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BETTY MOORE ON MACHINE EMBROIDERY

Betty Moore gave us an excellent presentation on the use of embroidery machines for both embroidery and quilting, techniques she has been using since 1990.

She told us that she had an epiphany when she had a quilt that was too large for her to quilt on her machine. Anything larger than a crib quilt is too big to quilt on a domestic sewing machine.

She found her solution in a book by Marti Michell. She cut up the quilt, quilted it in sections and sewed it back together. Betty uses French seams on the back of her quilts, stitching them down by hand. Though she says you can stitch the seams by machine as well.

Betty gave many, many tips for embroidery and quilting. Using the blueberry raffle quilt as an example, she pointed out that she had used three threads through the single needle to give her embroidery the lush look she desired. Experts will tell you that you cannot use three threads, but she says she



is always willing to try different approaches if she thinks they will give her the look she wants. Just go slowly and experiment. On the other blocks, Betty used two threads through the single needle to make the design pop.

In one area she did agree with the experts. **Don't leave the machine unattended when it is running.** You can sit and watch the machine for three hours and nothing will happen, but as soon as you turn your back it will go wrong and pull the top thread down into the bobbin.

Betty's lessons in both quilting and in embroidery were very helpful. She was extremely knowledgeable about her subject. Even those of us who don't have embroidery machines went home with a wealth of useful information. I know those who attended her workshop on the Wednesday, the 25th surely learned a great deal.

Several Pine Belt Quilters came home from the Jackson Quilt Show

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with ribbons. Congratulations to Susie Jackson for winning the ribbon for Best Machine Quilting and to Ollie Jean Lane for winning the Lorene Paris Hand Appliqué award. Joe Bingham brought home a 3rd place ribbon. Honorable mentions went to Sylvia Blissett, Doris Dunn, Martha Ginn and Ollie Jean Lane. Susie Jackson's granddaughter, Abigail Fagan won 1st place in the youth category.

The nominating committee announced the following slate of officers for vote in October. Susie Jackson - President, Paula Jones - Vice President, Linda Flanders - Secretary/Newsletter, Anne Esteve - Secretary/Membership and Margie Hancock - Treasurer. Thanks to Anne Esteve, Donna Burges, and Margie Hancock for serving as our nominating committee. It's not an easy job.

Angela Reeves donated four boxes of fabric to children's quilts. Mary Nell sorted the fabrics and offered fabrics less suited to children's quilts to members. Funds from those sales went to additional purchases for children's quilts such as backing and batting. Many of us left the meeting with fabrics we may or may not have "needed".

The drawing was held for the "Blueberry Dance" quilt. The quilt was embroidered and assembled by Betty Moore and quilted by Wanda Wallace. The winner was 10-year-old Brennin Carlisle of Poplarville who purchased his ticket at the Blueberry Jubilee in June.

Mary Nell Cranford who usually keeps us up-to-date with the health of members and their families is in the hospital herself. She is still not doing very well, till running high fever with lots of congestion. She is aware of her surroundings and answering questions by nodding or shaking her head. She has been transferred to Regency, a long-term acute care facility that is on the 5th floor of Forrest General Hospital that specializes in ventilator weaning. Hopefully she will start to improve soon. Also, Ruth Byrd has had gall bladder surgery and is at Forrest General Hospital.

Are you working on children's quilts? Remember, we have another distribution coming at the December meeting. That's not far away. Don't forget that the children's quilt group has quilts that need to be quilted.

At this meeting a record number of pillows were donated. The Bingham's took in 210 pillows. Betty Allen told us that the nurses at her hospital "just light up" when the pillow lady comes around.

Geraldine and Betty reported that they had taken in 15 walker totes and 12 catheter bag covers.

The bad news is that only one person showed up for the boutique committee meeting last month. And last I heard, only two have signed up for the upcoming meeting. We have to do better than this folks. The boutique was a big money maker at our last quilt show.

Kathy Houseal is the featured quilter at the Welcome Center.



Quilt Show

The September meeting included a spirited discussion about the 2014 Quilt Show. It was decided that Mary Nell Magee, Wanda Wallace and Susie Jackson will work on a new judging/critique sheet for youth quilts. They will take into consideration our Pine Belt Quilters' sheet and a suggested sheet from the quilt show judge. The new sheet will attempt to give our young quilters "guidance, feedback and constructive criticism."

After much discussion regarding off-site pick-up of quilts, a vote was taken to learn the wishes of the members. The majority were in favor of continuing this practice.

Susan Ellis who is in charge of the silent auction, asked members to keep the size of their donations to

no larger than 30 inches by 30 inches. This is due to the limitation of space for display.

Consideration of categories and for a clear and simple description of “sampler quilt” are ongoing and will be announced soon. It was reported that the theme for the Hattiesburg Visitors Bureau Challenge for this show will be the Hattiesburg Zoo. You can now get busy on your entry. Remember that it must be 24 inches by 24 inches.

Thanks to members who brought back their finished half square triangles and four patches units, good progress is being made on the raffle quilt. Since the meeting a group of people got together twice to trim the units and put the top together. Thanks to Susie Jackson, Ella Lucas, Vivian Plummer, Joann Kenney, Ellen Hall, Susan Ellis, and Margie Hancock. Thanks also to the members (Donna Burges, Ella Lucas, Kim Overstreet and Vivian

Plummer) who appliquéd the borders and to Anne Hindmarch who is now attaching those appliqué borders. We hope to be able to show you the top at the next PBQ meeting.

Because of health issues, we need a couple of people willing to take over Ruth Byrd’s and Nell Cooley’s, positions as guardians of the raffle quilt. These people keep track of the quilt as it is being sent around to different venues to sell tickets.

The program for our October 16 meeting will be a trunk show presented by Nancy Hui Hui and friends from Brookhaven. It should be a good one. **See you at the meeting. Don’t forget to wear your name tag!**





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OCTOBER REMINDERS

October Birthdays:

Doris Aultman
JoAnn Kenney
Maryann McClain
Patricia Snead

Susan Ellis
Missy Lee
Dianne McLendon

Susie Jackson
Paula Mathews
Bobbie McWilliams

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

October 16 program is a Quilt Trunk Show with Nancy Hui Hui and friends.

The October 10 boutique item is composition book covers with Susie Jackson.

October's fat quarter lottery fabric is fall colors.

The October 23 workshop will be "Advanced Paper Piecing" with Anne Esteve.

The friendship blocks are "Oh Christmas Tree."