

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Quilt till you wilt!

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#### Donation Quilt:

Volunteer needed

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## **October 2011 Guild Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 25**

**7 p.m.**

**White Rock Baptist Church**

### **"UFO Project"**

JoAnn Painter has a fun project lined up for us: Bring an unfinished block and leave with a gift for the holidays.

You will need an unfinished block (or a piece of fabric) between 5 and 10 inches square and a sewing machine.

We can share sewing machines, so come with your block or fabric even if you don't want to haul your machine.

Come and see what you can make with something you may have thrown out...recycle and reuse!!

### **Membership for 2012:**

**Please remember to fill out the membership form and your check for \$25 at the meeting this month. If you have already filled yours out, give this copy to a friend, and watch our numbers grow!!**

## A NOTE FROM FRAN:

October is almost over. Our day temperatures have been pleasant with the evening's temperatures getting cooler, but still comfortable. The perfect weather to measure (twice), cut (once), piece, and quilt!

Our October meeting will be held at the White Rock Baptist Church in White Rock. It will start at 7 PM. We will have a regular meeting and then an activity. Bring one or more of those unfinished blocks (gee, I don't know what to do with you blocks) and JoAnn and Liz will show us how to make a neat item to keep or give away as a gift (we always can use ideas for Gifts!) You will need to bring your machine and sewing materials. We will also have a couple of machines to take turns on .....soooooo bring those UFO blocks and join us for a night of fun. Look for more information pertaining to this in the Newsletter.

We had a great time at our Pot Luck Dinner/ Membership drive meeting last month. The fellowship was wonderful and the food magnificent. None of us went home hungry. We had lots of discussion on ideas for our Guild's future. Our membership numbers are down but that doesn't mean our Guild. We just need to figure out what we want as a group. Susan Roach came up with an idea to have a questionnaire to see what the members would like. Please take the time to think about the questions and give us your opinions..... We need to have every one's input. Special thanks to those who brought their "quilts with a story" to the September meeting. It was wonderful seeing those quilts and hearing about the background of them. They all where fabulous!

If you have any ideas for projects to do at any of our next year's meetings please let one of the VP's know.

**This is the time of year to volunteer for next year's offices.** We need all of these positions filled to continue on. Sharing a position is always an option. Help keep us going --- VOLUNTEER to become an officer!

We will have next year's proposed budget ready to discuss and vote on at our October meeting. We have enough monies to run at least a full year more. With membership down, we need to think hard about our expenses. \*\*\*NOTE - with that mentioned - Don't forget to pay your 2012 membership dues! Our Membership fee is our main income!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting. Bring your UFO blocks, sewing machines (and stuff), "Show n' Tell" to share and a friend.

Fran

## Mystery Quilt: Sashing with Cornerstones and Border Instructions

Please find the directions in another attachment.

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## Future Fun for Piecemakers:

November 15 at 7:00 pm, held at the United Church.  
"Houston and Help!"

Do you have a project that you are just not happy with? Bring your problem projects and we will give you some advice.

Also, several of our members will be attending the Houston Quilt Show, and we would love for you to share your inspiration with us. If you are going to Houston and would be willing to share your photos and experiences, please call Fran at 672-3703 or Liz at 677-3157.

### Newsletter news:

We are looking for new officers, including a newsletter editor/writer. If I can do it, anyone can. If you can copy and paste using a word program, you can do the newsletter. All it takes is a couple of hours each month to compile and mail/e-mail. I like this job because I can do it at my leisure at my house on my computer (with input from the other officers) and still feel like I am contributing to the success of the guild. I will be happy to show you how I do it (and I'm sure there is a better way if you are computer literate) and get you started. Next month will be my last newsletter. Please let me or Fran know if you are interested. --Lyn

**Please print out the following Membership form on your computer (e-mail recipients). Return it, plus a check for \$25.00 to Los Alamos Piecemakers as soon as possible.**

**LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS MEMBERSHIP**

January 2012 – December 2012

Please print all information clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to receive the LAP Newsletter via e-mail? Yes No (Circle one)

Please volunteer for one or more of the following by placing a check mark next to items (s):

Donation Quilt ticket sales \_\_\_\_\_ Valentine's Day Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Show/Quilt Market \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as officer \_\_\_\_\_

Payment - Make check for \$25 payable to: Los Alamos Piecemakers or LAP. Mail payment to LAP, Attn: Ann Daley, Membership Chair, PO Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544 or hand in at meeting

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LAP Use only: Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in data base \_\_\_\_\_ Name tag \_\_\_\_\_ Packet \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership card \_\_\_\_\_

**Here are the minutes of our last meeting. A questionnaire was developed because of the discussions held that night. Please read the minutes and the questionnaire and let Fran and the board know your thoughts.**

Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild Meeting, September 27, 2011, United Church  
Fran Suchocki called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. This meeting is to encourage new members to join and to look for new officers. Other guilds are also noting fewer members. Tonight we had 21 members attending.

