



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS NOVEMBER MEETING

KARLA ALEXANDER
"LIFT THE QUILTS OUT OF YOUR STASH"

Los Alamos United Church
Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 PM

From the President:

Can you believe another year is winding down? I hope you find time to enjoy the holidays, with all the hustle and bustle!

We will be electing officers for 2016 at the November meeting (REMINDER - our meeting is November 17th at 7 pm at United Church - one week early due to Thanksgiving). A great big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to keep our guild running smoothly. There are still a couple of opportunities - if you can step up, please contact me!

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Community Service	OPEN
Library	Deb McLin
Membership	Marion Good
Newsletter	Dorothy Smedley
Publicity	Charlene McHale
Webmaster	Deborah Kubicek
2016 Quilt Market	Nicole Dunn & Micki Taylor
Donation Quilt	OPEN

See you November 17th!

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

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 at 7pm!)



****GUILD REPORTS ****

TREASURER'S REPORT - Donna Smith

The checking account balance on Nov 1, 2015 was \$16,219.22.

The proposed 2016 Budget was emailed out to members for review; any comments and suggestions will be welcomed at the November meeting.

SECRETARY- Dorothy Smedley

Happy 30th Birthday, LAP! The meeting in White Rock began with cake and punch and great door prizes! Laura Erickson invited all guests to be recognized: Michelle, Shawna, Sharon and Luna were recognized. Cecelia, a new member, said she was a beginner, and brought a denim hearts and pockets quilt made for her granddaughter. Laura then reminded the group that the November meeting is a week early and features Karla Alexander, who will address the members at the meeting and will teach a workshop the next day. She stated that normally officers are elected at the October meeting, but as the slate is not yet full, she noted the open slots and gave an overview of the jobs. Needed are President, Vice President(s), Community Service, Membership, Publicity, and the Donation Quilt.

Officer reports: Thelma Hahn, Community Service, reminded the group that although she has received a lot of amazing Christmas ornaments, she still needs 75 to 90 more. New member, Cecelia, spoke about the Comfort Quilt program conducted with the Police, which led to a discussion and group decision to send quilts to the Albuquerque families of Officer Webster and Lily Garcia. Sharon Kapple, Membership, informed the group that 2016 membership forms are available. Donna Smith, Treasurer, reported that the profit from the Quilt Show was \$1176.07 and from the Donation Quilt was \$1042.90.

Debbie McIn presented patterns for the people blocks we want to present to Laura for her retiring President's quilt. We need 60 people and 40 houses in bright batiks with white-on-white backgrounds. Fabric for faces and backgrounds are available. We want to use the same pattern for the people, but any kind of house block (a bit larger than 12 12/") is encouraged. Debbie also reported that the library is now up and running on the website. You can request a book from her, as well as making suggestions for new books to be added.

Two members brought free items for the group: Ann Daley brought a variety of trims; Marilyn Minshall brought men's ties. And, Sharon Heckethorn thanked the group for participation in the Alzheimer's Quilt, presented to the winner on September 12th.

Show and tell was a treat, with Charlene McHale, Margaret Hendricks, Mickie Taylor, Trish Spillman, and Linda Davis demonstrating the range of talents in our group. Mickie had an amazing stack of quilts she has produced, many for donation. During the presentation, it was noted that Margaret and Karen Herrington are in a "cluster" with a friend, via Skype. She used to be in Los Alamos, but has since moved to Texas; she continues to sew and participate via a laptop.

The members then broke into four groups to learn special techniques presented by the ladies in the Four Corners: Laura Erickson on Machine Binding; Donna Smith on Trapunto; Flo Carr on the Easy Tote Bag; and Margarete Hendricks on Thread Painting. So much to learn!

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Thelma Hawn

Are you thinking Christmas tree ornaments for our fire and policemen and women and some of their families? Please keep making them. I'll need them at our Nov. meeting since we do not meet in December. ALSO please keep in mind our annual Aspen Ridge tea and cookies in December. I'll have more info and sign up sheets in November. Thanks for your generous hearts!

Quilt Show 2015 – Shelly Kuropatwinski

Oops, I goofed. I forgot to include the winners at the Quilt Show in the Newsletter. They are:

President's Choice

Mission Churches of NM - Lana Kelsey and Nicole Dunn

Viewers' Large/Bed Quilts

- 1st Welsh Beauty - Donna Smith
- 2nd Mission Churches of NM - Lana Kelsey and Nicole Dunn
- 3rd El Camino Real - Bobbie Simpson and Nicole Dunn

Viewers' Choice - Small/Wall Quilts

- 1st Tempsations - Nicole Dunn
- 2nd Applique Penguins - Sue Friar
- 3rd Indian Girls - Yvonne Silvia

Viewers' Choice - Other

- 1st Xmas Tree Skirt - Yvonne Silvia

- 2nd Yo-Yo Pillow - Trish Spillman
- 3rd Reversible Vest - Marion Good



Nicole Dunn



Marion Good

A BIG round of applause for the above quilts and quilters!!

DONATION QUILT – Dorothy Smedley

The winning selection for the 2016 Donation Quilt was my suggestion for a scrappy Log Cabin. Working with Donna Smith, we've finalized the actual pattern. It's a modern take on a traditional quilt . It is made of 11 " blocks with a red polka dot center in each and 2" cuts for the logs. We're asking members to make 72 blocks by the January meeting. Here's a great chance to clean out your orphan scraps of bright colored fabric as well as lights ranging from ecru to white to dove gray. Patterns and block centers will be available at the November meeting or from me during our hiatus.

Cluster Information

Recently, newer members have had questions about the clusters and what they do. Our clusters meet in a variety of locations and for a variety of activities. If your group is interested in new members, please be prepared to give an overview of your group at the next meeting.