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## DECEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING



*Joan Harper (Merit Health Wesley) and Riley Herrin (Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention)*

Paula Jones opened the meeting with "What is Christmas?" from Helen Steiner Rice and a reading from the book of Luke. Then she led us in singing "Joy to the World" with Helen Thornton accompanying us on the piano.

Connie Hitt wished us a Merry Christmas and entertained us with a humorous Pine Belt Quilters' version of "The 12 Days of Christmas" Later outgoing president Susie presented the gavel to our Connie, our new PBQ president.

Then Missy Lee offered us an idea for reusing weights by putting them under our sewing machine pedals to keep them from sliding away while we sew.

We held a drawing for our mug rug exchange. I hope you got to view the table where all the beautiful mug rugs were displayed before the meeting started.

Joan Harper of Merit Health Wesley read a thank you note from the recipient of one our donated quilts. Leigh Ann Leonard from Forrest General Hospital told us how much our quilts were enjoyed by the children and parents who received them. Members of the Hattiesburg Fire Department told us how the quilts were appreciated especially when fires happen on these cold nights. Riley Herrin of the Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention who received a donated quilt when she was a child told us how much it meant to her to receive the quilt. Now her baby boy uses it. Sarah Holifield from the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter thanked us for our donations and thoughtfulness. Shekera Smith thanked the guild for the quilts we donated to the South Mississippi Children's Shelter. Susie took donated quilts to the Columbia fire

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### *Mug Rugs*

department. In addition to the quilts, we had stocking stuffers for the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter. Then the guild and our guests from the community enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Seasoned with Love.

Mary Nell had quilt kits for anyone willing to quilt them. She announced that Joe Bingham had made over 121 for the Children's Group this past year. He also completed 40 additional quilts made by other guild members. Today we had 158 quilts for donation. These have been made since July. She thanked everyone for their work through the year and encouraged us to keep up the good work.

Pat Routon announced that a lady from Carthage won the quilt their group had made for Blair Batson Children's Hospital. They raised a little over \$2,200.

Diane McLendon drew for the winners of the friendship Christmas package blocks and butterfly blocks. The winners were Judy Byrd, Debbie Davis, Joe and Betty Bingham, Suzannah Patterson, Betty Moore, Linda Hall, Brenda Holland, Rosalie Schoell and Betty Allen.

Rusty Edwards, pastor of University Baptist Church blessed our group and thanked us for all we do for the community.

Betty Allen presented Susie the blocks made by thankful members of the guild. She reminded us that Susie didn't want us to make her a quilt. (It has been our custom to make a quilt for the outgoing president.) Susie preferred for us to give her blocks so that she could put them together in a quilt herself. Because she quilts for the public, Susie has little time to make

blocks and design quilts of her own. She is looking forward to putting these blocks together into a friendship quilt or two.

Betty and Joe took in 56 pillows, eight blankets and 31 mother pads this month. They thanked members who had donated fabric for the two silent auction quilts. Kaye Christensen reported that they took in twelve walker totes and six catheter bag covers. Their total for the year was 226 walker totes and 126 catheter bag covers.

Shirley Wiltshire showed us a few items which were made for the boutique. Shirley is the new chairman of the Boutique Committee. She wants to discuss a different day for the committee meetings since she isn't available on the second Thursday. Her goal for us is to learn new techniques while making items for the boutique. (Mug rugs were a good way to improve our binding skills.) She would like members to let her know what items they enjoy buying at boutiques as well as suggestions for new projects.

Donna Crager put the names of everyone who made pin cushions for the boutique this year into a drawing. The winner was Linda Basden. It seemed appropriate since Linda who has been the long-time chairman of the Boutique committee has worked hard over many years to make the quilt show boutique such a success.

The Binghams reminded us that books and magazines sell well in the boutique. If you have either, and are willing to part with them, Joe and Betty will be collecting those donations up until the time of the quilt show.



*Susan Cleveland Workshop*



*Children's Quilts from Bingo Blocks*





*Blocks for Outgoing President, Susie Jackson*



*Helen Thornton*

Last month's workshop was presented by Susan Cleveland. It was a chance to learn several new techniques. Many members who had taken the class brought their projects. Several members took bingo blocks from the November meeting home and made children's quilts from them. (See the photos on page 2.)

Speaking at next month's meeting will be two ladies from the Gee's Bend Quilters. Mary Ann Pettway and China Pettway will entertain us with their quilts. I'm sure you have seen and heard some of the stories of the Gee's Bend Quilts which have been exhibited in many art galleries over the past few years. It should be an interesting program.

**Don't forget to renew your Pine Belt Quilters' membership at or before the January 13 meeting. It will be the last chance to get your information into the new membership book.**





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## JANUARY REMINDERS

### January Birthdays:

Joanne Barthell

Liane McCall

Thelda R. Fortenberry

Elizabeth Smith

Anita Moore

Willodean Bullock

Carol Neel

Peggy Haston

Suzanne Speights

Peggy Clark

Elaine Welch

Florence Peyrefitte

Beth Shiyou

Jean Simmons

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

The January 13 program is “Gee’s Bend Quilts” with Mary Ann Pettway and China Pettway.

The January Workshop is “Color Bars: Freeform Quilt Making” with Martha Ginn.

There is no Boutique meeting in January.

The color for the January’s fat quarter lottery is neutrals (white to beige)

The next Children’s Quilts meeting is February 2.

**If you don’t renew your PBQ membership at this meeting your information will not be in the membership book.**