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JANUARY MEETING



Connie Hitt opened the meeting and introduced Betty Allen who offered the thought for the day, "Ode to My Wife the Quilter" and a prayer.

Linda Flanders introduced the speaker for the day, Marilyn Rose. Marilyn's been handy with a needle all of her life. She finally learned to quilt in 1978.

That was in the Dark Ages when everything was done by hand—drafting patterns, making templates, cutting with scissors, sewing by hand, and quilting by hand. The rotary cutter revolutionized quilting. This tool is essential for fractured quilt technique.

Marilyn became aware of this fracturing technique in the 1990s she extensively researched it and became infatuated with it in its many forms.

It first appeared in *Threads* magazine as "Shattered Images" in 1999. In the beginning a Pellon grid was used and it was quite a tedious and time consuming process. Marilyn and a few other quilters reduced it to a more manageable system, using four identical panels, cutting them strategically and sewing them back together.

She assured us anyone can do this, and her enthusiasm was infectious. She also enjoys the process of finding and adapting coordinating fabrics to finish off each "fractured" piece.

Marilyn shared the names of a few of her favorite books on fracturing quilts: *Shatter and Sew* by Connie Mantini, *Fracture Frenzy* by Brenda Esslinger, *Fabulous Fractures* by Brenda Esslinger. Connie thanked Martha Ginn for her assistance to the Hattiesburg Arts Council for their "Sew What?" program and exhibit. Many PBQ members' quilts were included in this exhibit which took place in the old Hattiesburg library building, downtown.

Martha spoke about the need to start preparing for the 2018 PBQ Quilt Show. She has talked with the folks at the Convention Center about keeping the costs down. (We had been expecting a substantial increase in our cost.)

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She asked us each to be thinking about the next show and about how we would like to participate. We need a group who would be willing to plan and make the raffle quilt for the next show. This will be among the subjects we will talk about at next month's meeting.

We talked about and voted on a theme for the show. It will be Celebrate Mississippi. Some of the other suggested themes were: My Garden, Row by Row, a Patriotic theme (to go along with Mississippi's



bicentennial), Mississippi Resources, Mississippi Grown, Modern meets Traditional.

Anne Esteve was collecting quilts for victims of the recent Hattiesburg tornado.

Shirley Wiltshire announced that the boutique projects for the month are fabric bookmarks and cord wraps. Instructions for both are on the Pinterest board, Boutique 2017.

Mary Nell received 26 children's quilts. She related the story of the group (eleven women) working at the



last Children's Quilts meeting. They kept on working through the warning sirens. She had kits to hand out for members to take home and finish. Joe Bingham will accept the quilts at the March meeting, as Mary Nell will not be there.

Dianne McLendon announced that a few more members signed up for the friendship blocks and the 2017 Modern Classics Color Challenge. She handed out the next three blocks for the challenge, Oh, Susannah, Jacob's Ladder and Old Maid's Puzzle.

Betty and Joe Bingham took in 25 pillows, fourteen blankets and 33 mother pads for the hospitals. Betty Herring took in twelve walker totes and six catheter bag covers. Betty needs help with this project. She is doing most of the work herself. Instructions for both these items are on the website.

The topic for our March 8 meeting will be "How to Make a Ho-Hum Quilt Fabulous" by Betty Allen. The March 22 workshop will be the same subject with Betty.

Many members requested this recipe which was served at the February meeting.

Pecan Dip

Makes 2 1/2 cups

8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup green pepper, finely diced
1/4 cup onion, finely diced—Vadalia
1/2 tsp. garlic salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 cup sour cream
1 tbs. butter
1/2 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
1/2 tsp. salt
wheat crackers

Combine cream cheese, green pepper, onion, garlic salt, pepper and sour cream. Mix well and put in a serving bowl.

Melt butter in a skillet; add pecans and salt. Toast over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Spoon over cheese mixture.

Serve at room temperature with crackers.

Shirley Glaab

Upcoming Area Quilting Events

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

or E-mail: tspringstc@icloud.com

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:

www.azaleacityquiltersguild.com

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June 16- 17

Smoky Mountain Quilters Show (37th Annual)

Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee
Knoxville Expo Center, 5411 Clinton Hwy., Knoxville, TN 37921

For more information:

www.smokymtnquilters.com for

competition and entry forms May 8, 2017 deadline



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MARCH REMINDERS

Dianne Herrington
Betty Moore
Barbara Peters
Mary Daw
Joyce O'Keefe

March Birthdays:
Margarette Speights
Jerlene Cornwall
Vivian Kittrell
Carol McCutcheon-Appiah
Patti Pitts

Elsie Harris
Mary Nell Magee
Mary Nell Cranford
Mildred Jenkins

People with birthdays in March 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 March 8 will feature "How to Make a Ho-Hum Quilt Fabulous" with Betty Allen.

The March 22 Workshop will be "How to Make a Ho-Hum Quilt Fabulous" with Betty Allen.

The March Fat Quarter Lottery fabric is green.

Membership directories were distributed at the February meeting. If you did not pick up your copy, please see Ellen Hall at the March 8 meeting to receive your copy.