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Martha's Irish Adventure

Connie Hitt opened the November Pine Belt Quilters' meeting, and Julie Radavich offered the thought for the day, *Beautiful Feet*. Connie reminded us that the December meeting will be our Christmas Luncheon which will be catered by Seasoned With Love. She reminded members that we need their choices and payment to determine the quantity of food to order.

Then we went into Martha Ginn's program. She generously shared with us pictures of her recent trip to Ireland. Many pictures of the countryside, buildings, flowers and animals will certainly be showing up in Martha's future quilts. (See photos above and on page 2.)

Dianne McLendon then taught us to make German Stars, a folding/origami technique that produces three-dimensional stars. They would make excellent decorations on a Christmas tree or package. If you missed the instructions at the meeting, you can find directions on YouTube or online at www.craftideas.info/html/german_star_instructions.html. Just search for German Star.

Shirley Whitshire reminded us that we will need 40-50 more Christmas stockings



Cliffs of Moher inspired by Martha's Ireland trip

for the organizations we support at Christmas time. She announced that there would be a workshop at the church later in November to set up an assembly line for making stockings. Shirley also had directions for making a gift card holder, this month's project for the quilt show boutique.

Dianne McLendon

reminded us that the finished Crayon Challenge quilts are due at the December meeting. The drawing for friendship blocks will be at the meeting, as well.

Mary Nell Magee reported that 20 children's quilts were turned in at the meeting. She also told us Teresa Pino donated \$200.00 to Children's Quilts when she was here to present her program on Graffiti Quilting.

Joe and Betty Bingham took in 57 pillows, 10 mother pads and 11 receiving blankets. Betty Herring took in 18 walker totes and 11 catheter covers. Betty thanked everyone who has donated beautiful fabrics to her for making walker totes.

Elvia Edwards reported on the distribution of 63 quilts to survivors of Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area. (There were 61 from Pine Belt Quilters and two from the Brandon quilters.) Elvia's

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Martha at Mizen Head



Mizen Head



Irish Village



Bridge at Mizen Head



Foxgloves at Molly Gullivan's Farm



Flowers on Aran Island



Beach at Lahinch



Stone walls and cottage on Aran Island

granddaughters sorted the quilts according to size and whether they should be appropriate for children or adults.

One quilt, made by Linda Basden, was special because each block contained a reference to Texas. It will be going to a special "Peace" room in Elvia's granddaughters' school where students can go and snuggle with the quilt when they feel the need for peace. About 15 of the quilts went to children and staff at the school. They were distributed by the school counselor. Many families are living in tents because their homes in the North Houston area were completely destroyed when the gates of the reservoir were opened to lessen damage to other areas. The rest of the quilts went to some of those families

The snippet from Ellen Cox was a tray to hold your tools for hand stitching. It is made from a large stur

dy, plastic-coated paper plate. She cut a circle of felt and covered the top of the plate using Elmer's Spray Glue. To the top of the plate, she attached a magnet to hold her scissors and a pin cushion to stash her pins. It's very light and the plate has just a bit of a lip on it which keeps things from rolling off. She uses it on top of a pillow in her lap when she is doing hand work.

Ellen also showed us how she uses a big plastic drink cup with a straw to hold her thread when the spool of thread is too large to fit onto her machine. She just drops the spool into the cup, pulls the thread up through the straw, snaps on the lid, and positions the cup next to her sewing machine.

The December meeting is our Christmas luncheon. When you come, don't forget to bring stocking stuffers for donation to the organizations we support at this time of the year.

Mississippi Quilt Association
Spring Gathering
March 2-3 Tupelo, MS
Go to www.mississippiquilt.org
for more information



Jo-Ann Evans will be teaching this BOM quilt at Sew Select



Anne Esteve will be teaching this quilt at Stitchin Post



Martha Ginn's project from her Susan Carlson class



Left: Dianne McLendon and Linda Flanders Right: Beth McDaniel and Missy Lee with pieces from the Cynthia England workshop



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December Reminders

December Birthdays:

Cynthia Lott
Julie Radavich
Debbie Davis

David Wallace
Hulda Ingram
Martha Ginn
Vera Midkiff

Sharon Barnes
Sue Allmon
Melda Kay Anderson

**People with birthdays in December 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 December will be our Presentation of Children's Quilts, Stockings and gifts and our Christmas Luncheon.

There will be no December workshop.

There is no Fat Quarter Lottery in December.

Children's Quilts will resume meeting in January.