

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The love of sewing is our common thread.

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## April 2010 Guild Meeting: Stash Buster Night Tuesday, April 27, 7 p.m. United Church, LA

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.

For those of you who would prefer a smaller project, 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>.

Which ever choice you would like to make, please bring cutting tools: rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat. If you'd also like to sew on either Marian's quilt pattern or the "1 Million Pillowcase Challenge," please bring your sewing machine with the usual sewing aids. At least 3 irons will be available.

**There will not be a workshop for April,** but another session may be planned to continue work on these service projects.

If you have any questions, contact Jo Ann Painter (490-3438 or [jpainter@q.com](mailto:jpainter@q.com)), or Karyn Harrington (672-1743 or [karynh@q.com](mailto:karynh@q.com)), or Margaret Hendricks (662-1660 or [jmh102@comcast.net](mailto:jmh102@comcast.net)).

## From our President:

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO CYNDY CARTER for letting the Guild store our quilt stands at her home!!!!

I would like to thank Evonne Holder, Shirley Klosterbuer, Debbie & Steve McLin, Marilyn & Fred Minshall, Pat Randall, Bev & Walt Wright, and my husband, Tom. They all worked very hard moving our quilt stands from the County warehouse to Cyndy's home and our yard.

As of Monday, April 11, we still do not have a larger storage unit. Our name is on the list.

Our April meeting will be a Community Service time. We will start the process of making quilts that will be given to persons of all ages in need. The fabric is being provided from the Guild stash (and of course, you may always add some from yours when finishing the quilt at home.) The pattern was chosen by Marion Kirchner. We will be cutting and sewing. So bring cutting and sewing equipment, sewing machines and lots of energy! Please take one of the started quilts home to be finished. This is a great project to do with your Cluster members.

We will also be making pillowcases. A great one night activity! It's amazing how fast this project can go and how much fun pillowcases are to make. The patterns for them will be coming from the "1 million Pillowcase Challenge" sponsored by in American Patchwork and Quilting magazine. We will be showing you how to put the shelves on to the main part and have no seams showing..... You can do all the sewing on your regular sewing machine. Again you'll need cutting and sewing equipment and your machine.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting and don't forget to bring a friend. We will be having "Show and Tell," bring your projects to show off.

Fran

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

**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.)

Trish Spillman joined Libby's team and has volunteered to help arrange and display all the items for sale. Start NOW to make lots of wonderful items to sell. The Quilt Market forms and sales tags are on the LAP website. All offers to help with the Market will be accepted and welcomed. Please see Libby if you can help.

# Out and about...

The Jemez Bear Paw Quilt guild would like to invite LAP members to a show of patriotic-themed quilts which will be presented to honored families at the NM Veterans Memorial ceremony in Albuquerque. The quilts will be on display at the Jemez Fine Arts Gallery from May 7-13 with receptions on Sat & Sun May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 - 5:00 pm. The gallery is located in Jemez Springs at 17346 Hwy 4. In addition, the guild will have items for sale, a silent auction, raffle quilt and more! For more information, contact Brenda Edeskuty at 575-829-3889.

## April 30-May 1, 2009 at the Trinity Methodist Church; Clovis, New Mexico

Llano Estacado Quilt Guild's 2010 Quilt Show sponsor: The Llano Estacado Quilt Guild

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Comments: There will be classes @ Trinity Lutheran Church, across the street from Trinity Methodist Church where vendors and the quilts will be exhibited. Please come on down and see us. Website will be updated as needed, monthly.

