

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

March is National Quilting Month—so, quilt!!!

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## **March 23, 2010 Guild Meeting, White Rock Baptist Church, 7 p.m.**

### **“Behind the Scenes” with Jean Biddick**

An award-winning quiltmaker of Tucson AZ, Jean Biddick, will be presenting her lecture “Behind the Scenes” on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM at the White Rock Baptist Church. Jean is also an author and teacher whose specialty is creating stunning machine-pieced masterpieces. Her thirty years of classroom experience, first as a math teacher then as a teacher of quilting, has given her the ability to present detailed information in a clear, easy-to-understand way that encourages success in quilting students. She loves watching students accomplish more than they thought they could do and enjoys giving them the technical skills they need to turn their visions into quilts. For more than ten years, Jean's passion has been designing quilts inspired by intricate mosaic tile work seen in cathedrals and historic buildings worldwide. She has received numerous accolades for her beautiful machine-pieced mosaic tile quilts, including awards from American Quilter's Society and the International Quilt Festival. Her quilt 'Truro Mosaic II' has been displayed in Truro Cathedral where visitors could see both the tile floor and the quilt it inspired. She is the author of *Blended Quilt Backgrounds* published by AQS.

On March 24, Jean will teach her workshop, “Blended Backgrounds,” at the White Rock Baptist Church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The workshop supply list is available online at her website, <http://www.jeanbiddick.com> or from one of our VPs: Karyn Harrington, Margaret Hendricks, or Jo Ann Painter.

**Membership Report:** We now have 77 members. Bring a friend and get our number up over 100!!!

## From our President:

Where has the time gone? We're into March and soon our guest speaker and workshop instructor, Jean Biddick will be with us to share her knowledge and teach us some techniques she uses in her quilt designing. I'm looking forward to seeing you all and your friends at our March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at the White Rock Baptist Church and hope that many of you will be able to take her workshop on the 24<sup>th</sup>, also at the White Rock Baptist Church.

A big thanks to Gayla Myers and Wilma Cowan for all their work with our Garage Sale in February. Are you all enjoying your new treasures?

I'm happy to say that Libby Carlsten is our Chairperson for Quilt Market and Margaret Hendricks is her Publicity Chairperson.

Also in regards to Quilt Market, Judy Verzino has answered our call and is our Chairperson for the Donation Quilt being made to raffle at Quilt Market. Please see her note on an up-coming work day.

We also have Evonne Holder as our "Mystery Quilt" Chairperson. Check out her note to us in this Newsletter.

We still are in need of a Librarian, Historian and Chairperson for the County Fair. Please think about taking one of these positions soon as they too are important to our Guild.

Don't forget to bring your "Show 'n Tell" to share at our March meeting.

Fran

## National Quilting Month

The National Quilting Association began sponsoring *National Quilting Day* with a resolution passed by members attending the 22nd Annual Show in Lincoln, Nebraska, in June 1991. The third Saturday in March is officially designated as *National Quilting Day*, but quilters are flexible and we love a celebration — especially when fabric is involved! So over the years, observance of *National Quilting Day* has unofficially been expanded to the whole month of March. This is a time to reflect on the rich traditions of quilt making and the contributions to family and community made by quilt makers for many generations. NQA has also provided a project pattern for this year at <http://nqaquilts.org/ngaday/>. Since we were unable to recognize this celebration in March, the April program will be our celebration for National Quilting Month.

# Mystery Quilt 2010

This year we will be doing a **six month** "Mystery Quilt." We will use two colors and a background. You may use a dark and a medium or light fabric of the same color; or a dark and light fabric of different colors that are compatible. Fabrics may be prints but the background should "read" as a solid color. Try to avoid very large prints and obvious directional prints. Tiny prints are okay but try to vary the kinds of prints on the fabrics.

You will get to keep your finished 34 inch wall-hanging or you may purchase extra fabric and make it a lap quilt or the center of a larger quilt. It's entirely up to you.

Watch for the fabric requirements and first cutting instructions in the April Newsletter. Have fun with it.

