

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Picasso to paint your garage.

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February, 2012

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2013 Donation Quilt:

Volunteer needed

February 2012 Guild Meeting Tuesday, February 28th 7 p.m. United Church in Los Alamos

"Got Fabric Scraps?"

Trish Spillman has answers! She will share ideas for unique Yo-yo projects and gift ideas that use up those small pieces of fabric. You are invited to bring any of your personal yo-yo projects to share. Please bring scraps at least 3 inches square (We know that you have them!), a needle and some thread.

March 2012 Guild Meeting Tuesday, March 22nd 7 p.m. White Rock Baptist Church

"Fabric Selection"

Myrna Landt will discuss color combination. Bring your fabrics for the workshop or 24 fabrics that are all cotton. They should range from light to dark. As you place the fabric next to each other they should blend nicely. You may bring a couple extra pieces of fabric if you are not sure if they blend. We will work as a group to see what works to make a quilt flow.

Important note: Please do not buy fat quarters. You will need 24, 1/4 yard fabric cuts.

President's Report

Welcome to spring. Ok, maybe I am rushing it just a bit. But as I write this letter, the birds are serenading me, the sky is that gorgeous New Mexico blue that artists love to capture. A little over a week ago I was in Louisiana. It was definitely spring there -- camellias, Japanese Magnolias, azaleas and even roses added color and freshness all around.

I have definitely felt like it is spring for our guild. The board is a very impressive group, everyone has taken on their position with enthusiasm and energy. I missed the Senior Luncheon, but have heard about its success. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you Debbie McLin.

The January meeting was filled with energy and ideas. It was very clear that the members of this guild are committed to LAP. Liz Martineau created a fun filled evening that allowed everyone to get to know each other just a little better and hopefully to go home with a label for that quilt that is done except for that pesky little label. Now that we are filled with ideas of how we can make those labels with ease, maybe all of our quilts will permanently document our love and time. Thank you Liz.

After reading the January newsletter, Myrna Landt was inspired. Myrna said she got to thinking about what she could do to support LAP. Most things that she is comfortable doing were spoken for. But she came up with a wonderful gift she is willing to offer us. Myrna has generously offered to present the March program and workshop. She is donating her time. The guild will charge a reduced fee for the workshop. Myrna, thank you for not only sharing a skill but for filling our coffers.

Please see the attached flyer.

Note the locations! The lecture is at the White Rock Baptist Church but the workshop is in Los Alamos at the United Church.

Linda Goforth will be serving as the publicity chairperson. We are very grateful. Deborah Kubicek is updating the website as well as producing and mailing the newsletter for now. Thank you for doing double duty.

Bonnie Farman's name was left off the list of those who had donated quilts. We are so sorry and we truly appreciate your generosity. Thank you Bonnie!

Lyn Olson will be back in town the end of this week. We are looking forward to working together.

Enjoy this spring and happy quilting.

Susan
Co-president

Community Service Quilts

The Community Service quilts for January were thoughtfully contributed by Bonnie Farman, Fran Suchocki, Deb Claytor, and the Material Girls Cluster with kind assistance with fabric and finishing by Judy Verzino, Fran Suchocki, and JoAnn Painter.



RSVP Valentines Luncheon

Our community is blessed with a lovely group of women who meet every Wednesday at the Betty Ehart Center to plan, cut, assemble and tie wonderful and comforting quilts. There is also a group of knitters and crocheters sharing the same space. They use all donated yarns to make hats for the homeless and afghans and slippers for ailing children and nursing home residents. The quilts and yarn goods are distributed throughout New Mexico. On February 8, the Los Alamos Piecemakers visited them to celebrate their efforts and contributions by providing a Valentine Potluck Luncheon. A joint program of sharing stories and showing off our own projects made for an enjoyable day. Many thanks to the following quilters for bringing such great food and "show and tells", Deborah Kubicek, Evonne Holder, Thelma Hahn, Deb McLin, Marilyn Cayton, Micki Taylor, Dennise Swanson, Joan Williams, Phyllis Holland, Roberta Day Idzorek, Trish Spillman, Marilyn Minshall and Heide Payne. *Special thanks to all who donated fabric, thread, yarn and money to enable many more quilting projects by these great ladies.* There is a box at Chairworks and Dunn Quilting for any future donations. Just drop them off at the shop.