## Houston, TX—Entries sought for "Still We Rise Again: Quilts for New Orleans"

A juried exhibit featuring quilts that celebrate the unwavering spirit of New Orleans, the Gulf Coast, themes of rebirth and renewal and the recovery of a city devastated five years ago by Hurricane Katrina. Quilts will premier at International Quilt Market & Festival, October 30-November 7, 2010. (Other exhibit locations TBD.) Entry deadline July 1, 2010. You may submit up to two entries for consideration. Jurors: Jennifer Gilbert and Martha Sielman. For entry form e-mail: [m\\_walter@charter.net](mailto:m_walter@charter.net) or visit [www.aquiltersgarden.com](http://www.aquiltersgarden.com). (Exhibit to benefit appraiser scholarship and conservation workshop for damaged quilts.) Questions: contact curator Mary Walter: 617-480-6360.

## Las Colcheras Quilt Guild presents a Quilt Challenge: By George!

The theme of this challenge, By George, presents the exciting possibility for a wide variety of interpretations inspired by fabric from the George Mendoza Collection, first unveiled at the 2009 International Quilt Market in Houston. George Mendoza, a well-known Las Cruces artist, is becoming a friend of quilters everywhere through his fascinating fabric.

The Challenge will end on January 29, 2011. It will be judged by an NQA Certified Judge and then exhibited at a Las Cruces venue during the month of February 2011.

### Challenge Rules:

1. Residents of New Mexico and El Paso County are eligible.
2. A challenge kit must be purchased (\$10 for LCQG members, \$15 for all others). The challenge kit will contain the two challenge fabrics. The purchase price includes the quilt's entry into the collection's exhibit. Make check payable to LCQG and mail to: LCQG, Box 15181, Las Cruces, NM 88004.
3. A recognizable amount of each fabric must be used in the quilt. Any number of additional fabrics may be used.
4. The size of the quilt must be: no side smaller than 24" nor larger than 50".
5. The quilt may be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, embellished or any combination of techniques. It may be hand or machine quilted or both and the stitches must be visible on the back of the quilt.
6. The quilt must have a 4" sleeve on the back. No entries with frames or glass will be accepted. If special hanging devices are required, prior approval is required.
7. The label on the back must include the name of the quilt and the name of the quilter.
8. The quilt must be the original work of one person only, and only one entry per person is allowed.
9. The artist's statement relating the quilt to the theme must accompany the quilt on an entry form that will be forwarded to you by December 15, 2010. The form will include information about in-person and by-mail Quilt Entry.
10. As it is important to the exhibit venue, December 15, 2010, is an opt-out date. If you have purchased a kit, you will be contacted at that time to confirm that you will be entering a quilt. There will be no refunds should you decide to not enter.
11. American Quilter is proposing a book about this Challenge and the use of George Mendoza's fabrics. Quilts chosen for inclusion in this publication must be available for photographing by the publisher at dates yet to be determined. Potential buyers of any quilts for sale will be so informed during the exhibit.
12. The top three quilts will be awarded rosettes and cash awards in the amount of \$300, \$150, and \$100. Rosettes will be awarded to Honorable Mention quilts.

For additional information contact Chris Ramsey, [clramsey@zianet.com](mailto:clramsey@zianet.com) or visit [www.lcqq.org](http://www.lcqq.org)

# Future Fun for Piecemakers:

## **May 2010 Guild Meeting: Quilt Bingo**

Get ready for an evening of fun and prizes on the evening of May 25 at the White Rock Baptist Church. Based on an idea from the September/October 2006 issue of Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting magazine, we will play "Quilt Bingo" using quilt blocks that you have sewn ahead of time and buttons to cover the squares. The blocks are 2.5-inch squares organized in a 5 by 5 configuration with a black square in the middle representing the "free" square. Instead of "B", "I", "N", "G" & "O" being at the top of each column, each column will be a different color: blue, green, pink/purple, red, and yellow/orange, in that order. Within each color or column, there are 14 possible fabric types instead of numbers. The fabric types are: batik, floral, geometric, heart/butterfly, leaf, metallic/oriental, holiday, novelty, paisley, plaid, solid, star, stripe, or 1930s. Kits containing 25 2.5-inch squares with sewing instructions were available at the last guild meeting in March and will be available again at the April guild meeting. If you wish, you can use your own fabrics and, if needed, a set of instructions can be emailed to you. You can make more than one quilt block. You can bring your own buttons or some buttons will be available. We will play multiple games including any direction, horizontal only, vertical only, diagonal only, four corners and, finally, the whole block. Winners will receive prizes and the final winner will receive all the blocks -- what a wonderful scrappy quilt! There will not be a workshop for May. If you have any questions, contact Jo Ann Painter (490-3438 or [jpainter@q.com](mailto:jpainter@q.com)), or Karyn Harrington (672-1743 or [karynh@q.com](mailto:karynh@q.com)), or Margaret Hendricks (662-1660 or [jmh102@comcast.net](mailto:jmh102@comcast.net)).

