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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Annual Potluck Dinner
And a Game
Led by Joan Williams

Los Alamos United Church
Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 PM

From the President:

Welcome to Fall!

I hope you are planning to attend our annual Fall Potluck, Tuesday, September 22nd at 6pm in Graves Hall at United Church (2525 Canyon Road). Quilters are also great cooks, when they take time off from quilting! Please invite your quilting friends to join us - the more the merrier!

This month is also the culmination of our "UFO Challenge 2015." Even if you didn't register your UFO, we'd love to see what you have completed so far this year! It would be great to have a section of completed UFOs in the quilt show. Don't worry if you didn't complete a thing - the challenge was just for fun (and a little incentive). Sometimes those UFOs are unfinished for a reason - didn't like the pattern/colors, too hard (or too easy), or waiting for inspiration. I often have more enthusiasm (and time) for a new quilt project, rather than an old one. Come and celebrate what our fellow quilters have accomplished, UFO or not! Show & Tell is not just for UFOs!

See you all the 22nd!

Laura

UPCOMING PROJECTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORKSHOPS:

The September meeting will be the Annual Pot Luck on September 22, 2015 at the United Church of Los Alamos. You can bring any pot luck dish that you would like to share. The guild will provide plates, plastic ware, and drinks. Please note we will start early at 6:00 p.m. We will have games and prizes after we eat. Please bring about 25 markers (buttons/pennies/etc.) to use for the bingo game.

Free Motion Quilting Workshop

Saturday, October 17th. Donna Smith will hold a workshop to hone your free motion skills. Sign up sheet available at the meeting.

Guest Speaker/Teacher for November: Karla Alexander

saginawstreetquilts.com

Tuesday, November 17, 7pm at United Church of Los Alamos, our guild will feature Karla Alexander as a guest speaker. Her Lecture will be "*Lift the Quilts Out of Your Stash.*"

The next day she will hold a workshop on Gentle Curved Piecing on Wednesday, November 18, 9 - 3:30. Participants choose their pattern ahead of time - check out the options at Karla's website!

(NOTE: This meeting date is one week earlier due to Thanksgiving, and a time change back to 7pm!)



****GUILD REPORTS ****

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Positions Still Unfilled!

TREASURER'S REPORT - Donna Smith

The balance in the LANB checking account on September 1 was \$14,424.56.

MEMBERSHIP - Sharon Kapple

There has been one additional member to the quilt guild this past month.

SECRETARY- Dorothy Smedley

The August meeting in White Rock began with Joan Williams standing in for Laura Ericson to lead the meeting. Marion Good presented a group of youth quilters, ranging in age from 4 to 12, who had studied with her this summer. They learned basic sewing machine skills, chose and coordinated fabrics, cut and assembled pieces, sewed, batted, backed and tied their quilts over a five week program. These quilts will be displayed as a group at our LAP Quilt Show.



Joan reminded the group that there are two programs coming up this fall: Donna Smith's Free Motion Quilting on Saturday, Oct 17th, and Karla Alexander's Gentle Curves on Wednesday, November 18th following here presentation to our group the preceding day. Joan also reported that she had taken our Raffle quilt to the Santa Fe Guild and sold \$92 in tickets. She has tickets and pictures of the Santa Fe's Guild's Raffle Quilts should any members be interested.

Deb McIn reported that the Library has lots of new books, featuring baby quilts, a Project Linus Book donated by Flo Carr and motion and pattern books that will be referenced in Donna's free motion workshop. She also suggested that the members make a quilt to recognize Laura's tenure as president by making "The President's Quilt" found in one of our newest Library books, suggesting we ask Laura about her color preferences should we proceed. She suggested this would be an idea for the program at our October meeting, with the Guild providing all the materials

Sharon Kapple reported we have one new member in August.

Shelly Kuropatwinski distributed sign-up sheets for the 3 days of the Quilt Show (set up and two days of show). There are advance tickets available (see Dorothy Smedley). Shelly polled the group on continuing giving prizes for the first place winners; the group approved. Shelly asked for a stand in supervisor for Saturday, as she will be manning her new quilt store, Atomic City Quilts, which will open Sept 1st.

Joan Williams displayed the Alzheimer's Quilt, "Lovely Homes," and thanked all the members who had contributed blocks. Tickets are available for this quilt.

Show and Tell saw two Project Linus quilts finished: a raspberry quilt shown by Beverly Wright and a blue and yellow quilt shown by Joan Williams.

The meeting was turned over to Thelma Hahn, who described the latest Community Service project in which we will participate: making holiday ornaments to be given as favors at a dinner thanking first responders in LA County. She asked each member to make 5 or more ornaments, distributing pattern ideas and notions. Please note that the ornaments must be returned at the November meeting.

Quilt Show 2015 – Shelly Kuropatwinski

Quilt Show 2015 - we can't do it without you!

Can you believe that the 2015 Quilt Show is less than 2 weeks away? I have the sign up to help with the quilt show and we need a lot of help on Friday (Sept 25). Still some slots on Thursday and Saturday, too.

Does anyone have a flatbed truck to help move the frames? Times needed would be (approximately) Thurs (Sept 24) noon-3:00 and Saturday (Sept 26) 3:30 - 5:30. OR we can use several pickup trucks to move all the frames (times would be the same). Let me know if you can help.

We also need some power tools to help with set-up and take-down. Do you, or your husband, have a power drill we may borrow on Thursday and again on Saturday? We would also need operators of the power tools, can you help? It would help if we had 4-5 to share the work.

Please remember to talk up the Show to everyone you know. We have vendors coming from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Vegas - even a cluster or two will have a booth.

We will have a community service corner at the Quilt Show. Do you have something that just needs the binding? Finish it up, bring to Sept 22 Guild Meeting and we can hang it in the show and then pass it on to someone who needs it.

It promises to be a great show, but only with everyone helping.

If you need me, or have questions, email me: shelly_kuro@yahoo.com .

Thank you

Cluster Information

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.