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HAWAIIAN QUILTS WITH ANNE

Susie Jackson made a very important announcement to members. A scheduling conflict with University Baptist Church has occurred. For that reason, our meeting dates will be the second Wednesday of each month. The room will be the same and the dates of other groups will not change.

Judy Byrd opened the March meeting with a devotional about empowering Christian women.

Anne Esteve gave us a taste of Hawaii with her samples of Hawaiian quilt blocks. She gave us a little history and background of this art form. She included some interesting facts about her interactions with her friend Elizabeth Root who has written several books on Hawaiian appliqué. Hawaiian motifs are cut in one piece and appliquéd onto a background. These motifs are a reflection of the environment of the islands. Most are inspired by native plants. Needle turn appliqué is the basic technique used for these quilts.

Anne was scheduled to lead a workshop on Hawaiian quilts the following week. There were to be several patterns for different quilt blocks available. I'm sure we will see many beautiful examples of Hawaiian appliqué the April meeting.

Anne is also the membership director for Pine Belt Quilters. At the next April meeting she will have forms available for any changes you need to make to your information. Some of your information may have changed since



last year. You may have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address. If this is the case, please pick up and complete a new form, and return it to Anne. It helps to have accurate information about all our members.

Dianne McLendon introduced the 2015-16 challenge to the group. She has called it the "Shapely Challenge." Participants paid \$10.00 and received a packet of five fat quarters. Each packet was different. There will be no additional fabrics supplied in the upcoming months of the challenge. These fabrics will be used as inspiration, adding as many other fabrics as desired. Just be sure that fabrics from these fat quarters are recognizable in the finished quilt.

Directions for the first step were to create four 12" blocks. Each block is to be different and must contain only squares. Every other month instructions will be issued and each month's blocks will be constructed using a

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different shape. You can find complete instructions for the first step of the Shapely Challenge on the Website, pinebeltquilters.com. Additional instructions will appear on the Website in May, July, September and November.

Treasurer, Margie Hancock presented PBO's 2015 budget, reminding us that most of our income is received only on the years in which we have our quilt shows. Margie used a new bit of technology in explaining our budget.

The guild recently purchased a system which will allow us to project from a computer or a camera onto a large overhead screen at the front of the room. The screen and the projector belong to University Baptist Church. And they are generously allowing us to use their equipment. The church's Russell Lott, as you may have noticed at the meeting, was a great help in figuring out how to connect all the pieces. Pine Belt Quilters purchased their own camera system and cabling which will

work with the church's equipment. In addition, the guild has purchased a projector which will be used with the camera system for workshops in the Choral room. I hope that you will be patient with us during our learning period. When we have everything worked out, it should make it easier for all members to see what is going on.

Dianne McLendon and Missy Lee drew names for the friendship blocks. There were enough for eight winners. Those winners were: Willadean Bullock, Linda Basden, Renee Dembowski, Margarette Speights, Jo-Ann Evans, Tina Dickens, Marietta Johnson and Barbara McGowen.

The theme for the 2016 PBQ quilt show was changed to Dresden Plates. This should allow for lots on individuality and creativity. Ladies, get going on your theme quilts. We still need to have a "name" for the show/theme. Put on your thinking caps. That will be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

Fabrics: To Wash or Not to Wash

Quilters sometimes intentionally use unwashed fabrics to assemble a quilt because the puckers left over after the first wash give the quilt a vintage appearance. If vintage isn't the look you're going for, it's best to prewash your fabrics.

Rosemarie Garone, West Islip, NY

I have learned over the years that prewashed fabrics are better for hand quilting.

Nora Manley, Athens, AL

Since I do a lot of fusible appliqué, I do wash most of the fat quarters I buy so I can remove the sizing. The fusible products work best with no sizing residue.

Barbara Theiault, Brooksville, FL

I clip all four corners of my fabrics at a 45 degree angle before putting them in the washer. After washing I clip the strings before putting my fabric in the dryer.