## **June 2010 Guild Meeting: Debbie Caffrey, "Finding and Unleashing the Creativity Within You"**

Our program for the June 22 guild meeting will be a presentation by Debbie Caffrey titled "Finding and Unleashing the Creativity Within You."

Debbie Caffrey, a resident of Albuquerque, is a self-published author of thirteen books, dozens of patterns, and over 150 mystery quilt patterns. Debbie's presentation describes a practical approach to becoming a confident quilter and taking the mystery out of creating great quilts by breaking down the process into steps that include: dream, visualize, recognize elements, organize your thoughts, and apply techniques to make **your** quilts. You can find out more about Debbie at her website <http://www.debbiescreativemoments.com/>. There will not be a workshop for June. If you have any questions, contact Jo Ann Painter (490-3438 or [jpainter@q.com](mailto:jpainter@q.com)), or Karyn Harrington (672-1743 or [karynh@q.com](mailto:karynh@q.com)), or Margaret Hendricks (662-1660 or [jmh102@comcast.net](mailto:jmh102@comcast.net)).

## **You Know you are a Quilter If.....(from QuiltVisionUSA.com)**

There's more Fabric in the House than Food  
"Fat Quarters" are not the heaviest part of your body  
Your ironing board is always set up but you never iron clothes  
You think of your job as an interruption of your quilting time  
You pet Fabric  
People are always picking threads off you  
You can measure a scant 1/4 by eye  
"Featherweight" Doesn't mean Boxer  
Your "UFO's" are not from outer space  
You clean up your sewing room & they think you are leaving

## Mystery Quilt Directions

Fabric requirements; 5/8 yard each for dark and medium fabrics, 3/4 yard for light background (BG) fabric. It is up to you whether you prewash or not

When cutting, **save all scraps until top is completed.** Cut off all selvages. Use 1/4 inch seam throughout.

**Step one** uses dark and background fabric. From dark fabric cut a strip 7 1/4 by 22 1/2 and then cut two 7 1/2 inch squares. From BG fabric, cut a 7 1/4 by 27 inch strip and cut two 7 1/4 inch squares. Save the leftovers.

Mark a diagonal line across the back of each background square. Place a dark square, right sides together under the marked BG square. Sew a scant 1/4 inch seam on each side of the line. Cut apart on the line. Iron to dark side.

Take two of the squares and place right sides together, butting the seams and lights and darks opposite each other. Draw a diagonal line across the block at a right angle to the seam. Sew a scant 1/4 inch seam on each side of the line. Repeat with second set of squares. Cut on drawn line. Iron seam to one side. You should have four 6 1/2 inch hourglass blocks.

Keep all blocks, fabric and scraps together.

Next step will be in May's newsletter.



## Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

### 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 (no workshop)

June 2010 Guild Meeting: Debbie Caffrey -- June 22 @ United Church (no workshop)

July 2010 Guild Meeting: July - NO MEETING

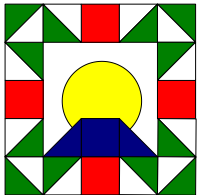
August 2010 Guild Meeting: TRUNK SHOW BY KATY KORKOS on August 24 @ White Rock Baptist Church (no workshop)

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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