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JANUARY MEETING

After Connie opened the January meeting, Barb Peters offered the thought for the day. She told us that her word for the year is commitment. Commitment breeds trust. She encouraged us to think about commitment to our families, our churches, our pets, PBQ and our groups. Then she lead the group in prayer.

Missy Lee discussed the PBQ budget for 2017. Our guild is doing well financially. Because of this, in addition to meetings presented by guild members, we will have lectures and workshops by teachers from other Mississippi guilds as well as nationally known teachers. Marilyn Rose (MS) will teach Fractured Quilts at a meeting and a workshop in February. Carolyn Kimble (MS) will present a trunk show at the June meeting and teach an advanced appliqué workshop. Teresa Pino (MS) will be here in September for a lecture and workshop. Cynthia England will be here in October for a lecture and workshop. Cynthia won the Handi Quilter Best of Show Award at Houston's International Quilt Festival in 2016. You can see her work at www.englanddesign.com. Check the calendar on www.pinebeltquilters.com for more information on upcoming meetings. Also, Ellen Hall will have the



membership books ready for the February meeting. It too contains a calendar showing the topics for meetings.

Dianne McLendon announced our newest challenge—2017 Modern Classics Color Challenge. This challenge was designed to expand our skills and bring us into the Modern Quilt Movement. Participants each drew three crayons from a bag. These represented the colors we **must** use in our challenges. We are allowed to add one additional color and as many neutrals (white, beige, black, gray) as we wish.

Members will be given three different classic block patterns each month. The rules are: 1> Must make at least 20 blocks. A block can be duplicated, but a duplicate will not count toward the twenty blocks. 2> You may add one more color and as many neutrals as

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desired. 3> All the crayon colors **do not** have to be used in each block. 4> Transformation of classic blocks must keep the integrity of the classic pattern. (See photo at right.) 5> Blocks given out each month are not limited to the sizes given. 6> Any technique may be used to transform the blocks. 7> The quilt must be at least 54" on any side. 8> The quilt must be assembled, quilted and bound by the December 2016 meeting.

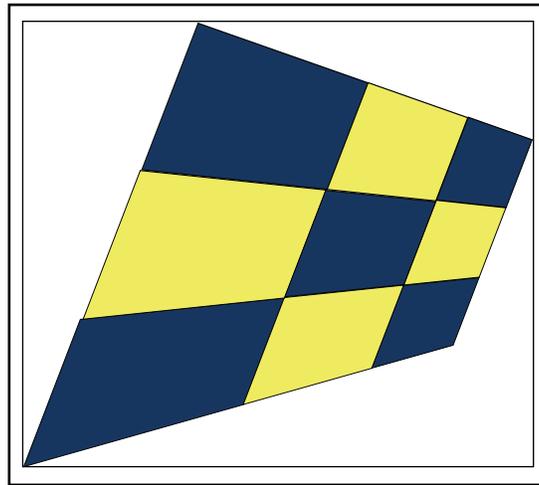
Dianne also unveiled the next friendship block. These will be due at the March meeting. (See photo below.)

Martha Ginn reported on SEW WHAT? being presented by the Hattiesburg Arts Council, February 2-4 . It is an interactive sewing and fiber arts exhibit featuring Janice Hunter "Story Quilts". It will be held at the Hattiesburg Cultural Center (the old library.) The Arts Council has asked PBQ to exhibit quilts through the month of February.

Margie Hancock won a gift certificate from the Stitchin' Post for perfect PBQ attendance for 2016. Twelve others also had perfect attendance for the year: Ellen Cox, Anne Esteve, Linda Flanders, Peggy Gable, Martha Ginn, Shirley Glaab, Connie Hitt, Missy Lee, Barb Peters, Rosalie Schoell, Carolyn Watts and Lois Womack.

Shirley Wiltshire has created a group board and will post directions for suggested boutique projects on Pinterest.

She encourages every member to check Pinterest and make some of these items for the 2018 quilt show boutique. It is one of our biggest fundraisers. Shirley and Mary Nell Magee demonstrated making a reusable shopping bag from a tee-shirt, another simple project which would be good for the boutique. The January boutique project is a bag. You may make any kind of bag you choose. Bring your bags to the next meeting. Shirley will collect them, price them and take them to the storage unit.



Example of a "Modern" Nine Patch Block

Betty and Joe Bingham announced the receipt of 19 pillows, 15 blankets and 25 mother pads. They admitted that these figures are low and expect that is due to the holidays.

