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AMAZING AZTEC-NICOLOR DREAM QUILT



Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt

Paula Jones offered the devotional which was from Proverbs 31 and read a poem, *Thank God for Quilters*.

Then the meeting went to our speaker, Mary Holman of Vicksburg. Mary is a member of The Amazing Eight, a group of ladies who created the Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt which won first place in the group quilt category at the 2014 International Quilt Festival in Houston. It won Best Group Quilt at the 2015 Road to California Quilt Show and second place in group quilts at the 2015 AQS Quilt Show in Paducah.

The quilt is 84" square and was made using Cherrywood and Ricky Tims hand dyed fabrics. Most of us have seen pictures of the Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt which took the group two years to complete. Some of us knew a little bit about the story behind it, but Mary brought us the background.



Mary Holman

Mary is a big fan of The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. It has brought her together with quilters from all around the world. Some of these quilters are the other seven women in the Amazing Eight, Karen Fitzpatrick, Bridget Lilja, Dana Lynch, Wander Meyers, Carol Moellers, Cindy Neville and Mary Kay Runyan.

Dana Lynch from Olive Grove, Mississippi, quilted the Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt. The quilting includes a serpent motif which is carried all the way around.

Although Mary was not able to bring the Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt, she did bring a full-size, paper pattern. The pattern was from a line drawing of the Aztec calendar, used with the permission of Tomas Filsinger. This pattern showed how the intricate design was broken into eight pieces.

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Friendly Blossoming by The Amazing Eight



Full-size pattern for Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt

Mary did bring an earlier quilt made by the group. It was a piece created from a picture of water lilies and cut into eight pieces, one for each of the quilters. She also brought slides showing a quilt of an American Indian dancer. This quilt was designed from a photo by Ricky Tims and used with his permission. It was interesting to see and hear how the group transitioned from the water lily quilt (where it was easy to see that it was done by a group) to a quilt that could have been made entirely by one person.

Mary Holman's enthusiastic attitude was infectious. She encouraged Pine Belt Quilters "don't be afraid to put yourself out there." Please go to the PBQ website (www.pinebeltquilters.com) for more information and pictures from the meeting. You will find it in the blog.

For May, Donna Cramer challenged all members to contribute a patriotic table runner for the boutique. The challenge for April was a pincushion. The pincushion challenge is an ongoing one. If you didn't contribute last

month, it's not too late. This seems to be an excellent way to add to the inventory for the boutique and the variety of items. For every item you bring in, your name will be entered for a door prize to be given in December. In choosing items to make, keep in mind what you would buy for yourself. In addition, she welcomes all ideas and patterns.

Janeil Harris offered to set up a Facebook page for PBQ. There has been quite a bit of interest in that lately, and I am sure you will hear more about this at later meetings.

It is a tradition for the group to make a quilt for outgoing PBQ presidents. Because Susie spends so much time quilting for others, it is hard for her to find the time to make tops of her own. Therefore, she has requested blocks (similar to friendship blocks) in lieu of a quilt. Betty Allen and Paula Jones will be collecting those blocks at upcoming meetings. Betty says that Susie prefers earth tones, and the blocks can be any size. It will make things easier if you keep your blocks to a size divisible by four (4", 8", 12", 16", etc.)



Other quilts by Mary Holman

Betty Moore reported that 16 members attended the children's group. She had kits available for those willing to put together children's quilt tops.

Joe and Betty Bingham announced that they took in 24 pillows and five blankets at the meeting.

Betty Herring and Kaye Christensen announced that they took in 13 walker totes and 16 catheter bag covers.

Snippet: Missy Lee demonstrated Sharon Shamber's method of basting a quilt using boards to keep it straight and true. This method of basting is done on a table, thus avoiding the back breaking work of basting on the floor.

Dianne McLendon has new friendship blocks available. The pattern is a bright, cheerful watermelon block called Ice Cold. They will be available for the next few months.

At the May meeting Dianne will have instructions for the next installment of the Shapely Challenge. She still has packets available if you are interested in joining in.



Dianne McLendon with watermelon blocks



Another quilt by Mary Holman

Pine Belt Quilter's current membership is 143.

The topic for our May 13 meeting will be "Pathways" with Martha Ginn. Martha will be teaching us how to create our own Pathways wallhanging at the May 27 workshop.

Don't forget the new schedule, our meeting dates are the *second* Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Events of Interest

May 22-24

Smoky Mountain Quilters - 35th Annual Quilt Show
Maryville College, Cooper Athletic Center
Maryville, TN

June 12-13

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

June 13

Blueberry Festival
Poplarville, MS

June 19-20

Birmingham Quilters Guild - QuiltFest 2015
Oak Mountain Middle School
Birmingham, Alabama

July 27-August 1

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



Children's quilt to be raffled off at the Blueberry Jubilee



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MAY REMINDERS

Bonnie Bolt
Gloria Green
Sally Henderson

May Birthdays:
Laura Beth Brewer
Jean Robertson
Carolyn Daley

Marietta Johnson
Betty Herring
Sharon Richardson

**People with birthdays in May 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 May 13 meeting is "Pathways" by Martha Ginn.

The May 27 workshop is "Pathways" by Martha Ginn.

The color for May's fat quarter lottery is yellows.

The next Children's Quilts meetings is on June 2.