**Suggestions** ; Susan Roach suggested combining market and show and hosting them every other year. The year in between would be an opportunity to work on the donation quilt. She suggests fewer chairs being put out in White Rock to improve social interaction. It might be helpful to have mentors, especially for beginning quilters. Santa Fe alternates evening and daytime meetings on a monthly basis. About half of those present would find it hard to attend daytime meetings. Some members may not be able to attend evening meetings because of driving problems in the dark, and in the past carpooling has been suggested. Susan would be willing to do a questionnaire to find out what might work to improve attendance. Liz suggested a survey, but Fran only received one survey back from earlier in the year.

What will happen if no one volunteers to take over in January? Susan suggested a list of each officer's duty. This has been written. The president runs the meetings. The vice-presidents plan the meetings and take care of the opening and closing of the meetings. The treasurer keeps track of the books and expenses and writes the budget. The librarian takes care of the books. Evonne will keep the books at her house this year, as the United Church will be remodeled. The secretary takes the minutes. The newsletter editor puts out a newsletter the months we have meetings. Perhaps a cluster could be responsible for a meeting. Jo Ann is willing to teach beginning quilting classes. Nicole notes that she has women in their 30s coming into her shop who want their children to learn how to sew. Liz suggested a beginning quilting class for adults. Nicole will start a newsletter and could include an advertisement for a class. Thelma suggested having a beginning quilting class with members watching the children. This may entail liability issues. Jo Ann will send a list of Albuquerque and Santa Fe speakers to the newsletter. Mickey notes that she meets with a group for beading. It is an informal meeting. But it seems we do need someone to be in charge of and organizing the meetings.

**Finances:** Last year we spent \$3800 more than we took in. We spent \$182 this year on newsletter postage so far. It would be helpful if more members used e-mail for the newsletter. Quilt market or show will cost \$2000 minimum. Shows in churches are now required to have liability insurance. We are lucky if market or the show pay for themselves. The quilt show silent auction paid for the show. We have not been earning as much from the donation quilt. We made over \$1000 on the donation quilt, but the majority of the tickets were bought at the Quilt Show. We might be able to hold meetings at the library to save money. We will have to decide how the group will be run. Joan mentioned a contact name and number for volunteers.

**New Business:** Jo Ann showed how she makes pot holders from orphan blocks. This will be the October meeting. The November meeting will be about quilt labels and a report about the Houston meeting. Joan, Fran, Susan Roach, and Christie Wilson will be on the budget committee.

Members presented quilt stories. There was show and tell and door prizes. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

## Los Alamos Piecemakers Member Survey

Please help make LAP a better fit for you.

In recent years many quilt organizations have changed the times of their meetings to better fit their members. We all know that Los Alamos is unique and what works best for other communities is not the best solution for us. Please help LAP find the best time for meetings. Please check the statement that most applies to you.

\_\_\_\_ I love the current timing -- meetings in the evening and workday workshops.

\_\_\_\_ I would love meetings to vary between morning and evening.

\_\_\_\_ I would love workshops/classes to vary between weekday and weekend.

\_\_\_\_ I only attend Los Alamos meetings.

\_\_\_\_ I only attend White Rock meetings.

\_\_\_\_ I do not attend night meetings, but I would if I had a ride.

Please share your suggestions or comments:

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## **WE NEED YOU!!**

### **VOLUNTEER FOR A BOARD POSITION FOR 2012 NOW!!**

The following is the description of the offices that are listed in our by-laws. But the best way to find out what is expected is to talk to the person holding that job now.

A. The President shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings, Executive Board meetings and Guild meetings.

B. The First Vice President shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings, Executive Board meetings and Guild meetings in the absence of the President, and shall assume the office in the event the office is vacated prior to the end of the term. In addition to these duties the First Vice President shall also head the program committee and work closely with the Second Vice President.

C. The Second Vice President shall be in charge of workshops, shall work closely with the First Vice President, and assume the duties of the First Vice President in the event the office is vacated prior to the end of term.

D. The Treasurer shall have custody of all Guild funds and be its general collecting, disbursing, and accounting officer.

E. The Secretary shall take minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, Executive Board meetings and Guild meetings.

F. No officer or Board member shall receive remuneration for serving on said Board as complies with section 501c of the Internal Revenue Code.

G. In case of vacancy of any other office, the President shall appoint a replacement with the majority consent of the Executive Board.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Program Committee; headed by First Vice President

B. Membership

C. Newsletter

D. Publicity

E. Historian

F. Librarian

G. Community Service

H. Correspondence Secretary

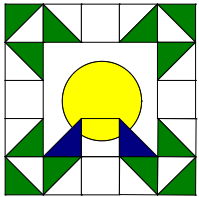
I. Hospitality Committee

## Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

Tuesday, October 25, UFO Projects, White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 15, Houston and "Help!", Los Alamos United Church

No meeting in December -- Happy Holidays!!



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