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ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE REVEAL

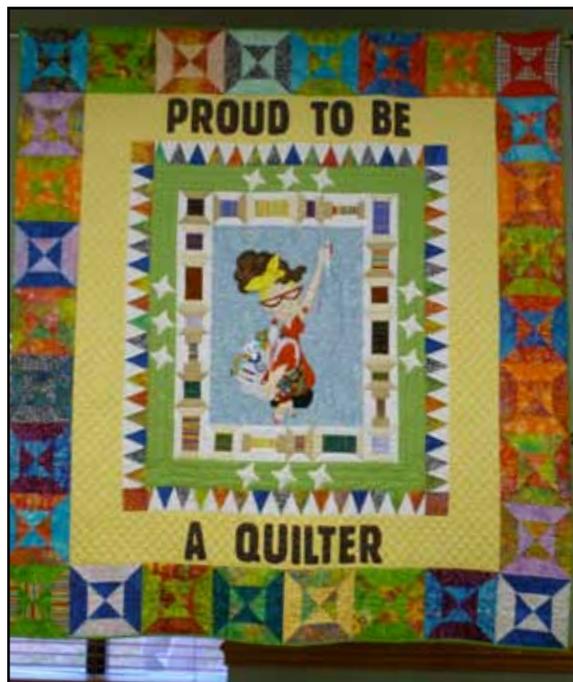
Donna Crager presented a devotional to start the meeting, "What we put in our mind is what we show the world. Be the best example to your grandchildren. They are our legacy."

Anne Esteve has put together membership packets to distribute to members. These were available at the meeting. If you have renewed your membership and did not pick up your packet, you can do so at the March meeting. This packet is full of valuable information. It lists the dates, times and programs for each guild meeting and workshop, as well as for Children's Quilts, the Boutique Group. It also includes a helpful list of members and their contact information. There is information our board of directors and the committees within the guild and about the group's history.

Donna Crager gave us a preview of the sewing kit built on an embroidery hoop that will be the project for the next boutique meeting. You can contact Donna for directions.

A table was set up to display the many beautiful, coiled baskets which were completed at the last workshop. Many who attended took the instructions and went far and beyond in their creativity. Many left their baskets to be used as table decorations for the Mississippi Quilt Association Gathering which was held the weekend following the meeting.

Shirley Wiltshire gave us details for the MQA Gathering which took place on February 20-21 at Lake Terrace Convention Center. Shopping and lectures were offered. Many members took the opportunity to meet with MQA members from different parts of the state. Despite bad weather in the northern part of Mississippi, attendance was good.



Dianne McLendon's challenge quilt

The February Gathering was Shirley's last meeting as president of MQA. Another member of Pine Belt Quilters, Marietta Johnson, will begin her presidency at the next meeting. Don't you think Marietta should have our support?

Shirley announced that Pat Sloan will be MQA's Educational Seminar teacher. She will be teaching in three cities. One will be Hattiesburg. She will be offering "Wild and Free" or "The Magic of EASY Machine Appliqué." You can find information on these classes at www.patsloan.typepad.com. Click on Events. Then under Quick Links on the right side of the page, click on Workshop and Lecture Descriptions and Photos. This will give descriptions of the classes. You must be a member of MQA to take these classes.

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Ellen Cox



Tina Dickens



Missy Lee

Next, the group was treated to a display of the Round Robin Challenge quilts. As expected, the diversity was amazing. The colors were different. The patterns were different. It was interesting to see what inspiration each quilter took from those two original fabrics. If you are interested in the instructions given for the challenge, they can be found at www.pinebeltquilters.com under Guild Activities, Round Robin 2014-15

We had 13 finished quilts eligible for voting. (Dianne McLendon held her quilt out.) In addition, we had six quilts in various stages of finish. Dianne took each finished quilt as it came in and gave it a number. Then those quilts were shown (one at a time). During the break, members could view the quilts close up to judge the workmanship. After the break, we voted. Susie Jackson won first place; Ellen Cox won 2nd place; and Debbie Davis won 3rd place. After the results were given, members who had not finished their quilts displayed their tops. Congratulations to all who participated in the challenge.

At the March PBQ meeting, Dianne will give us details for the next challenge. I encourage everyone to participate. It is such a "challenge" to your creativity. Dianne tells me that the 2015-16 challenge will be very different from the Round Robin Challenge. You can find a sneak preview in the membership packet.

Another feature of the February meeting was short demonstrations of Silhouette and Brother Scan & Cut Machines. Ellen Cox, Tina Dickens and Missy Lee showed the group what their different machines can do. It was very interesting, especially to those of us who knew nothing about the capabilities of the machine and how they could be incorporated into our quilting lives. Each machine seemed to have different features and strengths.

Joe and Betty Bingham took in 32 pillows and six blankets at the meeting. Kaye Christensen and Betty Herring announced that they received 72 walker totes and 41 catheter covers. Betty Herring wants those who worked on the large and beautiful contribution to know how much she appreciates the walker totes and catheter bag covers from Pat Routon's group, Happy Quilters. They made 50 walker totes and 33 catheter bag covers. It is certainly the largest number of totes and covers received at any meeting.

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something in quilting. There are no rules in quilting except close your rotary cutter each time you use it. If it feels good to you, it will look good to you. . .it's in your heart, not a book or anywhere else.

Mardi Niles, Scotia, N. Y.



Susie Jackson 1st place



Ellen Cox 2nd place



Debbie Davis 3rd place



Betty Allen



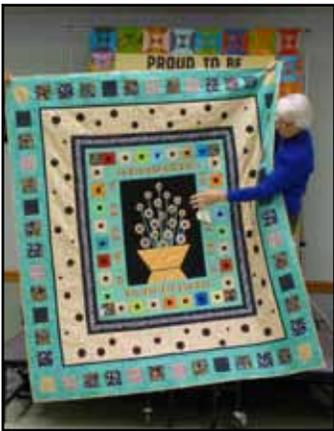
Joe Bingham



Doris Dunn



Jo-Ann Evans



Ann Hindmarch



Missy Lee



Beth McDaniel



Kim Overstreet



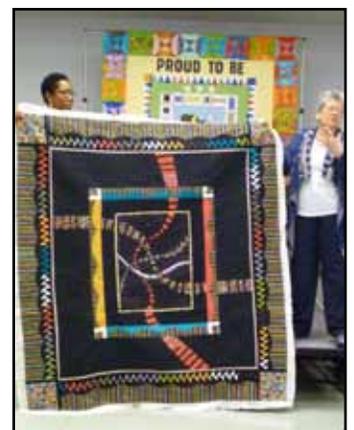
Helen Thornton



Sharon Barnes (unfinished)



Linda Flanders (unfinished)



Martha Ginn (unfinished)



Barbara Peters (unfinished)



Florence Peyrefitte (unfinished)



Pat Routon (unfinished)



Baskets from Feb. Workshop



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MARCH REMINDERS

March Birthdays:

Margarette Speights
Versia Dennis
Barbara Peters
Mary Daw
Edna Walker

Elsie Harris
Jerlene Cornwall
Vivian Kittrell
Carol McCutcheon-Appiah
Joyce O'Keefe

Lois Livingston
Mary Nell Magee
Mary Nell Cranford
Mildred Jenkins
Dianne Herrington

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

The program for the March meeting (March 18) is Hawaiian Appliqué with Ann Esteve.

The February workshop (March 25) is Hawaiian Appliqué with Ann Esteve.

The color for March's fat quarter lottery is green.

The next Children's Quilts meeting is on April 7.

Monday, March 23, 6:30 Alma Moates special lecture at Beauvoir United Methodist Church, Biloxi.