

Quilting Bees' Highlights of 2015

- Bees provided **Show and Tell for Lakeshore Quilting Guild** in Hendersonville. We shared 60 quilts. (January)
- Quilting Bees' **Facebook page** was set up By Natali P.
- Workshops: **January** - Natali P. (Sewing Bag), **February** - Rebecca T. (Hearts Three Ways), **March** - Rebecca T. (First and Last Quilt), **April** - Sara P. (Boxy Star), **May** - Pat C. (Sewing Pouch), **June** - Rebecca T. (Quick Curve Ruler), **August**- Iaci F. and Emily J.(Shared Spring seminar classes), **September** - Jean Shaw (Dreaming), **October** - Evelyn T. (Prairie Points), **November** - Kim L. (Burrito Pillowcases, Feed Sacks)
- **Mystery Quilts** – The guild participated in 2 mystery quilts
- Monthly **Christmas Blocks Exchange** between members. Exchange will continue in 2016.
- **Crayon Challenge** explained. Quilts are due June 2016
- **Postcard** exchange (December)
- **Tips of Month** -Each month the Bees learned great tips to improve their quilting skills, prizes were given to Bees who submitted tips.
- **Door Prizes** where given at each meeting
- **Our Sunshine Committee** provided hearts to Bees with deaths or sickness
- Celebrated **National Quilting Day** in March by sewing and completing a top for Quilts of Valor and 12 squares for an additional top.
- Quilting Bees provided two (\$150) Scholarships for **TVQA Spring Seminar** 2015 Scholarship Winners were Iaci F. and Emily J. Several Bees participated in classes.
- Hosted **TVQA Assembly Day 2015** with 2 classes by Judy Hansen on Friday. The Bees made 500 sewing caddies to present to attendees as favors. Provided three gift baskets for Assembly Day door prizes. (July)
- Quilting Bees of Murfreesboro had a **display at the Linebaugh Library**
- **Quilts in the Boro 2015** (5th annual) took place in August with 80 quilts displayed, \$1,050 cash prizes given, successful country store, bed turning of 35 vintage quilts, 100 + Quilt of Valor blocks made by the community, Susie G.'s quilt was selected as 2015 Logo Quilt

- Pat C. designed and made **Quilting Bees Banner**.
- The Bees were awarded \$50.00 for the quilt guild with the most entries in **Tennessee State Fair** with several members winning ribbons
- **2015 Bees' Retreat** took place at Henry Horton on October 2nd and 3rd. Loads of door prizes, sewing and fun.
- Bees participated in **Art Studio Tour** sponsored by the Stones River Craft Association. Bees joined the Stones River Craft Association.
- Bees participated in the **Tullahoma Fine Arts Quilt Display**.
- Planning began for our **10th Anniversary Celebration**
- **Charity Quilts Donation** - Red Bird – 23 quilts, Camelot Foster Care - 27 , Portico -22, Special St. Mark's Project - 1
- **Quilts of Valor** – 5 quilts were completed and donated, over 100 signature blocks completed at Quilts in Boro, several other quilts in progress. The guild joined the Quilt of Valor Foundation.
- A total of **78 quilts** were donated in 2015
- Received a **\$150 incentive** for participation in TVQA meetings and newsletter
- Presented a quilt made by the Bees to **Edith B.** for her 90th birthday and to honor her as a founding member.
- Our December meeting - a wonderful **Christmas party** with beautiful decorations, special sweaters, super games, dirty Santa and delicious food. In addition the Bees made toy donations to Toys for Tots.
- Quilting Bees' **membership** grew to 53 members (48 in 2014)

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