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Kathie McNeil

Connie Hitt opened the meeting and Dianne McLendon offered a prayer and the thought for the day. The thought for the day was a "Recall from God". P-R-A-Y-E-R is the number to call concerning the recall. Jesus is the repair technician. And the operating manual is the Bible.

Susie Jackson then introduced our speaker Kathy McNeil from Tulalip, Washington. She grew up in the Cascade Mountains where she had a free-spirited independent childhood. She loved being in the woods and the mountains and drawing and painting. Then she studied with the sisters and became a critical care nurse. It was a structured life, very different from her childhood.

Kathy saw her very first "landscape quilt" when she and her daughter went to find fabric to make a quilt for her daughter to take to college. Seeing this quilt changed Kathy's life it was like a bolt of lightning. She was struck. Kathy had no idea that people made pictures with fabric. She was delighted to learn that she could make fabric pictures, like the ones she painted when she was a little girl. And these pictures could have all the love, comfort and tradition from generations of quilting.

Her favorite thing to do for the last 20 years has been to understand and get better at landscape and animal quilts. She especially loves turned-edge appliqué quilting techniques. This is the way she makes all her quilts, in the old fashioned way. She does machine quilt them on her Bernina. One of



Kathy and her husband Bruce with Kathy's "Best of the Northwest"

the ways she becomes better at her craft is to set herself a goal for each quilt, something to challenge herself.

Her "bossy" older sister (who has an art degree) told Kathy that if she was going to do this type of quilt, she needed to learn about design. It was the best gift her sister could have given her. It enriched her life. She began to see lines, textures, patterns all around her and incorporate all this into her quilts.

Kathy gave us these design suggestions:

Have multiple areas of interest in your quilts. In landscape quilts this usually breaks down into foreground, middle ground and background.

Having good contrast is important. You need contrast in color value (light/dark), contrast in color temperature (cool/warm) and contrast in shapes (organic/geometric) and size.

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Combine a variety of techniques. Use piecing, appliqué, thread painting and beading, anything to add interest.

Make your quilt in units. Start with your main characters so that they will stand out. Kathy's method of turning under edges works well, constructing small units then assembling them into the full quilt top. It is easier to make adjustments on small pieces.

Don't confine your fabric choices to cotton only.

In addition to several other quilts, Kathy brought her two Paducah Quilt Show 2017 winners. Her "Celtic Fox" took first place in the Small Wall Quilts: Stationary Machine Quilted category. And her "Best of the Northwest" took first place in the Small Wall Quilts: Pictorial category.

Kathy's lecture was well organized and very informative, and her workshop was eyeopening. She incorporates some techniques many of us have never tried.

Mary Nell Magee asked for donations to purchase batting for Children's Quilts. A basket was passed. She reported receiving 30 finished children's quilts at this meeting. She also asked for volunteers to sell tickets for the Blueberry Jubilee raffle quilt. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The Blueberry Jubilee is June 10 in Poplarville.

Shirley Wiltshire had instructions for a thread catcher, the boutique item of the month. Last month's item was mug rugs.

Joe and Betty Bingham took in 29 pillows, ten blankets and 18 mother pads. Betty Herring took in 28 walker totes and nine catheter bag covers.

Dianne McLendon had another round of blocks for the current quilt challenge. There will be about three more rounds. She also had instructions for the friendship blocks.

Here is another quick reminder. The Vicksburg quilt show is coming up. **Old Man River QuiltFest 2017 entries are due by June 30.** That means we still have time to get our entries in. We need to support Kay and the Stitch-N-Frame. Last year's show was their first. It was a HUGE undertaking. There were quilts, classes taught by nationally known instructors, demonstrations and (of course) vendors. There were great prizes last year. So get those entries in! Kay plans to hold the Old Man River QuiltFest on alternate years from our PBQ quilt shows. That means there will be a BIG quilt show in Mississippi every year. Please go online, get an entry form and enter your quilts in the Vicksburg show. The dates for this years show are August 23 - 26. Classes start on the 22nd.



"Celtic Fox" (detail)



"Best of the Northwest"



"Celtic Fox"



Upcoming Area Quilting Events

June 16 - 17

QuiltFest 2017

Oak Mountain Middle School
5650 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, AL 35242
For more information:
www.bhamquilters.com

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

August 23 - 26

Classes start August 22

Old Man River QuiltFest 2017

Vicksburg Convention Center
1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180
For more information:
stitch-n-frame@att.net (601 634-0243)
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June Reminders

Dorothy Aultman
Betty S. Moore
Ruth Byrd
Renee Dembowski
Cheryl P. Owens

June Birthdays:
Laura Beth Brewer
Ellen Hall
Pat Watkins
Sandra Woodall
Beth McDaniel

Linda Sherman-Hull
Judy Spiers
Betty Allen
Lida McDowell

People with birthdays in June 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 June 14 will be A Trunk Show with Carolyn Kimble of Moss Point.”

The June 28 Workshop (4th Wednesday) will be “Advanced Applique” with Carolyn Kimble of Moss Point.

The May Fat Quarter Lottery fabric is blue.