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THE ABCs OF QUILT DESIGN

Connie Hitt opened our August meeting and Betty Allen offered the thought for the day about dealing with depression. She read Psalms 42: 9-11 and 43:5 and encouraged us to count our blessings and place our hope in God.

Pine Belt Quilter member from Ocean Springs, Anne Hindmarch, delivered an excellent program about the ABCs of quilt design. She reminded us about good machine maintenance. Ann recommends cleaning and oiling your machine and changing your needle often. It's important to clean under the throat plate every time you use your machine. She challenged us to keep working toward the ever elusive 1/4 inch seam.

Anne told us that she always prewashes her fabrics, not only because of the possibility of shrinkage but also to minimize running of excess dyes and to remove chemicals used in the production of the fabrics.

Anne described the most commonly used grid systems—four-patch, nine-patch, five-patch, seven-patch. Using grid systems enables her to draft any block to a size she needs. Anne used a great many wonderful samples



of quilt blocks she had drawn or sewn. She progressed to the use of systems based on the Fibonacci series. It is a system that often occurs in nature, Anne's favorite inspiration. The Fibonacci system is a favorite of both Jinny Beyer and Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry.

Anne went on to talk about using the color wheel. Many of us own color wheels, but few of us know the best way to use them. Anne made their use much clearer. She spoke about traditional color combinations—monochromatic, complementary, analogous and triadic. She spoke about the use of colors as tints (adding white to a color) or shades (adding black to a color) to give her the colors she desires.

Anne concluded her presentation with this piece of advice. "When someone compliments your work, accept the praise and don't point out your errors."

Thanks to Tina Dickens for filming and projecting our speaker so that everyone could see clearly. Many members remarked how much easier it was with our new equipment.

Mary Nell Magee corrected me regarding the number of children's quilts we donated last

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Quilt tops from the "Over and Under" workshop taught by Ellie Gill

month. There were 180 quilts donated to our community organizations, not 160. That is a record number!

Martha Ginn and Barb Peters talked about preparations for the October quilt show. Barb Peters is working on the staffing chart. Everyone is asked to donate a few hours to work at the show. If you work at least six hours, you will get into the show free. She will have the chart at the September meeting.

Suzannah Patterson is continuing with publicity. David and Wanda Wallace have all the vendors lined up. There will be 17 vendors.

Kaye Christensen reminded us to keep selling those raffle quilt tickets. Each PBQ member is responsible for selling at least 20 tickets. Ellen Hall designed a beautiful poster which members can post where they would be of help. And the show committee has printed lots of bookmarks to be used for advertising the show and the raffle quilt.

Linda Hull is requesting items, either new or like-new, to use as door prizes.

Dianne McLendon and her group have made wonderful Dresden Plate ribbons for the winners. We will be awarding double ribbons in several first, second, third and honorable mention categories. Only the ribbons will be duplicated, not the prize money. The idea behind this is to reward the quilter if a quilt is quilted by someone other than the maker of the top. Badges/nametags will be purchased plastic cases with neck cords.

Betty and Joe Bingham have asked that you bring to the September meeting any books that you want to donate to the boutique. And please continue to bring items for the boutique.

Margie Hancock has organized speakers for the quilt show. They cover a wide variety of topics. I hope that you will each be able to take in at least one lecture during the show.

Elvia reminded all of us not to make negative comments in front of our viewers and not to gossip about the quilts. It makes us look bad.

Alma Moates from Mobile, Alabama, who recently did a program for us, will be appraising quilts at the show. Our judge is Diane DuBois LeClair from San Antonio, Texas. She is a certified NQA Judge.

The Bingham's reported that they received 14 pillows, seven blankets and ten mother pads. They hope those numbers will go up again after the quilt show.