Evonne Holder

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## April 2010 Guild Meeting: Stash Buster Night

The program for the guild meeting on the evening of Tuesday April 27 will be to work on community service projects. You will have several choices to contribute your time and talents. Common to all the projects, however, is the goal to use as much of the guild fabric stash as we can, so please do not bring any fabric. The guild fabric will be spread out on tables and the first step for all the projects will be to select fabrics. Marian Kirchner has planned a new quilt pattern for us, so two of the choices would be to either bring your sewing machine and begin sewing the quilt blocks at the meeting or you can just cut the fabric strips and then take them home to complete the quilt, either by yourself or with a group of fellow quilters. Finished quilts can then be part of your show-and-tell before they are donated. Another choice will be to sew pillowcases for the "1 Million Pillowcase Challenge" sponsored by American Patchwork & Quilting. Patterns for the pillowcases will be available at the meeting. Margaret Hendricks has volunteered to collect the completed pillowcases, both at the meeting and after the meeting, and to enter the number of pillowcases at the challenge's official website:

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/index.html> .

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## Raffle Quilt Update:

We have a pattern. We have fabric, which I think you will really like. AND now we need you. We are planning a SEW-IN. It will be held on April 19 at the United Church in LA. We will begin at 9:30, you can come when you want and stay as long as you can. We will have a tutorial on curved piecing if you haven't done this before. You can practice till you are comfortable. It is a gentle 6" curve. We will be cutting fabric and of course sewing to get as far as we can. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing kit. We will be using a light colored thread. Bring your lunch if you plan to stay awhile. I'll bring some cookies and there will be hot water for tea, coffee and such.

Now if you are new to our group and you are not to sure about coming, please know we would love to get to know you. If you are saying to yourself I can't do that curved stuff, forget it , not all the seams to be sewn are curved. PLUS there are a few of us that can teach YOU to sew a curve (it's fun).

We will have a sign up at the March meeting, If you are not at that meeting and want to come ,come! Again, PLEASE COME AND HELP!

Thanks , Judy Verzino, 189 Ojo De La Vaca Road, Santa Fe, NM 87508-9575 ,phone: 505-466-6146

# Quilt Market's Coming....please mark your calendars!

We had such a terrific Quilt Show in 2009 -- let's keep that momentum going and host a wonderful Quilt Market in 2010. I'm inviting all of you to participate. **The Quilt Market date has been set for Saturday, October 16** and we've already rented the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church (same place we had the Quilt Show.)

I've started to assemble my Quilt Market team. Please let me know if you'd like to join us. Margaret Hendricks has graciously volunteered to handle Publicity. She's set a goal to have the 2010 Market well-publicized (and hopefully well-attended.) As most of you know, Judy Verzino is leading the effort on the Donation Quilt. A special thanks to both of you.

If a LAP member (or members) would like to spearhead and develop a "quilt challenge" to be displayed at the Market, please talk to our esteemed President (Fran) as soon as possible. We only have 5 or 6 more guild meetings before the Market. We'll also need someone to be in charge of selling tickets for the Donation Quilt. Let Fran know if this sounds like something you'd like to do.

**Now, the most important detail ... we'll need lots of wonderful "quilted goodies" to sell.** As you know, we can't have a Market without them. This is where ALL LAP members can help. This is your chance to earn back some of the money you've already spent on your "stash" or make some extra \$\$\$ to grow your fabric collection. Please use your talents and imagination to make lots of interesting stuff to sell. The timing of the Market allows us to sell seasonal items for both Halloween and Christmas. Non-seasonal wall hangings, baby quilts, and other small items also seem to sell well.

We'll have lots of room to display everything, so any handmade items related to fabric or fibers will be accepted. The Guild will take a 15% commission -- so price your items accordingly. Please talk to other LAP members if you need ideas or patterns for things to make. The Quilt Market will provide you with a great opportunity to finish some of your UFOs and put them up for sale.