Kaye Christensen took in 12 walker totes and six catheter bag covers. You can find directions for making these on the website, www.pinebeltquilters.com.

Mary Nell Magee received 11 children's quilts. She had several kits ready for members to take home and finish.

Ellen Cox's Snippet presented ways to use blocks/quilts that don't, for some reason fit with specific plans we had. She suggests cutting up these blocks and using them in other quilts. She quoted Victoria Wolf Findley who says "if it's still ugly, you haven't cut it up enough."

Earlier this month, I received the following email:

Hi! I apologize. I was unable to attend the January meeting due to illness.

"Thank You." to all the people who donated the lovely Christmas books for the children at the Columbia Public Library. The children had a fun time. They took part in a storywalk, crafts, "Santa Snacks" (cookies and milk) and a visit from Santa. One of the highlights of the party was when each child was able to select a book for themselves. The books you contributed were well accepted, appreciated and, I'm certain, well loved. Thank you so much for sharing.

Carol McCutcheon-Appiah



Boomerang Friendship Block

Several members asked me if I could find out who made the delicious cheeseball on the snack table. I tracked it down to Barb Peters who happily shared the recipe with us.

Cranberry Walnut Graham Cracker Cheeseball

1/2 c. dried cranberries (Craisins)
3 tbsp. frozen cranberry juice
concentrate
1/2 c. crushed walnuts
crushed graham cracker(3-4 lg. sqs.)
2 8-oz package cream cheese
1/2 c. sugar

Mix cream cheese, sugar, dried cranberries and cranberry juice concentrate in a large mixing bowl with a hand mixer. Blend well and scrape all the contents in the bowl together and form the cream cheese mixture into a ball. Pour the crushed walnuts and crushed graham cracker into the bowl and roll the ball around until it is evenly coated with graham cracker and walnuts. (You can buy graham crackers already crushed or put them in a zip lock bag and pound them with something hard to crush them.)

Let the cheese ball chill in the refrigerator for about 30-60 minutes. Serve with crackers (I think it tastes really good with wheat thins, but some of my friends preferred it with graham cracker squares.)

Tips: It may be a little hard to mold into a ball at first but once you start rolling it in the graham cracker and walnuts it will become more formed and easier to mold. I promise it will work out if you follow the directions correctly :)

If I cannot find frozen cranberry juice, I just add bottled juice. It seems to work fine.

Upcoming Area Quilting Events

February 2, 20179:00AM-3:00PM
United Methodist Women Quilt Show (300+ quilts)
Robertsdale, AL
Robertsdale United Methodist, 2222Hwy. 59
Admission: \$5.00
For more information:
www.robertsdaleumc.com
or Phone: Lou Howard (251) 947-7405

February 17-18, 2017
MQA Spring Gathering
Mississippi Quilt Association
Brandon, MS
Rankin County Safe Room
For more information:
www.mississippiquilt.org
or Phone: Lucy Large (601) 953-8075

April 8-9, 2017
Flowers at the Cabin Door
Gulf States Quilting Association
Northshore Harbor Center
100 Harbor Center Blvd., Slidell, 70461
For more information:
www.gulfstatesquilting.bizland.com
or Email: kguillot@gmail.com
or Phone Kay Guillot (228) 255-0658

April 8-9, 2017
Bay Oakes Quilt Show (100+ quilts)
Bay Oakes Quilt Guild
St. Rose De Lima Holy Spirit Center
301 S. Necaize Ave., Bay St. Louis
Admission \$2.00
For more information:
www.bayoakesquiltguild.com
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or Phone: Therese Springer (228) 223-1033

May 5-6, 2017.....10:00AM-5:00PM
2017 Festival of Quilts: Springtime in Mobile (300+ quilts)
Azalea City Quilters' Guild
Abba Shrine Center, 7701 Hitt Rd., Mobile, AL, 36695
(right off Schillinger Rd. near Cracker Barrel and between Grelot and Airport)
For more information:
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FEBRUARY REMINDERS

Martha Beal
Ollie Jean Lane
Judy Cagle
Ellen Gill

January Birthdays:

Tina Dickens
Martha Slaid
Linda Flanders
Betty Reid
Vivian Plummer

Anne Esteve
Betty Bingham
Ann Burkhalter
Peggy Gable

People with birthdays in February 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 February 8 will feature “Fractured Quilts” with Marilyn Rose of Ridgeland.

The February 22 Workshop will be “Fractured Quilts” with Marilyn Rose of Ridgeland.

The February Fat Quarter Lottery fabric is red.