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NAME THAT BLOCK

Barb Peters told us that her resolution for the new year is to be more pleasant and to greet everyone with a smile. Then she treated us to her "Travel Plans for 2015" printed below.

*I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Kaboots**. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in **Kaboots** with someone.*

*I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognizes you here.*

*I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.*

*I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.*

*I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.*

*I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.*

*Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.*

*One of my favorite places to be is in **Suspense!** It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!*

*I may have been in **Continent**, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.*

Dianne McLendon presented the program for the day. She asked members to name the blocks in a sampler quilt made by Missy Lee. From the quilt pictured above right, how many blocks can you name?



A good portion of the meeting was given over to the February Gathering of the Mississippi Quilt Association. It will be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, February 20-21. You will meet many quilters from other parts of the state. Pine Belt Quilter, Shirley Wiltshire will be ending her term as president and another PBQ member, Marietta Johnson, will be beginning her term.

Ella Lucas said we need more representation at MQA from Pine Belt Quilters. If you have never attended a MQA gathering, this is a perfect chance for you to come and see what it is all about. Meetings are held all over the state.

Pine Belt Quilters will be hosting this gathering. Mary Nell and Shirley asked members to bring decorations for the tables. There will be eighteen tables. There is no set theme, just scrappy, we want to encourage people to walk around and check out the

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tables and strike up conversations with other quilters. They suggested that members who will be attending the January workshop, coiled baskets, taught by Linda Flanders could bring their baskets and create table decorations around them. Decorations will need to be in place by 3:00 the afternoon of February 20 and must stay in place until the end of the meeting, 3:00 the afternoon of February 21. If you will not be attending the gathering, you can bring decorations in a box to the February PBQ meeting and we will get them back to you at the March meeting. Be sure to put your name on everything.

Information about the gathering can be found at www.mississippiquilt.org by going to the newsletter. section Friday night is free, but Saturday requires membership or a \$5.00 guest fee. Through March 31, 2016, the membership fee is only \$15.00. The Programs for Friday night will be "Barn Quilts" with Regina Breland and "Using Social Media to Promote Your Guild" with Lara F. Bowman of MSU. Programs on Saturday will include "Charity Projects", the "Studio Art Quilt Association" with Julia Graber, "Round Robin Challenge Quilts" with Dianne McLendon, and "Cutting Machines" with Missy Lee. Vendors will be Main Street Fabrics from Ackerman, Stitch-N-Frame from Vicksburg, and the Village Cloth Shop from DeKalb.

Another advantage of being a member of MQA is that every year they bring in national talent for classes and lectures. These events take place at three locations in Mississippi usually over a three day period. They are open only to MQA members. Pat Sloan, quilt and fabric designer, author, lecturer, and blogger will be coming in July. Pat does a popular internet radio show where she interviews interesting people in the quilting world. You can hear or download podcasts of her shows at www.creativetalknetwork.com. Look her up online. Her work is scrappy, both applique and pieced. You will have to be an MQA member to take advantage of the national teachers and quilters brought to Mississippi. Come to the February Gathering and become a member.

At the meeting, Pine Belt Quilters were asked to submit possible themes for the 2016 quilt show. Nominations were Asian Persuasion (3), Flowers in Bloom (28), Dresden Plates (12), Fall Fantasy (13), Shining Stars (9), A Tisket A Tasket Basket (8), Pictorial (1), and Patriotic Stars(5). The winner of the vote was Flowers in Bloom. The idea behind this is, even though a new quilt show chairman has not yet been chosen, to enable PBQ members to get an early start on quilts for the theme category of the show. We had better get going. The theme for the Jackson guild's 2015 show is also flowers. They will have lots of beautiful flower quilts ready to enter in our 2016 show.

Dianne McLendon had fabrics and patterns for the new friendship block, Spring Tulips, which will be due in March.