I am looking for volunteers to be in charge of "Staffing" and "Market Inventory and Sales." Please let me know if you'd like to help with either of those functions.

I think we're going to have a fabulous Market! Please make lots of items to sell and let me know what else you'd like to do to help. Thanks in advance everyone!

Libby Carlsten

## **Out and about:**

Four Corners Quilters in Durango CO, presents David Taylor: "It's Pointless Applique" and "Free Motion Quilting". March 26-28, \$80.00 each day includes a \$30.00 pattern and fabric. If you have questions, e-mail, Barb Morgan at [rbcc@rontier.net](mailto:rbcc@rontier.net).

## **JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

The American Quilt Study Group (AQSG), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of quilts and quilting, is turning 30! We invite you to join the celebration by participating in a nationwide block challenge called “*30s for 30*” (see details below). For every 30 blocks received, one person’s name will be drawn to win those blocks. To learn more about AQSG and our annual Seminar, please visit our website at [www.americanquiltstudygroup.org](http://www.americanquiltstudygroup.org). Happy quilting!

### ***30s for 30* QUILT BLOCK CHALLENGE**

- Blocks must be 12-1/2” square (to finish to a 12-inch block) and made of either 1930s reproduction fabrics or vintage 1930s fabrics. Fabrics must be 100% cotton. *Please prewash/preshrink all fabrics.*
- Blocks may be any design and any color combination, in keeping with the 1930s fabrics.
- Send your blocks to the address below, along with a donation of \$3 for the first block, and \$1 for each block thereafter sent at the same time. Block donations from groups are welcome. Any funds collected in excess of those needed to complete the project will be donated to the AQSG Endowment fund.
- The blocks will be photographed and the photos will be posted on the AQSG website, along with the maker’s name and state (or country).
- Blocks will be compiled into sets of thirty. At Seminar 2010 in Minneapolis (Oct. 14-17), we will have a drawing for the various sets. For each block that you send, your name will be entered once into the drawing. You do not need to be present to win.
- Deadline for submitting blocks is Oct. 1, 2010.

Send your blocks and payment (checks made payable to AQSG) to: **AQSG ‘30s for 30** c/o Paula Pahl, 9204 Sugarstone Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

Questions? Contact Paula at the address above or email: [paulapahl@q.com](mailto:paulapahl@q.com); phone: 303-204-2821.

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### **Interesting tips from “quiltaholics.com”:**

Roll left over fabric strips on an empty toilet tissue roll. Gently not to stretch, and you won't have to re-iron or search for that certain strip. Line them up in a shoe box, mark box as to color.

Before washing your fabric, trim the corners off the selvage edges at a diagonal. This prevents the cut edge from raveling in the wash, and is a great way to tell at a glance if you've prewashed that fabric!

## Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

**Tuesday, March 23**, 7:00 at White Rock Baptist Church: "Behind the Scenes" with Jean Biddick.

**Wednesday, March 24**, Workshop 9-3, at White Rock Baptist Church: Jean Biddick will present "Blended Backgrounds"

### **2010 Remaining Guild Meeting Dates and Locations (more to come!)**

Remaining guild meetings:

April 2010 Guild Meeting: Stash Buster on April 27 @ United Church (no workshop)

May 2010 Guild Meeting: Quilt Bingo -- May 25 @ White Rock Baptist Church

June 2010 Guild Meeting: TBD -- June 22 @ United Church

July 2010 Guild Meeting: July – NO MEETING

August 2010 Guild Meeting: TRUNK SHOW BY KATY KORKOS on August 24 @ White Rock Baptist Church (no workshop)

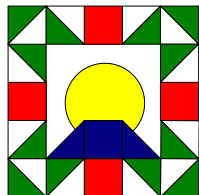
September 2010 Guild Meeting: POTLUCK on September 28 @ United Church

October 2010 Guild Meeting: TBD -- October 26 @ White Rock Baptist Church

November 2010 Guild Meeting: TBD --November 16 @ United Church

December 2010 Guild Meeting: NO MEETING

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