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QUILTERS' BINGO



Julie Radavich offered the thought for today and a prayer to open the October meeting. The meeting was held on Veteran's Day and we gave thanks for all members of our armed forces who keep us safe. Betty Moore was recognized for her service.

Paula Jones led the group in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

Ann Shows reminded us to get our tickets for the raffle quilt made by the Petal ladies. The proceeds will be going to the Blair Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson. The drawing will be held in December.

Paula Jones called numbers for a rousing game of Quilter's Bingo. Everyone had previously

made their fabric Bingo cards and was ready to play. At the end of the meeting, 116 blocks were collected to be made into quilts. In addition, many people took their cards home and will be making quilts and children's quilts from them.

Dianne McLendon announced the instructions for our final step in the "Shapely Challenge". This time we need to make four blocks which include units having concave and convex curves such as Drunkard's Path and Orange Peel as well as square units. We now have four months to finish our projects. They will be displayed at the March meeting. Members will vote on the winner. Quilts must be quilted and bound to qualify for voting.

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Dianne also reminded members that she still has some friendship blocks available. There were many finished “Wrapped Up” blocks floating around the October meeting. These wrapped Christmas package blocks will make wonderful holiday table runners or wall hangings for the winners.

She also reminded us that we will be having a mug rug exchange at the December meeting. A mug rug is an oversized coaster. If you want to participate, make your mug(s) rug any size between 5” x 5” and 8” x 8”. They can be any shape, round rectangular, square. I’ve even seen patterns for leaf shapes.

Linda Basden showed us some easy stocking patterns which can be used for Christmas stockings for the December meeting. Every year, we donate stockings to the Domestic Abuse Center for women and their children who are spending their holidays at the center. Please think about making and bringing a stocking to make their lives a little brighter. Don’t forget to make them wide enough for easy stuffing. Pinebelt Quilters also collects donations of toiletries, small toys, coloring books, etc. for filling the stockings.

Kaye Christensen reported that they have taken in 18 walker totes and six catheter bag covers. Betty and Joe reported receiving 65 pillows, 9 blankets, and 17 scent pads.

Mary Nell reminded us that she has kits for quilts that need to be quilted and bound. She reminded us that the group is small but mighty, but they need our help. December is one of two months of the year when children’s quilts are distributed. Joe Bingham brought in 19 children’s quilts. He also brought in two quilts which he and Betty will have available for a silent auction to be held at the December meeting. These were made from fabrics donated by Frances Good and fabrics purchased from the collection of Frances Graham at a recent estate sale. So be sure you bring your check books. Bidding will start at \$75.00.

Martha Ginn told us that there have been some questions about quilt show meeting. She has not held any as yet, but after the first of the year, we will begin holding meetings and getting plans set for the 2016 quilt show. You should be thinking ahead about what to enter and how you want to help. We will need everyone’s help and cooperation.

Ellen Cox Snippet: Many of us have used Frixion pens for marking our quilts. Ellen told us that Pilot, the company making these pens, does not advise using them on fabric,

because the marking can return under cold conditions. Pilot is working on a pen that will be safe and reliable to use on fabric. In the meantime, you may be able to remove the stains with Amodex or Lift Off 3.

Ellen recently purchased *All Things Quilting* by Alex Anderson. This is an excellent book for new quilters and those interested in improving their quilting skills.

Many of our local quilt shops are having events and sales for the holidays. Sew Select, 4400 Hardy Street suite B, 601-268-0739, www.icanhelpsew.com; Sew With Me, 5317 Old Hwy. 11, 601-265-9555, www.sewwithme.com; and The Stitchin’ Post LLC, 5039 Old Hwy 11, 601-268-5545, www.facebook.com/TheStitchinPostLLC. We are lucky to have them, and if we don’t support them, we will lose them.

We will be having our Christmas luncheon at the December 9 meeting. The meal will be catered at a cost of \$10, which includes dessert and tea. The menu is roast and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, fruit, dessert, rolls and tea. Please call/email/text Susie with your reservation.

Reminder: It is important to pay your dues by the December meeting so the membership booklet can be prepared. A membership form is on the Membership tab under Guild Activities—mail to Ellen Hall.



Paula Jones calling numbers for Quilters’ Bingo



Brightly Colored Bingo Cards



Paying Close Attention



First Winner of the Day



Winners



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DECEMBER REMINDERS

December Birthdays:

Mary Ann Scruggs
Paula Jones
Linda Basden
Sylvia Blissett

Judy Kufahl
Ellen Cox
Betty Tudor

Lois Mills
Shirley Walley
Barbara O'Hara
Shirley Wiltshire

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

The December 9 program is our Christmas Luncheon and distribution of Children's quilts.

There is no November Workshop.

There is no Boutique item for December. Please bring Christmas stockings to donate to the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter.

There is no December fat quarter lottery.

The next Children's Quilts meeting is in January.

Remember to renew your PBQ membership at this meeting.