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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS APRIL Meeting

A SEW-A-THON
Crazy 9 Patch
Benefitting Project Linus

United Church of Los Alamos
Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 PM

From the President:

Happy Spring, Piecemakers!

This month we will hold our Sew-A-Thon, postponed from February. Jo Ann Painter will be directing our Crazy Nine Patch teams. See elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details. And please come, even if you don't have a team. You can jump in and help others, and enjoy watching the results!

In May, we will hold our Guild Garage Sale at White Rock Baptist Church. Remember, you can set up and sell your own items, or donate items for the Guild to sell. We will need some helpers for that table, so be thinking of that!

At our June meeting, Catherine Richmond, owner of Seeking Chamelion, a new store in White Rock, will be our speaker. She will be sharing about her store, and especially about items she stocks that would be great for quilters - unusual fabrics and "thousands" of embellishments!

See you all Tuesday, April 28th! Are you working on those UFO's?

Laura

UPCOMING PROJECTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORKSHOPS:

Domestic Machine Quilting - Tips, Tricks, Techniques and Tools

On Saturday April 25, 2015, Donna Smith and Nicole Dunn will lead a workshop for beginning/intermediate domestic machine quilting - no quilting experience required. This workshop is currently shown as full, but if you'd like to be put on a waiting list, call Donna Smith at 575-829-3883.

We will start with quilting design and work through fabric, thread and batting choices. The afternoon will be spent with practice exercises in four different quilting patterns. Supply list and signup sheet will be available from Donna Smith if you didn't get one previously. Long-arm quilters are welcome, as much of the discussion is applicable to both long-arm and domestic machines.

THE SEW-A-THON AT THE MEETING ON APRIL 28TH

For the sew-a-thon this year, we are using the Crazy Nine Patch pattern, which is a super easy quilt block that comes together in no time with no worries about straight lines or precise measurements. **Bring 9 fabric squares, pre-cut to 14" each.** The fabrics should have some contrast between each of the 9 squares. The size of the squares will be about 12" finished, and Project Linus suggests that the quilt end up 36X40 as a general guideline, so think about putting on a border on your pieced top as well. Each team at the meeting should have a "sewer", a "cutter", and a "presser".

"CULTURAL RED" EXHIBITION AT THE STATE CAPITOL

The Studio Art Quilt Associates of New Mexico (SAQA) present an exhibition of contemporary fiber art at the Capitol Rotunda Art Gallery, April 17th to August 17th, 411 State Capitol, Santa Fe. Hours: 9 am to 5:30 pm M-F. Last month's presenter, Betty Busby, is one of the artists in the show.

Australian Patchwork and Quilting Magazine, vol 24, no. 9

This magazine features an interview with our own Nicole Dunn in "Let's Talk Art Quilts." The magazine is apparently not yet available in the US, but ask Nicole about it!

May 21 - 23 Abq Fiber Arts Fiesta

Abq Fiber Arts Council will hold their Fiber Arts Fiesta at the Expo NM/ Abq Fairgrounds Manuel Lujan Building. An admission fee charged. See www.abqfiberartscouncil.org

****GUILD REPORTS ****

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Positions Still Unfilled!

TREASURER'S REPORT - Donna Smith

The Checking Account balance on April 1 was \$13,361.68.

The largest recurring expense, the storage unit, was paid April 3 for \$990.

Betty Busby talk and workshop net cost was approximately \$150.

SECRETARY- Dorothy Smedley

The March meeting was held in White Rock on March 24th. Five guests were introduced as Laura Erikson began the business meeting. Officer Reports: Deb McLin, Librarian, asked that the members who have checked out books remember that the lending time is 3 months. She

highlighted the DVDs available in our library and asked for any suggestions on books to buy this year.

Sharon Kapple, Membership, stated that membership cards are now available for those who paid in previous months and that those who had not paid after this meeting risk being dropped from the email rolls for newsletters and announcements.

Shelly Kuropatwinski, Quilt Show Chair, verified that we are confirmed with Cross Roads Church for this year's Quilt Show. Set up for the event will be September 24th, and the show will be September 25th and 26th. She added that she is considering opening a quilt shop in Los Alamos and asked members to fill out a short marketing survey.

Joan Williams, Donation Quilt, stated that Nicole Dunn had finished the quilting on the project sewn and donated by Donna Smith, which was hanging on display at the meeting. **Volunteers are needed** to sell quilt tickets at the May 2nd Arts and Crafts Fair at Fuller Lodge. She will also be printing up tickets by next meeting.

Laura Erikson reminded the group that the UFO Challenge was closing at the meeting; after donating \$1 per project, the projects must be completed by September to be eligible for the prize drawing.

She also reminded the group that Donna Smith and Nicole Dunn will be holding the **Domestic Quilting Workshop on April 25th** at Graves Hall, United Church of Los Alamos. A list of supplies is available from Donna Smith.

The evening's Show and Tell saw an Amish quilt by Donna Smith and 2 mariner's compass quilts by Linda Davis (her first meeting!)

Nicole Dunn introduced our speaker, Betty Busby, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design in ceramics. She adds art quilts to her list of accomplishments. She presented a slide show of her amazing quilts, worked in burn out silks, hand dyed fabrics, and a variety of unique combinations of materials. Betty stated that she loves ocean scenes and the microscopic world as inspiration. It was a stunning show of her work. Betty also held a workshop the following day, working with the fabric, evalon, that is then painted and can be added to quilts as well as other craft projects.

MEMBERSHIP – Sharon Kapple

If you have not renewed for 2015, please do so soon or you may be dropped from the roster. You can renew by mailing a check for \$25 made out to the Los Alamos Piecemakers (LAP) along with a completed a Los Alamos Piecemakers Membership form to: LAP, attn: Membership Chair, P.O. Box 261, Los Alamos, NM, 87544.

The membership forms can be found on the LAP website www.losalamos.com/lap. You can also renew at a LAP meeting.

DONATION QUILT – Joan Williams

Volunteers needed for LAP's 2015 Donation Quilt ticket sales which begins at the Los Alamos Arts Council May 2nd Arts and Crafts Fair at the Fuller Lodge Lawn. We set up between 8:30 and 9:00 and then sell tickets until 4:00. If you have a couple of hours to sit with the beautiful quilt that Donna Smith made, please give me a call or sign up at the April LAP Sew-a-Thon.

You can also call me at 672-1639. Please leave a message if there's no answer.

THE 2015 DONATION QUILT



COMMUNITY SERVICE- Thelma Hahn

I would like to thank all those who have responded to my call for donation quilts. I shall be at the Sew a thon and will bring labels for them.

Cluster Information

The Tuesday Morning White Rock Cluster went on a road trip to Edgewood, NM in early April. The group hit the Busy Bee Quilt Shop and the Edgewood Yarn Shop, with great success in finding new materials not easily found in our area.

Has your Cluster any news? Please feel free to submit that information to Margaret Hendricks or Dorothy Smedley for inclusion in the newsletter. We'd love to see it.