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## BARN QUILT SIGNS

Elvia Edwards offered thoughts for the day taken from the writings of Maya Angelou and a prayer for the inspiration of the group.

Sharon Barnes and her husband, Hubie presented a program on barn quilt signs. They first became interested in quilting in 1989 when they and Paula Jones took a quilting class from Martha Ginn. Judging from the number of questions asked, the subject was very interesting to the group.

Sharon spoke of several trips taken over the past two or three years. These trips were through Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia on barn quilt sign trails in search of examples of the craft. Sometimes they used maps, sometimes they just happened upon the signs. Sometimes GPS devices were used, but Sharon said they don't always work.

Wikipedia defines a quilt trail as "a series of painted wood or metal, hung or free standing, quilt squares installed at various locations along a route, emphasizing significant architecture and/or aesthetic landscapes.

Currently North America has quilt trails in 43 of the United States as well as two

Canadian provinces."

Many areas of the country are organizing trails where people can drive around and view quilt blocks adorning barns, sheds, houses, fences, and businesses. Some blocks are painted directly on structures, but others are painted on panels and mounted on structures. Currently, the closest trail is probably located in Louisiana. This trail has listed over 100 locations in the past three years. There are currently movements in the northern part of the state of Mississippi to create barn quilt

trails. A few members have expressed an interest in starting a trail in this area.

Sharon and Hubie arranged a workshop for PBQ members to make their own barn quilt signs on squares of plywood primed by Hubie. For a fee, they furnished panels ready for painting, and at the workshop, paints were available for all to use. This workshop took place the week after the June PBQ meeting. If we are lucky, some members will bring their finished blocks



to share with the group.

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The Starkville Art Council is working on a barn quilt sign project. MQA member Jenny Reed is their representative. There is a lot of information about barn quilts online. Specifically, you can find information about the Louisiana Northshore Quilt Trail Association at [www.louisianaquilttrail.com](http://www.louisianaquilttrail.com). You can find a map of quilt trails in the United States at [www.barnquiltinfo.com](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com). Check it out before you set off on vacation.

MQA president Shirley Wiltshire reported that the June Gathering was very successful. The October Gathering will be held in Vicksburg. Marietta Johnson, President Elect for the group is searching for volunteers for the Education Committee. She needs people with strong computer and people skills. If you're interested in helping, please contact her at 228-326-6657 or [gentlyno@yahoo.com](mailto:gentlyno@yahoo.com).

Blueberry Jubilee was also a success. Wanda Wallace reported that over 600 tickets were sold on the raffle quilt. She thanked Barb, Elaine, Elvia, Joyce, Mary Nell and Renee for selling tickets, and she thanked Shirley Wiltshire for the use of her yard. Barbara Peters has taken over where Louise Cubley and Ruth Byrd left off in the raffle quilt department. Nice going Barbara!

Ellen Cox's snippet was the use of a wallpaper brayer to roll seams especially when foundation piecing. It saves steps because you can position it beside your sewing machine, and it does not distort your fabrics as easily as an iron does.

The Stars and Stripes friendship blocks were won by Mary Ann Scruggs, Minnie Watts, Carolyn Watts, and Donna Smith. Next month's friendship block will be Falling Leaves.

Betty Moore reported that 14 members attended the Children's Quilts meeting and the group took in 23 completed quilts. Betty also displayed table runners, notebook covers and nametag covers made at the last Boutique meeting. Bonnie Bolt has table topper kits that need to be finished and turned in.

The Bingham announced that they had received 15 pillows and four preemie blankets.

Geraldine and Betty received 14 walker totes and seven catheter bag covers. Mary Ann Hyatt told us that Ruth Byrd, who used to make bags for the group, never thought that she would be the recipient of one, but she is.

Martha Ginn is working on sponsorships for the quilt show catalog. If you know of someone, family or business acquaintances, who would be interested in purchasing an ad, contact Martha at 601-264-6884 or

[marthaginn@bellsouth.net](mailto:marthaginn@bellsouth.net). She can give you page sizes and costs, or you can give her the names of people you think she should contact.

Elvia Edwards has sent out over 100 letters requesting door prizes for the quilt show. She is expecting to hear from them soon. In the meantime, if you have any items which would make good door prizes, please bring them to Elvia. New or "like new" books, notions, etc. are all welcomed.

Gloria Green reported that only 24% of eligible Forrest County voters voted in the recent election. She reminded us to get out there and vote in the upcoming run off election.

One more reminder, Jo-Ann Evans emailed me asking me to remind members who wish to turn in their quilt show entries at the guild meeting, that the July 16 meeting is the last one before the August 5 entry deadline. Martha Ginn wants us not to forget the Zoo Challenge - a 24" x 24" quilt with a \$250 purchase prize award sponsored by the Hattiesburg Convention Center and Visitors Bureau.



*Paula Jones will teach us how to make a tessallating quilt at the July 24 workshop. This is Paula and her Tessallating Crosses quilt made in 15 different red fabrics. Tessallating refers to a pattern of geometric shapes repeated over a surface with no overlaps and no gaps. Tessellations form a class of patterns in nature, for example in the arrangement of hexagonal cells in honeycombs.*

# BARN QUILT SIGN WORKSHOP

*Photos by Sharon Barnes*





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## JULY REMINDERS

### July Birthdays:

Kathy Christensen  
Leslie Kiger

Joyce Clark  
Kim Overstreet  
Minnie Watts

Kathy Houseal  
Linda C. Smith

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

July is our luncheon meeting and everyone should bring a pot luck dish.

There is no program for the July PBQ meeting. We will be donating quilts to community organizations. There will be a parade of children's quilts with a viewers' choice winner selected.

The **July 23** workshop is "Tessellating Quilts" with Paula Jones.

Fabrics for the July fat quarter lottery are small scale checks or stripes.

**August 5** is the day of the Children's Quilts group meeting.

The project for the **August 14** Boutique meeting is Fickle Sticks with Shirley Wiltshire.