(See the photo at the left.) She also had a few packets of fabric left over from the Round Robin Challenge. If you have not picked up all your packets, see Dianne. Our Round Robin quilts will be presented at the February PBQ meeting. Members will be able to vote for their favorite quilt and a prize will be given. To be eligible for the vote, your quilt must be finished (quilted and bound.) **However, if you don't have your piece finished, please bring the top to the meeting so that we can all enjoy the extreme variety of quilts.** I doubt there will be

any two quilts alike in design or in color. Dianne's fabric choices were indeed challenging. Those who have persevered will attest to that, and have many stories to tell about their journeys. Soon, Dianne will have information ready about the next challenge.

Susie announced that fourteen PBQ members had perfect attendance last year. Their names were put into a hat and the prize winner was Donna Burges.



Mary Nell Magee has been working on a quilt for the Wounded Minutemen of Mississippi. She will have tickets for the raffle at the February meeting. (See the photo above.)

At the meeting, Betty and Joe Bingham took in 44 pillows and six preemie blankets.

Betty Herring took in twelve walker totes and six catheter bag covers. Kaye Christensen will be taking over as Betty's partner since the death of Geraldine Simmons.

Betty Moore announced that she is starting the year with no finished children's quilts. Everyone will have to work hard to have quilts to give to the organizations we support. She did have several quilts ready to be quilted and asked longarm quilters to take some home for quilting.

Donna Crager has volunteered to lead the Boutique Committee this year. Let's all give her as much help as we can. Let's make the boutique at our next show the best ever. Every PBQ member should contribute handmade items to the boutique. We can't rely on the few members of the committee to do all the work.

I hope you renewed your PBQ membership for 2015. If you did, you will receive your membership directory at the February meeting. It is a very useful resource for all things Pine Belt Quilters. Another resource is the Website, www.pinebeltquilters.com.

Ellen Cox showed us a new use for our salad spinners. She uses it to wash and spin dry precut pieces of fabric without causing the edges to fray. After spinning, iron your pieces dry or lay your fabric pieces out flat. Don't throw them in the clothes dryer.

There was excellent participation in the coiled fabric basket workshop Wednesday, January 28 workshop. Everyone attending seemed to have a good time. We were glad to see several new PBQ members attending. It is a great opportunity to get to know other members. Those of you who attended, don't forget to bring your basket to the February meeting.

At the March workshop, Donna Burges will teach needle-turn applique. The piece will be a small Christmas tree wall hanging. She will have templates at the February meeting. (See the photo below.)





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IMPORTANT MESSAGES

RE: ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE QUILTS

As soon as you get to the meeting, please turn in your finished challenge quilt to Dianne McLendon. She will number the quilts, and will have a couple ladies hold them up for the group to see. Then at the break, everyone can look at the quilts on tables and we will vote for our favorite.

Thanks, Dianne

RE: CHILDREN'S QUILTS

Children's Quilts has a need for plastic storage bins with lids. Shoe box size to big bins will be greatly appreciated. If anyone can help, please bring them to the meeting on 2/18/15.

Thank you for your help and support, Betty Moore, Children's Quilts

Please pass on the above information to friends who receive their newsletters through the U. S. Post Office. I didn't receive this until after those newsletters had already been mailed.

FEBRUARY REMINDERS

February Birthdays:

Martha Beal

Morgan Radavich

Barbara McGowen

Carmen White

Betty Reid

Nell Miller

Anne Esteve

Martha Slaid

Betty Bingham

Carol Flathers

Peggy Gable

Vivian Plummer

Ollie Jean Lane

Dorothy Williamson

Linda Flanders

Lois Dedeaux

Leita Kittrell Davis

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

The programs for February's meeting are the Reveal of the Round Robin Challenge quilts and Demos of Silhouette and Brother Scan and Cut machines with Ellen Cox, Tina Dickens and Missy Lee.

The February workshop is an Appliqued Christmas Tree Wall Hanging taught by Donna Burges.

The color for February's fat quarter lottery is reds.

The next Children's Quilts meeting is on March 3.

Don't forget the MQA Spring Gathering, February 20-21 at Lake Terrace Convention Center.