

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

A day patched with quilting seldom unravels. –Eleanor Burns

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May 2010 Guild Meeting:

Quilt Bingo

Tuesday, May 25

White Rock Baptist Church, 7 p.m.

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 two guild meetings. 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), or Karyn Harrington (672-1743 or karynh@q.com), or Margaret Hendricks (662-1660 or jmh102@comcast.net).

From our President:

Another month to say THANK YOU

Thank you to Judy Verzino, Judy Brownell, Margaret Hollabaugh, Brooke Davis, Sue Frair, Pandy Lolos, Karyn Harrington, Kathy Gillespie, Shirley Klosterbuer, and all others for their hard work on the Donation Quilt. I can't wait for all of you to see it - it's wonderful!

Thanks also to Joan and Ted Williams for helping Tom and me move the items from the old shed to the new location. Please see article on new location.

I'm looking forward to a FUN, relaxing evening playing "Quilt" Bingo at our May Guild meeting. Remember to bring your completed "Quilt" Bingo blocks and a friend! If anyone has completed pillowcases or a community service quilt, please bring to show. We have batting at the shed if you need some. The finished pillowcases will be collected by Margaret Hendricks and the quilts will be collected by Marilyn Minshall. Thanks for helping others with these items.

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," so bring your projects to show off.

Fran

STORAGE UNIT LOCATION HAS CHANGED

As of Thursday, May 13, 2010 the storage unit has been changed. Our new unit is located behind Chili works, past the RPM shop and in the 1st building. The storage unit number is 10. The combination is the same as before.

Thanks to Joan & Ted Williams, and my husband, Tom, for helping move the items from one unit to the other. When we get a couple more minutes to figure out how we will store the quilt stands, they will also be moved.

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.)

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...

Quilt show in Los Alamos going on NOW!!

It's Wild

An Exhibition of Contemporary Fiber Art by New Mexico Art Quilters

May 2 - 29, 2010

Mesa Public Library

Includes art quilters: Ann Anastasio, Jeri Beitel, Julie Filatoff, and Nancy Steidle of Santa Fe. Patricia Gould and Betty Busby of Albuquerque. Judith Roderick of Placitas and Jean M. Cowie of Silver City.

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 or visit www.aquiltersgarden.com. (Exhibit to benefit appraiser scholarship and conservation workshop for damaged quilts.) Questions: contact curator Mary Walter: 617-480-6360.

NMQA: New Mexico Quilter's Association

<http://www.nmqa.nm.org/>

NMQA Spring Fantasy Quilt Show May 21-22, 2010

Our quilt show will be on Friday, May 21 10am - 6pm and Saturday, May 22 9am - 5pm in [Montgomery Plaza](#), at the NW corner of San Mateo and Montgomery in NE Albuquerque.

[Quilt Entry Instructions](#) ~ [Quilt Entry Form](#)

Future Fun for Piecemakers:

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), or Karyn Harrington (672-1743 or karynh@q.com), or Margaret Hendricks (662-1660 or jmh102@comcast).

Donation Quilt Update:

The Quilt Top is finished, (no thanks to me)!! On April 12 the Woolies cut the pieces for the quilt. On April 19 we had a sew-in and stitched those curved pieces together --- a few more stitch-ins ensued and the top was complete and now it is at Nicole's for quilting. I can hardly wait to see it. Several little birds have told me how beautiful it is. I know it will be exceptional when finished. Thanks to each every one of you who helped.

Deborah Kubicek will have the tickets for us soon. So make sure you get your share.

This quilt helps us to fund our many projects and subsidize our programs.

Thanks again to all of you for helping to get our quilt top completed. I wish I could have planned and stitched along side of you, but as many of you know I was helping my daughter get ready for her wedding. Patsy married Ben Salas on May 8 in a lovely, lovely ceremony at Loretto Chapel.

Now I have some free time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Again thanks for your wonderful help, as you know, NEED HELP---ASK A QUILTER.

See you soon, LET'S PLAY BINGO!!! Judy

The Fabulous Four

When you are sewing and you run into difficulties with thread breakage, shredding or general overall trouble, there are four main points to check. If you do this quick check, in this order, 95% of the time your difficulties will be solved!

1. Thread delivery

- _ Starting at your spool, follow the thread path through the entire machine. Is your machine threaded properly?
- _ Are you using a spool or cone? Cone threads should ALWAYS come off the top.
- _ Some straight wound spools may come off the side vs. pulled from the top. Try flipping the spool over so that it delivers from the opposite end OR from the front of the spool vs. the back of the spool.

