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Trim the Tree

Connie Hitt opened the meeting, and Suzannah Patterson offered the thought for the day, "Can't remember what you want to do." Then Susie Jackson introduced Frances Good whose program was "Trim the Tree." Frances has made many Christmas themed projects which she shared with the group. She also gathered together several other Pine Belt Quilters and their Christmas quilts, wallhangings, etc. Other members who brought Christmas quilts for us to enjoy were Betty Moore, Jo-Ann Evans, Sharon Barnes, Jo Ellen Carr, Sarah Ketchum, Linda Lowe and Anne Hindmarch.

Frances started her quilting journey in a 2005 class with Leslie Kiger at Bright Hopes in Mandeville, Louisiana. She made two Christmas tree skirts. With left overs from that project, she made pillows and table runners. About that time Frances' mother became ill and Frances' quilting time dwindled. She made a wallhanging for her mother and saw how that raised her mother's spirits, so she made seasonal door hangers for her. Her mother loved having people come by and comment on the new pieces.

Many of us remember Frances' Tall Christmas Tree wallhanging from the silent auction at the 2016 PBQ Quilt Show.



Frances made an advent calendar of her tree, adding miniature quilt blocks to hang on the tree's buttons. It was a big hit at the silent auction. Rosalie Schoell had the winning bid.

Frances used Cindi Edgerton's "Tall Trim The Tree" pattern. The size is approximately 76.75

inches tall by 26.75 inches wide. The pattern includes tissue paper foundations to make two tree quilts and is available on the internet. There are also patterns for the wallhanging in other sizes. I found the pattern at averyspecialcollection.com, sewthankful.com and missouriquiltco.com. I'm sure there are even more sites where it is available. I'm thinking several of us will have our own Christmas tree wallhangings this year.

Frances uses many of the scraps from her large quilts for smaller projects such as table runners and pillows. She found that if she makes her pillow covers removable with either zipper or Velcro closures, they require much less storage space.

The nominating committee (Missy Lee, Diane McLendon, Anne Esteve, and Barb Peters) needs help in finding new officers as well as a quilt show chairman. Our treasurer, Missy Lee and our membership chairman, Ellen Hall are staying. We need people to take over as president, vice president and

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secretary/newsletter editor. Please talk it over with your quilting friends and call a member of the committee if you are willing or know someone who is willing to serve. Speak to any people you are considering nominating. Make sure they are willing before you nominate them at the meeting. Any of our current officers are more than willing to help you get started in your new position.

Martha Ginn, acting as our quilt show chairman, announced that we are considering changing to a two day event, rather than three day. The show isn't until next year, but there is much that needs to be done and many decisions that need to be made. It is possible that we can simplify the jobs and categories. Please get involved and convince your friends to become involved. Remember the guild relies on money from the quilt show to bring in outside speakers.

The September 13 meeting will be Graffiti Quilting by Teresa Pino of Hernando, Mississippi. Teresa's "Graffiti Doodle Diamonds" won the Machine Quilting - Longarm Free Motion award at PBQ's 2016 quilt show. It was shown in Paducah's 2017 show, this spring. Most recently, it was featured in The Quilt Show August 25 newsletter.

Thursday the 14th (the day after the meeting) Teresa will conduct a workshop for those of us who signed up at the last meeting. We will be working on panels quilted by Teresa, using Teresa's Inktense pencils/crayons and medium.

Snippet from Dianne McLendon: If you hate using gloves for freemotion quilting on your domestic machine, this hint is for you. Dianne uses a product called Take Hold instead of gloves. It is a fingertip moistener available at office supply stores. There are many different brands of this product out there. Be sure the one you choose is non-staining.

Mary Nell Magee reported taking in 14 quilts at the meeting. She reminded us that the children's quilt group meets at the choral hall on the first Tuesday of each month.



Susie Jackson and Dianne McLendon with Frances Good and her tree skirts

You don't have to be a member of the group. Anyone can come by and join in the fun.

Betty and Joe Bingham took in 38 pillows, 26 blankets and 57 mother pads.

Betty Herring took in 17 walker totes and six catheter bag covers.

Jean Martin showed us a two-sided black, yellow and white quilt that will be raffled off for the Lutheran Church. (See photos below) She will have tickets at the September meeting. Don't forget to bring your wallets.



Detail of Frances' Christmas tree wallhanging



Front and back of Frances' Christmas Tree wallhanging



Frances, Beth and Tina discussing the tree wallhanging



Anne Hindmarch and one of her Christmas quilts



Jo-Ann Evans and her Christmas quilt



Sarah Ketchum with one of her Christmas placemats



Betty Moore's Carpenter's Star Christmas wallhanging



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September Reminders

September Birthdays:

Lois Womack
Sarah D. McCormick
Debbie Demarks
Rosalie Schoell
Donna Smith
Helen Thornton

Carolyn Watts
Jo Ellen Carr
Linda Lowe
Mary Henderson
Donna Burges
Ella Lucas

Ginger Lowry
Margie Hancock
Sarah Ketchum
Teresa Lee
Cindy Hebert

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.

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The September Fat Quarter Lottery fabric is fall colors.

Children’s Quilts will meet October 3.