Treasurer's Report

1. Checking account balance as of 2/13/2012 is \$6701.08.
2. All bills have been paid.

Donna Smith

Library

Our Guild Library is up and running. You may check books out for three months at a time and if you need them longer, you may renew your checkout. We have 94 books in our library. Plan on checking some out soon. The updated inventory is on the webpage.

Happy Quilting, *Evonne Holder*

Give a hand and make a friend.

Have you ever wanted someone to talk to while driving to the meetings? Would you like to encourage others to enjoy our meetings? Here is one way to make that happen. We are compiling a list of members who would be willing to pickup a fellow quilter that needs a ride to the guild meetings. Please email Deb Claytor coolclaytors@att.net and Marilyn Cayton at th23cayton@gmail.com.

March Workshop

Important note: Please do not buy fat quarters. You will need 24, 1/4 yard fabric cuts. The books are available from Myrna at the Feb and March Guild meetings for \$20.50

QUICK QUARTER TRIP QUILT



March Program -- Fabric Selection

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March Workshop -- Quick Quarter Trip Quilt

Myrna will teach us how to make a "Quick Quarter Trip" quilt by Eleanor Burns. This quilt looks like a Bargello, but is easy enough for a beginner. You sew strips from 24 fabrics, sew a tube, cut strips and sew the strips together.

Books available at the February and March meetings.

*Wednesday, March 28 2012 from 9 am - 4 pm , Location Graves Hall, United Church
Cost \$35 members, \$45 non-members. Sign up by email sroach@mac.com
Send check to LAP, PO Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544*

Membership

As of February 14th, we have 59 members in the guild. Continue asking your neighbors, friends, co-workers and even family members to come and visit with us and possibly join. We have a large collection of quilt pictures that might have been from the last quilt show. They will be at the guild meeting on the membership table. If any belong to you, please take them. Also, we have packets for paid members who did not show for the first meeting. If any of these ladies are part of your cluster or live close to you, please pick their packet up and deliver it to them. Thank you and happy quilting

Marilyn Cayton and Deb Claytor

Newsletter

This February Newsletter will be your last if you did not renew your membership for 2012. If you do not want to miss out on any of our exciting activities and workshops, sign up soon!

Quilting 101

Due to lack of space (and preparation on my part) we will start this column next month.

International Quilt Festival of Ireland

June 7th – 10th, 2012. For more information go to <http://www.igfoi.com/> Caitlin Hacker from the International Quilt Festival of Ireland contacted our guild inviting members to show quilts at their. The deadline to complete these entries is April 1st, which would mean the creativity and quilting would need to start soon. the sizes are not very large, so we feel it is very doable within the timeframe, especially making the 3-D flowers and plants for My Quilted Garden. As a member of a quilt guild, we would like to extend to you the invitation to join us next year in Ireland as we present our second annual INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL OF IRELAND. Maybe you would like to help us gather a small group of twenty people from your guild to join us? If that is something that would interest you, we will provide for you a complimentary trip for helping us put this small group together, or if you don't want the free trip, we will donate \$100 back to your guild for every person who joins your tour. Please let me know if this is something you might want more information about. I will be happy to send it to you.

Ricky Tims Seminar is coming to Socorro August 24-25, 2012.

We will share details as we receive them. If you are interested contact sroach9@mac.com or olson@losalamos.com

Suggestion: You may want to get a room reservation in Socorro if you plan to attend the seminar.



CALL OUT FOR QUILTS

We are looking for quilts and quilted items for the exhibits at the first annual *International Quilt Festival of Ireland!*

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE

We invite all of you to design quilts or quilted items that are based around the theme of “chocolate.” Any size and style is accepted as long as your entry follows the “chocolate” theme.

3-D MOVIE QUILTS

Our 3-D Movie Quilts exhibit, sponsored by Hoffman Fabrics, take 3-D quilt-making to an entirely different level. You can use the newly launched Hoffman Fabric 3-D fabric to make your quilt, or design your quilt in such a way that you have created the 3-D effect.

NEIGHBOURS QUILTS

As neighbours to Ireland, we are asking quilters from England, Scotland and Wales to enter their quilts into this special exhibit.

CHRISTMAS

We invite all of you to create quilts that will celebrate one of the most wonderful holidays of the year. In addition, we also ask you to design other creations that will further complement this exhibit including stockings to hang on the fireplace, quilts to decorate the furniture, quilted Christmas pictures that can be framed, a quilted snowman for the yard, quilted animals and any other quilted holiday decoration that you can imagine! We are also featuring an international Christmas ornament exchange in which visitors will be asked to make a quilted ornament, hang it on the tree and take a quilted ornament in exchange.

CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE

In Gaelic, this means 100,000 welcomes, and visitors to our Town Hall in our Quilter’s Village will be welcomed by these quilted hands. It will be the “official” welcome exhibit from international quilters around the world, as they reach out their hands to welcome all who come to the festival in Ireland.

IRISH CRAFT QUILTS

Our Irish Crafts Quilts Exhibit will feature 25 uniquely handmade quilts, incorporating Irish crafts into all the quilts that are featured. As an artist, maybe you are interested in adding some lace to your quilt or knit an appliqué piece to enhance the design.

TRADITIONAL MINIATURE QUILTS

This exhibit sponsored by McCall’s Quilting Magazine will feature traditional quilts, but miniaturized. These miniature sized quilts can be designed from any traditional pattern style from the Irish Chain and Log Cabin to the Wedding Ring and Mariner’s Compass or any other traditional pattern of your choice.

YIN & YANG

This exhibit will showcase quilters who think on both the right side and left side of their brain, where traditional quilting and art quilting meet in the middle! The theme can be anything providing it applies to the two quilts you design. One will be a traditional quilt and one will be an art quilt, both displaying the same theme.

ANTIQUÉ QUILTS OF IRELAND

We are looking for antique Irish quilts to feature at the Galway City Museum during the festival. We would like to feature quilts especially around the time of the Great Famine (1845) and up to 1930.

MY QUILTED GARDEN

Sponsored by eQuilter.com, we will be creating an actual garden, professionally landscaped, using quilted flowers, plants, rocks, trees, bushes, etc. made entirely out of fabric. We will feature in our garden exhibit a special children’s garden patch, where we are encouraging children up to the age of 18 years old to participate. At the end of the festival, we have decided to donate most of the quilted entries to a children’s hospital or senior living facility in Ireland.

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

For many of us, we know that this poem from Robert Frost is one of the greatest poems of all time. Sponsored by Sew Many Places, we are asking those of you who have chosen a road less traveled, to create a quilted piece that best exemplifies the spirit of this poem.

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For more information and submission guidelines, please visit IQFOI.com.

WE NEED YOU!!

VOLUNTEER FOR A BOARD POSITION FOR 2012 NOW!!

We have several positions that are still available and we would love to have you join us. We encourage you to consider one of the following positions. You could work with a friend or two or volunteer as a cluster.

Second Vice President - Traditionally works with the current vice president and serves as the vice president the following year. It is nice to start planning programs a year in advance.

Donation Quilt 2013 - Select a pattern and fabric, prepare the packets for distribution and/or organize a workshop to construct the top, arrange for quilting and binding. A good group/cluster project.

Quilt Show/Market – A chair would be a great start. Find a friend to join you if a little daunting. We have plenty of documentation to help you out! If we are unable to find a volunteer there will again be no show/market this year.

Webmaster - Keep our webpage up to date so we are all in the know.

Shirley Klosterbuer has been our webmaster and has done a wonderful job. Shirley was so dedicated to LAP that she continued updating the LAP site from her new home in Minnesota. We will miss her, and wish her well in her new home.

The LAP website is a wonderful way for those electronically enabled members to keep up to date with the guild. The web is also a great way to store information that allows convenient access by more than one person. Please consider being the new LAP Webmaster. This position does require web experience.

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):

2013 Donation Quilt _____ 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 Membership, PO Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544 or hand in at guild meeting.

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

Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

Tuesday March 27, 2012: "Fabric Selection" , 7pm White Rock Baptist Church

Wednesday March 28, 2012: Quick Quarter Trip Quilt Workshop, 9am - 4pm, United Church in Los Alamos

Tuesday April 24, 2012: Sew-A-Thon, 7pm United Church in Los Alamos

Tuesday May 22, 2012: TBD

Tuesday June 26, 2012: TBD

July 2012 - No Meeting

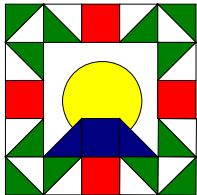
Tuesday August 28, 2012: TBD

Tuesday September 25, 2012: Potluck & Membership Kick-Off, 6pm

Tuesday October 23, 2012: TBD

Tuesday November 13, 2012: TBD

No Meeting in December - *HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!*



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