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FRANCES GOOD'S QUILTS

Pat Routon's husband, Mike offered a devotional to the group. Brother Routon reminded us to be an encouragement to those around us.

Paula Jones introduced our speaker PBQ member, Frances Good. Frances, born in Richmond, Virginia has been in Hattiesburg for eight years, and has been quilting for ten years. She strives to be quick, efficient and not wasteful. She reminds us that

there is no end to the journey of quilting.

Her mother made train quilts for all her grandchildren and started on quilts for the great grandchildren but asked Frances to make the last three. Frances had never quilted. She had always done needlework, cross stitching and sewing clothing and items for her home. But she took on the challenge and accomplished the job using the needle turn appliqué technique. She learned from Alex Anderson's beginner quilting book and from a quilting class. Frances says we learn most from our mistakes. She soon found that she enjoyed quilting.



With the pressure of the train quilts off her shoulders, she started on her next project a Celtic knot design, hand appliquéd and hand quilted around the knots. Finding that it would take too long to hand quilt the rest of the quilt, she switched to machine quilting to finish the project. Can you mix the two techniques? The quilt police never came! She finished another Celtic knot quilt, working on the blocks while

sitting with her father who had cancer.

Leslie Kiger introduced Frances to Pine Belt Quilters where she made children's quilts and took workshops, making her first sampler. She started on a log cabin variation wall hanging for the quilt show, she planned to stitch in the ditch on her home sewing machine. After completing most of the quilting, she realized that her machine was skipping stitches. With time running out, she decided she couldn't feel good about entering the piece in the show and it never made it into the quilt show.

She completed another appliqué quilt while sitting with her son as he battled

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cancer. This time she decided to have it professionally quilted and sent it to Susie Jackson who told her it needed to be entered in the 2012 PBQ show. She won a Judge's Choice ribbon for "Tropical Breeze", and Susie still quilts Frances' quilts.



In 2013 Frances made eight quilts as Christmas gifts for her family. She borrowed them back for the program.

PBQ signed up six new members for the month of May, including Ellen Hall's daughter who currently resides in Israel.

Betty Moore announced that 20 children's quilts and 9 tops were turned in at the meeting. Sixteen sewers attended the last Children's Quilt meeting. The group has kits available, ready to make tops. There are also kits ready to be quilted. Don't forget, that there will be a parade of children's quilts at the July meeting with cash prizes for the winners.

Geraldine and Betty reported that they had taken in 24 walker totes and 9 catheter bag covers. Instructions for both are posted on the Pine Belt Quilters' website. They are an easy project and part of our community outreach.

Betty Bingham reported that 55 pillows and six scent cloths had been turned in at the meeting.

Volunteers are still needed to sell tickets on the raffle quilt at the Blueberry Jubilee in Poplarville on June 14.

Huldah Ingram announced that the Stitchin' Post is changing its discount policy. Rather than offering 40% off on one item, they will be offering 20% off on your entire purchase on the day of the PBQ meeting. Just present your membership card when you check out.

Missy Lee's snippet: An empty cereal box makes a nice (and secret) place to store a bit of fabric.

Ellen Cox's snippet: A piece of dowel sliced in half (lengthwise) and covered with batting and muslin makes a great pressing tool for seams which are to be pressed open.

Barbara Peters and Betty Moore won the basket friendship blocks for this quarter.

Sharon Barnes talked to the group about plans for the workshop that will follow the barn quilt signs program at the June meeting. Participants will need to plan ahead in order to have a panel cut, primed and the pattern drafted before the workshop. If you have

extra newspapers, please bring them to the workshop. Paint and brushes will be supplied.

Martha is looking for sponsors for the quilt show. You may know someone interested in buying an ad in our quilt show catalog, please think of friends, family and business people you deal with. Martha Ginn can



give you all the details.

Speaking of sponsors, the Hattiesburg Visitors Center has sponsored a challenge at the past three quilt shows. The subject for the first was Miss Hattie, next it was the Hattiesburg Depot and in 2012 it was "Find Your True South". In 2012 we only had seven entries in the category. Let's not lose this sponsorship due to lack of interest. This year's subject is the Hattiesburg Zoo. The piece must measure 24" square. There is a \$250.00 prize for the winning piece.





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JUNE REMINDERS

June Birthdays:

Betty Allen

Renee Dembowski

Beth McDaniel

Dorothy Aultman

Ellen Hall

Lida McDowell

Geraldine Simmons

Laura Brewer

Jackie Leonard

Betty Moore

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

Group 6, Faye Barlow's group is in charge of refreshments for the June 18 meeting.

The program for the June PBQ meeting and for the June 25 workshop is "Quilt Barn Signs" with Sharon Barnes.

The June fat quarter lottery is blues.

July 1 is the day of the next Children's Quilts group meeting.

The project for the **July 10** Boutique meeting is a 10 minute table runner taught by Paula Jones.