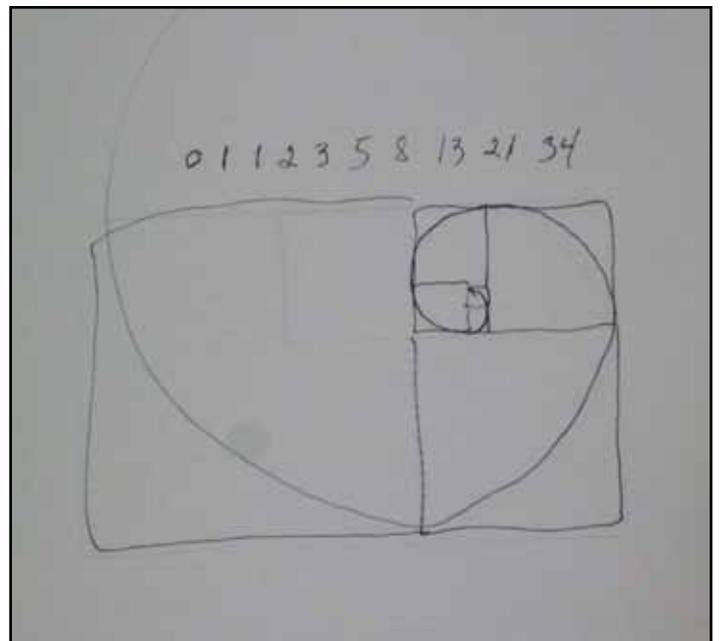
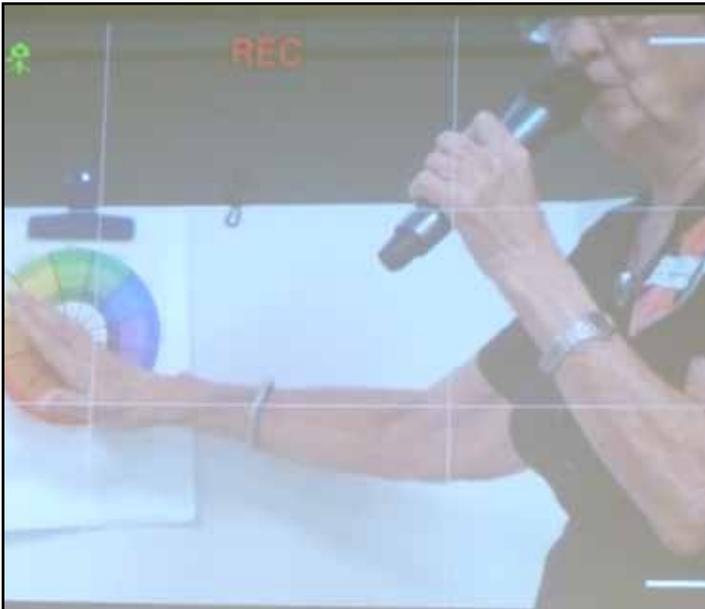
Betty Herring took in 23 walker totes and 13 catheter bag covers.

Missy Lee's snippet was several different ways to trim half-square triangle blocks. She, Dianne McLendon and Missy Lee showed an assortment of different rulers to use for this purpose. They put together a very nice demonstration using the camera, computer and projector.

July's workshop was "Over and Under" taught by Ellie Gill. A few members continued the fun and brought in the quilt tops they started as a result of that workshop. (See photos at the top of this page.)

Jo-Ann's Fabric is coming to Hattiesburg. They hope to be in by the end of September. They will be going into the building vacated by Hancock's.

Trailing Mississippi Barn Quilts Show will be held on September 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., George County Middle School Gym, Lucedale, Melon Patch Quilt Guild.





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SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

September Birthdays:

Lois Womack
Sarah D. McCormick
Sarah Ketchum
Teresa Lee
Susan Martin

Carolyn Watts
Margie Hancock
Rosalie Schoell
Donna Smith
Helen Thornton

Ginger Lowry
Debbie Demarks
Mary Henderson
Donna Burges
Ella Lucas

People with birthdays in September 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 September 10 will be “Crazy Quilts” by Betty Magee of Mendenhall.

The workshop for September 28 will be “Demo Stitches by Machine for Crazy Quilting” by Jo-Ann Evans.

September’s fat quarter lottery is fall colors.

There will be no Children’s Quilt Group meeting until November 1.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Trailing Mississippi Barn Quilts Show - September 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., George County Middle School Gym, Lucedale, Melon Patch Quilt Guild