2. Tension

- _ Follow the thread path down to the tension disk or check your computerized pre-set tension. Do you have the proper tension for the thread you are using? Remember that decorative threads require a very loose tension!
- _ Remember to have your presser foot UP while threading the machine

(from Cindyneedham.com)

3. Needle

- _ Follow the thread path down to your needle. Do you have the correct needle for the type of thread you are using? Decorative threads usually perform best with a Topstitch or Metallic 90/14 needle.
- _ Do you have the correct needle for the type of fabric you are sewing on?
- _ Have you changed your needle recently? If not, do so.
- _ If you have changed the needle but the thread is shredding, change the needle again. You may have a burr in the eye of the needle.

4. Bobbin/Cleaning

- _ Pull out your bobbin and check to see if it is wound properly, i.e., a tight flat wind.
- _ If using a decorative thread on top, are you using a smooth polyester thread in the bobbin?
- _ Is the bobbin case area clean? If not, get rid of the dust bunnies, threads, and lint in and around the bobbin case.
- _ Last but not least, when was the last time you had your machine serviced? If it's been a while, make an appointment for its yearly check up.

Mystery Quilt Directions

Step two uses dark and background fabrics. Cut five 2 ½ by width of fabric (40-42) inch strips from dark fabric. Cut 18 ½ inch strips from four of the strips. Label and set aside. Cut sixteen 2 ½ by 4 ½ inch rectangles from the remainder.

From background (BG) fabric, cut a 4 ½ inch by 27 inch strip. Label and set aside. Cut four 2 ½ by 27 inch strips. Cut them into thirty-two 2 ½ inch squares. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of the BG squares. Save the remainder of the strips.

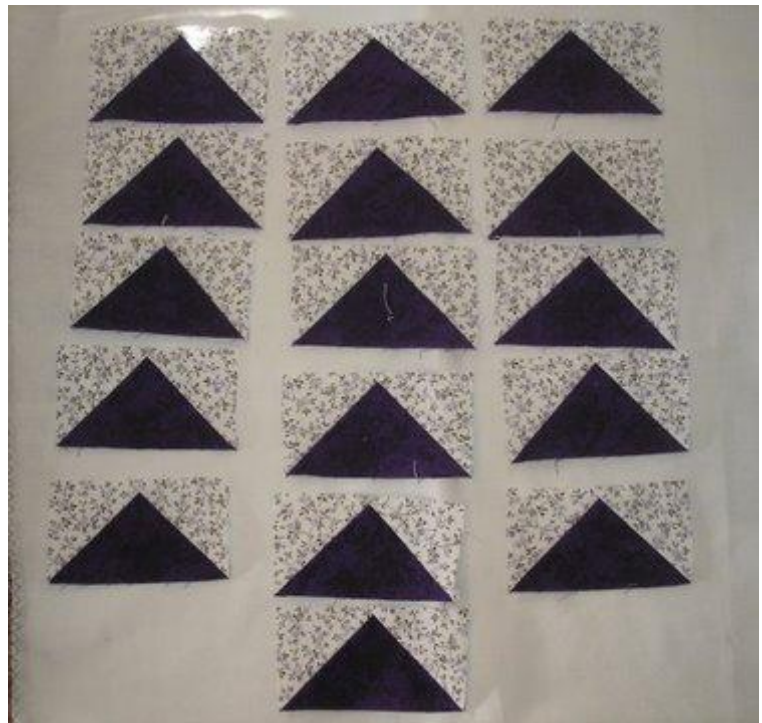
Make flying geese by putting a marked square on the left side of the rectangle, right sides together, the line going from the center down to the left corner. Sew on the line, a scant bit on the outside of the triangle. Trim ¼ inch from the seam on the outer side of the triangle, press open. Sew, trim and press all 16. (*You may discard these trimmings.*)

For the second half, line up the marked square on right sides of the rectangle, right sides together with the line going from the center, down to the right on the rectangle. Sew on the line, a scant bit on the side of the outside of the triangle. Trim ¼ inch from the seam on the outer side of the triangle, press open. Sew and press all 16, 4 ½ by 2 ½ inch flying geese blocks.

Do not sew flying geese together.

SAVE ALL SCRAPS.

Set all aside and wait for step 3.



Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

REMAINING GUILD MEETINGS

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

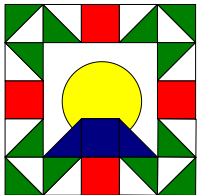
August 2010 Guild Meeting: TRUNK SHOW BY KATY KORKOS on August 24 @ White Rock Baptist Church (no workshop)

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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