Linda Flanders, Hattiesburg, MS

I use the method of testing a piece of fabric in water in a measuring cup in the microwave until it boils to see if it bleeds. I have found that the colors in good quality fabrics today seem to be more stable, so I no longer wash my fabrics before using them.

Janice Kraus, Durham, NH

I don't prewash fabric if it is being used for making a wall hanging, because wall hangings are not likely to be washed, only dusted.

Sally Petersheim, Gap, PA

Mary Nell Magee thanked members who helped with the MQA February Gathering, both those who set up table arrangements and those who allowed Mary Nell to use their coiled baskets. Many of the baskets were made during the February workshop. Mary Nell mentioned that she had received many compliments about the table decorations.

Dianne McLendon showed us a table runner she recently created from stitching together, different sized circles. The circles are the first step in making coiled baskets.

Missy's Snippets: Ways to keep your acrylic rulers from slipping when you are rotary cutting. 1. Dots of clear fingernail polish brushed onto the back of the ruler and before the polish dries sprinkled with table salt. This creates a sandpaper-like grip. 2. Strips of Nexcare Flexible Clear Tape on the back of the ruler prevents slipping, as well. 3. Strips of Scotch Double-Faced tape on the back of the ruler with rubberized shelf liner on the tape, also helps keep the ruler from slipping.

Donna Crager spoke to us about upcoming monthly Boutique projects. April will be pincushions. Donna challenged each member to bring at least one pincushion to the April meeting. These will be donated to the Boutique. The project for May will be patriotic table runners. If you have any suggestions about what you would like to buy at the Boutique, please send them to Donna.

Betty Moore reported that 18 quilts had been made at the last Children's Quilt Group meeting. Betty also let us know that she had kits ready for members to take and work on at home. PBQ donated a total of 226 quilts last year.

The Bingham reported that they received 46 pillows and eight premmie blankets at the meeting.

Betty Herring reported that they received 25 catheter covers and 27 walker totes at the meeting.

Martha Ginn reported that the NICU at Forrest General Hospital needs new isolette covers. Betty Moore, Josette Bonafanti, Martha Ginn and Vivian Plummer made three covers last month. If you are interested in helping, contact Martha. She will contact you when they have another workday.

The April Pine Belt Quilters meeting will be Mary Holman from Vicksburg. She and seven others designed, appliquéd and quilted the Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt which won first place in the Group Category at the 2014 International Quilt Festival in Houston. (Search for it online.) It is an "amazing" piece of work. This should be a very interesting and unusual meeting. This is not a meeting to miss because of confusion over the change of dates of our meetings. Mark your calendar for the **2nd Wednesday, April 8.**



Dianne McLendon

Upcoming Quilting Events

April 11-12

Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Quilt Show
St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church
Bay St. Louis, MS

April 17-18

Festival of Quilts - The Art of Quilting
Expo Hall in the Mobile Civic Center
401 Civic Center Drive, Mobile, AL

April 22-25

AQS Quilt Show
Paducah, KY

June 12-13

MQA June Gathering and Workshops
Christ United Methodist Church
Jackson, MS

July 27-August 1

MQA Educational Seminars
Featuring Pat Sloan
Hattiesburg, July 27-28
Jackson, July 29-30
Starkville, July 31-August 1



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APRIL REMINDERS

Faye Barlow
Sandra Davis
Anne Hindmarch
Elaine Magee

April Birthdays:
Joe Bingham
Doris Dunn
Connie Hitt
Wanda Meadows

Stacy Clady
Elvia Edwards
Jean Martin

**People with birthdays in April 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 April 8 meeting is Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt with Mary Holman from Vicksburg.

The April 22 workshop is a Buzz Saw Workshop with Barb Peters and Kathy Houseal.

The fabric for April's fat quarter lottery is spring florals.

The next Children's Quilts meetings are on April 7 and May 5.