold in half, right sides together, so that it now measures 11" x 13".

Sew the two sides together.

If using fabric for ties, cut them 2" wide by about 21" long. Turn in raw edges and sew down the long side. Fold these in half and place on each side of the bag. Sew a narrow hem in the top of the bag, including the ties on each side over the seam.

Bag should end up being about 10" x 12" with two ties about 10" long on each top side.

There are probably many ways this size can be accomplished and any of them are fine. Coordinating grosgrain ribbon can be used for the ties, as well as any bias binding you might have from a previous project.

If you have questions contact: Geraldine Simmons, 601-583-3755 or ghsimmons@comcast.net

PARADE OF CHILDREN'S QUILTS WINNERS



Winners: 1st - Kathy Houseal, 2nd - Dianne McLendon, 3rd - Otha Mae Edwards,

The Parade of Children's Quilts was a big success. There were 34 quilts entered in the contest and turned in that day. Mary Nell Magee was surprised by the number of quilts received on the day of the meeting. The three lucky winners, based on the votes of members were: 1st-Kathy Houseal, 2nd-Dianne McLendon, and 3rd-Otha Mae Edwards. *See the photos above.*

Joe Bingham displayed five quilts in the parade. No telling how many children's quilts he has made. Does the man ever sleep? And Mary Nell reminded us that the children's group has put together kits for members who are willing to make a quilt for the children.

According to Martha Ginn who edits the Pine Belt Quilters' blog, representatives from five agencies were present to receive quilts. We gave each agency approximately 17 quilts, for a total of 85 quilts.

Teressa Ellzey and Riley Herrin represented the **Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention**. Teressa told us

the quilts offer comfort and safety to the children. Riley still has the quilt she received as a child.

Annie Jackson represented **South Mississippi Children's Center**. She said that our donations instill a great deal of hope in the children they serve. The kids love their quilts.

Joan Harper represented the "Chain Gang" volunteers at **Wesley Medical Center**. She said the children love their quilts and parents and staff are overwhelmed by the gifts.

Leigh Ann Leonard and Lucretia Hall represented **Forrest General Hospital**. Leigh Ann told us that the quilts are very much appreciated by the children and their parents. They are such a comfort. Lucretia thanked us for catheter bags and walker totes as well as the quilts donated to the emergency unit. She repeated that they are such a comfort, and told us that patients in the rehab unit really like shopping for a new bag.



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AUGUST REMINDERS

Samantha Bankston
Jo-Ann Evans

August Birthdays:
Josette Bonfanti
Shirley Glaab
Linda Gayle Smith

Otha Mae Edwards
Frances Good

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

Our August 21 and September 18 programs have been swapped. August's meeting is "Sit & Sew and Fellowship and "Treasure Hunt". (Remember to bring something to work on and anything you wish to sell.) September's meeting is "Using Your Embroidery Machine" with Betty Moore.

The August 8 boutique item is a "Ficklesticks" with Shirley Wiltshire.
The September 12 boutique item is book covers with Elvia Edwards.

August's fat quarter lottery fabric is yellows.

The August 28 workshop will be "A Mystery Quilt Block" with Donna Crager and Susan Ellis. The September 25 workshop will be "Using Your Embroidery Machine" with Betty Moore.

The friendship blocks are "Happy Scrappy Houses."

GREATER JACKSON QUILT CELEBRATION
September 6th, 7th & 8th
Mississippi Crafts Center
950 Rice Road
Ridgeland, MS 39157

9:00am - 5:00pm Friday, September 6th

9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday, September 7th

11:00am - 4:00pm Sunday, September 8th