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PAPER PIECING

Connie Hitt opened the meeting and introduced Elvia Edwards who gave us the thought for the day, "It's a Wonderful World" by Helen Steiner Rice.

The program was presented by Gloria Green, an accomplished paper piecer. Gloria began with her two goals for the day. She wants us not to be afraid of paper piecing, and she wants us to go places and take classes.

Gloria recently returned from a week long trip where she took a class "Paradise in Bloom" with Judy Niemeyer at a private retreat center owned and operated by Judy Niemeyer's daughter Judel Niemeyer Buls. The retreat is on the shores of Flathead Lake in northwestern Montana.

Included in the class were quilters from all over, California, Canada, Connecticut, Iowa, Oregon. . . There were eight women in the class. When she signed up for the class, Gloria had three weeks to find her fabrics. Luckily she was able to order a kit for her wallhanging from a shop in Florida and have it overnighted to her. The remaining time was spent cutting



ALL the pieces for the quilt and sorting them into baggies. She had 58 Ziploc bags of foundation pieces.

Her piece was very complicated, and after sewing all the pieces into units, Gloria was nervous about all the units fitting together. She was extremely happy

when they all went together perfectly the first time.

Gloria's first contact with foundation/paper piecing was through GSQA with Jane Hall of Raleigh North Carolina and Dixie Haywood of Pendleton, South Carolina. Jane and Dixie have judged several PBQ shows and taught several classes for us. Together they have authored many foundation piecing books (*Every Quilter's Foundation Piecing Reference Tool, Firm Foundations, Fresh Pineapple Possibilities, Foundation Borders, Hall and Haywood's Foundation Quilts, Perfect Pineapples, Precision-Pieced Quilts.*)

If you are only going to get only one book, Gloria recommends *The Expert's Guide to Foundation Piecing* by Jane Hall. It combines techniques from 15 different quilters.

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Gloria with her Pineapple wallhanging

Foundation piecing is not a new quilting technique. It's an old method made new. Early on, methods such as flip and sew were used to stabilize the many different scraps of fabrics used in a quilt. Fabric scraps were not always on grain. It is not uncommon for antique quilts to still have paper or fabric foundations within their layers. In the beginning fabric was sewn onto the top of the foundation.

Dixie Haywood started with **fabric on top** and the foundation under it. You had to sew a perfect quarter inch seam. Jane Hall decided that the way to get precision was to have the **foundation on top** and the fabric under the foundation. This way you sewed on the line marked on your foundation.

Judy Niemeyer took foundation piecing an even higher level. Her patterns are quite extensive. She warns quilters to read the entire instructions first. Her patterns include cutting instructions and paper templates for cutting each piece as well as paper foundations for sewing the quilt.

Gloria suggested using bridal aisle material from Hobby Lobby as a foundation for anything such as a wall hanging from which the foundation will not be removed. This material is similar to a medium weight interfacing and it offers greater stability. She also recommends the many YouTube foundation videos.

After the meeting, Gloria taught a Floral Stars design by Carol Doak at the workshop on June 22. It was a simpler pattern than the Judy Niemeyer pattern from the workshop Gloria took in Montana.

This was Gloria's last Pine Belt Quilters meeting. She



Gloria with her first Niemeyer piece "Eclipse."

is moving to Madison to be closer to her grandchildren. We honored her with a cake for all she has done for the PBQ. She has served as president, show chair and a member of the board of directors. Her new address is 200 Dominican Drive #5311, Madison, MS 39110.

Because the July 13 meeting will be a luncheon meeting, the group took a vote whether to have it catered by Stonewall's or for each member to bring a pot luck dish. Stonewall's won. Members were asked to sign up, indicating their preference, pulled pork or chicken. Several members offered to bring desserts.

Martha Ginn had personal invitations and plenty of bookmarks showing the latest raffle quilt. She asked members to take as many bookmarks as they wanted to help sell their tickets. When you turn in your raffle tickets, please don't take apart the books. That will make it easier to keep track of the numbers.

She also reminded us that the date for early entries to the quilt show are due by August 1. That will save you three dollars for each entry.

Dianne McLendon still has a few packets of fabric for the next challenge. She also drew a winner for the latest friendship blocks. Beth McDaniels won the blocks.

Thirty children's quilts were taken in.



Betty and Joe announced they received 34 pillows, 13 blankets and 20 mother pads. Betty announced that she had received 15 walker totes and nine catheter bag covers.

Ellen Cox's snippet for the month was about using Superglue to protect your fingertips if you don't use a thimble. It can also stop bleeding if you prick your finger. We don't want to get blood on our quilt tops.

MQA's summer seminar will be Mickey Dupre. Mickey will be in Starkville, July 18-19, Jackson, July 20-21 and Hattiesburg July, 22-23. She will offer her Summer Carnival workshop (from the *Half-Scrap Quilts* book) on the first day of each 2-day series. She will teach three pre-selected hexies in the Pieced Hexies Buffet class (from the *Pieced Hexies* book) the second day of each 2-day series. Contact Marietta Johnson 228-326-6657 for more information.

Photos left to right from top: First three days work at retreat, End of week at retreat, Good bye cake, Detail from Gloria's Paradise in Bloom, Gloria's wallhanging (Carol Doak pattern.)



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JULY REMINDERS

Sharon Morgan
Leslie Kiger
Kaye Christensen

July Birthdays:

Minnie Parker
Brenda Holland
Kim Overstreet
Linda C. Smith

Beverly Young
Dianne Pittman
Kristen Clady

People with birthdays in July 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 July 13 will be “The Parade of Quilts and Luncheon”.

The July 27 workshop will be “Over and Under” with Ellie Gill

July’s fat quarter lottery is small square checks or stripes.

The next Children’s Quilts meeting is August 2.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOW

The Old Man River QuiltFest - August 16-20, Vicksburg, MS, August 17-20. For more information: www.oldmanriverquiltfest.com.